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THE LINE DRAWN.

The Finance and Insurance, Chronicle of Montreal, in a brave attempt to write an independent or, rather, neutral, article on Canadian politics, after dealing with the alleged recriminations of the two parties, exclaims "and all this with not a single issue of any magnitude before the country?" Is that correct? There is the issue of sincerity as against self-seeking; of progress, as against stagnation. The great problem of transportation and its related subject, immigration, as represented by peopling our waste wheat-wealth areas, make a sharp line of demarcation between the two parties. The Conservative party is opposed to Grand Trunk Pacific progress and logically enough is opposed to immigration. If we have not the railway, our millions of acres of fertile wheat lands yet in a state of nature, will not need population, for, without the railway there will be no avenue of access to permit the development, and hence no output requiring transportation; and still logically there is no need for immigration. Perfection of transportation as far as possible is the measure of national growth and development. The Laurier Government believes in transportation and has showed its faith by its work. It has spent millions in improvements of our canal system to the point that the greatest commercial emporium of this continent, New York, is raising a wall over the fact that Montreal is stealing its wheat shipment supremacy. The Laurier Government has deepened and improved the St. Lawrence channel from Montreal to Quebec. It has deepened and buoyed till it is as safe as mid-ocean, and, in the words of a witness in the Marine Department investigation, "it is as well lighted as the Strand in London." The policy and practice too, of the Opposition in regard to the national matter of transportation are as wide as under the pole. The Chronicle says that in the United States there is a "policy at stake, the tariff." The Laurier Government has a distinct tariff policy which cannot be said to be antagonistic to the Conservative policy, because on that matter the Conservatives have no policy, judging by recent ominous silence on the subject. The policy of the Liberal party is a stable tariff with no unsettling and frequent changes—a tariff that will produce revenue and afford incidental protection to established industrial interests. The Liberal policy is a policy of hopefulness and progress. The Conservative policy is a policy of blunder and slander, alike of their political opponents and their country. And yet it is said there is "no single issue at stake." There is a sharp line of demarcation.—Peterboro Examiner.

GROWTH OF SOCIALISM.

It is really necessary that from some authoritative source there should be a definition of modern socialism, says the Whig. There is extant the hazy idea that it means a leveling up of the world's wealth, an even distribution of the world's good things, so that there would be neither rank poverty or excessive riches. Keir Hardy, M.P., from his long public service and devotion to socialistic problems, ought to be its clearest exponent, and yet, in his Hamilton address, was so narrow, so limited in his theories, as to leave great doubt upon the subject. The social party, though not understood fully, is growing amazingly in America. Only a few years ago they came into view, and largely, as one print puts it, "because they quarrelled over their political theories." In 1900 they polled 90,000 votes in the United States. To-day they have an organization in every state of the union. They have thousands of men engaged in their propaganda. They have scores of weekly papers with a combined circulation of 2,000,000 copies. They have a candidate for the presidency, Mr. Debs. They do not expect him to win, but they are in the fight so that their principles may be advertised. As these principles are divided by the rank and file of the party it is important to know what they are. There will not be any doubt in the mind of the sympathizer very long, and for this reason: "In a big cabinet of the central committee's office in New York," says a writer in the Review of Reviews, "are maps of every state and Province in the North

American continent. These maps are covered with pins of various colors. A red pin means a local, a yellow pin an isolated member, and a black and white pin a local sympathizer who is worth going after." The man who anywhere signifies his desire to know all about the new "national party" will not be long in darkness.

A GLANCE AT MR. BORDEN.

(Toronto News.)

A special correspondent of The New York Tribune has this to say of Mr. Borden, leader of the Conservative party of Canada: "Thirteen years younger than the Prime Minister, he was born, politically, in the year that Laurier came into power. In 1901, five years after entering Parliament, this almost unknown Halifax lawyer was elected leader of his party in succession to Sir Charles Tupper. Tact, a quiet and growing personal popularity, a good legal reputation, a pronounced and favorable impression as to his ability, were the elements of preliminary success. There was no oratorical genius in his personality, no raging roughness, or clever bitterness, or enthusiastic rashness in his political character. He gave the impression, which still exists and grows with every year in the popular mind, of a sincere belief in defined party principles, of cleanness in personal and political life, of instinctive fairness in character and conspicuous honesty in purpose. He is earnest and at times aggressive, and is improving steadily as a public speaker, and growing rapidly in public popularity and respect. He has become a master of Parliamentary rules and debate. He believes in public ownership of railways and other utilities under specific conditions. He puts honesty in the administration of affairs as above all else in public life.

WEST PETERBORO'S CANDIDATE.

