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LIBERAL TRIUMPH.

One foreseen result of the recent Liberal triumph, in respect to the denunciation of the German and Belgian treaties by Great Britain, is the too plainly expressed chagrin of the Tory press. Of course it was not to be expected that these protection-mad adherents of a sadly discomfited party would sing the praises of Sir Wilfrid and his party's policy, yet many of note have gone a great way towards doing so. This great stride towards free trade within the Empire does not bring the slightest modicum of balm to the lone heart of the party of discontent for it is only another nail in its coffin and a fresh reminder that its fond visions of a speedy return to power are only as the deceptive mirage of the desert.

The Montreal Star, however, although hostile in the extreme to the Premier and his Cabinet, could not well maintain its standing as a great Canadian journal—an honest teacher and leader among the people—were it to join the lesser lights of the Tory party in beating the bush for ravens of discontent and disapprobation, at this great triumph of Liberal policy. It has the honesty and patriotism to say that it is the greatest achievement of Sir Wilfrid's career and that it is the first time a British colony has successfully asserted its right to a voice in a matter of great imperial concern; that few Canadians of either political stripe will feel disposed to belittle Sir Wilfrid's victory. And yet there are some statesmen beyond the pale of their own party lines, but which attribute this wonderful move on the part of Great Britain as a natural consequence of a long course of agitation by Tory statesmen. A Tory is nothing unless he is coolly assumptive, for the pride of long rule has implanted in the Tory breast a peculiar conceit which will take many stern rebuffs to remind him that the world can really move without him. The Imperial Government in denouncing these treaties is at once acting in harmony with colonial ideas of self-government and the right of a colony to frame its own fiscal policy. It is a practical recognition of the legislative independence of Canada. We could not be a much freer nation than we now stand, and there can be no reasonable doubt but that for the future all treaties with foreign nations affecting Canada will only be entered into with Canada's approval. The denunciation of the Belgian and German treaties is a clear declaration of the utmost liberty for our country by Great Britain.

TORY DISCOMFITURE.

The news of the treaty denunciation was undoubtedly startling in the suddenness of its announcement, since no intimation had been received here of the intention of the British Government to take this step. In fact the impression grew stronger day by day that the preferential offer of the Liberals was likely to fail in its object. Accordingly the Tupper organs began putting in a stream of editorials filled with peans of jubilation. The erstwhile Cumberland war horse and the errant Foster felt the lump of exultation rise in the throat in joyful anticipation of the expected result. The former, becoming eruptive over the certainty of his contention, stated to a London newspaper, only the day previous to the denunciation of the treaties, that he regarded Sir Wilfrid Laurier's preferential tariff as an absurd scheme, altogether misunderstood by English press and people, and that under the treaties England could not accept it; that to offer what could not be accepted was rather an insult to England than a compliment. But the next day a false prophet he! One might be moved to pity at the melancholy sight presented by this time-worn and discredited leader of a Tory faction, were it not for that aforesaid peculiar characteristic of Toryism which makes its votaries impervious to conviction and blind to their own shortcomings. And now where is Tupper at? He advocated a preferential tariff which would discriminate in favor of Canada, importing the ever-present protection fad into his policy while dealing with the mother land. It would not go down with the Britishers. They want nothing which smacks of protection, and the Tupper faction of Canada today is particularly distasteful to the English as well as the Canadian of all shades in politics. The mortification of the better class of Conservatives in Canada is doubtless deeply felt, and recent events in the political arena should go a long way towards convincing them that the arrogance of the Tupper-Foster & Co. stripe is not such a characteristic of a great party that will ever "cut ice" with Canadian intelligence. It comes to pass also that G. Eulas is on his way to the Pacific Coast. The gleam of the yellow metal has the same seductiveness for him as for any other human being. Interested in gold mining is G. Eulas, and, as

in it, so in politics, this would-be Tory leader is not in the business for his health. But while journeying to the Pacific he made a speech by the way, and in that speech he also, like his leader, made a venture in the realm of prophecy. Unlike the latter he chose ground that was not dangerous when he said that Canada would be obliged to admit products of such foreign nations, coming under the terms of the favored nation treaties with England, upon the preferential basis for the current fiscal year. In this he is safe from contradiction, as the present high rate of our tariff cannot be levied against such countries. During the period in which the 12½ per cent. reduction obtains, the Canadian revenues cannot suffer much from this decision of the Imperial law officers of the crown.

