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EDITORIAL.

The leaders of the two parties have held their platform campaign. Mr. Den held his first meeting at Eggewater, a Liberal town in Nova Scotia, Sir Wilfrid Laurier held his at Sorel, a stronghold of his own party, where there are many hundred government employees. Mr. Borden assented and supported the Conservative platform, and dealt forcibly with the Government record. Sir Wilfrid Laurier talked about himself and his government had done at things to make Canada prosperous, but kept clear of details. Premier has already persuaded himself that he is not only the great Canadian statesman, but the first only one. He represents himself as the creator of Canada and only one more term to finish the job. show how inflated the Premier become one has but to cite his statement at Sorel, that Canada is the third commercial country in the world, and the admiration of all nations, whereas, "in 1896 the position Canada was that of an insignificant colony, forgotten by France, only known by England, completely unknown by Europe, treated as a negligible quantity by the United States."

... This is surely the extreme of ignorance and of impudence. What has Wilfrid done to Canada to justify in so belittling the country as was during the first thirty years of the Union? What claim has he the right to brush out of history the names of Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir George Cartier, and the other esmen of their day? Canada has owed a natural course of development since 1896 as it did before. Its has developed like the trade other countries. It is decreasing year more rapidly than it grew, falling faster than the trade of United States or of Great Britain. Between 1896 and 1906 Canadian increased 143 per cent. The of Argentina and of Mexico increased in greater proportion. The ports of Mexico and of the Argentine grew far more rapidly in that do than the exports of Canada, they are holding their own better than that of Canada.

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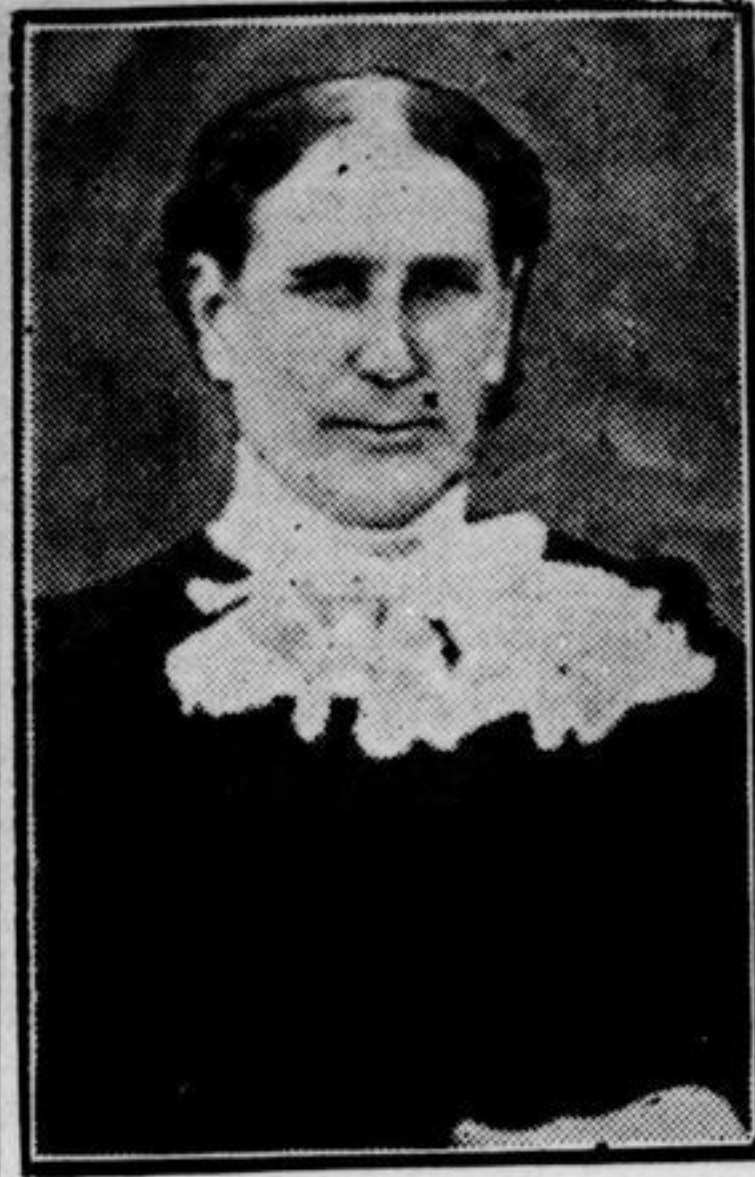
not appreciate the service of the Canadian statesmen who established the Union, who acquired the Northwest, who added British Columbia, Manitoba and Prince Edward Island to the nation, who opened up the Western country with railways, established steamship lines on the Pacific, and founded a national industrial system which Sir Wilfrid has not dared to overthrow. He and his friends were timid, sceptical and unpatriotic, believing and declaring it impossible to keep this country independent of the United States, jealous of every suggestion of closer union with the Empire, ridiculing the loyal and hopeful aspirations of loyal Canadians and doing all in their power to make them despair of their country. It is no wonder that looking back at the Canada of his own former conceptions, Sir Wilfrid should now picture it as a miserable, pitiable, contemptible colony. But the real Canada twelve years ago was very much what Canada is to-day in status and influence, and a very much better Canada in the reputation of her public men, and in the record of her administration. Her public men had out a much better figure in diplomacy than the present ministers. Her financial credit was higher, and financial obligations less.

