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THOSE RAILWAY BONUSES

Years ago some municipalities in North Victoria voted bonuses to the Victoria railway. Dr. McKay is seeking the support of that riding on the promise that if elected he will try to get the government to refund part of those bonuses to the municipalities. That the refund should be secured is just as desirable as Dr. McKay's insinuation that it will be, is groundless. We should be glad to see such a favor extended to the North and would do all in our power to secure it, but it will not be; and for a man to seek the votes of electors on such a pretext is a species of dishonesty and fakism that in itself ought to defeat him at the polls.

The thing is absurd; and Dr. McKay knows that it is absurd. He knows moreover that it is practically impossible, for there are a dozen municipalities in different parts of the country that are in similar circumstances, and that to grant the request in one case would involve the government in the moral obligation to grant it in all—a proposition that even Dr. McKay in the straits of a hopeless campaign, will not endorse. So why does he reiterate this folly?

But there is better proof that it cannot be done. It is no less than the fact that it has been tried with the most effective agencies that this country could command and tried in vain. And Dr. McKay knows that. He knows that in 1884 both local and federal governments were memorialized to make this grant. The first men to take the matter up were Col. Deacon, then reeve of Lindsay, Mr. John McSweeney and the late Squire McDonnell. These gentlemen brought it before the county council when Mr. Thos. Smithson was warden. The council favored the idea; a memorial was at once addressed to the Ontario legislature; it set forth the demand and the grounds on which it was made. It declared that since this railway penetrated undeveloped lands it was really a "colonization" road and entitled to the help that such roads received from the legislature. Though coming from such a responsible and influential body, the request was definitely refused. Dr. McKay knows that; he knows that it is a dead issue, and yet with its corpse he strives to delude the Northmen.

But that is not the worst. In this attempt the doctor comes perilously near convicting himself of humbug. He sat in the local legislature as a representative of West Victoria. He knew how heavily these bonuses rested on the people of his county; he knew the efforts that county had made in their behalf and yet during the whole eight years he never made the slightest effort to get them redress. When he was in office and they in need, he did nothing to help them. Now, when he wants their help to get into office again, he is profuse in his promise to do the very thing he then ignored. His promise is absurd; its motive plain.

THE PREFERENCE FOLLY.

The more the preferential tariff of the Liberals is understood, the more it stands condemned as a folly quite in harmony with the traditions of that party, and with the ability for government it has always displayed.

That tariff makes a reduction of 33 per cent. on the duty on British goods coming into Canada. Under Conservative rule the revenue from British imports ran as high as ten millions. The reduction means a loss of a third of that sum or more than three millions. And that loss will occur. Mr. Mulock said the increased imports would make up the deficiency. They will not. A very good proof of that is that they have not. Although the preference was only 25 per cent. until this year, the revenue fell to a trifle over seven millions, and so far was Mr. Mulock from being correct in both his opinions that he was wrong in both; for not only has the revenue decreased but the amount of goods imported has fallen off too. Mr. Paterson argued that after all the people were no worse off by the loss of revenue, because the lower tariff gave them the goods cheaper. Even that is untrue. Mr. J. D. Flavelle, the largest importer of British goods in this county, said distinctly at Gertley's that the British exporter simply puts his price up because he has a lower duty, and pockets the profits. That he does is clear enough to Canadians. They get their woollen clothes or other British imports no cheaper than before. But they have to pay the three millions in lost revenue that goes into the coffers of your Englishman. It is said Mr. Laurier touched the British heart by his preference. Very likely; but he certainly "touched" the Canadian pocket. The Liberals say the preference proves their loyalty to Britain. It would be as well to have a party in power whose loyalty did not require such expensive confirmation.

The preference is foolish from either a sentimental or

business standpoint. From the former it is foolish because it strives to prove what the British people never doubted—our loyalty. That it is bad business is clear enough from our loyalty. That it is bad business—a loss which will increase the enormous loss it entails—until it will rapidly through the years as our trade increases, until it will rapidly burden us with a sum resembling our national debt. But if further proof of its business fallacy is required, it is found in the refusal of the Britisher to adopt anything like it in our behalf, and he refuses to because he knows business and sees the utter folly of the thing. Meanwhile he chuckles at our maudlin sentiment and pockets the rake off. If Sir Wilfrid wants to legislate for Britishers at the expense of Canadians, he should be given a chance to devote himself to British politics.

EDITORIAL NOTES

IT IS time for a change in South Victoria.

NAIL IT to the mast—"Vrooman and Victory."

WHEN Mr. Anderson exclaimed "If we are using their policy why do the Conservatives want to turn us out?" he was humorous.

IN VIEW of recent election scandals the appearance of five strangers in these ridings, working in the Liberal interests, is the most suspicious and regrettable feature of the campaign.

MR. PATERSON eloquently declared on Thursday night that there are momentous times when men should seriously consider whether they can follow their party or not. H. H. Cook, R. L. Richardson and John Charlton seem to be of the same opinion.

THE POST says that at Jackson's school house Mr. Sam Fox, M.P.P., asked the farmers to condemn the whole expenditure of \$15,000 in improving the Scugog. Mr. Fox is away from home but Dr. Vrooman says the statement is untrue.

IT HAS until recently been supposed that the opposition sojourned in the "cool shades," but Mr. Anderson declared Thursday night that the fires of opposition were purifying the Conservative party. Whether opposition is really hot or cold might be discussed by political gentlemen.

THERE ARE two projects for which we should be glad to see the next members for these ridings ask money. They are: A river shore road from Cameron to Lindsay and some means of reclaiming part at least of the thousands of acres of drowned land around Emily lake. The former is possible and a practical necessity; the latter has a number of advocates and should investigation prove their opinions correct we should be among its heartiest supporters.

