

PRESS AHEAD

This is the Premier's Message to Canada.

SPOKE AT NIAGARA

PREMIER VIGOROUSLY REPELS OPPOSITION CHARGES.

In Fighting Speech He Exposes Mr. Foster's Misrepresentations and Accepts Mr. Borden's Challenge—Government's Administration Has Crowned Edifice of Canada's Greatness.

Niagara Falls, Sept. 15.—This was a great day for liberalism. It witnessed the opening, under the most auspicious conditions, of what will assuredly be a memorable campaign; it furnished overwhelming proof of the commanding position which Sir Wilfrid Laurier occupies in the eyes of the people and of the confidence with which his policy of administration is regarded, and it gave him an opportunity to get back at his opponents, of which he took full advantage.

The scene in Queen Victoria park was one which will not easily be forgotten. Massed amid the beautiful surroundings was a crowd estimated at from 15,000 to 18,000 people, all eager to acclaim not alone the chief of a great party, but the leader of a nation, a statesman who ranks among the greatest of his time. In the great concourse of people there was a spirit of buoyancy, almost of gaiety, not usually associated with a political gathering, and yet with the sense of exhilaration present one felt the impulse of a great movement, the first onward sweep of the wave of public opinion which gives signs of again carrying the liberal cause to victory.

The enthusiasm which greeted Sir Wilfrid was more than a demonstration of party loyalty; it was a moving expression of affection and veneration, an impressive tribute to personal worth as well as a spontaneous and hearty acknowledgment of political service. The people came from all parts of the Niagara peninsula. Farmers eager to see and hear one who had proved so dear a friend interrupted their harvesting operations to attend the meeting; artisans who had obtained or taken a holiday flocked to the scene. Toronto, Hamilton and other cities sent contingents, and even Americans joined in the pilgrimage.

The complaint sometimes voiced by conservatives that nature smiles on the liberals was justified on this occasion, for more ideal weather for a demonstration could not have been desired.

The premier signified his appearance in the fighting line, eager once more to do battle on behalf of the cause he has served so splendidly, with a speech that was full of fire and spirit, the speech of a statesman who is confident he has the people behind him, and who is not to be drawn from his course by the malignant attacks of a not over-scrupulous opposition. It may be doubted whether Sir Wilfrid was ever in better fighting form. It was inevitable that she should devote some attention to the charges of extravagance and corruption levelled against the government by Mr. Borden and Mr. Foster, and the manner in which he disposed of these gentlemen's misrepresentations sent the multitude into ecstasies of delight. He was particularly hard on Mr. Foster, whose peculiar methods of criticism were exposed, sometimes in the most scathing terms, more often with a playful humor which was distinctly effective. The charge of extravagance he repelled with the expedition of a politician concerning the expenditure of the government being turned to ridicule. He claimed that the increase in expenditure had been justified by the policy of expansion and development carried out by the government, and pointed out that in framing his charge

Mr. Foster had carefully omitted to take this into account. No part of Sir Wilfrid's speech, was more telling than that in which he dealt with the charges of corruption. Mr. Borden had declared that he wanted a campaign of clean politics. "I accept the challenge in its entirety," said the premier, "I claim, may, I assert," he added, "that this has been an honest government. There is no more to be said. A reference to the coming elections showed that the tactics they were pursuing now were employed thirty years ago against Alexander Mackenzie, who in these days was being held up as an example for liberals to follow. A reference to the coming elections led Sir Wilfrid to make the statement that he would probably announce the date of the elections at Strathroy on Saturday, and then he plunged into a review of the work of the liberal administration, especially emphasizing the importance of the transcontinental railway undertaking and of the Hudson's Bay railway.

With regard to the latter he announced that the government had definitely decided to proceed with the work of construction, and that all terminals and elevators would be retained in the control of the government. Dealing with the conservative charges that the liberals had gone back on their pledges of 1893, and adopted the protective policy they had formerly denounced, the premier read a letter written by Sir Oliver Mowat in 1896, which clearly defined the principles to which the liberal party should adhere. He then claimed the liberal administration had carried into effect. "We are reformers," he declared, "not revolutionists, and we recognized that it was necessary to act with caution." In a glowing peroration Sir Wilfrid said that while Canada's position today among the nations could not entirely be attributed to the liberal administration, they could at least claim that by their progressive policy they had crowned the edifice of the dominion's greatness.

The speeches before and after the premier's oration were all worthy of the occasion. The various candidates present, Messrs. Sealey, Miller, and Woodruff, showed that they have in their qualities to achieve victory for the liberal cause, and Mr. German, the member for Welland, spoke with great effect.

Hon. Mr. Graham, who followed Sir Wilfrid gave one of the most vigorous speeches of the afternoon, and had a great reception. Hon. Mr. Lemieux raised the enthusiasm of the vast audience to a still greater pitch by his announcement that the post-office department had evolved a scheme of rural free delivery and collection, which would be inaugurated without delay.

