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CONSERVATIVES DREAD LONE LIBERAL'S DEFENCE

CONSERVATIVE "SMOKER" PROVED A FINE FIASCO

Party Organizers in Prince Rupert Reckoned Without their Guest, Hon. Dr. Young, Provincial Secretary, Who Gave Rupert the Go-By, to Help Clements in His Bean Hunt

"Honorable Dr. Young will deliver an address on the political issues of the reciprocity campaign at a smoker in McIntyre hall at 7 o'clock this evening. The provincial secretary is proceeding north on the Princess Royal to take part in the campaign in Atlin district, and sails at 8 o'clock."

fact. In the McIntyre Hall which had been at last opened about enough people to fill the place a third full, sat amidst a wilderness of chairs and a desert of sawdust listening to lively enough piano music contributed by young Mr. Gray to beguile the tedium of the hour. Mr. J. Russell also sang his "Mountains of Mourne" song very appropriately.

Basely Deserted

Meanwhile the Conservative organizers left in the lurch by their speaker who under compulsion of an inexorable C. P. R. steamer schedule gave Prince Rupert the go-by, were frantically rustling for speakers to fill the gap. At 8 p.m., M. M. Stephens rose in the hall and with remarkable nerve, endeavored to put a fair color on the fiasco by giving out the bluff that "the hour for our smoker has now arrived." (See Announcement Above). Mr. Stephens called on the meeting to elect a chairman. They elected himself. He then from the platform announced that the Hon. Dr. Young had gone north on the Royal after vain efforts to delay the boat by belated wire and wireless messages below. Another desertion was announced also. Mr. J. Kirkpatrick was to have occupied the chair. He, was nowhere to be found. It was a fine fiasco.

Scratch Platform

To start the meeting Mr. Stephens, the chairman, looking des-

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What could have been more definite than the above announcement made in the Conservative press, and placarded in front of their committee rooms yesterday? Everything even to the steamer's sailing hour is down unmistakably in black and white, and the posters displayed included a very positive red in their get up. It certainly was rather a heavy drop for the staunch Conservatives who turned out after hurrying over their suppers to find that their organizing leaders had reckoned without their guest, and that after all the fuss there was "Nothing Doing."

Long Tedious Wait

First arrivals at the McIntyre Hall sharp on seven o'clock found the doors locked. They went round to the Conservative committee rooms "Nothing Doing" there. They went back to the hall. Again nothing doing. The rumor went round that the Royal had been and gone, and that the speaker of the evening had gone with her. It was too true, but not until after eight o'clock was any effort made to inform the audience authoritatively of the

ALD. NEWTON AND THAT "NATIONAL POLICY" NOTE

Conservative Mis-statement that Canada's Present Prosperity is Not Due to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Policy Nailed by Leading Conservative's Words Recorded in Hansard

In his speech at the Conservative fiasco or smoker, last night Alderman Newton attributed the present prosperity of Canada not to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's progressive policy, though he approved Sir Wilfrid Laurier's expenditure of money liberally to develop the resources of the country, but to the national policy of Sir John A. Macdonald. It is an excellent Tory doctrine, and quite in keeping with Mr. Newton's policy of taking no chances and summing up the answer to the reciprocity arguments in the Conservative war cry "Let well alone."

This, however, is what Sir Charles Tupper said in 1897 when the Liberal tariff was introduced. He and his Conservative colleague wailed over that as the abandonment of their national policy which in fact it was. Here are Sir Charles Tupper's own words as recorded in Hansard: "The result is that this tariff goes into operation and the hon. gentleman knows that the industries of this country are already paralyzed in consequence, while honorable members gloat over the destruction of Canadian industries. I was reading the wail, the sorrowful wail, of these industries in the Montreal Gazette, where one manufacturer after another declared

that those industries were ruined, that their mills must close, and that they saw staring them in the face a return to the deplorable state of things that existed when the hon. gentleman who last addressed the House was in charge of the fiscal policy of this country. I say that a deeper wrong was never inflicted upon Canada. "I feel that so far from rejoicing at it from a party standpoint, I deplore from the bottom of my heart the ruin that is going to be inflicted upon the best interests of Canada, and upon its great industries. Still, I unhesitatingly say that, from a party point of view, the hon. gentleman are doing our work; they are showing the people of this country that no reliance can be placed upon the most solemn declarations that they make either in the House or out of it; they are showing the people of this country that, having obtained power, which was all they wished for, they are now prepared to abuse that power at a cost of sacrifice of the industries of Canada."