Sir Wilfrid informed the audience at Sorel that the Government was quite capable of looking after its own black sheep, meaning that if wrong had been done the Government itself would punish the offenders. So far it would appear that the black sheep have been rewarded with the best pasture. They are the favorites of the flock. They are the ones who bleat most loudly that Sir Wilfrid should have time to finish his work. But it is encouraging to note an air of apology and confession in the Government arguments. Ministers are on the defensive, and find their time occupied with excuses and explanations concerning charges and offenses brought home to them by their own former associates and their own Royal Commission.

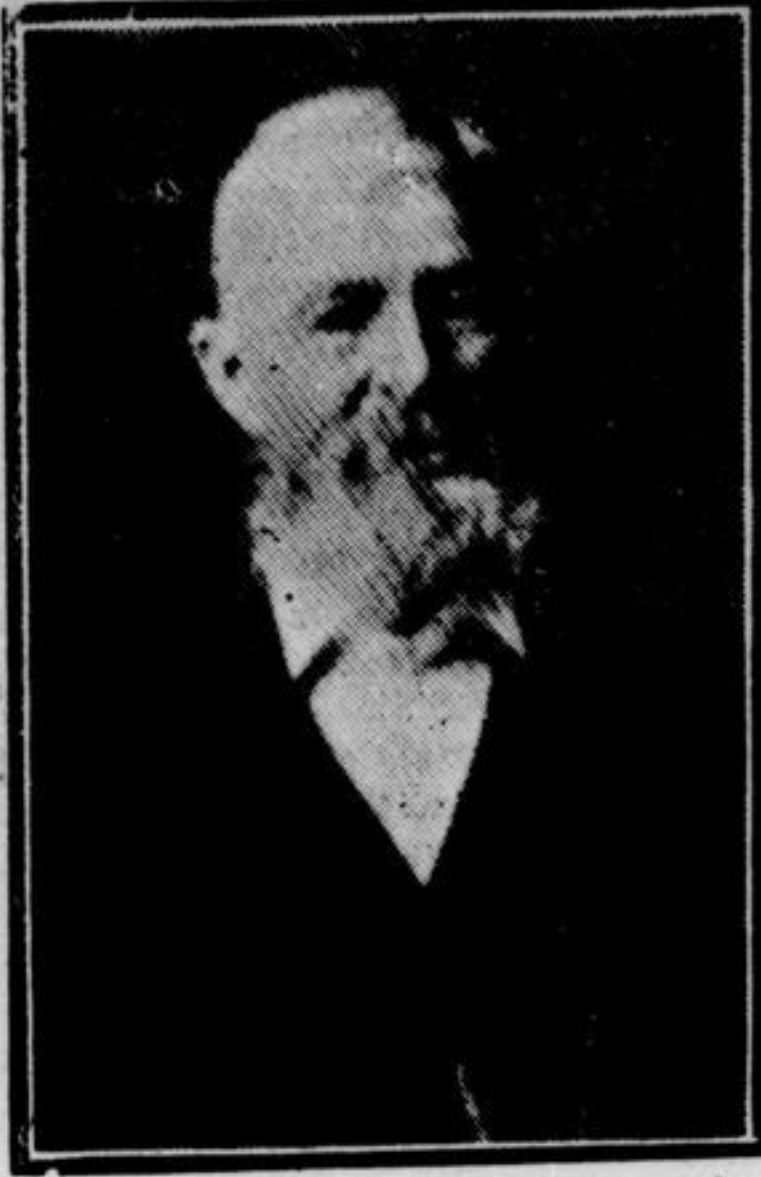
Mr. Fielding took up the parable in Nova Scotia this week where he made the audacious statement that all the offenses brought home to public officers were committed by appointees of the Conservative Government. Even Mr. Fielding's transcendent estimates were not so ridiculously false. Does Mr. Fielding say that the emergency food swindle was perpetrated by a Conservative? On the contrary, it was an old official who warned the Government in vain that the food was bogus and comparatively worthless. Mr. Nixon, perpetrator of frauds in the land office, is not a Conservative, but was twice a Liberal appointee, once before the offense, and once at a higher salary afterwards. Philip Wagner, swindler of the poor Galician immigrants, who put in his own pockets the hard savings entrusted to him by simple, confiding people, is also doubly a Liberal appointee, having been placed in office first by Mr. Oliver, and replaced at double the former salary after two terms in jail. The immigration commissioner who "made money on the side" was a Liberal appointee and has since been promoted. The postmaster who was dismissed on the inspector's recommendation for taking public money, and who after additional campaign service was restored to office and paid for the whole time he was out, was not a Conservative appointment. Dredging inspector Eastwood, who took \$3 a day for his services, farmed out the job at \$1.25 a day to another inspector, whose whole time was paid for by the Government, and then went off to his private employment, ingeniously charging the Government for imaginary boat hire and extra hours, was appointed by the Laurier Government and has never been asked to return the stolen money. The other inspector who secretly took this extra pay was an active Liberal.

