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SOME TELL TALE LETTERS.

The Toronto News is annoyed because Mr. Fowke, of Oshawa, has read from letters, sent to him as a member of parliament, statements which have placed a couple of his "ratting" constituents in a very bad light. Nothing in these letters reflect on the writers. Oh, nothing except that these men underwent a remarkable change of mind and heart, a conversion which they have not themselves been able to

adequately account for. The news quotes a good deal about the standard of conduct or ethics which should obtain among our public men. The same standard should be expected from some of our manufacturers, and unfortunately Mr. Fowke, of Oshawa, has had an experience of his own. People who write letters should mean what they say. Or they should not write until they know what they mean.

APPEALS TO RACE HATRED.

Great regard and affection is professed for the Jews by the conservatives. In Montreal, some days ago, an attempt was made to drag them into the service of the political machine, on the ground that the conservatives were the fast friends of the Jews.

In Toronto the conservatives have been forming Hebrew associations on the ground, as Edmund Bristol put it, that the Jews "would show their great commercial instinct by supporting him and opposing reciprocity."

Out west, however, the Gazette Katolicka, the organ of the Poles, denounces the liberals because they have been too considerate of the Jews. "The liberal government," says the Gazette Katolicka, "is noted for its favouring Jews and not taking our people into account. For this

reason Jews are getting fatter and richer every day, and we are still as poor as ever." Then our contemporary breaks out violently:

"We should not forget that our chief duty is the war against Jews, who were not only the cause of our being disherited from our own country, but are also the hotbed of Masonry and hostility and scoffing at our ideals and our faith."

"If Jews are to be favoured, as they now are by the liberal party, we can look forward to worse results than in the old country. There will come again the time when we shall be the servants of Jews. We do not want this, and we must not allow it."

"Down with the liberal-Jewish government! The conservatives will give us justice. Proof of this we already have."

We commend this raving to the people who do not like appeals to race and religion.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER SPEAKS.

"For twenty-three years I have been the leader of the liberal party. I was asked to take the position. I knew of the trials ahead, because of my race and religion. I said to them, 'Do not take me. Take a man of English birth and Protestant religion that the country may follow with every right.' But, sir, the liberal leaders told me 'No.' They said 'You must take the place, for the liberal party knows no race and no creed.' Twenty-

three years I have been at the head of the party, twenty-three years my pennant has flown on the breeze, and no man has followed with greater fidelity than I, my friends of British faith and Protestant religion. I have appealed at all times to the conscience of all men of good will. This is the policy which triumphed in 1896, in 1900, in 1904, in 1908, and which will triumph on Sept. 21st, 1911."—Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

THE GAMBLE IN POLITICS.

So it is an insult, it seems—a mean contemptible, unwashable insult—to boom Kingston's as a national harbour, and to rejoice that the government sees the wisdom of spending a large sum of money upon it. Absurd, scandalous, outrageous, say the Tories.

But wait a minute. Spare your denunciations. The grits may have been active, and the grit member—that friep of Kingston, Hon. Mr. Hart, who has demonstrated his sincerity, by making sacrifices in its behalf—may have used his influence on behalf of a national harbour. That is the insult which, in the opinion of our Tory opponents, no man can forget!

The conservatives, however, are prepared if they get a chance—if they can only get their hands into the public chest—to do more than any liberal government that ever existed.

Now is that not shocking? The same voice or pen that denounces the liberals for assuming that the people can be interested in a public work, that they will be moved to think kindly of the government that responds to the appeals of its council, its board of trade and its members," declares that the conservatives will go one better if they get the opportunity. It is a huge gamble, then, politically, with all the odds in favour of the government party.

The power of patronage is very great. Mr. Borden realizes this and wherever he has gone, in this campaign, he has been promising the people great things. He seems to think that they like a government that is lavish in its expenditures, and he wants it understood that his government would be one of that kind. All the evidences point to the conclusion, however, that his party will be snowed under in this election.

PROSPECTS ARE GOOD.

The outlook in Frontenac county continues to show great encouragement for R. H. Fair, the reciprocity candidate. The electors find him to be a man in whom they can place the fullest confidence and, as a farmer, will faithfully represent them and their needs in parliament. He stands for reciprocity, an issue that must commend itself to every yeoman. Every virtue that should characterize a representative of the people in parliament is to be found in Mr. Fair. He is alive to all the needs and desires

of the farmers; well equipped mentally, and will, undoubtedly, when he takes his seat in the House of Commons, rank among the best farming representatives. Mr. Fair is a Frontenac boy, who has spent his life on the farm. He possesses property of much value, takes pride in his agricultural pursuits, and can be depended upon to serve them faithfully and well. A vote for Fair is a vote for a policy that will bring prosperity to the farmers and make Canada a land every resident will be proud of.

