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## NEWS AROUND TOWN

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The many friends of Miss H. M. Wright, Kincardine, will be pleased to learn that she is now recovering from a severe attack of typhoid fever.

Harvest Thanksgiving services will be held in Trinity church this Thursday evening at 8 p.m., and on Sunday next. On Thursday evening, Rev. Robt. Herbert, rector of St. John's church, Preston, will preach.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Welsh, of Mill street, are mourning the loss of one of their little boys, Stanley Norman, who died on Sunday last at the age of two months and three weeks. Interment took place at Uxbridge on Tuesday. His little twin brother is also in a delicate state of health, but hopes for his recovery are entertained.

On Friday evening, the members of the Baptist choir met at the home of the choir leader, Mr. Allan Bell, and, after practice, presented him and Mrs. Bell with a handsome rocking chair. Mr. Fred Search, in behalf of the choir and congregation, called attention to the valuable services of Mr. Bell as leader of the choir. Mr. Bell, in his reply, said that for once he had been surprised. He thanked the people in a fitting speech for the gift, and for their confidence and thoughtfulness. After refreshments had been served, the gathering was broken up, and all took their several ways, leaving Mr. and Mrs. Bell to think over their surprise.

Two Durham boys, about seventeen or eighteen years of age, got themselves into a pretty mess on Wednesday night of last week, when they went out to Mr. John Stewart's, at Bunesan, and started beating up the occupants of the house. Mr. Stewart and his son were handled so roughly that they were forced to place themselves under the doctor's care. It is also reported that a gun was used in the affray, though the weapon was not discharged. Just what the outcome will be, we do not know, but we have been informed that the crime is a penitentiary offense, and the young lads will probably be older and wiser men when the law gets through with them.

The Conservative excursion to Hazore on Thursday last was marred by the usual number of drunks, who generally manage to take in these affairs, and make life miserable for the rest of the excursionists. Durham, in the past, has been a pretty good excursion town, but it seems that it is getting next to impossible to keep the boozers and scrappers out of the crowd, and the number who take advantage of these little enjoyments is getting rapidly smaller. Ladies do not care to mix up with this class of the population, and respectable men, also, can not be very much blamed if they refuse to accompany these barbaric gladiators on their drunk and scrappiest. The remedy is an easy one to apply. A couple of arrests, and a good, stiff fine, would put an end to these affairs for a time, at least. When one dose plays out, apply another, and if fines won't work, a month in the county gaol would teach these hoodlums that excursions are not gotten up solely for their pleasure, that they may glut their stomachs with tanglefoot and then roam around seeking whom they may devour, to the terror of the feminine portion of the party, and the utter disgust of that part of the male attendants who claim to have at least a spark of manhood and common everyday decency about them.

The electric light plant will close down this Thursday morning for repairs. It is expected that the lights will be off about two weeks.

Lost.—On Sunday, a black spaniel pup, answering to name of "Teddy." Finder will be rewarded by returning to, or notifying Thos. C. Morton, jr., Durham.

Children's Day was observed in the Presbyterian church on Sunday morning last. The attendance was large, and the church was beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion. The children enjoyed the services, which were very appropriate to the occasion.

On Thursday, October 5th, the monthly meeting of the Durham branch of the Women's Institute, will be held at the home of Mrs. David McCrie, at 2 p.m. The topics for the meeting are "Music, Its influence in the home," and "Value of Cheerfulness." Question Drawer.

On Sunday night, September 17th the woodshed of Mr. Hugh McDonald, up town, was entered, and two wheels, tires and all complete, were stolen from a bicycle, and have not since been returned. We understand the owner has fairly good evidence in his possession, and the sneak thief may soon be brought to time. In fact, we hope he will. In the meantime, we think it would be wise to return the stolen property, and avoid trouble and exposure.

For the past three or four weeks our readers have not been troubled with much local matter, and our ever faithful staff of correspondents have been somewhat neglected. We felt that the great political struggle was of much more importance, and our honest desire to retain a good policy by a change of government led to an apparent neglect. The elections are over now, and another week or two will finish up the fall fairs. After that we will be able, we hope, to settle down to our regular work.

Saugen Presbytery, at its meeting on the 19th inst., was glad to welcome back Rev. S. Young, who is reported to be contemplating taking up his residence in his old congregation at Clifford. Representative of that congregation were at Presbytery with a call to Rev. L.H. Lemon, of Sydenham promising a salary of \$900 and free manse. The call was sustained, and transmitted to the Owen Sound Presbytery, with a request that it be issued as soon as possible. A call also came from Dwyer and Calvin church, in the Presbytery of Chatham, in favor of Rev. D.L. Campbell, of Moorefield. As it did not reach the Presbytery clerk in time to have the congregation of Moorefield cited, it was laid over to be dealt with at an adjourned meeting, to be held at Palmerston on October 11th. In response to a request of the Presbytery of Bruce, a committee consisting of Revs. Farquharson and McCullough, and Mr. Donaldson was appointed to meet a similar committee from the Bruce Presbytery to consider the advisability of making a union between these Presbyteries, with its seat at Palmerston or Harriston. The chief advantage that the new arrangement would give would be to improve train connection to the place of meeting from the congregations in the north. Dr. N. P. McKay, moderator of the General Assembly, and Dr. Grant, secretary of the Home Mission committee, are to make a visit to the Presbytery at Palmerston on October 11th to present a plea for a better system of the management of the schemes of the church. It is to be hoped that there will be not only present members of the Presbytery but representatives from Boards of Management and Missionary societies. Resolutions of sympathy with Revs. W.G. Richardson and A. R. Gibson were passed, the former being in the hospital with an attack of typhoid fever, and the wife of the latter being considered to be in a very critical condition. The next meeting of Presbytery will be held at Palmerston on October 11th, at 9.30, a.m.