The Commissioner who gave the middlemen \$122,000 rake-off on St. Boniface land was a recent appointment of the Laurier Government. It was a member of the Laurier Government who ordered and authorized two Moncton land deals, the Truro deal and the Halifax deal. The officer of the Militia Department, who by forgery, took from \$50,000 to \$160,000 out of the Treasury, had been recently foisted on the Department by the Laurier machine and rapidly promoted over the heads of old officers. One officer now under suspension in connection with the light-house department contracts, was appointed originally by the Conservatives. But he was a young temporary clerk at \$2 a day when the change of Government came. Afterwards he was suddenly picked up and pushed to the very head of his branch by the present Government, and the Chief Engineer of the Department was sworn to the belief that this promotion was made by the influence of contractors over the ministers. It need hardly be said that Hug-the-Machine Praston, of the North Atlantic scandal, was not appointed by the Conservatives. "The Big Four" of the Northwest land grabbing combination are all in Parliament voting for the Government. Mr. Stratton, of the Gamey conspiracy is a candidate for Parliament, but not on the Opposition side. A. W. Fraser, the bidder under borrowed names for timber limits, is a Government candidate at Ottawa. Mr. Fielding and his associates are supported by the whole gang of political dredging contractors, East and West.

PIONEERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY



MRS. WM. SIRRS Died Sept. 18, aged 71 years



ROBT. HENRY Died Sept. 12, aged 79 years

What nonsense it is for a minister of the Liberal Government to unload such trash on an intelligent public. For what other reason than to evade the main issues can the Government at Ottawa to-day resort to such subterfuges? They want to side-track the electors and keep them in ignorance of the real truth. The rascalities of the present administration will not look well in the lime-light of investigation. To conceal their actions has been the effort and desire of the present Government. They will not stand the light of criticism, and the Government's purpose will be best served by drawing the public attention away from the real issues.

With Mr. Miller, too, a strong effort is being made to uphold the Government, and his real honesty of purpose may be questioned when he goes so far out of his road to conceal facts. The grave charges against the present administration have not been made without a good strong reason. These are belittled by Mr. Miller, who would fain have the electors believe them pure fabrications, made out of the whole cloth. Mr. Miller is wholly with the present extravagant administration, an administration which has failed in every point to carry out its pre-election promises to the people. As such, he is not worthy of a renewal of public confidence, and to turn down Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the chief of malefactors, it is necessary to turn out his supporters. From eight to twelve years its quite long enough for most governments to be in power, and from the record of the present party, it is high time for a change.

