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Conservative Party
Is Real Once More.

There is a real Conservative party once more. The recently elected National Liberal and Conservative party has sloughed off all the camouflage names and emerged like a newly-hatched butterfly with all the encumbrances gone. It will be possible from this time on to say the name in one breath. True the name was confined largely to official occasions, for the old expressive word "Tory" answered all ordinary purposes with the enemy, and when speaking of themselves the personal pronouns "we" or "it" are always found sufficient.

Possibly, now that the season of Lent is on, this new movement of the party is a self-denying ordinance and means that the members repent themselves in sackcloth and ashes and are humbling themselves before the Almighty in the hope that they may again be chosen as the leaders of the faithful. They have always considered themselves the chosen people, but at the last election there was a slip up for which nothing but extreme penance could atone.

The shearing off of the surplus names should have a good effect. The party leaders should be able to move unencumbered and many are hoping that they will return to those national policies which made the party great in the past and which it is claimed can be its only salvation in the future.

Why Vote for
Railway Bylaw?

What the average man on the street is asking is "Why should I vote for the railway taxation bylaw?" They realize that the members of the city council must have had some reason for passing it, but they kept all those reasons so carefully concealed behind closed doors that the electors are puzzled. They want to know. They are told that there is to be a set amount paid by the company under the bylaw, but why the reduction? That is what is puzzling them. At the present time the temper of the ratepayers seems wholly against ratifying the bylaw, but they may yet be shown if the city council sees fit to enlighten them on some of the arguments used in secret meetings. The fact that those meetings were secret have caused distrust, for the ratepayers do not see what there could have been to conceal so carefully. They say that if there were things said and done which it was not right the ratepayers should hear and see, then the only thing to do is to defeat the bylaw. These are the views of the ordinary man in the street as gathered from conversation with a great many. Possibly within the next few days the mayor and council will be able to explain what there was done which was so indecible that the public could not know of it and what were the reasons which induced them to pass the bylaw that they are asking the people to support. Of course they can do this, and then we shall all probably be anxious to vote for the bylaw. In the meantime the people are anxiously awaiting enlightenment.

Montreal's View
of B. C. Liquor Taxation.

The Montreal Star discusses the judgment of Sir Walter Cassels on the right to tax liquor imported by a provincial government as follows:

Burns' dictum about what happens to the best-laid schemes may be extended to include those of provincial governments, as well as mice and men individually. British Columbia is feeling this very sorely today, as the result of a little document neatly written by Sir Walter Cassels, president of the Federal Exchequer Court. Sir Walter, it seems, is wholly in disagreement with the province's idea that it ought not to be taxed by the federal government for the liquor it imports to sell to the people of British Columbia. The latter had a plan to secure immunity from taxation under a clause of the British North America Act, which provides that "no lands or property belonging to Canada or any province shall be liable to taxation." Incidentally, Quebec had planned to run in behind British Columbia's coat-tails in case the judgment was in the province's favor. The result of the latter would have been the remission of two dollars a bottle tax on spirits, and the sequel would have been a corresponding proportional reduction in the price of such liquor at the government stores.

It is plain to be seen, therefore, that there must be mourning in British Columbia today. For Sir Walter has said, in language that can be most easily understood of the people, that the British Columbia interpretation of the British North America Act in regard to liquor taxation is all wrong. It would, he points out, be impossible for the federal government to carry on if the principle of immunity from taxation for all provincial businesses were admitted. Hence B. C. must pay tax to Ottawa for her liquor—and, by inference, Quebec must also continue to do so. Well, Quebec will hardly feel the blow, because it has been paying all along. Moreover, it has secured a professional opinion of the highest standard upon a most important point of law without paying a cent for it, whereas it has cost British Columbia something to find out. We have always held that our Quebec administration was, if anything, most astute.

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GAINS GROUNDIs Advancing Northward in China
and the Situation is Most
Critical.

