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Sing we of Victoria, our Queen so good and true,
Wave aloft our banners bright, our own Red, White and Blue,
Honor we her name to-day, to whom our love is due,
Sing we of Victoria, our Queen.

CHORUS.

Hurrah! Hurrah! we'll shout the Jubilee.
Hurrah! Hurrah! for Canada the free.
Let the chorus echo wide, and spread from sea to sea.
Sing we of Victoria, our Queen.

Sing we of Victoria, and celebrate her birth,
Children all should know her name, her greatness and her worth,
Well she loves this land of ours, the fairest on the earth,
Sing we of Victoria, our Queen.—Cho.

Sing we of Victoria, her Diamond Jubilee.
Britain's Queen for sixty years beloved from sea to sea,
Wave aloft the Union Jack, fair emblem of the free,
Sing we of Victoria, our Queen.—Cho.

Sing we too of Canada, our own, our native land,
Sing we of her fertile fields, her lakes and rivers grand,
Stretching from Atlantic's Waters to Pacific's strand,
Sing we of our own Canadian home.—Cho.

God save our gracious Queen;
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.

Before Thy throne we bend,
To Thee our thanks ascend,
All Praise to Thee;
That Thou hast been her stay,
Been with her all the way,
Brought her to this glad day,
Her Jubilee.

Thou, who for three score years,
In sunshine, cloud and tears,
Hast kept our Queen;
Still be her guide and stay,
Through life's uncertain way,
Till dawns the perfect day,
God save our Queen.

Our Ottawa Letter.

OTTAWA, JUNE 14. — Mr. Laurier stepped upon the shores of England on Friday last, bearing with him the loyalty of the Canadian people without distinction of party. He will lay the tribute of our Canadian fealty at the foot of the throne as the proud representative not only of the great dominant political party in the Dominion, not only as the Premier of the greatest colony that ever existed, with the area of an Empire and the population of a nation, not only as Chief of the French nationality in Canada loyal to the British Crown, but as the head of a progressive government and party which has signalized its advent to power by acting along the line of its professions in declaring that British commerce may have the preference in our markets over that of all other countries. Prominent he will stand among the great men of the Empire, on Jubilee Day, as leader of the greatest party in Canada, whose government has exhibited the fealty of that party, not by mere lip-loyalty and shallow pretence, which so eminently distinguishes our opponents, but by works, in drawing closer the bonds that unite Canada to the Mother Land, in its new commercial policy.

The declaration of the Conservative party, when last on the opposition benches, for protection principles was made with the ostensible desire of obtaining reciprocity with the United States only—virtually preferential trade with the republic to the south. But the true purpose of the then Tory leaders became plain to the understanding very soon after their accession to power. They kept up the pretence, however, during nearly the whole of their long term of office. If they at the outset adopted the theory of protection merely as a temporary expedient in order to obtain freer trade relations with the United States, they soon blossomed out into protectionists of the first quality and free trade with the American or any other nation, became a feature entirely foreign to their political faith. They were out for high protection against the whole world, Great Britain included, and they maintained that stand until the

collapse of their regime.

Their attitude now towards the question of preferential tariff is a little peculiar and, to say the least, inconsistent with their past actions. The Tory leaders are now endeavoring to bamboozle the country into the belief that they always were ready, nay anxious, to give preference to goods imported from England. But the voice of the Tory siren has lost its old-time sweet seductiveness, and can now no longer lure the electorate by its subtle deceptions. Viewed in the light of past events the Tory policy was rather to seek better trade relations with the United States than with the mother country, that is if a relaxation of the tariff barriers was ever seriously contemplated which is extremely doubtful. The late Tory government did make a preferential trade offer once, but to what country? It was not to England we may at once be assured, but to the United States. That government placed upon the statute book what is commonly known as the 'standing offer,' a statute passed in 1879 and amended in 1888. The provisions of this statute offered to admit certain classes of goods, which embraced a large schedule of the necessities of life and produced in Canada, from the United States free of duty at such time as the Americans would reciprocate. Here was an offer of preferential trade with our neighbor to the south which continued in existence for about sixteen years. England was not in it, for Tory loyalty did not reach beyond Washington. It stayed on this hemisphere and contented itself with waving the flag. But at the time this statute was promulgated, and during its life, the identical classes of goods contained in the offer were admitted into England free of duty, and no attempt was made to extend the preference to the Mother Land—still more fiercely Tory hands waved the flag in patient liberal faces. Here was an opportunity for the flag-flaunting party to prove the sincerity of its professions as being the embodiment of true loyalty in Canada. Like many of the other boastful professions of that party, time exploded the beautiful bubble and revealed the nothingness of Tory wind. Where the difference lies between true loyalty and shameless pretence can easily be seen. While it has been the expressed policy of Conservatives to give tariff preference to the Americans, it has always, on the contrary, been the desire of Liberals to prefer the mother country in such matters. That desire has now been exemplified, to the discomfiture of the party of pretence. We may rest assured that professions of loyalty coming from that party in the future will be regarded with a deal of suspicion. The assaults of Sir Charles Tupper and his followers upon the preferential clauses have opened the eyes of English statesmen to the true status of the two political parties of the Dominion as regards their loyalty to the interests of the Empire, and there is no reason why our Tory friends should longer persist in blinding their sight to the false position they occupy and to which they have been brought by unscrupulous and selfish party leaders in their race for honors and employments of office. They have run this race for personal aggrandizement at the expense of the upbuilding of the country and the honor of the Conservative party.

