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THE JOURNAL USES POOR WHITEWASH.

The morning mouthpiece of the Tory machine makes a weak attempt to justify the action of H. S. Clements, M. P., in taking the government quarantine launch Evelyn to Queen Charlotte Islands for a pleasure trip for himself and "members of the Prince Rupert Conservative Association."

No denial is made that the boat was taken, but the fact that Mr. Clements paid for the gasoline, in the opinion of the Journal, justifies the action. To emphasize the purity and generosity of the member's motives, the statement that he paid for the gas is repeated, and we are assured that the Dominion government is none the poorer for the trip. This is reassuring to say the least, and we sigh with relief to think that the treasury will not be called upon to foot the bill, but we would like to know if the government made any profit on the trip. It would be a rank shame indeed if the Dominion is to enter into the passenger launch hire trade in competition with the men who make their living at it on the waterfront of Prince Rupert and operate at a lower figure than the scheduled rates. Apparently this was what was done, for we are told that the expenses were borne by the member and his friends, "members, etc" (vide Masset Leader).

This is no doubt gratifying to the men who have invested thousands of dollars in gasoline launches for the passenger and carrying trade in this district. Their votes are very acceptable to the machine on election day, but their vessels are not acceptable when the government launch can be secured for the cost of gas.

After announcing who paid for the outfitting of the hunting trip (by the way, the bag was not very large), the Journal attempts to whitewash the affair by saying that the launch was not in use. But although two coats of this sticky stuff is administered, it fails utterly to hide the black spots beneath.

Until an ocean going boat comes into the harbor the launch is idle, is the composition of the whitewash, and therefore has no regular duties. This is very well, but did Dr. Tremayne or Mr. Clements have any definite information as to whether or not

in the ten days' absence of the launch no ships were to come into Prince Rupert. Another ingredient of the last coat of whitewash is that the Evelyn was placed in commission too soon. If it is to become the private yacht of the Conservative machine or enter into competition with the men who are endeavoring to make a living and aid in the advancement of Prince Rupert, we heartily agree with the Journal, but the fact that it was put in commission when it was only an instance of the manner in which the Liberal government aided the people of this city in preparing for the building of the greatest port on the Pacific.

Perchance the Journal can say that the Quadra and William Joliffe, which were used by William Manson and the Tory machine in the last election, were placed in commission before they should have been.

Further, the Journal takes us to task for placing credence in the well grounded rumor that Judge Carss is to be the next candidate and gives us the startling information that we will not be consulted in the choice of the Tory machine. This we were well aware of, and another thing we also know is that the Journal will have no say in the matter either, but will fall in line with the machine and do the bidding of the boss.

To end up with, the Journal attempts some withering sarcasm and says that Clements will not sell out in favor of any cabinet minister. Of course we are properly wilted by the cutting rebuke. For when Sloan resigned in favor of a defeated minister he established a precedent. Did he? Of course the Journal has never heard of a Conservative minister being defeated and running in a constituency opened for him, and it probably ignorant of the fact that its own Sir Richard McBride ran in two constituencies at the same time, to obviate the necessity of such a course were he defeated in his home district of Richmond.

MAYOR NEWTON'S GRAND-STAND PLAYING.

The leading papers of Prince Rupert are taken to task by the Empire, not editorially but in the leader to the report of Superintendent Matthews on the

hydro-electric proposal. It is hinted that the papers other than the Empire are working for the interests of the corporations to the detriment of the working man, and by failing to publish the figures prepared by Superintendent Matthews are stealing the sacred rights of the people.

In the first place, as far as this paper is concerned, we may say that to our knowledge the report prepared by the electrical expert in charge of the city power plant has never been placed before the Council in open session, and that every vestige of information that we have endeavored to obtain from the city regarding the proposal has been refused point blank.

The terms of the proposal which we published without comment were done with the idea that the property owner of Prince Rupert was a man who was quite capable of forming his own opinion and at least could read the agreement into which the Council might enter without prejudicing his mind.

