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SIR WILFRID LAURIER

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When he was thirteen years old, in 1854, young Laurier had been sent to the English Protestant school at New Glasgow, New Brunswick, eighteen miles from St. Lin, Quebec, where he was born. After hours he worked—not for hire, but for practice in English—in the grocery store of a Scotchman named Murray. Afterwards he spent seven years at L'Assomption College, and in 1861 entered the law office of Bonfils Lafontaine, at Montreal. Fourteen years later he was a colleague of Mr. Lafontaine in the liberal cabinet of Premier Mackenzie. In 1864, having taken the law course at McGill University, he was valedictorian at the class convocation. At this time he spoke and wrote chiefly in French, but he read and thought in English. Bright's speeches, Macaulay's history and essays, the poem of Burns and Tennyson were among his favorites for reading. Shakespeare he translated back and forth from English to French, from French back to English. "In politics," he said in his earliest addresses, "I belong to the English liberal school, to the school of Fox and Gladstone. In religion I belong to the school of Montalembert and Lacordaire, of the men of the greatest, perhaps, of their age in loftiness of character and nobility of thought." His literary tastes led him to write before he entered the law. He had written a serial story from his pen before he appeared in the L'Indpendance Nationale, of Montreal, but the paper dying, the tale never was completed.

A constitutional weakness, which seemed to threaten the lungs, led to his leaving Montreal, in 1866, and he moved to Arthabaskaville, where he bought an interest in a newspaper, Le D'fricheur, and for a while combined law and journalism. But Le D'fricheur was moribund, and within a year was abandoned. In 1868 he married Miss Zoe Lafontaine, of Montreal, who has been a faithful and a helpful wife in his later political and social life. In 1871 he was elected to the Quebec legislature; in 1872 he resigned and was elected to the dominion parliament, and in 1877 he first entered the cabinet as minister of inland revenue in the liberal government of Mr. Mackenzie. In the following year the liberals were defeated, and the era of high protective tariffs dawned in Canada. For eighteen years thereafter the liberal party was but a name, and the conservatives under the vigorous leadership of Sir John Macdonald rode triumphantly into power at each election. Since 1896 it is the conservative party which has become law, and to-day none doubts that, so long as Sir Wilfrid is alive and desires to lead, he will be premier.

Of the achievements of Sir Wilfrid Laurier which have given him a strong hold upon Canadians, the most important has already been noted, namely, the abatement of racial and sectarian animosities. With this great work, so absolutely essential to the continuance of the dominion, all else necessarily is of lesser moment. Yet under his leadership the liberals have "done things" beyond the record of their predecessors. The preferential tariff extended to imports from Great Britain, while it has been protective of industry, has indicated an ability for initiative which may have a considerable influence in future tariff negotiations between Canada and the United States. A progressive and a transportation development, in immigration, and in the general upbuilding of the country also has been inaugurated.

Sir Wilfrid was once addressing a Toronto audience which, a few hours before, had listened to a tedious array of figures submitted by a conservative cabinet official to prove that the country was prosperous. "My friends," said the liberal leader, "Mr. Foster has read to you many columns of figures to show your prosperity. When you check the figures you will not need the figures. You can put your hands in your pockets and feel the prosperity."

It may be thought that because the Canadian premier intimated the tariff giving preference to British goods, he no longer is desirous of closer trade relations with the United States. Nothing could be further from the truth. He was present in 1898 at Quebec during all the sittings there of the joint high commission, composed of representatives of the United States, Canada and Great Britain, and at that time and since has had opportunities to know the strong personal desire of Sir Wilfrid for a freer interchange of commodities across the border. Regarding present American-Canadian trade relations he said to me only a few weeks ago: "They are very bad; it will take years to better them."

They ought to be better. The trade of Canada with the United States increases from year to year in greater ratio than her trade with Great Britain, despite the preferential tariff. Moreover, the dominion not only ships to this country but receives from it considerable quantities of raw materials, which, according to common notion, she is supposed to produce in surplus quantities. Yet so long as the United States maintains its present high-tariff wall, Canada must keep up the stones on its side. While Canadian manufacturers are excluded from the American market, Sir Wilfrid sees that it will be necessary for them, with their narrower home market, to be protected. It is not easy for a comparatively small community to import raw trade alongside a great neighbor with vast and specialized industries.