The aim of the Liberal policy is for freedom of trade ultimately. Canada is now just emerging from the thralldom of protection and monopoly and from a dead past in which her freedom of action commercially was limited. To break these bonds was the especial mission of the Liberal party. To attain the Liberal goal of free trade relations with protectionist nations, Canada may be obliged to retain her present high tariff for the time being, in the meantime preferring by her preferential resolution all nations whose tariffs are on an equality with hers.

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After the ceremony in the church a reception was held at the home of Mr. Elliott, where the newly-married couple received congratulations from a large number of relatives. The following is a list of the invited guests:—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Craig, Mr. W. Rutherford, Miss M. Dean, Miss Little, Sandhill; Mr. Thos. Elliott, Lambton Mills; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Peaker, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Knox, Master Eddie Knox, Miss Annie Elliott, Miss Laura Elliott, Miss Lizzie Godfrey, Mr. J. M. Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mowat, Mr. C. Dean, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. John Coombs, Miss Annie Baker, Miss Georgina Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cook, Carville; Miss Clara Bond, Toronto Junction; Mr. Geo. Coombs, Bradford; Mr. W. E. Brown, St. John's West; Mr. David Thomson, Orillia; Dr. and Mrs. Godfrey, A. Inico; Rev. and Mrs. Jos. Oliver, Cooksville; Rev. and Mrs. McCulloch, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Coombs, Miss Chambers, Mrs. Rogers, Miss Scarborough, Dr. R. L. Langstaff, Miss Verna Hutchison, Richmond Hill; Rev. A. R. Sanderson, Victoria Square.

After an elaborate dejeuner had

been served an interesting toast list was well carried out. Rev. Mr. McCulloch, as chairman, in a neat speech, proposed the Bride and Groom, in which he referred to the personal merits of the young couple, and to the high esteem in which they are held in this community. Mr. Coombs ably responded in his well-known and easy manner. Rev. A. R. Sanderson next proposed the parents of the groom, and Mr. Coombs, sr., suitably replied with words of encouragement. Mr. J. Knox next proposed Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, to which the former responded in a witty speech. Mr. Arthur Coombs responded on behalf of the bridesmaid, which had been proposed by Mr. Alexander.

The young couple are among the most popular here, and the esteem in which they are held was evidenced by the costly and numerous presents which were given to the bride. Among the handsome and useful presents received were:—A gold watch and chain, the gift of the groom; a banquet lamp, from her sisters; five o'clock tea set, Misses Baker; silver label, Messrs. O. and E. Alexander; tea cozy, Miss Alexander; set of carvers in elegant case, Mr. and Mrs. Knox; butter cooler, Mr. J. M. Godfrey; lemonade set, Miss Bond; pillow shams, Miss Elliott; salt and pepper cruet, Mr. G. Coombs; handsome card case, Miss Chambers; Havland salad bowl, Miss Nellie Dean; biscuit jar, Misses Elliott; marble clock, Dr. and Mrs. Hutchison and Mrs. and Miss Rogers; china set of berry dishes, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coombs; sugar bowl and spoon, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Oliver; silver syrup pitcher and tray, Rev. A. R. Sanderson; silver berry spoon, Miss Lizzie Dean; set of dinner knives and forks, from her grandmother; tea knives and forks, Mr. and Mrs. J. Craig; card receiver, Miss Mildred Dean; silver berry spoon, Mr. W. Rutherford; marble clock from her uncle, Mr. T. Elliott; jardiniere, Mr. Chas. Dean; lemonade set, Mr. W. Elliott; sterling silver spoons in handsome case, Dr. Langstaff; full dinner set, father and mother of the groom; bread and butter plates, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. McMahon; family Bible from her uncle, Mr. J. W. Elliott; decorated china candlestick, Mrs. L. E. Brown; tea cozy, Mrs. G. McCulloch; china pudding dish and tray, Miss Scarborough; sterling spoons from her aunt, Mrs. J. W. Elliott; pair of pillows, Mrs. Rutherford, Sandhill.

About 10 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Coombs left in a cab for Toronto with best wishes and congratulations for future prosperity. They purpose being away for a few days on the Montreal trip, after which they will take up their residence in the village. That they may long be spared for a useful and happy life is the wish of hundreds of friends who have learned to love and esteem the amiable couple who are now entering upon a new sphere.

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