

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, Sept. 24, '91

THE ST. CLAIR TUNNEL.

A very important event, important to the whole of the North American continent, took place on Saturday last. The event was the formal opening of the tunnel under the St. Clair river, connecting the town of Sarnia on the Canadian side with Port Huron directly opposite in the state of Michigan. Naturally the central figure of the day was Sir Henry Tyler, President of the Grand Trunk Railway, under whose able management the gigantic work has been constructed. The tunnel is nearly three miles in length, and has been built at a cost of about \$2,000,000. On each side of the river Sir Henry was presented with an address, each of which contained the warmest expressions of appreciation for the work, and congratulated the President on the success of the undertaking. After a rapid underground ride the company, numbering about three hundred invited guests, returned to Sarnia where a sumptuous banquet was partaken of. Then followed a toast-list which brought forth some able and spirited speeches. As the assemblage contained many prominent members of Grits and Tories, Republicans and Democrats, the speakers, as might be supposed, did not all follow the same line of argument in discussing trade relations between the two countries, but all seemed to agree that the great engineering feat which had just been accomplished would tend to strengthen the bonds of commercial union, as well as those of peace and good will between Canada and the States. Although the speeches were intended to be non-partizan, politics could not be avoided, and cheer after cheer were given whenever reference was made to closer trade relations. As it was pointed out, does it not seem absurd to expend millions of dollars in facilitating freedom of exchange, and then mar that freedom by exacting tribute from those who pass from one side of the river to the other? Let it be hoped that the imposing ceremonies of Saturday will mark a new era in the commercial world, and that tail twisters and eagle pluckers who are injuring the peace and harmony of both countries will cease forever masquerading under the name of loyalty and patriotism.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Relative to the majority and minority reports handed in by the Privileges and Elections Committee, appointed to enquire into the Tarte charges the Empire has the following:—

“Both reports agree in finding that Larkin, Connolly & Co., the contractors for a number of public works, were nothing short of swindlers and robbers, who deliberately conspired to defraud the Government out of immense sums of money in connection with their contracts. Both reports agree that Thomas McGreevy, member for Quebec West, was a party to this swindling conspiracy, and that he acted to some extent as agent for the firm in procuring information, and assisting them in their operations. Both reports coincide that certain officials of the Public Works Department were false to their trust, and aided Larkin, Connolly & Co. in defrauding the Government,” &c.

The Empire then goes on to say that as the committee did not find Sir Hector Langevin guilty of personally receiving money from Larkin Connolly & Co., it therefore found that Owen Murphy and Rob-

ert McGreevy perjured themselves by swearing that money was paid to Sir Hector. We cannot agree with the Government organ on this point. It was a case where men were swearing in direct opposition to each other, and the committee gave the accused the benefit of the doubt.

The Toronto Evening Telegram thinks that public feeling in the United States is changing rapidly in favor of “free trade.” It points out that some years ago any doubtful State could be carried at an election by showing the electors that Protection was in danger, but that now it is altogether different. The same journal adds that Major McKinley, the author of the bill that wrought such havoc on Canadian farmers, is afraid to advocate his own measure in the Ohio State campaign. In conclusion it hints that Canada has only to “work and wait for the trade advantages which the necessities of the United States will tempt that great nation to offer to a friendly neighbor.” The Telegram virtually admits that free trade is what we need in Canada, therefore would it not be more manly, more honorable, to meet the Americans half way and say that we desire to trade with them? We cannot see that such an offer on our part would be an act of humiliation. If then the party of the second part refused, we would be no worse off than before.

In the investigation Monday before the Public Accounts Committee it was shown that Dr. W. Inglis Bradley, now of Sault Ste. Marie, son of Mr. A. P. Bradley, secretary of the Department of Railways and Canals, drew salary as an extra clerk for one year while he was taking his college course in Toronto and Montreal. The only excuse offered by his father, who certified the monthly accounts, was that young Bradley had been given leave of absence by the late John Henry Pope, who was then acting Minister of Railways and Canals.

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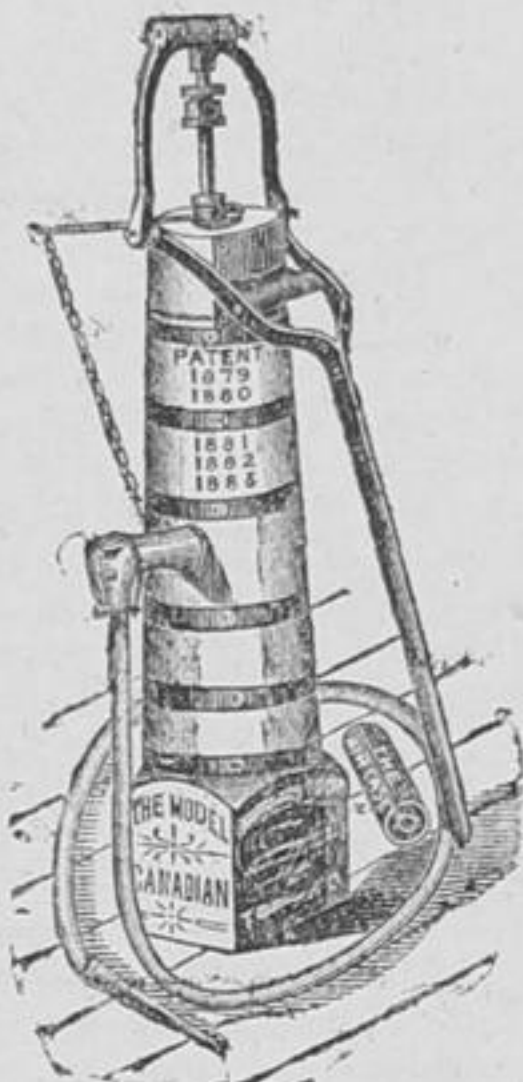
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