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"Pairty" Fallacies.

SINCE the overwhelming defeat of Mercier and his followers in Quebec, the extreme right wing of the reform press have been unsparing in their praises of the righteous verdict of the habitant vote in favor of "putting the hoodlums out," and have been making invidious comparisons between the conduct of the habitant in his local election and the Ontario voter in the Dominion bye-elections, which have resulted in such a sweeping victory for the Ottawa cabinet. In other words, the Mercier party and the Abbott administration are being placed on a par, so far as the record for "boodling" is concerned. It will be remembered that but a few weeks ago these same journals were making frantic efforts to shield Mr. Mercier from the terrible "boodle" exposures, by raising the constitutional cry as to the action of Governor Angers in his dismissal. And Mr. Laurier in his speeches in Quebec, with a full knowledge of the rascally theft of public funds that had been carried on by Mercier and Pacaud, appealed to his fellow countrymen to sink all "minor" considerations and "vindicate the constitution." But further still, the stand of Mr. Laurier and the extreme right press upon the "constitutional" question was diametrically opposed to the stand they took upon the same question some thirteen years ago. When Hon. Letellier St. Just dismissed the tory Deboucherville ministry of the day for, as he claimed, arrogating to themselves powers in which he claimed the Lieut.-Governor had a right to share, Mr. Laurier and the same faction shouted that Letellier was right. They claimed that the power of dismissal resides in the crown, and that the circumstances of that time justified its exercise, and that the responsibility rested with the Lieut.-Governor. But when Mercier and several of his cabinet were proven guilty of deliberate robbery of the public chest for private as well as political purposes, it was found that "it made all the difference in the world whose ox was gored." It is one of the fallacies that has swayed the extreme right journalistic mind that the eyes of the rank and file of the electorate can stand the accommodating "pairty" spectacles just when they are asked to put them on. As to the invidious comparisons made by the "pairty" journals to the disadvantage of the Ontario electorate, is it true that the latter had a duty to perform at the Dominion bye-elections similar to the one so vigorously discharged by the habitant? It was a tory ministry with a strong tory majority which drove Charlie Rykert from the house of Parliament. It was the tory Ottawa government with a large majority to its back, which when charges of corruption were made, furnished every reasonable means for investigation; drove Tom McGreevy from the House as a result of that investigation; forced the Hon. Sir Hector Langovan, in spite of his faithful services of thirty-five years to his party, to retire from office; dismissed the officials found guilty of wrong-doing, and took action to recover to the country the money of which it had been defrauded. The invidious comparison referred to does not hold good, and it has been another "pairty" fallacy that in the eyes of the electorate it would hold good. The rank and file of the electorate during these Dominion bye-elections have been mak-

ing comparisons in their own minds between the record of the Cartwright-Laurier faction and their tory opponents, in this matter of correcting abuses and corruption in high places. They have not forgotten that when Sir Richard Cartwright and his party were in power, Speaker Anglin had a contract with the government on the sly, and on the offence being brought to light, a "white-wash" bill was passed to relieve him of the penalty under the Independence of Parliament Act, and upon his being re-elected, the Cartwright "pairty" majority honored the whitewashed Speaker by voting him back to the Speaker's chair again. The same peculiar process of "putting the hoodlums out" was gone through also in the case of two of the Ministers of the then grit cabinet. The record of the courts also, together with the Quebec exposures and the uses to which the Pacaud boodle fund was largely put, showed that the Cartwright-Laurier faction have been far behind their opponents in the matter of purity in the conduct of election campaigns. Apart from the discredited U. R. fad, the Ontario electorate saw very good reasons for discriminating in favor of the Abbott administration and against Messrs. Laurier and Cartwright. The rank and file of the electorate have not been blind to the record, but the "pairty" leaders and press have been indulging in the mistaken belief that they are.

Editorial Notes.

THE success of the government in the bye-elections has been nothing short of phenomenal. The crushing victory in Monck, a border constituency, on Saturday was followed by the election of Mr. Guillet in West Northumberland by a good majority on Tuesday. The government majority when these elections are over will be about 60.

A FEW months ago it will be remembered the British Admiralty made a test of the C.P.R. as a military route. The crews of H.M. ships "Champion" and "Pheasant" of the Pacific squadron were relieved by transport over the C. P. R. from Halifax to Vancouver and return. President Van Horne received recently a letter from Admiral Watson acquainting him in the most complimentary terms of the high appreciation of the Lords of the Admiralty of the C.P.R. as a route for military purposes, and especially of the splendid accommodation supplied on the journey.

THE country at large will view with satisfaction the policy of vigorous economy upon which the Abbott administration have entered. The estimates call for an appropriation of \$41,548,180 for this year as against \$44,050,235 last year, being a reduction of taxation of over two and one-half millions. The pruning knife has been applied to the expenditure of each department with marked impartiality, and the spirit of economy which runs through the estimates of the present session will be appreciated by the country at large.

