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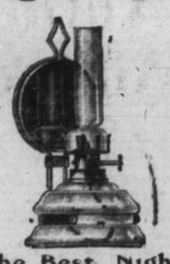

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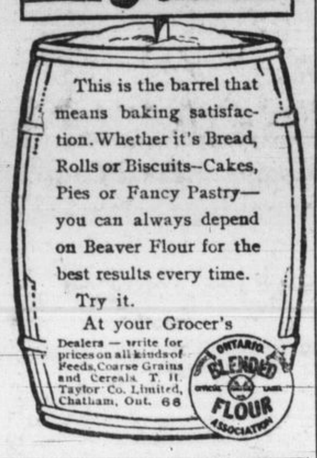

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PURITY IN ELECTIONS.

The Reform League will probably act at once and for the purpose of securing a clean election in Kingston. The only hope is to secure the hearty concurrence of both parties in the city. It may now be too late to make any advances in that direction. In the local election, last time, there was no desire, with one party, to renew the compact which made for the election of a liberal member of the legislature under very remarkable circumstances. The cause that never prospered in this city, except on a boodle basis, had no use for a contract which made wealth of no account and the personal equation everything. The league has been dreaming too long to make itself felt in the present election, and without an agreement which covers all the active workers on either side nothing can be affected at this juncture. The proposal, that the polls be manned and the agents of the political candidates watched, is an important suggestion. The bribery and corruption are not done at the polls or in their immediate vicinity.

MORE LIGHT IS GIVEN.

The Manitoba Free Press gives further light upon the land deal for Grand Trunk Pacific terminals outside of Winnipeg, and shows how sadly Mr. Roblin's friends were left in their speculations. In anticipation of the railway company's selections there was a remarkable purchase of lands in the vicinity of the city and Hon. Bob Rogers was among the investors. His crowd wanted $2,000 an acre for 309 acres, and had they succeeded in unloading on the government they would have cleared up $420,000. But they bought five sections from two other gentlemen, about 800 acres in all, and their profit was $122,800. The difference between the speculators was this, that those who sold to the commission made $153.50 per acre, while the Rogers party wanted $1,359.22 per acre, and because they were foiled they are mad, and misrepresent the transaction. The Hamilton Spectator, by the way, innocent thing, has been taken in by Mr. Roblin on this and other subjects, and has repeated the fabrications to the hurt of itself, as a great family journal, and the dismay of its friends.

SCENTING FOUL ODOURS.

A "Conservative," writing to the Canadian Courier, suggests that "the opposition is the auditor for the stockholders (the people), and that it is time the auditor got a look at the books." The implication is that there is something hidden or covered up in federal politics, and that the only hope of revealing it is by a change of government.

There is in the thought a serious reflection upon the auditor-general, who has access to every paper and document which refers to the public business, and who is disposed to comment upon them as he pleases. The present auditor-general is quite as critical and exacting as his predecessor, though not so fussy. He is the discoverer of anything that is worth talking about, and without him the opposition would be lost, helpless, or undone.

The suspicion of "Conservative" is not new and without precedent. When the men who now rule in Ontario were in opposition they hugged the delusion that the departments contained the evidence of awful corruption, and it is safe to say that they spent the earlier months in seeking the evidence that would forever discredit the liberal party.

Years have passed since then, and the alleged "iniquities" of the liberals have not been detected, because not there to detect. It will be the same with the federal opposition. Some day they will attain to power—and it is not well that one party or one set of men shall reign too long—but they will be disappointed in their hunt for scandal. Their programme in this respect is as complete now as it will ever be.

THE MAN FOR KINGSTON.

The Canadian Locomotive company has made a proper answer to the assertion of our contemporary, that it does not matter what government is in power so far as Kingston's chief industry is concerned.

Apparently, it makes a great difference, and as history repeats itself, and the conservative rule of the past will be the conservative rule of the future, one knows what to expect should the present liberal government be displaced.

One of the crying shames of the Macdonald, the Abbott, the Thompson and the Bowell governments was their treatment of the locomotive works here. True, its equipment was not at the time the best, and its facilities for service limited. But it built a good engine, and so far as the Intercolonial railway went its wants should have been supplied in Canada.