THE POST says the Paterson meeting was more enthusiastic than Sir Charles Tupper's. Not by any means. It did not approach it; and then it seems to have escaped the Post man that the heartiest cheers at the Paterson meeting were for Sir Charles. But for those, that meeting would have been almost as flat as the Mulock gathering. Three cheers for the Opposition leader in the midst of a Reform minister's meeting, is a novelty in Canadian politics and is a clear indication of the popular sentiment.

IN TUESDAY night's Post an editorial appeared in which Mr. Geo. Payne of Ops was reported as telling what a large amount of money he had been able to put into improvements since the Liberals came into power. It moreover explained that Mr. Payne is related to Mr. J. H. Sootheran. The fact is Mr. Payne is related to Mr. Sootheran by marriage and the surplus cash of which he boasts came to him by a legacy received two or three years ago. The truth would be better for both Mr. Payne and the Post.

THE CATHOLIC Freeman of Kingston has asserted that Mr. McHugh is being attacked in this riding because of his religion. On Monday night at Bobcaygeon Mr. McHugh declared that Dr. Vrooman had made such attacks on him. When ex-warden Lithgow challenged him to name the meeting at which the doctor did so he climbed down by saying it was in private conversation. It looks as though Mr. McHugh is departing from the high standards that it was hoped would mark this campaign to its end. When Mr. McHugh says he is being assailed because of his religion we believe he is making an unworthy attempt to win sympathy on what he knows is a very sensitive point. It is a pity he should have been the first to bring this question of religion into the public discussions of the campaign. We hope Mr. McHugh does not value a seat in parliament so highly that he will create sectarian strife to get it. For the credit of the riding in the eyes of outsiders we are glad to say that neither in these columns nor by any public speaker except Mr. McHugh has the question of religion been raised. It has no force at all with us; we hold one man's creed as honorable as another's and beg our readers to vote on the national issues without reference to the religion of either candidate.

by put on record our unqualified condemnation of the act of the government, in connection with our respective manufactures, and declare that the government of the day is unworthy of the support of this association and of its members."

China

Type of the changeless, thou; yet not of Good, Whose high immutable is but the chime Of waves that ceaseless through the shores of Time. Conquerors of fate and all vicissitude, For thee, thy calm is of the enchanted wood And wizard spell; a trance that—countless years—Has sealed thy heart to love, thine eyes to tears. And blasted so thy flower of maidenhood. Is there no charm to rouse thee save the word Of impotent hate, whereby thy sleep is stirred To fevered dreams, not life? Across that sea Whose waters, circling all, encircle thee— The eternal Good—shall not a voice be heard— Ephphatha! break thy bonds! be strong and free! —Mary A. Woods, in The Academy

The Weather

[From the Lindsay Observer.] Report for week ending Saturday night October 27th, 1900. TEMPERATURE. Highest.....67.60 Friday Lowest.....31.90 Sunday Warmest day, mean of.....61.20 Tuesday Coldest " " " " 49.70 Sunday The week " " " " 55.68 PRECIPITATIONS IN INCHES. Greatest rain fall in one day 0.32 Tuesday Rain fell on 4 days. Total rain fall 0.72 THOMAS BEALL.

Political Gleanings

SHIRT AND COLLAR MEN WILL OPPOSE LAURIER

The shirt and collar manufacturers recently passed the following resolution:—That the present government having seen fit to take away from the shirt and collar manufacturers of Canada the protection they had in their several lines of manufacture, notwithstanding the protest of this association, of members of parliament, and of the press of Canada; and, having since refused to grant any measure of relief from the injustice inflicted upon the shirt and collar industry, which injustice affects about eighteen hundred working people, and a vast amount of capital, we, "The Shirt and Collar Manufacturers' Association of Canada," here

Dr. Vrooman's Meetings

Meetings in the interest of Dr. Vrooman, the Liberal Conservative candidate, will be held as follows:

- Little Britain—Thursday, Nov. 1st. Mount Horeb—Thursday, Nov. 1st. Oakwood—Friday, Nov. 2nd. Gillice's, South Verulam—Friday, Nov. 2 Woodville—Saturday, Nov. 3rd. (A joint meeting with Col. Hughes.) Bobcaygeon, Monday, Nov. 5th. The meetings will commence at 8 o'clock sharp.

Fancy Seed Peas and Beans

To the Editor of the Watchman-Warder DEAR SIR,—It has been drawn to our attention that certain parties are warning the farmers against planting peas that are likely to be brought here from Prince Edward County, stating that these peas are full of live bugs. It is very evident that this has reference to our seed business, which is being located in Lindsay, and we take this method of refuting any such childish statements made by competitors through fear and jealousy. We guarantee our seed stocks to be entirely free from live bugs and to be as true to name as any stocks ever placed in the farmers' hands in this part of the country, all being hand-picked seed. Samples of many of our varieties may be seen by applying to Mr. A. Robertson, who is now taking orders for spring seed planting. As we are locating permanently in Lindsay and at a large outlet, we feel that the farmers should be equally as interested as ourselves in having a seed business at their own doors, which we know will be very profitable and convenient to them and would ask them to withhold placing their orders with outside parties until inspecting our seed samples and prices, which they can do by consulting Mr. A. Robertson.—Yours truly, JAS. M. SQUIER & SON.

Personals

—Mr. Geo. Curtis was in Port Hope last Friday. —Miss Soanes spent Monday, with Fenelon Falls friends. —Miss Wickham of Toronto leaves for home to-day after an extended visit with her friends, Misses Weese and Darke. —Mr. Will Robinson, late of the Sylvester Works, left on Monday to take a position with the Wm. Hamilton Works of Peterboro. —Mrs. F. K. Begbie has been suffering for a week from injuries received in a fall caused by tripping over her big St. Bernard dog that was playing about the room.

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