OH! WHAT AN EXPOSURE!

Mr. Fowke, of Oshawa, liberal candidate, is hot after those who have "ratting" from the liberal party on account of reciprocity, especially McLaughlin, of the carriage and motor works, and F. Bull, of the Williams piano works. McLaughlin approved of a letter which Mr. Fowke wrote to the finance minister, approving of reciprocal trade in natural products, and incidentally disclaimed against the disloyalty of Bourassa and his allies. There was no use in these men saying they were loyal. They were not. Their professions were "sheer hypocrisy." F. Bull, of the piano works, had a burning desire to put a Williams' instrument into Rideau hall,

for the Duke of Connaught, and he asked Mr. Fowke to arrange this if he could. If the job was too big for him, Bull said he would get the agents of the business in other ridings and constituencies to lobby their members. Anything for a sale. And it is these two, worthies—McLaughlin and Bull—that are engaging so much of the space of conservative prints in denunciation of the trade agreement. They should have kept quiet. They were not in a position to make a fuss. They were certainly not in a position to assail the man who had the documents with which he could prove their inconsistency, and McLaughlin and the Bulls have invited exposure.

THE WHOLE ISSUE: RECIPROCITY.

The issue before the people of every other constituency between Halifax and Victoria, is reciprocity. The whole effort of the advocates of reciprocity is to set the actual terms of the reciprocity agreement before the Canadian people. It is its own best elucidation, argument and plea. It makes its own appeal to the common sense. The campaign against reciprocity consists mainly of efforts to prevent that appeal from being heard.

THE DISLOYALTY CRY.

The Hon. Adam Beck had no hesitation in going to New York state, and, at Waddington, making arrangements for the purchase of electrical energy so that Kingston could have power to carry on its manufacturing business. He does not regard this as a 'disloyal act, and nobody else does, but the party to which he belongs declares that it is absolutely disloyal and, practically, the sale of a soul, for a common working man of this city to endorse an arrangement by which he can secure, free of duty, foodstuffs that are beneficial to his life and comfort, saying enough to add to his wage from 10c. to 20c. daily. The absurdity of the disloyalty cry is apparent when one compares the two instances.

THE CARTWRIGHT MEETING.

If there is one man more capable than any other of intelligently discussing the question of reciprocity between Canada and the United States, that man is Sir Richard Cartwright, minister of trade and commerce, the grand old knight, who loves to proclaim Kingston as his birthplace and summer abode. Kingston heard Sir Richard in the city hall, last evening, on the trade question, and the large gathering of citizens listened to a vigorous and masterly address on the topic that has stirred the country from end to end. Sir Richard's address was most convincing, and all who heard it were satisfied that the proposed trade relations with United States were urgently needed, and that the Laurier government had done a wise thing in arranging the pact.

Both Sir Richard and Mr. Mowat paid their respects to Hon. Clifford Sifton, who is speaking against the agreement. They held him up for examination from the time he entered the Laurier cabinet in 1896, when he was rated as in debt, till he retired from it several years ago with a rating of \$7,000,000, and is quite satisfied "to leave well enough alone." Mr. Sifton's ability as a prophet was also seriously questioned, and Mr. Mowat took the view that as the examiner had proved a false prophet as to the political standing of Manitoba in 1908 so his present prediction of defeat for the Laurier government really prefigured a big victory for the liberal party.

Mr. Mowat was happy in his explanation as to why the liberals did not shout so loudly as the conservatives during an election campaign. They preferred to work during the campaign and shout afterwards as they had been doing in Kingston for the past twenty years.

Four more days of work and then the cheering.

CAMPAIGN NOTES.

"Can Borden gain twenty-five seats in the approaching election?" asks the Toronto Telegram. And it drops the subject ostentatiously without attempting a reply.

When! The Sovereign Bank directors will pay dearly for their experience, or want of experience, in banking. By and bye, the expression, "as safe as a bank," will be regarded as a joke.

The declaration of the Dominion Trades Congress at Calgary, favoring reciprocity, should stop some of the scare tactics on the workingman. Organized labor in Canada has declared itself for a cheaper food policy.

E. B. Oeler, the banker, fears that banks will absorb Canada, gradually, "beginning with the middle Canadian west and finishing with the whole of the country." Had Uncle Sam designs like this he would have begun upon

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