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York County Council.

The June session of the York County Council concluded on Saturday.

A by-law was passed authorizing the borrowing of \$50,000 to meet current expenses, and another for the raising in taxes of \$41,926 for general purposes and \$5590 for the Newmarket Home.

The Finance Committee reported a by-law which was afterwards passed, authorizing the payment to York Township of \$9564, on account of cash in treasurer's hands from the sale of non-resident lands.

Councillor Evans was authorized to have needed repairs made to Scarlett Bridge.

Bridges over the Etobicoke River will be repaired at a cost of \$150, provided Peel County contributes a like amount.

The liability of the county in connection with the Woodbridge bridge was left in the hands of the commissioners to settle.

The driftwood is to be cleared from the Rouge on the Newmarket and Scarboro townline, near Freeman's bridge, and the stream will be diverted so as to reduce the wash, \$100 being voted for the purpose.

The bridge at Elgin Mills is to be repaired under the supervision of Councillor Pugsley.

Another by-law was passed making two years' residence in the county necessary before admission to the Industrial Home.

A discussion took place regarding the appointment of a County Clerk in the place of Mr. George Eakin, who is too ill to perform the duties, and who is not likely to improve.

Many of the members bore testimony to Mr. Eakin's faithful services to the county, but were of opinion that a new appointment will have to be made, as the business of the county must be properly attended to.

The appointment was finally left over until the November session, the County Commissioners being empowered to appoint a clerk temporarily.

The Legislative Committee's report was adopted, which provided for the reintroduction into the Legislature of the bills to give County Councils power to accept transfers of land from inmates of industrial homes and to give all local municipalities the control of sales of lands for taxes.

A committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Ramsden, Hall, Baird, Hartman and Pugsley, authorizing the receiving of tenders for the building of an infirmary and additions to the Industrial Home, and to proceed with the work.

No county grant will be made for continuation classes until the government grant of \$15,000 is apportioned.

The dispute between school sections in King will be settled by arbitration. The Council then adjourned until Nov. 15, next.

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Nomination for Councillors and P. S. Trustee.

Pursuant to Public Notice a meeting of the municipal electors of the village of Richmond Hill was held in the Council Chamber on Monday, the 14th of June, for the purpose of nominating candidates to fill the vacancies occasioned by the resignations of Councillors Sanderson and Palmer, and at the same time and place a meeting of the electors of Union School Section 3 of Markham, 4 of Vaughan, and the village of Richmond Hill was held to nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Matthew McNair. The following nominations were made:—

Henry F. Hopper, seconded by Matthew McNair, nominated David Hill for the office of Councillor.

W. H. Pugsley, seconded by F. McConghly, nominated John H. Sanderson for the office of Councillor.

F. McConghly, seconded by A. Moodie, nominated John Palmer for the office of Councillor.

J. H. Sanderson, seconded by Isaac Crosby, nominated Henry F. Hopper for the office of Councillor.

Mr. McConghly, an elector, demanded a poll on behalf of the foregoing parties nominated.

Wm. Harrison, seconded by Henry Miller, nominated Matthew McNair for the office of Public School Trustee.

John H. Sanderson, seconded by Alex Moodie, nominated H. A. Nicholls for the office of Public School Trustee.

Mr. Harrison, an elector, demanded a poll on behalf of the parties nominated for trustee.

At the close of the hour for receiving nominations Mr. Teeffy, as Clerk and Returning Officer stated that proceedings would be adjourned until Wednesday, June 23rd, when a poll would be opened for the polling of said officers.

Dr. Hutchison was appointed chairman of the meeting which followed the nominations when speeches were made by the candidates nominated, and by the movers and seconders.

[Messrs. Sanderson and Palmer having resigned, there will only be a contest for school trustee.—Ed.]

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