Instead of that the orders of the government, probably delayed until the last minute through the lack of a reasonable business foresight, went to the Americans. In this way the unpatriotic cause was pursued of patronizing American institutions, and of contributing to their welfare. All the while, unable to secure employment at home, notwithstanding the national policy which the conservatives projected as a panacea for every industrial and commercial ill, the Canadians were going abroad in search of work and wages.

The venture of Mr. Harty was a great one. He had to build up a bankrupted business and his first task was to secure the assurance of the government that it would order the engines for the Intercolonial in Canada. The stipulation was that the price in any case would be lower than the cost of the American engines. The liberal government kept its word, and from that time the local industry began to thrive.

The man who has done so much for Kingston through the works of which he is the president, and who has been so loyal to the city in deciding to remain here, though powerful inducements were made to remove elsewhere, and the government, whose policy is a real national one, a genuine aid to the institutions of the day, should be remembered gratefully.

The politics of the average man are influenced by his circumstances. The politics of the workingmen should be to sustain the government and the party which has sustained them, and in this view of the case their attitude towards the Laurier administration and its Kingston supporters should be one of pronounced cordiality.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The railway strike over. Let us give thanks.

The government that helped to build up Kingston's chief industry, by patronizing home manufacturers, is the government that appeals to the people.

In the west the electors are curious to know what Mr. Borden means by "adequate protection." In the newer provinces the demand is for a lower tariff.

The full dinner pail cuts some figure in this election. The men who had to go away in search of work some years ago do not need much light upon the question.

So it is not legal to have a political smoker, to give pipes and tobacco to those who meet and discuss the political situation. So the Toronto conservative candidates, several of them lawyers, have decided.

Mr. Hanna's reference to the British immigrants as riff-raff—the element which contributes a large percentage to the jails and asylums—is giving great offence everywhere. The electors do not like being abused in election time.

Mr. Borden, at Hespeler, where there is a woollen mill, was asked what he was going to do about the tariff. He then talked of "adequate protection." What does he mean by the term? Why does he not get down to details?

Mr. Bourassa has endorsed the conservative candidate in St. James' division of Montreal. Outside of that he is neutral in the federal election. His contract, self-imposed, is to make Quebec a Bourassa province in politics and religion, and it is a big one.

Mayor Stewart, Hamilton, has dropped the cheap power scheme and the mayoralty, in order to accept a nomination for parliament. He will suffer in popularity for abandoning the power scheme, and he may regret his desertion of the civic party.

The party convention cannot decide how the electors should vote. Mr. Avery may not get the votes of the majority of those who swung the convention against him, but he expects to get a majority of the votes of the party in Frontenac.

A political "smoker" was abandoned in Toronto because legal minds had it that to give pipes and tobacco were bribes within the meaning of the law and that all the Toronto seats might be violated. How really particular some men are becoming, and how pure!

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ON A SOUND BASIS

ARE THE INDUSTRIES OF CANADA.

They Have Prospered Under Liberal Rule—Wages Have Increased and So Have the Exports of Manufacture.

Toronto Star.

There seems to still linger in the minds of some people the idea that under the so-called "National Policy" tariff, which was in operation when the conservative party held office, manufacturing industries were more flourishing than they have been under liberal administration. The incorrectness of this carefully cultivated idea will be at once seen, if any fair comparison is made between the official reports available for the two periods.

The tendency for a long time has been towards the better organization, and, therefore, more general concentration of business; that there is carried on an immensely larger amount of production, in a smaller number of establishments, than was the case some years ago. This fact is strikingly shown in the following table, giving the number of such manufacturing establishments, and also the number of persons employed in them, for the three years named:

	Establishments.	Employees.
1890	14,065	272,033
1900	14,650	344,035
1905	12,547	383,920

The total records of production for the class of establishments mentioned for the five years under consideration were as follows:

1890	$368,696,723
1900	481,053,375
1905	706,446,578

Exports Of Manufactures.

The annual tables of trade and commerce show the total yearly value of exports from Canada, classified so as to indicate how far they represent the products respectively of agriculture, mining, forest, and manufacturing industries, and from these tables we compile the following statement of our total export of manufactured goods, that is, the surplus that our factories had after supplying the rapidly growing home market. It includes the alternate years of the twelve years of liberal regime, and the preceding twelve years of conservative control.