The opinion the Mayor of Prince Rupert, who is editor of the Empire, has of its citizens must indeed be a poor one, for he repeatedly has insulted their intelligence both as mayor and editor. We do not forget how the parents of this city were insulted during the visit (considered by Mayor Newton apparently in the light of a personal visit to him) of Their Royal Highnesses, and we can assure the fathers and mothers of the city on excellent authority that the Duke and Duchess were very much displeased that Prince Rupert was the only city in Canada in which the school children did not take part in the festivities.

And now he would openly declare that unless the report (kept in the dark) of Superintendent Matthews is published the corporations will have control of the city. He must indeed feel like little David as he faces the great Goliath-like corporation which wishes to enter the city, but mark you, it is done in full sight of the electors whom he wishes to back him in the coming election; furthermore, this same giant killer does not hesitate to say that he has those electors practically where he wants them for he has openly said that there is not a man in Prince Rupert that can defeat him.

The people of Prince Rupert can rest assured that this paper will not prostitute itself to advocate anything that will be a detriment to the city or district, but we would advise the electors to watch the man who is yelling of his own virtue.

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"WE WILL TRY AGAIN," SAYS GREATEST CANADIAN, LAURIER

"I WOULD RATHER BE DEFEATED TEN TIMES OVER THAN WIN BY SUCH METHODS AS THEY," CHARGES LAURIER
—APPEALED TO CLASS PREJUDICES.

Peterboro, Ont., Oct. 5.—Peterboro gave Sir Wilfrid Laurier a warm welcome when he spoke to a large crowd in the Brock street rink. Ladies made up a good half of the attendance.

This was the case, too, at the opera house, which was also used for an overflow meeting. Sir Wilfrid was met on his arrival in the city by prominent Liberals, and taken to visit the industrial concerns. Preceding the meeting a procession was formed at the market square and the crowd marched to the rink. Sir Wilfrid was heartily applauded as he appeared.

"Greatest Canadian."

