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SIR WILFRID AND THE TUNNEL.

Elsewhere in this issue we present a fac simile of an autograph letter from Sir Wilfrid Laurier to the late B. D. Higgs, editor of The Guardian, on the Tunnel question. It will be observed that this important and interesting document bears date February 19, 1891. The general elections for the Dominion were fixed for March 5 of that year. Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, as he was then, was leader of the Opposition. The Tunnel was then a very vital topic as it is now in Prince Edward Island. The late Governor Howland had conducted a strenuous agitation in behalf of this work and the Conservative party then in power had taken sufficient interest in it to order a survey with borings to test the rock formation under the Straits and a report from Sir Douglas Fox giving estimates of the probable cost. Under these circumstances it became an object of great interest to know what would be the attitude of Mr. Laurier and the Liberal party toward the work should they succeed in obtaining power. Mr. Higgs therefore wrote the leader of the Opposition asking him for an expression of his views for publication in The Guardian, and received the letter which we reproduce this morning, and which he forthwith published for the information of the public. The original has been carefully kept by E. T. Higgs, brother of the deceased editor, through whose courtesy we were permitted to have the same engraved, so that it might be preserved in enduring form. No doubt our many readers will agree as to the importance of the document and will peruse it again with increased interest in the handwriting of its eminent author.

It will be observed that Sir Wilfrid has placed on record his views as to the necessity for the Tunnel in no uncertain words. "Every man," he says, "who has given any attention to the conditions of things and the necessities involved by the Island entering into Confederation, must admit that such a Tunnel must be constructed if the thing is reasonably practicable." And he added, "The first thing to be done is to have an accurate survey and estimates. I am only sorry that it was not done long ago." Thus strongly committed to the Tunnel project fourteen years ago, Sir Wilfrid has never receded from that position. On the contrary he has all along at different times shown his favor for the project. For these reasons we are strongly encouraged to hope that the present Government, knowing well the vital importance of the work and how our people have set their hearts upon it, and how strongly it is favored by leading men of both political parties, will at no distant day enter upon its construction in an energetic way.

THE VICE REGAL VISIT.

After a very brief stay Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Grey take their departure this morning. Very fortunately the one day which they were able to devote to social intercourse was fine and enabled them to meet a large number of our people at the Council Chamber in the morning, at Government House in the afternoon and at the Tennis Club later. All who met Lord and Lady Grey were charmed with their kindly courtesy and will look forward with increased interest to meeting them again. It is earnestly to be desired that the visit may be repeated yearly in the summers yet to come so long as Their Excellencies shall remain in Canada. Very fortunately they were not bored with many long addresses. Only two were presented, and these on behalf of the Provincial Government and the City were timely and appropriate. We trust our distinguished visitors enjoyed their brief stay in our midst and will come again next year.

The surrender to the Japanese of Governor Liapanoff, with 72 officers and 3,200 men, constituting the Russian garrison of Sakhalin, practically completes the conquest of that island. It marks an important epoch in the war by the capture of a considerable area of Russian territory and its permanent transfer to Japan. It is quite inconceivable that Japan will give the island back to Russia, and the Czar must either now make up his mind to the loss, or continue the war in the vain hope of effecting its recapture.

An Ontario farmer who worked on Sunday to save his hay was prosecuted and the charge against him dismissed. The dismissal was made because that portion of the Ontario Act under which the prosecution was laid had been enacted since the Dominion was formed and was therefore ultra vires. In this Province things are different. Our Sabbath Observance Act was passed before the Island entered the union and is therefore in full force and effect. And if it were not, the moral obligation to rest on one day in the seven would still be as strong as ever.

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THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

Down to a short time ago the prevalent impression was that Russia must make peace upon terms dictated by Japan, after those terms had been reduced to what would be insisted upon as an irreducible minimum. There is still a somewhat general hope that peace may result from the coming conference at Portsmouth, in this way or on the ground that peace is so urgently desired by both the belligerent powers that they will come together. But increasing doubts now find expression in the public prints owing to a recent remarkable deliverance of the Czar made in reply to an appeal by the clergy of a Russian Province beseeching him not to make peace till he had crushed the enemy. To this he replied that he would not entertain any proposal which would involve the paying of an indemnity or the loss of Russian territory.

It is noteworthy that this pompous announcement comes just after the secret conference between the Czar and the German Emperor. It is further worthy of remark that the later announcement is in contradiction of the statement made in Paris by M. Witte while on his way to Washington, to the effect that the Czar had consented to the payment of an indemnity on condition that a firm alliance should be concluded between Russia and Japan. It may be added that it will be extremely difficult for the Czar to recede from the ground he has taken, and yet if it is to be adhered to the conclusion of a peace at the present time must be regarded as impossible and the war will go on. For it is sufficiently evident that Japan will insist upon at least the retention of Sakhalin Island and the payment of some indemnity, be it great or small.

We are left to infer that the coming meeting of the Japanese and Russian plenipotentiaries at Portsmouth will be a very short one unless the Autocrat of all the Russias changes his mind, as he has so frequently done within the past few months. And yet, from the position he has now assumed and so publicly announced the Czar cannot well retire without such a compromise of his own dignity and that of his country as must be extremely humiliating. It will not be greatly surprising therefore if the negotiations for peace should be broken off very shortly after the plenipotentiaries meet. If on the contrary their meeting is prolonged it may be taken for granted that progress is being made toward a peaceful solution of the great controversy.

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