Some of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's opinions of American statesmen and affairs, as he gave them to me in a recent conversation, may be set down. Lincoln he considers, as the greatest of our presidents. Nothing important that is known about Lincoln cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. P. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. He has understood how known P. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and he knows him perfectly. I have made all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm. W. H. MERRY, Leader. Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Shall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally by putting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. It cures all cases of Catarrh, whether of the bladder, or of the rectum, or of the throat. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

ANOTHER SWINDLER

THIS MAN TRIES TO DO EVIL.

In Montreal—Investigation Proves Him to Be An American Named Doyle—He Attempted Tricks With a Piano Firm. Montreal, Nov. 20.—Another attempt, swindle merchants on a somewhat smaller scale than that undertaken by Karl Krosser, the alleged German heir, has been disclosed by M. Lechanteur, the justice. This time a man giving the name of J. G. Stewart, 30 Fort Street, tried to get a valuable diamond ring—on payment, tendering a cheque for the balance. Investigation proved that the man was an American, named Doyle, who managed to secure board for himself and a cheque for the amount of the address mentioned, on the strength of a hard luck story. He was also negotiating with a piano firm for an expensive American piano, but so far as can be learned has so far failed to get it.

HISTORIC EPISCOPATE.

What is Proposed By Anglican Union Committee. The Anglican church committee considering the communication of the joint committee of the Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists, touching church union has drafted a report for submission to the house of bishops, and in view of the earnestness and spirit of the invitation and gravity of the subject asks that the house name a committee to participate in the general union movement, but not to be committed in advance to what has already been agreed upon or any future action to be hindered except through the general synod. The committee on union places itself at the disposal of the house for the purpose of the delegation on that basis.

The committee thinks there is no obstacle to union as regards the first three articles of the Lambeth Quadrilateral and believes that the union has come when an earnest effort should be made to find out the possibility of the acceptance by these communions of the proposed union. The committee suggests that the resolutions of the fourth article of the Lambeth Quadrilateral will eventually be attained if all future ministers of the proposed United Church receive ordination at the hands of duly consecrated bishops, and respectfully urges that the house of bishops authorize the delegation to confer with the other communions on that basis. Finally, the committee believes that organic unity such as contemplated would result in a higher and truer conception and realization of the Christian ideal, and therefore that no opportunity should be lost in seeking it, and no sacrifice consistent with the highest adherence to principle should be spared.

The Ontario Churchmen of this city which gives the committee's finding first publication in the province commends the union. "It is an interesting public document, and though there is scarcely a chance of its acceptance by their lordships, it will be historic in the sense in that it expresses the broad spirit of a large number of the clergy and laity of the church. This spirit demands as a basis for good will a broader courtesy to separated brethren than now exists."

COBRALT SITUATION

What is Transpiring in the Cobalt. Toronto, Nov. 19.—The only new departure in connection with the Cobalt situation at the beginning of the week is the arrangement now being perfected for the formation of the "Cobalt Mining and Development Company" who have bought the property were in consultation today, but nothing definite could be ascertained. The market for mining shares was not quite as active or buoyant as it was at the close of last week, but prices almost without exception were steady, and in some instances were quotations below the recent low level.

The newer properties are being sought after more so than the old ones, which may already have been sold, and the enquiries at brokers' offices, to-day, were largely confined to Green McMehan. It was expected that an announcement of the dividend on Silver Queen would have been announced last week, but General Manager Colver announced, today, that although preparations were being made for the distribution of the checks, that the size of the dividend would not be decided until they had received returns from the four per cent of one which are now at the smelter.

A rumor reached Toronto, on Saturday, that a dividend declaration had been decided on by the Board of directors, but this is apparently premature, as the people who are largely interested in the mine at Toronto deny that an action regarding dividends has yet been taken. Several new applications have been made for charters, and prospecting in the Portage Bay district is exciting local transactions in the present time. The final transaction in the purchase of the Silver Leaf properties by Boston interests was consummated on Saturday.

MORE EVIDENCE

And What Frank Pope Says He Heard. Toronto, Nov. 20.—The evidence offered in the investigation of the charge against Charles McGill, former manager of the Ontario bank, in the police court, this morning, opened up no new ground. Frank Pope, the clerk in the head office, who first made the charge, was examined, and his evidence was cross-examined. He testified to hearing discussions between the regular manager and some of the directors in regard to stock. Manager Hagerman, of the Yonge Street branch, told of lending Mr. Cockburn, the president, \$3,000 on the latter's demand note. Mr. Cockburn had the money to purchase Ontario bank, now stock.

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