Mr. Ball, the Conservative candidate, is an honest man, at least we have never had any reason to think otherwise, and should he be elected as South Grey's representative, the constituency will have a man of whom they shall not feel ashamed. Mr. Borden, too, is a man of the highest integrity, and a change from Laurier to Borden will be an incalculable benefit.

SMUGGLING IN PHILIPPINES.

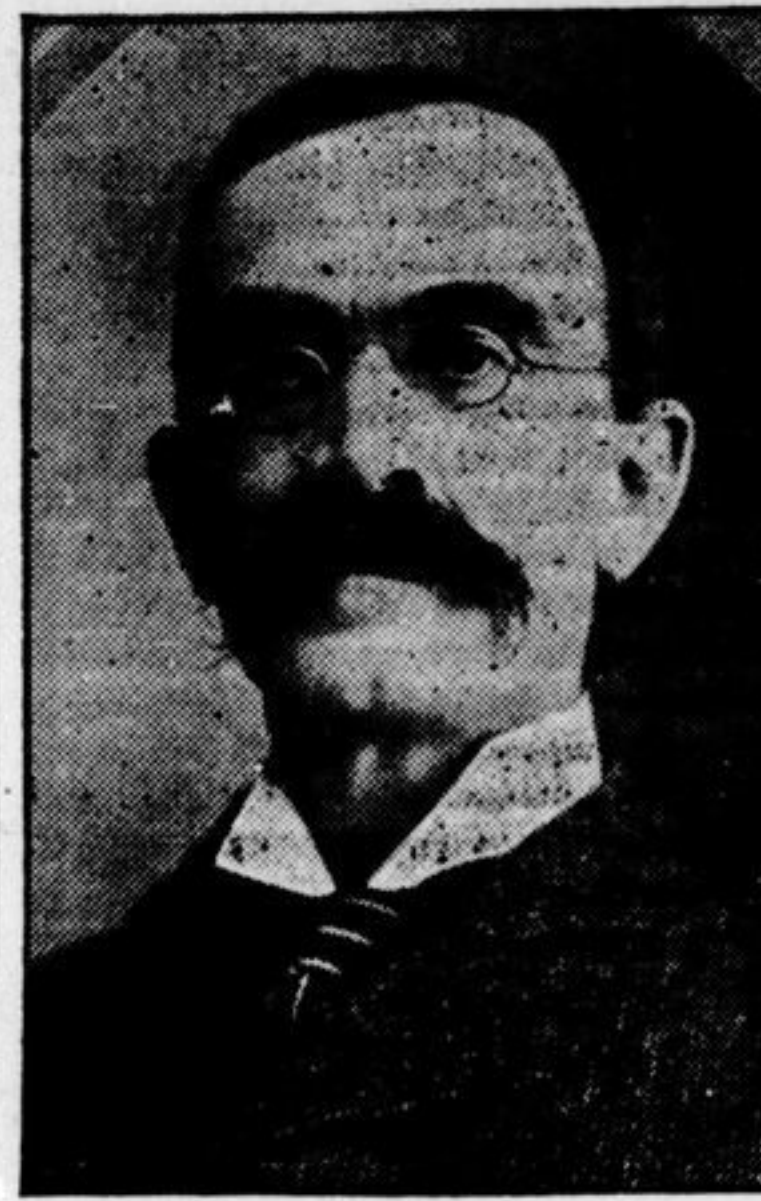
Assuming Proportions That Threaten Insular Revenue.

According to the Manila Times, smuggling in the Philippine Islands is assuming proportions that make it a menace to insular revenue. "It will not be long before the Government must, for the protection of itself and honest merchants of the community, organize a drastic campaign against it," says the Times. "It will surprise the orderly and law-abiding citizen to know that only a few days ago a casco of khaki, smuggled into the country by way of the east coast of Luzon, was floated down Laguna de Bay and fastig for distribution in Manila, yet such is the fact. The cloth was dropped on the east coast somewhere near Baler, lugged across the mountains to a scheduled inlet on the lake, and boldly brought into Manila. Sleuths of the Government got track of it before it was landed, but there was no way to stop it. Suppression of the use of opium in the Philippines has made the drug the great prize of smuggling. It has gone to a fabulous price in Manila, Iloilo, Cebu, and other cities, and there are riches for the fellow who can run it across the Sulu Sea."