Frederick Oliver Jocks, the man believed to have been responsible for clipping open some mail bags on the Ottawa express, a few days ago, has been committed for trial at Montreal.

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association has appointed a special committee to draw up a strong resolution setting forth the woollen industries' claims for protection to save it from extinction.

Magistrate Cresser, Owen Sound, sentenced Matthew Simmons, proprietor of the Coulson, House, to four months in jail. Simmons pleaded guilty to a second offence of selling liquor illegally.

The famous Dominion Steel-Coal-Asphalt is again in the limelight, on account of the failure of the coal company to file its case, before the privy council, by the 14th, the time limit. The steel case was filed the day previous.

New power by-laws will probably have to be submitted in Galt, London and Berlin. Justice Anglin finds Galt's voters passed a by-law with a maximum contract price mentioned; hence that the present contract, with a price mentioned, could not be legally approved by the council.

UNHEALTHY PROSPERITY. Protection Not a Benefit to the Working Class. Cowansville, Que., Observer. Conservatives point to the wealth that the protection policy has created as a sign that protection has benefited Canada. Protection has concentrated wealth but has not created it. The automobiles and palaces of the few are produced at the expense of the many and the immense wealth gathered into the hands of the few, is rather a sign of prosperity of the Pharaohs. The Pharaohs were prosperous, but the Egyptians toiled under the lash and died of exposure to make the prosperity of the rulers. In the states the captains of industry are very prosperous but the shams of the cities, the hungry tramps, the women and children in the sweat shops and mills, the hovels of Pennsylvania miners and the ever poverty stricken wretches of the Carolina work shops suffer and die to create that prosperity.

It sometimes takes a big lot of patience to be a brother's keeper. The Lord will hold you strictly to account for every unused talent.

Were Heavily Fined. Perth, Ont., Sept. 16.—The trial of William Mallett, Frederick Ledger and Thomas Collins, charged with selling obscene cards at the Perth fair, was concluded, yesterday afternoon, before the police magistrate. Collins was acquitted and the other two were found guilty and fined \$50 each and costs, amounting to \$77.

14th orchestra at Horticultural exhibition, Armouries, to-night.

THEY WILL ENTERTAIN

PASSENGER AND TICKET AGENTS OF CANADA.

A Notice Issued to Shipowners Not to Overload Their Vessels—The Repairing of Cars to Give Work to Many Men.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 16.—On October 8th, the railway men of Detroit will entertain the passenger and ticket agents of the Canadian roads who will gather in this city in convention. The terminal men met at the Iroquois hotel and formed plans to look after these visitors and a general meeting of passenger men will be held in the near future to complete details.

Since the recent opening of the new West Neeshib channel, the Poe lock at Sault Ste. Marie has suffered by reason of boats loading too deeply. This has caused United States District Engineer Townsend to post the following notice at Sault Ste. Marie: "Vessels expecting to pass through the Poe lock should not load deeper than nine feet nine inches."

The Michigan Central railroad has contracted with the local plant of the American Car and Foundry company for the repair of 5,000 freight cars. The road has not, at the present time, that number of disabled cars, but will furnish them at the rate of 150 to 200 at a time. The company's rolling stock for the new class condition, but by noon a strong tone developed. London prices are generally lower and the indications are that the present reaction will extend further.

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Here's to the women who are married, Here's to the women who have tarried, Here's to the women who are speechless—less—but they're dear!

Without a moment's hesitation a girl at the other end of the table got up and gave this toast:

"Our sex, you know, was after yours designed; The last perfection of the Maker's mind; Heaven drew out all the gold for us and left Your dross behind."

Is The Deaconess. Westbrook, Sept. 16.—Thrashing and corn cutting are the orders of the day. Mrs. Sprule has gone to Smith's Falls to fill her appointment as Methodist deaconess. Those who attended the Toronto exhibition were Miss Nellie Smith, Percy Wright, Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith and O. Finnigan and son. Mr. and Mrs. J. Morley spent part of last week with friends at Northport. A number from here attended the Napanee fair on Wednesday. D. Sheehan returned home on Saturday after spending a few days in Montreal. A number from here attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Smith, at Collins Bay, on Saturday last.

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Fashionable "Society" bit: Never used for unpaid bills; Never have afflictions; Keep no motor car that kills; Don't get famous through divorce; Miss Annie Ferns, Brock street, left on Monday, to stay with Mrs. Henry Carre, in Belleville.

Mrs. W. N. McKay, Toronto, is in the city, the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. J. Crookall and her children left today, for New York.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Prices Furnished by J. P. Bickell & Co., (per W. Hector H. Hume).

Table with columns: Stocks, Opening, Closing. Includes Amalgamated Copper, American Loco. com., Am. Smeltg. & Refin. Co., etc.