Yet Alderman Newton and his Conservative friends in Prince Rupert can suggest that Canada is prosperous because of the national policy!



SQUEEZING THE "DOUGH" OUT OF THE WAGE EARNER

AGAINST WILL OF AUDIENCE ANGRERS IS DENIED PLATFORM

The Chairman at Conservative Smoker Rudely Terms Loyal French-Canadian "A Rowdy," and in Face of Evident Desire of Audience to Give Brilliant Young Speaker a Fair Hearing Dares Not Let Him Voice His Defence of Sir Wilfrid on Reciprocity Issue

Sudden and sensational, very acceptable too, to an audience wearied with Conservative dullness and dilatoriness at their Dr. Young fiasco last night in the McIntyre Hall, was the dramatic incident in which figured Frank R. Angers. This brilliant young French Canadian speaker stung to the quick by the assertion made by Alderman Newton that his great leader, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, had repeatedly enunciated the Conservative policy of "Leave well alone," in regard to Canada's relations with the United States previous to the start of this year's reciprocity campaign, rose in the hall and asked Mr. Newton where Hansard gave proof of his assertion. Mr. Newton answered that he had no copy of Hansard, but having read the Conservative press closely of late he had seen the assertion made there almost continuously for the past few weeks. He added that he thought the Independent press also made the assertion.

At this Mr. Angers exclaimed with intense conviction "Sir Wilfrid never said that" and was sitting down gain when loud cries of "Platform! Platform!" from the audience kept him on his feet looking towards Mr. Newton and Chairman M. M. Stephens. In the midst of the excitement the Chairman shaking his fist in the direction of Mr. Angers shouted: "This meeting shall not be interrupted by a rowdy like that!" In the lull an instant later Mr. Newton addressing the audience said: "Is it your wish that

this gentleman shall take the platform?" There were instant and insistent cries again of "Platform! Give him a fair hearing!" and one prominent Conservative in the audience exclaimed: "Certainly, give him a hearing." "Gentlemen, do not be afraid of anything that gentleman or any other gentleman can say," exclaimed Mr. Newton anxiously. Cries of "Let him speak. We aren't afraid of what he'll say," greeted the remark.

"Am I denied a fair hearing?" asked Mr. Angers, who in the uproar had not caught the chairman's words. "Of course not! We'll hear you!" came the reply from all over the hall. Mr. Angers came forward quietly to where the News reporter was seated at the press table, and while Mr. Newton gave his concluding words asked the reporter whether the chairman had allowed him the platform. "Mr. Newton has asked the audience if they wish you to take the platform, and you have heard their reply, but the chairman has not yet consented to your taking the platform," replied the reporter. Mr. Angers waited until Mr. Newton had concluded. Then he rose to address the chair. Instantly the Chairman sprang to the front of the palatium speaking with furious emphasis. "This is a Conservative meeting!" he cried, "and called for Conservatives. I submit that the privilege of the platform should not be granted to a rowdy who

will go so far as almost to call one of our speakers a liar to his face!" A burst of mingled protest and applause followed in the midst of which Mr. Angers having heard the verdict of the chair, immediately bowed to the presumed arbiter of the wishes of the meeting, however rudely his pronouncement may have been given, and retired in the midst of tremendous uproar. Repeated cries of "Platform!" and "Give him a fair hearing!" "Stay with it, Angers!" "They're afraid to hear you," etc., did not shake Mr. Angers in his determination to retire from the hall where he had been treated by the chairman to the insulting term "rowdy," and denied the fair hearing offered him freely by the audience for his only natural reply to admittedly mere hearsay charges against the leader to whom he is unwaveringly loyal. Realizing that their desire to accord the young speaker a fair hearing with true Western Canadian spirit of giving every man a square deal, had been frustrated by the antagonism of the chairman to the presence on a Conservative platform of so convincing and eloquent a Liberal speaker, the audience somewhat dwindled by those who left in disgust, settled down to witness a clever exhibition of dancing by little Miss Gray, and to hear speeches of average merit by Messrs. O. H. Nelson and Alderman Hilditch on the political issue.