The promised return of the old provincial secretary, Hon. J. R. Stratton, to political life has created much comment from the press of the province. Probably no man was more conspicuous during the Ross administration than was the Peterboro representative, and after resigning his position in the cabinet his return has been expected by all who have followed his career. Despite what has been said about him, J. R. Stratton stands out the popular choice of the convention, confident of victory. What he did for his constituency during the years he served them as a faithful member have not been forgotten by the electors in that riding, who will stand by him to a man. It is not our policy to discuss whether J. R. Stratton's political opinions tend to the best interests of the country or not, but whether he is the ablest of the three candidates to represent the riding.

When J. R. Stratton was nominated as the Liberal candidate, one of the other candidates for the nomination, Mr. R. F. McWilliams, formerly Mayor of Peterboro, stated that he would also run and contest the riding with Mr. Stratton. Had it been anyone else but McWilliams there might have been a big split in the Liberal vote and the seat endangered. Mr. McWilliams, since his year in the Mayor's chair, has become extremely unpopular throughout the city, and is practically unknown in the country. As a municipal officer he was a lamentable failure, and the electors of West Peterboro will benefit by the mistake made by the residents of the city in electing him. Seeing what calamity he was bringing on the town, and the enormous over-draft that was in the bank, Mr. Harry Rush was brought out last year and defeated Mr. McWilliams by over 800 majority—one of the worst municipal defeats recorded in Peterboro in recent years.

But Mr. McWilliams does want a political job, and has been trying ever since he graduated from Osgoode Hall to get one. He has been kept busy jumping from one party to another, endeavoring to get in, and it is believed that when defeated this time he will appeal to the women to commence a suffragette movement. The people of West Peterboro should remember that McWilliams is a traitor to the Liberal cause. In the coming election every vote will be needed, and in entering the contest against Mr. J. R. Stratton he shows that he has not the interests of his party at heart, but is out for place and emoluments.

As to Mr. J. Hampden Burnham, the editor of The Peterboro Review and Conservative candidate for West Peterboro, it is hoped that he makes a good showing. Mr. Burnham has never been connected with public life although he has recently taken an active part in the Conservative Club of his city. The feeling that exists among the Conservatives themselves in that riding, is that they have not the right man as their leader. He has never been known to have been engaged in any particular business until he commenced writing editorials for The Review a few months ago, which show him to be a scholar but not a newspaper man. Being a man of a naturally retiring and quiet disposition, it is thought that he would make a poor representative for such a big riding. Of Mr. Burnham personally, nothing but good can be said, but his talents are not calculated to make him shine in the House of Commons.

Those who were present at the banquet given Mr. R. M. Dennistoun, one of the most prominent lawyers and Conservatives in the Electric City, before his departure for Winnipeg, will remember that in his speech, referring to the chairman of the evening (Mr. Stratton), he said "that he should not

have desired to see any other man but him in the chair. They had fought against each other in clean political fights, and when the smoke had blown away after the campaign they were the same old friends. Such kind words as these, coming from a man so prominent and so respected as Mr. Dennistoun, only serve to show the good feeling that exist between the present Liberal candidate and the members of both parties. It is no secret that Mr. Stratton has a big backing of Conservative friends who will vote for him, no matter what election he enters. This party of "Stratton Conservatives" is growing year by year, and their influence will no doubt be largely felt in the next election.

AN OUTRAGEOUS PRACTICE.

(Catholic Record.)