## BORDEN'S MAJORITY WILL BE IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF 50

### Canadians Smash the Reciprocity Agreement in One of the Most Stubbornly Fought Political Contests in Canada's History

The battle of the ballots gave glorious results. The most guine opponent of the Laurier Government didn't expect such a landslide. To think of a majority of 44 in the Liberal Government going out of office being turned into a Conservative majority of equal or greater magnitude when the election results were known, is hard to conceive of. Yet such was the result of the election on Thursday of last week.

Reciprocity was the one, and only issue. The Agreement it is well known, was negotiated early in the year by Hon. Mr. Paterson, and Hon. Mr. Fielding for Canada, and President Taft, for the United States. When the Agreement left their hands, it was final. Nothing could be changed, and the Laurier Government determined to put it through the House, and place it on the Dominion Statutes, whether the people wanted it or not. It is true a large deputation waited on the Government late last year, and asked for a larger measure of reciprocal trade with the United States. It is also true that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in his Western tour felt a pressing demand in the same direction at the meetings he addressed.

Messrs. Fielding, Paterson, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and others, thought the people wanted Reciprocity with the United States, and intended to give it to them without asking for it. Mr. Borden and the Conservatives, as well as some of the strong Liberals—Clifford Sifton, Lloyd Harris, and W. M. German, for example,—stood out in opposition, and the passing of the Agreement was so obstructed that an appeal to the country was forced upon the Government by the Conservative minority.

The result of the voting is a mandate from the people warning the Government not to mix up too much in international complications. They uttered a most decisive verdict that Canada does not want reciprocity, as outlined by the Agreement, and furthermore, no two or three men, however well versed on our requirements, have a right to frame a fiscal policy for the whole Dominion, without asking the people for an opinion. We want our tariff laws made at Ottawa, not at Washington, and further, we do not want the work of forty years in building up our east and west transportation facilities, to suffer destruction by diverting the traffic to the north and south.

The National Policy, under which all Governments operated since 1878 has proved a success, and is still proving a success. To change that policy when times are good, and all classes in the community are prospering, could hardly be expected from the people. If times were hard, a change of policy might all the more readily be effected, but when every industry is prosperous, and we have a prosperous class of farmers with an ever ready market for their products, the people are not anxious to give up the substance for the shadow.

The verdict was most emphatic, and it isn't at all likely that reciprocity, on similar terms, will be made an issue again for many years to come. To say the least, it was a very singular election contest, and in the face of so strong an opposition by members of the party, it is surprising that the Liberals should make such a bold effort in trying to push it through the House, without taking the public into their confidence. Besides the two delegates, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and perhaps some other members of the Government, the terms of the Agree-

ment were apparently not known by the Liberal party themselves. Lloyd Harris, who refused to be the Liberal candidate in Brantford, expressed his opposition to the pact, and furthermore declared that ninety per cent. of the Liberal members would have opposed it in caucus had it been submitted for their consideration. Notwithstanding the very strong opposition from within their own party, the Government would not yield, but rushed onward to their overthrow.

At the present time, we cannot say what the exact Conservative majority will be in the next Government. Figures varying from forty-three to fifty-three have been given, with four elections to follow. It will be a conservative estimate to place the majority at between forty-five and fifty. The Montreal Witness, of Saturday last gave the returns as follows: Conservatives, 133; Liberals, 84; Nationalists, 1; with four deferred elections. This would give a Conservative majority of 48 over Liberals and Nationalists. Monday's Witness gives the Conservative majority at 51.

#### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

As a political prognosticator, the Review isn't much of a success.

The Mt. Forest Confederate says: A week from to-day and the electorate of Canada will be called upon to decide on the clearest cut issue that has ever been before its people." Right you are, brother Wright, and they decided in a clear cut manner.

"Even the heaven's wept when the results came in," says a Liberal cotem. Yes, wept for joy, in harmony with the people.

The Confederate says of Reciprocity, "If found unsatisfactory, of which there is no probability, it can be done away with any time." The electors took the best time to do away with it.

The Voters of Canada told the Government of Canada to keep up their own line fence.

Our local cotem thinks that Reciprocity would have been carried by an overshadowing majority if it had been submitted to a referendum. So it would. It would have been buried so deep it would never cast a shadow of any kind.

The "Glory Hallelujah" heading which appeared in the Toronto World the day after the election, was the heartfelt expression of thousands of Canadian voters.

When we said a few weeks ago that the Laurier Government was going to smash, we had no idea it was going to smitherens.

If Hon. A. G. MacKay had the time the Review man wasted over the Chronicle editorials, he might have reduced the majority of "Ball the Winner." But these would-be political orators will butt in, you know.

The shortest speech Dr. Jamieson ever made, was the most loudly applauded. It was delivered in the Conservative Committee rooms on Thursday evening, Sept. 21st, and consisted of the three words, "Ball is elected." The ovation lasted for fully ten minutes.

Hon. W. S. Fielding, and Hon. Wm. Paterson, fathers of the pact, were amongst the defeated.

Only one Liberal candidate in Toronto saved his deposit.

Considerable money changed hands on even bets on the Miller-Ball contest. One enthusiastic supporter of Mr. Miller is reported to have lost over \$400.

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