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SIR WILFRED LAURIER.

Sir Wilfred Laurier completed twenty years leadership of the Liberal party on Sunday last, and it has been a growing time with him in the confidence of his party and the country ever since he succeeded Mr. Blake on June 23rd, 1887.

Sir Wilfred accepted the Liberal leadership with considerable trepidation and not without the fear on the part of many of his friends, that it was a mistake to place a French Canadian in the position. Time and events however have more than justified his selection, and the record he has made as a political leader, and as a statesman is regarded with great pride and satisfaction by Canadians of all creeds, classes and political affiliations.

Laurier has developed a tact and ability for the distinguished position which he fills, that easily rank him as the peer if not the superior of the late Sir John A. MacDonald, and certainly in some respects he stands far ahead of that distinguished man.

Nobody has ever dared to charge the Liberal leader with personal impropriety or political dishonesty, and his reputation is as unstained as the day he entered public life, more than thirty years ago. The Premier of Canada is regarded as incapable of a mean or dishonest act, and to-day after twenty years as leader of his party and eleven years as prime minister of Canada, he stands on an eminence of fame of a height never before achieved by a Canadian statesman, unchallenged and unchallengeable in all that makes for personal and political integrity and fidelity, statesmanship, patriotism and worth, the idol of his party and of the country, a clean, honourable, gifted man with but the one desire—to give faithful service to his country which renders him true homage and fully appreciates his great worth as a public man.

A DEFUNCT POLITICIAN.

It is evident that the Tory party want to rid themselves of Mr. Foster and the way they have taken to reach that desirable end is to nominate him in North Toronto, where he has about as much chance of being re-elected as he has of ever again becoming finance minister.

Some of Mr. Foster's Toronto associates wanted him to run in North York, against Mr. Aylesworth, the Minister of Justice, a positively certain way of securing his retirement from political life, but the ex-prohibition apostle had been up against a cabinet minister in St. John and did not care to repeat the experience.

The next surest way of getting rid of Mr. Foster was to nominate him in North Toronto, and so he has been put up again for that seat which he carried by an 112 majority in the last election, before his western land deals were known, and his political prestige destroyed.

Mr. Foster is the Jonah of the Tory party. Before his betrayal of Sir MacKenzie Bowell he enjoyed the confidence if not the admiration or esteem of the Tory party but his miserable conduct in that now famous episode commenced the destruction of his political reputation which has been practically completed by the insurance commission revelations, and there are few, very few members of the Tory party who would regret his entire disappearance from public life.

Certainly the country would look with intense disfavor on the bare possibility of Mr. Foster ever again appearing in the position of finance minister and any party that might put him forward for that exalted office, could not with any degree of confidence ask an endorsement from the electorate.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Mr. George W. Fowler has still to explain what became of that \$55,000 rake-off.

The Bank of New Brunswick which in recent years has shown commendable enterprise in opening branches in several provincial centres, has decided to extend its sphere of operations to Nova Scotia, and will shortly open an agency at Halifax.

Fredricton ladies will soon be discussing "what shall we wear at the governor general's reception. Well if the weather is like it has been lately, the less the better.

Dr. McInnis who represents Brandon in the Manitoba legislature and was today sworn in as provincial secretary and minister of education, is a native of New Brunswick.

Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, in a recent speech referred to Tory politicians who were living with other men's wives. Who could he have had in mind when he made that observation?

The Commissioner for Agriculture who is in the city on official business looks well after his trans-atlantic trip to purchase horses for the province. Hon. Mr. Farris took little time for sight seeing during his trip, giving his whole time practically to the important business he had in hand.

There is a growing belief that Hon. Clifford Sifton will return to the federal cabinet, possibly as minister of trade and commerce. Mr. Sifton is interesting himself in the "All Red Steamship Line" establishment, and in the position suggested for him would be able to render splendid service to Canada.

The Orange Grand Master of Canada, Dr. Sproule Tory M. P., is a party to the circulation of a report that the object of the visit of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. W. S. Fielding to Rome was to reconcile the Pope to Mr. Fielding's succession to the premiership. Dr. Sproule should be above repeating such a mischievous, malicious and unfounded slander. The people of Canada attend to the business of making premiers, and what displeases Dr. Sproule and the Tory party generally is that the people are not in the mood to produce one of the Tory stamp.

As a matter of fact Mr. Fielding did not visit Rome with the premier.

Edible Serpents.

About the year B. C. 220 edible serpents were sold at a penny each in the Egyptian markets. They were shipped to Rome. Italian vipers were cheaper, costing about a halfpenny each.

Don't Know Rain.

The region between the first and second cataracts of the Nile is the hottest on the globe. It never rains there, and the natives do not believe foreigners who tell them that water can descend from the sky.

Queer Names For Streets.

In Hull, England, there is a street called Land of Green Ginger, and in Leicester there is another called Holy Bones. These are said to be the queerest street names in the world.

Boston Roast Pig.

Roast pig is a favored Boston holiday dish. Families that never think of it at any other time will give it a try on a holiday, and the market men cater to the notion. Stalls that never have them on sale generally will have them just before the holiday.

The Weight of \$1,000,000.

One million dollars in gold weighs 3,855.8 pounds. If the money is silver the million dollars will weigh 58,929.9 pounds.

The Crofter.

The word "crofter" is derived from "crutnich," or wheat eater. Crofters are the small farmers of the north of Scotland, the Orkneys and Shetlands. Those who have no land are called "landless."

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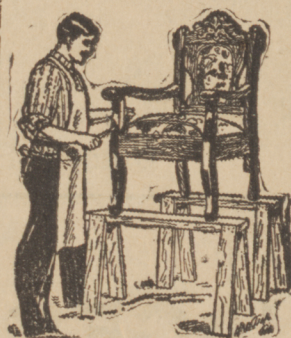
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