SHANGHAI, Mar. 8.—President Sun Yat Sen of the southern provinces is leading an army northward with the idea of eventually capturing Peking. A recent message sent by courier to Shanghai says:

Dr. Sun Yat Sen's advance column has reached Hengchow, Hunan province, 157 miles from Shanghai, which latter city is the advance base of General Wu Pei Fu's army. General Wu Pei Fu is pushing a force southward to Changteh, 130 miles beyond his main base at Yochow, under General Fungfu Lai. This is believed to be a banking movement to prevent a direct attack on Shanghai.

An American gunboat is stationed at Shanghai for the protection of foreigners, while several others are located at strategic points above Hankow. Rear-admiral Ballard, who is at Hankow, is keeping in constant wireless touch with the situation, but he does not anticipate a serious clash before a month, owing to the rainy season.

To Capture Shanghai.

Shanghai is the immediate objective of Sun Yat Sen's efforts to capture the Hunan cities. Generals Wu Pei Fu and Hsiao Kun have sent \$1,000,000 and 50,000 rounds of ammunition to the military governor of Hunan province to enable him to recruit an army to resist the southern forces. General Wu Pei Fu is not able to proceed or to send any troops from Hunan owing to the serious situation in Peking.

LAURIER'S RAILWAY
POLICY IS LAUDEDOptimism Expressed That These
Policies Will Restore Ultimate
Equilibrium.

MONTREAL, Mar. 8.—Laurier's railway policy will be reapplied to Canada's present problems by the King government, Joseph C. Walsh, K.C., M.P., told his electors at the Queen's Hotel, where they tendered him a banquet in honor of his victory in St. Ann's division. He spoke at considerable length on the problems which the new federal government had to face, and in concluding expressed optimism that Liberal policies into which had been introduced the same features of socialism and progressiveness would ultimately restore equilibrium to Canada.

"We will take up Laurier's railway policy," promised Mr. Walsh, "and apply it to the present situation. Laurier was blamed for building so many miles of railways, yet he did not plunge us into debt. This country has cried out for railway lines. It has untold riches that were still undeveloped, but he carried out his policy in a sane, statesmanlike manner. He saw that his immigration department worked hand in hand with his railways. All we required then was more people, and he brought them. Our late government brought us nothing but debt."

POUCE COUPE OIL
LANDS IN DEMANDExtensive Development in That
District During Coming Spring.

GRANDE PRAIRIE, Mar. 8.—The popularity of the Pouce Coupe district as a coming centre among oil-bearing lands continues unabated. The confidence of big interests has been expressed on more than one occasion of late, and information concerning another large transaction in this district has just been received. This transaction represents a deal involving 2500 acres of oil lands in Pouce Coupe, which was consummated on Friday. The purchaser is a concern recently incorporated under the laws of the province of Quebec, consisting entirely of eastern capital.

It is said to be a close corporation, capitalized at \$500,000, one-fifth of which is paid up. The vendors will receive a royalty on the basis of one-eighth in all production in addition to a cash consideration.

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The following have been elected as delegates to the Conservative nominating convention which will be held tomorrow night: G. W. Kerr, W. E. Fisher, J. G. Scott, Frank E. Cullin, Hamilton Douglas, L. Bullock Webster, J. E. Merryfield, John Wynne, G. D. Tite, E. H. Shookley, O. H. Nelson, J. R. Beatty, J. H. Hilditch, M. J. McNeill, L. Crippen, M. M. Stephens, Dr. N. M. McNeill, J. W. Potter, O. Bessner, M. McLeod, C. Miller, R. Ross, W. Laidley, H. Daggett and W. J. McCutcheon.

Jack Mitchell, of Stewart & Mobley, Ltd., has just returned from an extensive trip abroad. He visited his old home in Aberdeen, Scotland, and on his return here stopped at New York, Chicago and Moose Jaw.

J. E. Gilmore, manager of the Wallace Fisheries cannery at Naden Harbor, is in town. He says that 100 men are employed at the plant.

The Man in the Moon
SAYS:

IN travelling the sea of matrimony lack of births is a prevalent cause of discontent.