1. Exports of manufactures in conservative period:

1886	$1,824,137
1888	4,161,282
1890	5,741,184
1892	7,040,988
1894	7,692,755
1896	9,365,384

2. Exports of manufactures in liberal period:

1898	$10,678,316
1900	14,224,287
1902	18,462,970
1904	19,864,049
1906	24,561,112
1908	28,507,124

The aggregate of exports which were the product of manufactures during the whole of the twelve liberal years amounted in value to $214,443,075, as against an aggregate during the conservative term of only $69,281,235.

The Wage Bill.

Coming back to the statistics of the census returns, we may make another comparative statement which will be instructive. It gives the total number of employees engaged in the manufacturing industries mentioned, and as follows:

	Employees.	Wages.
1890	272,633	$79,234,311
1900	344,035	113,249,350
1905	383,920	162,155,578

It will be seen that not only has there been a substantial recent increase in the number of employees, but a much greater increase in the actual and proportionate amount of wages paid, showing a higher standard of living, and the sharing of wage-earners in the general prosperity gregate salaries paid them, and is as that has obtained.

Increased Population.

It could not well be otherwise. Increased production and increased area of cultivation mean increased population. The immigrants coming from the old world do not now drift over into the United States. On the contrary, a steady stream of desirable immigration is flowing from the United States into the Canadian North-West. The larger population demands a larger supply of factory products, and in return sends to the factories a larger supply of raw material. That increased home consumption is in addition to the increases which the table of exports shows.

Canadian industries, to-day, are on a sound basis, and in a healthy condition. They have prospered under a reasonable tariff that has prevented their prosperity from being the result of opportunities to make consumers pay the high prices that would be demanded under the conservative policy, of a tariff of high protective duties.

The liberal party may point with pride to the success and the benefit to all classes, of the sound and right principles that have been worked out in the administrative methods of the last twelve years.

George Taylor's Bluff.

Montreal Herald.

George Taylor claims to know just how the vote is going to go in all the ridings in all the provinces. And he has been in parliament nearly thirty years, too. Our theory is that as somebody has to do the official predicting of victory, George was selected because his reputation would sustain the least injury after the count.

Leaving The Party.

Montreal Herald.

It seems that Jean-Baptiste Morin, disgusted with his chiefs, has refused the conservative nomination for Dorchester, which he was probably the only conservative who could carry. We can't exactly blame Mr. Morin, but he will be sadly missed out of the life of parliament, where he was a universal favorite.

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WILL BE NO LANDSLIDE.

Liberals Most Responsive to the Appeals.

London Advertiser.

Mr. Fielding, in his Toronto address, ridiculed the pretensions of conservative election prophets with regard to this province. Never have the liberals of Ontario been apparently more responsive to the appeals of the leaders of the party. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been greeted by crowds which have had no precedent. Mr. Fielding's experience since he took the stump in Ontario is another evidence that confidence in the Laurier government has not diminished. A keen political observer, who is in touch with every riding in Western Ontario, and has inquired into the local conditions of each, gave the Advertiser, yesterday, a list of ten constituencies, represented by conservatives in the last house, where the liberals profess to be certain of success. The optimism is, at least, the proof of a spirit which was absent in the provincial campaign. It is admitted that the opposition has no chance of defeating the government unless by a tidal wave in Ontario. There is not a surface indication of such a disaster. In the inner liberal circles there is a feeling that the Laurier government will more than hold its own in this province.

Directoire Gown.

The Directoire gown, and even the sheath gown in modified form is now being worn by women of conservative taste in dress, and although some of the models shown are too extreme for American wearers, many of the new designs are really charming. A very good example of a Directoire gown is shown in the cut, the model being of pastel mauve satin. The skirt was slashed at the sides and caught to knee depth with embroidered satin buttons, the opening being filled in with a plaited fan of the same material. The oversleeves were cut in one with the draped bodice, and buttons were used down the shoulder and outer arm. The yoke was of cream white Chantilly lace, lightly embroidered in gold, and was outlined by bands of mauve velvet. This model would also be very smart in white cloth, with bands of black about the yoke.

Borden Has No Hope.

Saturday Night.

I do not believe that Mr. Borden ever entertained the idea, from the first moment of his entry on the conservative leadership, that he could possibly reach office until Sir Wilfrid Laurier had run his course. Nor would it be strange if he harbors the expectation that when he does finally reach office—say five years hence—he may count upon ruling the country for the balance of his days.

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