A debate took place in the Senate on the 17th of July, on a bill introduced for the purpose of regulating the sale of proprietary or patent medicines. The discussion of this measure revealed a condition of affairs in some parts of the Dominion which calls for swift and direct action on the part of those who have at heart the welfare of the country. Speaking of the drug habit, the venerable and respected Secretary of State, Hon. R. W. Scott, stated that a majority of medical men had admitted to him that the evil effects of the drugs were unlimited, but that people demanded them, and that, if simple prescriptions or advice were offered, they were not accepted. The people, the doctors said, were not educated up to the highest standard. It was rather a startling, but we fear none the less true, statement made by the leader of the House, that ten thousand babies were killed every year in the Province of Quebec from the use of morphia. "He had," he said, "been tracing it up, and found in general use a certain soothing syrup." "I have been told," the Secretary of State continued, "by one who has made an enquiry of a chemist, and who is taking some interest in the subject, that the people must have the drug. A laboring woman who has not had time to look after her baby, puts it in the cradle, and if it cries give it a soothing medicine. The child goes to sleep and she finds that the quickest way of keeping it quiet, and finally a funeral is held. Any one who enquires into the subject must come to the conclusion that the use of opium in the present day is doing a vast amount of harm." As a remedy for the deplorable condition of affairs, there is much force in the suggestion made by the hon. member from Kingston, Dr. Sullivan. "If any of these medicines," he said, "contain anything noxious or dangerous to life, the stock should be destroyed." "There are many patent medicines," he continued, "that are harmless—something to play with—made up of harmless ingredients by people who want to make money fast, but who have a conscience. There are two classes of people making patent medicines, one class having a conscience, and the other class no conscience. If the Minister permits drugs to be sold which are devoid of noxious substances, let him do so. That is all right. But if a medicine contains drugs that are noxious poisons they should be destroyed." Meantime it would, it seems to us, be of inestimable value were a crusade entered upon against the use of soothing syrup for children. More effective than the law could be other influences. Parents should be taught that a terrible responsibility rests upon them when they use such a medicine with a view of obtaining a short respite from annoyance. The fact should be put plainly before them, and continuously instilled into their minds, that by using soothing syrup they are guilty of something very much akin to child murder. This they do not seem to realize. Many a mother gives so-called medicine to her child, believing it to be beneficial. A terrible responsibility rests upon those who prepare this child-killing nostrum, and put it upon the market. The stern hand of the law should fall heavily upon them. Evidently they have precious little regard for the higher law.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Bobcaygeon Independent: Mr. R. J. McLaughlin, who has several times contested the county for the commons declined the nomination last week, as his legal business would not permit of his giving so much time to politics. The county as a whole has not been very kind to Mr. McLaughlin. Every concession and sideline has been kept enough to benefit by his influence with the Ottawa powers, from help to a swamp crossing, to a half million stretch of canal, but whenever he asked for their votes they never hesitated at turning him down. All the same he has continued true to the local interests of his own neighborhood, and has always willingly done all in his power to obtain for the county all the public improvements it was possible to obtain. Mr. McLaughlin owes nothing to the county for political preferment, but the county owes very much to Mr. McLaughlin for procuring vast amounts in very substantial public improvements.

If you're a campaign speaker and the voters you would court, Prepare your speech ahead of time. Then cut it short.

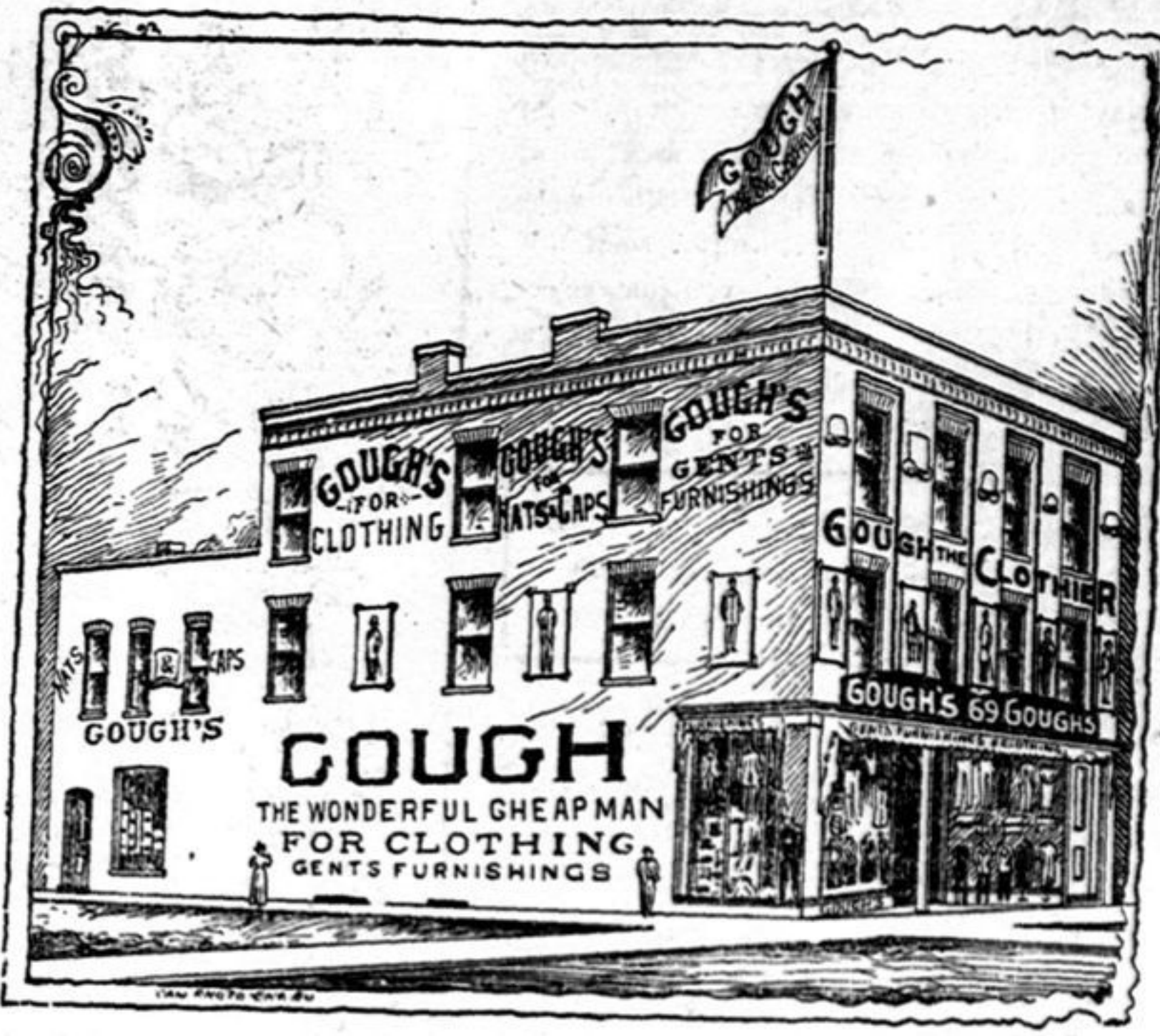
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LINDSAY'S CENTRAL FAIR

