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THE POSTAL SERVICE.

A marvellous change has come over the postal service of Canada within the past decade in the way of extending the service, cheapening the letter postage and at the same time converting the annual deficit of three quarters of a million dollars into an annual surplus of over a million. Sir William Mulock will have a perpetual monument in this achievement.

Post offices have been multiplied, mail routes largely increased in number and in many cases with greater frequency of service, the free delivery system has been given to more cities (until now it is about to reach Charlottetown) but still the surplus continues to grow. All this is most gratifying, and is best explained by the general prosperity of the country, the growth of population, and the good management of the department.

When the first annual surplus in the Post Office Department was announced the country was incredulous, the people could not believe it. Our country is so vast, our mail routes so extended and our population in proportion to territorial area so sparse, that a surplus in the postal service seemed too much to expect. The United States with a tenfold greater population has annual deficits of millions upon millions in its postal service.

If other branches of the public service of Canada were managed with equal regard to economy it is obvious that the national surplus would be enormously increased unless the taxation were cut down. The fact is that more than double the amount of work is done in the postal service for a thousand or ten thousand dollars than is performed in any other branch of the public service. The small pay of country postmasters, although it has been increased, and the low rates of the contracts for carrying the mails through the country districts are instances of this.

Behind it all lies the question whether the postal service ought to produce a surplus, or to put it in another form, whether the receipts ought not all to be expended in improved service. This is a contention now frequently put forward. The mail service is an educational service and a boon to our social and business life. And beyond question the country districts would like to be placed on the same footing as the cities by having free delivery at the doors of the resident population.

This desire is legitimate enough, but it has been found that it can only be satisfied at enormous cost. The experiments made in the United States have proved that it cannot be made anything like self-sustaining. To enter upon this task would be to open the gate to the expenditure of millions, and to a flood of demands for extension. If granted to one community it must in the end be extended

throughout the Dominion. It may therefore be prudent to delay the experiment of free rural delivery, until the population has considerably increased. But in the end it must come, and the present prosperous condition of our postal service gives promise that the coming of rural free delivery will yet be reached in the not very distant future.

LAURIER AND BORDEN.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has had in some sort a series of triumphal ovations since his return from the Old Country. And now Mr. Borden is about to make the tour of the Dominion to stir up the minds of the Opposition, revive their hopes and increase their faith so far as may be done. When that time arrives the Opposition leader may be expected to be an only less conspicuous luminary in the political sky for the time than the Premier himself. And we think it will be for the country's good thus to have had its leaders conspicuously in the public eye for a time.

As public men go these two, Laurier and Borden are of our best, honorable, clean and patriotic. In these evil political days it is well that the country and the two great political parties can still retain confidence in the moral integrity of the two leaders. They are better than some of their respective lieutenants and afford a worthy example to the great majority of their follower and supporters, whether in Parliament or the electorate at large.

But it may be well to remind the parties and the country that it is not enough that the leaders shall be men of probity and honor. The supreme virtue of the Mikado may, to his subjects, sufficiently account for the greatest vic ories of modern times. The people of Canada have other views. We are more or less disposed to hold the firm responsible for what his wicked partners may do. Of late we notice a disposition in the ministerial press to jubilate a little too much over the supreme virtues, wisdom and graces of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The credit balance in that quarter has been large, but the party drafts upon it have been excessive. The account is over-

will be a mistake for the Conservative party to bank too largely upon the personal merits of Mr. Borden. There are other things necessary. The angel Gabriel could not lead the Conservative party to victory on a policy of mere negation. A clear-cut, well defined constructive policy should be laid down. And the wicked partners, for such the country sees also in the Opposition should ought to be taught that they are a source of weakness and not of strength, especially when they talk too much of the demerits and shortcomings of their opponents. In fact both the leaders should be more careful in the future as to the character and conduct of their lieutenants.

His Excellency the Governor General was entertained at luncheon by the Canadian Club, Halifax, yesterday.

Sir Hilbert Tupper, who is expected to re-enter political life at the next election, addressed a meeting in Picton last evening.

His Excellency the Governor General intends to come to Charlottetown about the 20th of August, and while here will pay a visit to the McDonald Consolidated School at Hillsborough.

France has a difficult problem before her—Morocco. Although Spain is associated in the work, the responsibility and burden of it must largely fall on the French Government. It may prove a tedious and perhaps costly undertaking to restore order among the turbulent Moors, and in the meantime what will become of Raïd McLeant?

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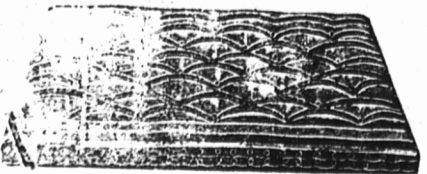
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