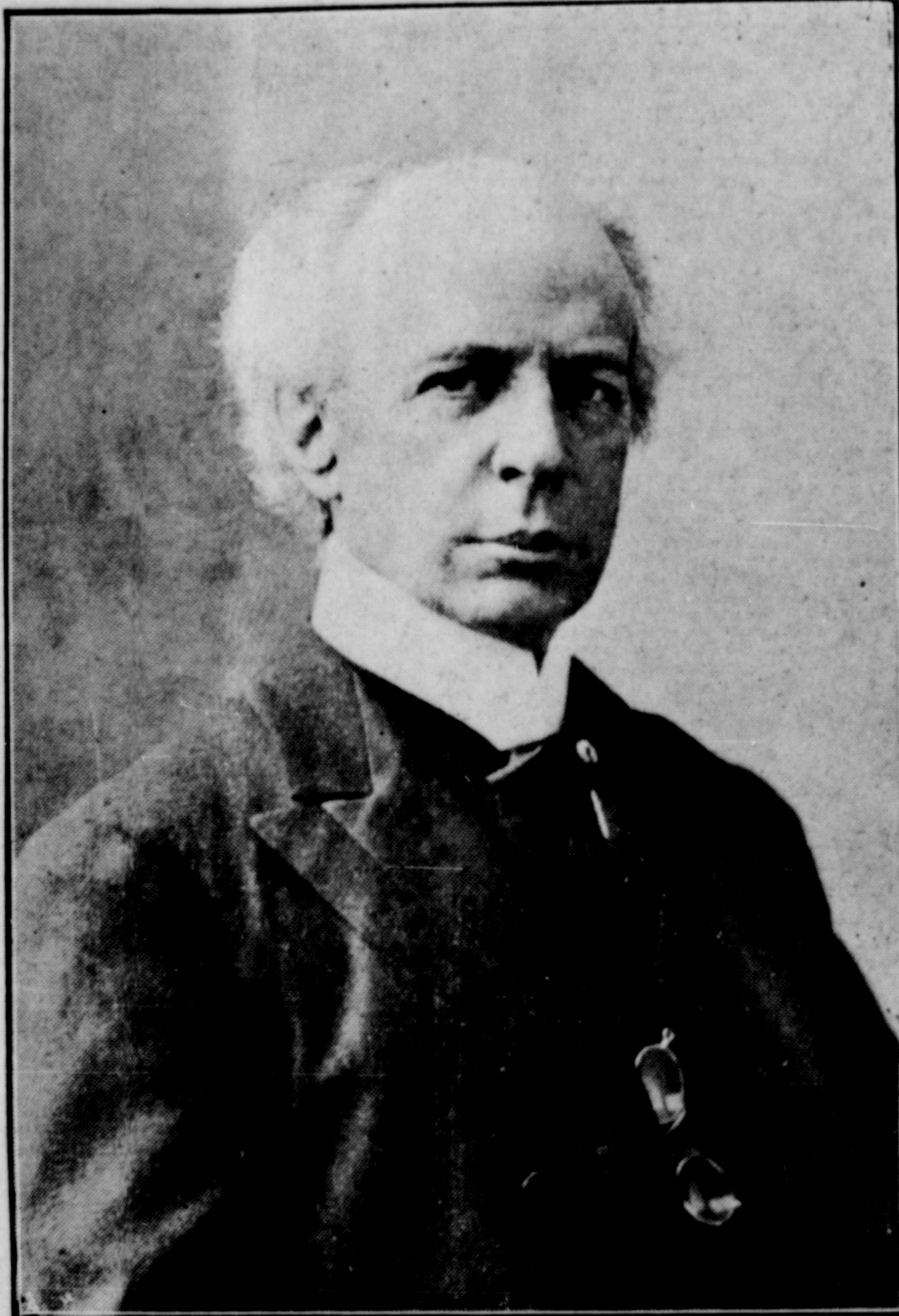
Hon. J. R. Stratton, the first speaker, referred to Sir Wilfrid

a bouquet as he arose to speak. He did not make a long speech. He took up the naval question, and charged the government with having made no proposals whatever since taking the reins of power.

He justified his course in calling for a Canadian navy on the statements of Lord Milner.

"I would rather be defeated ten times over than win by such methods as they," said Sir Wilfrid in charging the government with having appealed to class prejudice.

"We shall try again. We are trying now. We will fight the battle with equal privileges to all."



CANADA'S GRAND OLD MAN

as "the greatest Canadian of the day."

Hon. Charles Murphy soon had the crowd in good humor. He reiterated the cry of the Liberals that his government "had been slandered out of office," but said they were not dismayed and that the signs of the times pointed in favor of the party. It was fear he held that decided Premier Borden to call Parliament in November instead of January.

As to the promotion of imperialism, the Liberals were a party of practice, while the government went about preaching. The speaker went on to ridicule the members of the ministry, and Mr. Murphy attacked Mr. Borden and his naval activities.

Liberal Policies.

Hon. Sydney Fisher gave the credit of the present prosperous condition of Canada to the Liberals, as a result of their agricultural and immigration policies.

Sir Wilfrid was presented with

Hon. Mackenzie King and Hon. George P. Graham also spoke.

Jockey Eddie Dugan, who is riding for Baron A. de Rothschild in Austria-Hungary, drew a fortnight's suspension at Budapest for failing to keep a straight course with his mount, which interfered with several other runners. Dugan had before that race won the first two events on the card on Briton and Britannia. Through this same work the riding of Dugan was a year ago confined to the hounds of August Belmont, who at that time was his contract employer.

Alex. McRobie, the young Winnipeg soccer player, whose star work in goal this year was very instrumental in giving the Norwoods the championship, has left for Vancouver, where he intends to reside in the future. McRobie was the best "goalie" in Winnipeg.

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