We Are Helping to Make it a Success. Will You?



The numerous visitors at the Great Lindsay Central Fair this year will be received with a right royal welcome at the Big Corner Store. One of the greatest attractions will be here. We have prepared a rich feast for our many patrons and friends who are desirous of looking at the nobbiest, up-to-date stock of Clothing and Furnishings that

has ever been gathered together under one roof. This grand stock of High-class Men's and Boys' Suits, Men's and Boys' Overcoats, Furnishings, Hats, Caps and Furs, represents the hard work of the buyers of the Gough Syndicate for three long months. The result is that we have accomplished what we have been striving for. The best that can be produced in the world at the lowest possible prices. We invite you personally to make this store your headquarters while you are in town. Come here and meet your friends and enjoy yourself. The store is yours.

Take Note of Some of the Savings For Fair Week

- Men's Clothing: Men's Canadian Tweed Suits, single or double breasted, neatly made, worth \$7.50, Sale Price 4.95. Men's single or double-breasted Imported Tweed Suits, in all new patterns, worth \$10, Sale Price 6.95. Men's Cravenette Raincoats in plain Oxford grey, vented back, satin lined, 5.95. Men's Overcoats made of Imported black Cheviots, satin lined, sizes 33 to 46, worth \$10.00, Sale Price 6.95. Men's Topper Coats made of all-wool Cravenette, semi-fitting back, long lapels, worth \$10.00, Sale Price 6.95. Boys' Clothing: Boys' Norfolk Suits in all-wool Canadian Tweeds, new patterns, sizes 23 to 27, worth up to \$3.50, Sale Price 1.95. Boys' Three-piece Suits in Canadian Tweed, single breasted in dark patterns, sizes 26, 27, 28, worth \$4.55, Sale Price 1.95. Boys' Three-piece Suits in Imported Tweeds, single or double breasted, new patterns, neatly made, worth \$6.00, Sale Price 3.95. Boys' Reefers in heavy Frieze, colors blue and grey, sizes 22 to 26, worth 3.50, Sale Price 1.95. Boys' Overcoats, three quarter length, in Tweeds and Cheviots, lined through-out, worth 5.00, Sale Price 2.98. Furnishings: 125 dozen Men's all-wool Sox, ribbed tops, color dark grey, worth 20c, Sale Price 10c. 15 dozen steel rod Umbrellas, worth 75c, Sale Price 50c. Men's all-wool Underwear, all plain or ribbed knit, worth 1.25, special 75c. Men's all-wool Underwear, all plain knit, worth 75c, Sale Price 49c. Silk Four-in-hand Neck Ties, in new shapes and colors, worth 50c, Sale Price 25c. Men's Negligee Shirts in new patterns, sizes 14 to 16 1-2, worth 1.00 and 1.25, Sale Price 69c.

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LIVE STOCK JUDGING COMPETITION AT LINDSAY EXHIBITION.

The daily programme for Lindsay's great Central Exhibition is now being completed. The judging competition will commence at 9 o'clock on Saturday, September 26th. This competition has been inaugurated to induce our young men to take greater interest in farm animals, and thus to bring about an improvement in our live stock. A number of animals will be required to make up the various classes, and the hearty co-operation of those showing stock at the Fair is solicited. Competitors should bring

with them lead pencils and a small board or shingle on which to hold a sheet of paper, while writing reasons. Paper will be supplied by the Director in charge, and each competitor will be given a number, which he will place on his paper. Thus each competitor will be known to the judges only by numbers, and even though the placing and reasons should be as incorrect as it is possible to make them, will ever be any the wiser. There will be no embarrassment for those taking part, as all young men who have even a fair knowledge of stock are urged to enter this competition,

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