HYPNOTIZED TRAMPS.

A No. 1. the well-known tramp, states that riding upon the truck beams between the wheels of a flying passenger train, or even of a slower-going freight train, is extremely difficult. "The flying cinders deluge the eyes and at times makes breathing almost impossible. More than this, he says that unless one strictly watches himself one is in danger of becoming hypnotized. The rhythmically pounding wheels, jolting over the joints of the rails, have a way of insistently commanding attention that is extremely dangerous. This noise, sharp and repeated with devilish persistence, can hypnotize the unwary, he says. Often he has had to use every resource of will power which he had in order to ward off the effects of this endless and mind-compelling "click, click, click." He believes that many a tramp who has fallen to his death from the trucks has been first hypnotized in this way. This is perfectly sound psychology, and the probability of such hypnotism will be endorsed by any good specialist in this science.—From "The Cleverest Tramp in America," in the Bohemian Magazine.

DOMINION ELECTIONS, 1908.



TO THE ELECTORS OF SOUTH GREY: GENTLEMEN.—The Dominion Election will be held on the 26th of October. I again respectfully ask for your vote and influence.

When Alexander McKenzie went out of office in 1878, the public debt of Canada was \$140,302,000. When Sir Wilfrid Laurier took office in 1896, the debt had increased to \$258,497,432, an annual average increase for eighteen years, under Conservative rule, of \$6,563,075, in our public debt. When Sir Wilfrid Laurier had been 10 1/2 years Premier of Canada, his Government had altogether, for the 10 1/2 years, only increased the public debt \$5,174,427, or considerably less for 10 1/2 years than under the former Government for one year. And the public debt of Canada, per head of the population, was on the 31st of March, 1908, only \$42.84, while, when the Laurier Government went into office in 1896, the public debt was, per head of the population, \$50.87; and this notwithstanding the fact that the present Government has spent such large sums for the development of the country.

Come, if you please, to my meetings and hear public questions discussed.

It is generally admitted that I have done for South Grey and its people, without making any difference between Liberals and Conservatives, more than any other Member the Riding ever had. If I have so helped the Riding, is it not fair and reasonable that the people of the Riding should give me their hearty support? I believe they will, especially that I have now the advantage of four years' experience.

I am, gentlemen, Yours sincerely, H. H. MILLER.

BIRD MIGRATION.

An Italian scientist believes that daylight alone determines bird migration. The summer migrants, he says, come north to take advantage of the longer days, and go south again to avoid the short and dark ones. They require all their time to get sufficient food for themselves and their voracious young. Hence the extra daylight of the north in the summer is an advantage to them. In the winter the short days do not allow them time to get sufficient food. Most birds require daylight for feeding. The scientist does not credit the old explanation that migration is due to cold and want of food. Many species start southward while the weather is warm and food abundant.

A burglar with a sense of humor recently spent a profitable ten minutes in a house at Beddington, Eng. Having forced an entry in the owner's absence, he quickly filled his pockets with a number of small portable articles, and concluded by taking the best clock from the drawing-room mantelpiece. As he was going out of the house he met the occupier on the front steps. Not at all taken aback, he explained that he was taking the drawing room clock away to repair it. "The dining-room clock is out of order, too," the owner said. "Shall I take that as well?" asked the polite thief. The owner assented, and the burglar calmly went back into the house, took down the dining-room clock, and went off with a timepiece under each arm.

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| Fall Wheat | 85 |
| Spring Wheat | 85 |
| Oats | 40 |
| Peas | 70 |
| Barley | 55 |
| Hay | 7 00 |
| Butter | 19 |
| Eggs | 18 |
| Potatoes per bag, new | 60 |
| Flour per cwt. | 2 50 |
| Oatmeal per sack | 3 00 |
| Chop per cwt. | 1 60 |
| Live Hogs, per cwt. | 6 30 |
| Dressed Hogs per cwt. | 7 80 |
| Hides per lb. | 6 |
| Sheepskins | 40 |
| Wool | 13 |
| Tallow | 5 |
| Lard | 12 |
| Turkeys | 10 |
| Geese | 8 |
| Ducks | 8 |
| Chickens | 7 |

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