CHICAGO PRICES.

Table with columns: Wheat, Opening, Closing. Includes September, December, May.

TIPS FROM STOCK EXCHANGES.

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Told in Twilight

The corn roast at Lemoine's Point, on Saturday, with some of the senior class cadets as hosts, was greater and jollier and more perfect "than has been."

The girls invited were Miss Mildred Cooke, Miss Mildred Jones, Miss Lillian Kent, Miss Jessie Smith, Miss Louise and Miss Kate Smellie, Miss Lenore Hamilton, Miss Leta Carson, Miss Bessie Spangenberg and Miss Madeline Higgins. The party went out in a van, chaperoned by Mrs. Francis Cooke, and a happy sight they made, as bright and gay as the glorious September afternoon.

Once out at the point there was dancing and romping and all sorts of nonsense, and then the drive home made a very perfect finish.

A picnic, with some of the younger girls and cadets as participants, took place at Lake Ontario Park, on Saturday.

Ten of the girls went over to the Country Club, yesterday, and had their lunch on the verandah there instead of in town. It was a bread and butter and jam affair and was quite impressive, as started by an unwillingness to waste any more than is necessary of this glorious weather within four walls.

A few girls went over to Mrs. J. S. E. McCann's, Queen street, yesterday, to have a cup of tea with Miss Bessie Spangenberg, of Belleville.

Mrs. E. N. Mozley will be at home for the first time since her marriage at the Royal Military College, on Friday of this week. Miss Mozley will receive with her. After that the bride will receive on the general college "day," Thursday.

Mrs. Timothy J. Rigney will receive at her new home, on King street, on Wednesday, September 30th, and will be at home on Wednesdays after that date.

Miss Kellock, Perth, is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. G. A. Macdonald, Brock street.

Miss Gildersleeve, King street is home from Toronto.

Miss Bessie Spangenberg, who has been down from Belleville, for a few days, went home today.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hallie, Barrie street, spent two weeks very pleasantly in Montreal, returning home on Tuesday.

Mrs. Valentine Schuyler has been up from her island home this week, and has been the guest of Mrs. Thomas Tandy, Clergy street.

Mrs. Reuben Leonard, who spent a few days with Mrs. James Leslie, William street, returned to St. Catharines on Monday. She was on her way from Montreal, where she had been with Mrs. Duff, Prince street, came back, on Saturday, from Quebec.

Mrs. Norman Stuart Leslie, Bagot street, will spend the remainder of the week with Mrs. E. W. Rathbun, in Deseronto.

Mrs. W. K. T. Smellie, Johnson street, and Miss L. Smellie have gone down to pay Brockville friends a week's visit.

Mr. Archibald Taylor is again with Colonel and Mrs. E. T. Taylor, at the Royal Military College.

Mrs. J. A. B. Smith, Alfred street, left on the Cape Vincent boat, this morning, on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Marshall, at Syracuse, N.Y.

Mrs. Cordelia Birmingham, Barrie street, after being up in Toronto with Mr. Birmingham, went down to Ottawa, to-day, for a week's visit.

Miss Marion Redden, William street, will leave, on Monday, for Winnipeg, where she will spend some months with Mrs. Hugh O'Leary.

Miss Bessie Smythe, West street, will go up to Toronto, to-morrow, for a visit.

Miss Florence and Miss Constance Forneri are both up from Ottawa, and are with their father, the Rev. R. S. Forneri, Alfred street.

Miss Kellock, who was visiting Mrs. J. D. Crisp, at St. John's rectory, has gone up to Toronto.

Miss Lina Molina will go down to "Glen Logie" to-morrow, to visit Mrs. D. D. Rogers, an old friend of her mother. This very charming girl is going to be married next month, and may be assured of many good wishes for a life of happiness.

Mrs. Francis Gooke left for Kansas City on Monday.

It is probable that the Rev. Edward Torrance and Mrs. Torrance, with their children, will remain in town for the winter.

Captain and Mrs. Alan Palmer will probably be home next week.

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Mr. W. H. Moutray, "Farnham," Amherst Island, has been paying friends in town a little visit.

Miss E. Moore, who spent the summer in Miss Macfar's house, Sydenham street, has left for Toronto, where she will spend the winter.

Miss Mozley will be with her sister-in-law, Mrs. E. N. Mozley, R.M.C., till about the middle of October.

These engagements are announced: Miss Katharine Thornloe, daughter of the Lord Bishop of Algoma, and Mrs. Thornloe, to the Rev. C. Wilfrid Balfour, rector of Huntsville, Ont., diocese of Algoma.

Miss Helen Hudspeth, daughter of the late Mr. Adam Hudspeth, Q.C., M.P., of Lindsay, to Mr. Duncan Henry Chisholm, barrister, Port Hope.

Miss Helen Richardson, daughter of the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Richardson, of London, Ont., to Mr. H. A. K.

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