ALD. NEWTON ENDORSES RECIPROCITY FOR RUPERT

As a "Railroad King," However, He Works Only East and West—Gives Pretty Miss Canada a Nasty Left Hander Last Night, but is Appreciated as Amusing Fill-Gap

For the first time since the commencement of the campaign Alderman S. M. Newton has contributed a considerable speech to the fund of campaign eloquence. He spoke at the Conservative smoker last night, and in fact took the honorable and onerous position of gap-filling in the disappointing absence of the announced speaker, Hon. Dr. Young, provincial secretary, who gave Prince Rupert the cold shoulder. Behind Mr. Newton on the platform, wearing his usual somewhat secretive smile, was Alderman John Hilditch, Alderman Newton's sworn foe in the council chamber, whatever he may be on the street or political platform. His expression during Mr. Newton's speech was interesting, not to say amusing.

Alderman Newton's contribution to the anti-reciprocity campaign though rather halfhearted because he admits that Rupert will benefit from reciprocity, and that Alaska trade will come here through reciprocity, was summed up by himself in his concluding words: "The whole answer to the reciprocity pact," he said, "is contained in the words 'Let well alone.'" So, carefully, did Alderman Newton avoid trading on Conservative prejudices in his sum-up. Judging from expressions on the platform during Mr. Newton's speech, he did tread on quite a few prejudices in the main trend of his remarks.

He said that while he regretted that Dr. Young was not there that evening, still Dr. Young was

not a great speaker, and he thought him rather an off-handed politician. He said that reciprocity must not be looked on as it applies to us as a community, but as it applies to Canada as a whole. Later on he said that he objected to the reciprocity negotiations being carried on purely from the Canadian point of view.

He expressed himself as against the policy because it would make the railway companies, particularly the C. P. R. build railways north and south as well as east and west. He pictured the new G. T. P. track rusting on the ties for want of east and west traffic, while the C. P. R. getting in "as it always does" at the start was corralling all the north and south traffic. His idea of railway enterprise is evidently not constructed on the net-work stem of tracks in all directions where there is trade, but only in parallel lines, preferably from east to west.

Alderman Newton admitted that the Alaska trade would come to Rupert through reciprocity, and that reciprocity would benefit Rupert. He was not enthusiastic about it for he fancies that other advantages may be lost to the city through the past, but he dared not deny it.

He reminded his audience that some of them had once been ragged and out at elbows begging for favors, and asked them if they would now grant favors to those who had then refused them.

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AMATEUR THEATRICALS HOLD A FIRST REHEARSAL

Play Selected is "Our Regiment," a Comedy Which Carries Eight Characters and Lots of Clean and Wholesale Merriment—Drummond Hall Secured for Rehearsals

The Prince Rupert amateur theatrical society held a meeting last night in Drummond Hall and at once got down to real business. The play to be presented was decided upon, the cast selected and a first rehearsal had. Now that the hard work of organization has been satisfactorily effected everything promises to go smoothly until the amateurs look their first audience in the face.

The play selected is "Our Regiment," which of course deals in a light vein with the feminine adjuncts of a small section of the British army. There are eight characters, "daughters of the regiment," and so on, and among them two civilians, an elderly country squire, and his wife. The latter naturally desires to figure prominently in "army society," but hubby is altogether opposed to those sodger chaps, and the domestic spats on the subject form an interesting part of the comedy.

Miss Johnson, the secretary, said this morning that the society has urgent need of a couple or so more of active members, and it would be well for those harboring Thespian aspirations to immediately communicate with her. She says that as a first rehearsal last night's performance could be

classed as a success but that it left much to hope for. The use of Drummond hall has been secured for future rehearsals.

Preserving Fruits

Juicy peaches, luscious Tokay grapes, delicious plums and mellow cantaloupe in great quantities form the bulk of a large shipment just received by Shruballs' market on Third avenue. The preserving season is at hand—don't overlook this opportunity while they are fresh. They cost no more than the ordinary varieties. Phone 275 and we will do the rest.

Injury to a Horse

One of the horses of the Pacific Transfer sustained serious injury yesterday. It slipped on an iron plate lying on the wharf, the edge of the plate turning up and badly cutting the fetlock of the other foot.

Don't forget the dance in the McIntyre Hall tonight. Dancing from 9 to 12.30. Gray's Orchestra.

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