THE G. T. P. Agreement seems destined to cause disagreement.

WHAT people do not seem to agree upon is how they can reason it out that they are to gain something by voting low taxes for the railway company.

AND echo answers why?

IF it were possible to get the railway company to repay their bill a few thousand dollars last year, why not this?

PLUCK is what is needed just now to keep the ship of state riding proudly. Yes, and what about a little money too.

I THINK friend Jones is a gardener. I heard him talking about "has beans."

THERE is one thing about this tax bylaw, everybody seems to be able to give plenty of advice about it but nobody knows anything about it.

THE difference between the Library Association and most organizations is that the Library Association got busy, whereas most organizations only talk about getting busy.

THE big news of yesterday was that Ty Cobb had started making home runs.

MANY of the toughs are still of tender age.

The rooster is
The chap who's wise
He rises at four
To advertise.

You've seen the man
Who thinks he's wise
Yet never learns
Until he dies.

YOU can never tell a cigar by the gold band.

THE bravest man I know is he who refuses to flee from temptation.

LLOYD GEORGE has postponed the British political crisis. Just like me and my financial crisis. I always put it off as long as possible, but it seems inevitable.

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TRADE SHOULD
BE DEVELOPEDF. C. Wade Tells Britain Why Not
Successful Business With Canada—Suggests the Cure.

The Financial News of London publishes two articles from the pen of F. C. Wade, K.S., Agent General at London for British Columbia, on the subject of a much needed trade revival between Canada and Great Britain. The first article defines the circumstances which have caused the falling off and the handicaps which are preventing a revival; the second shows how these adverse conditions could be combated in the best interests of both Canada and the Motherland.

Mr. Wade ascribes a number of reasons why United States gets much of the Canadian business which Great Britain might well have. First, United States is closer to Canada than Great Britain. The British make no study of the Canadian taste and conditions. United States advertises profusely in Canada while Great Britain does practically none. The United States has 55 consular agents in Canada who are constantly after business while Great Britain has but three Trade Commissioners. Thousands of American commercial travellers work in Canada while a British commercial traveller is a rare avis. The United States has many branch factories while there are only a very few British. United States has countless branch agencies in Canada while Britain has few and, in some cases, even attempts to do business in Canada through American agents.

Suggests the Cure.

As a cure for the present conditions, Mr. Wade suggests that embargoes and limitations of Canadian trade in Great Britain should be removed. British shippers should pack their goods in compliance with Canadian preferential tariff laws. The tariffs between Canada and Great Britain are much more favorable than these between Canada and United States. Sterling is worth more in Canada than it is in the United States and there is also the sentimental factor favoring British goods. Transportation conditions also could be made more favorable.

Britain Must Realize.

Mr. Wade says that before Great Britain can hope to revive trade with Canada it must realize:

1. That the day of laissez-faire is gone and there is keen competition.
2. That there must be extensive advertising.
3. That there must be more British Trade Commissioners in Canada.

4. That there must be Canadian experts on the Department of Overseas Trade.
5. That there must be British agents in all parts of Canada.

6. That there must be Canadian branches of British factories.
7. That there must be a big corps of commercial travellers for British goods in Canada.

8. That the British must improve their systems of packing, invoicing and banking in connection with Canadian business.

9. That, above all the British trade must familiarize itself with overseas tastes and conditions.

PRINCE RUPERT TIDES

Wednesday, March 8.

High—8:30 a.m., 18.2 feet,
21:44 p.m., 16.3 feet.

Low—1:56 a.m., 9.5 feet,
15:22 p.m., 6.0 feet.

Thursday, March 9.

High—9:45 a.m., 19.0 feet,
22:48 p.m., 17.7 feet.

Low—3:25 a.m., 8.8 feet,
16:28 p.m., 4.8 feet.

Friday, March 10.

High—10:49 a.m., 20.1 feet,
23:39 p.m., 19.2 feet.

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17:24 p.m., 3.5 feet.

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