THE attempt on the part of several councillors to burke the waterworks contract will, we understand, end in a signal failure. A committee of the whole council decided on Monday night to recommend to the council at the meeting to-morrow night the re-affirmation of the contract entered into last December, in order to set at rest any doubts as to the legality of the contract raised in consequence of the manoeuvring of certain parties. The board of trade as representing the business section of the town has unanimously decided to encourage the council in this step. It is well that it should be understood that the contract in question was arrived at and approved of by a joint committee of the town council and several of the largest property owners and best citizens after lengthy and exhaustive consideration, and the public may rest assured that the interests of the community have been safeguarded as far as possible. The character and standing of the citizens who have had the matter in hand all along is the best possible guarantee that this is the case, the cry of the so-called "watch-dogs" of the town's interests to the contrary notwithstanding.

Crazed By Lightning.

WOODSTOCK, March 14.—Joseph Watson was arrested at his home in the east end on Saturday night, charged with being a dangerous lunatic. He was locked up over Sunday, and at the police court to-day was committed to the asylum. He is a married man, aged 34 and has a family of three children. It is said his brain was affected some time ago by lightning, and afterwards a horse kicked him on the head, producing a serious mental aberration.

Promotiv Paid Off.

WINNIPEG, March 14.—The Canadian Pacific management, finding evidence that a conspiracy had been formed, partly through outside influences, to bring about a strike of its conductors and brakemen on its western division, decided on Saturday to dismiss all who were found to be disloyal, and the dismissals commenced Sunday at noon, every man refusing to stand by the company being promptly paid off. Some delays to trains were feared, but all of them up to this time have been kept moving, and nine emigrant trains which left Port Arthur for Winnipeg Sunday and Sunday night were got through without difficulty. The dismissals resulted in vigorous efforts on the part of the leaders and discharged men to induce the others to quit work, but so far without success. The company claims to have enough available men to move all its principal trains, and therefore not much further trouble is feared.

Salvation Army Triumph at Eastbourne.

LONDON, March 13.—Contrary to the fears and expectations of the authorities and citizens of Eastbourne, there was no serious disturbance there to-day. It had been regarded as certain that a collision would take place between the roughs and the members of the Salvation Army, similar to or even worse than the encounters which have happened from time to time recently. The success of the Salvationists in having the law repealed under which they were prosecuted for making demonstrations in the streets has made them so jubilant, and at the same time so enraged their enemies, that a conflict to-day was considered inevitable. The Eastbourne municipal authorities were so apprehensive of trouble that they took the unusual step of appealing to the Home Secretary to have a detachment of police sent from London to assist them in keeping order to-day. This request was refused, and the Eastbourne police were all on duty early this morning ready for the fray, and knowing that they need expect no assistance in dealing with the rioters. Fortunately the Salvationists had taken conservative counsel and decided not to unduly irritate their enemies by parading. The mob assembled in force, and an occasional soldier of Gen. Booth's army was assaulted while on his way to the meeting place of the organization; but aside from the scurries thus brought on between the lawless element and the police the day passed quietly enough. It is certain that had the army indulged in parading or public assemblage a lively fight would have ensued.

Frightful Termination of the Colliery Disaster.

BRUSSELS, March 13.—The fire in the Anderluis colliery, near Charleroi, grew fiercer Saturday morning, and the heat became so intense that it was impossible for the rescuing parties to remain in the pit. They were consequently compelled to abandon all efforts to reach the galleries. The mine owners and engineers decided that, as there was not the slightest doubt that everybody in the mine was dead, the only course if they hoped to recover bodies was to flood the mine.

FIRE PRECEDES FLOOD.

Preparations were being made to carry out this plan, but before any water could be pumped in cries of "fire" were heard on all sides, and flames ascended to the pit's mouth and sparks were scattered in every direction.

A few minutes later an immense column of flame shot through the ventilator shaft, piercing the thick clouds of smoke that were overhanging the shaft.

For a great distance around the country was illuminated to almost the brightness of day by the vast column of fire pouring out of the mine. The engine house and other buildings near by were destroyed.

HORROR UPON HORROR.

Water was thrown into the burning pit, but before it had descended any distance it was converted into steam and escaped with a tremendous roaring noise, which added to the horror of the situation.

The scene has seldom if ever been equalled in the mining districts of Belgium.

All the heavy machinery at the mouth of the pit was destroyed and fell crashing down the shaft. This acted as a damper against the flames ascending the shaft to the surface and thereafter but little fire could be seen, but it could be heard roaring and seething through the galleries far below the surface.

The total number of the dead colliers is 251; of this number it is estimated 170 were burned alive.

The calamity has crushed the entire Charleroi district.

BRUSSELS, March 14.—According to a report on the Anderluis mine disaster 63 persons were unhurt, 20 injured and 163 were killed.

Twenty thousand persons to-day attended the funeral of 31 of the victims.

A Horrible Suicide.

LONDON, Ont., March 13.—A shocking suicide occurred in the Gore of Westminster, a few miles south-west of this city, on Friday morning. Mahlon A. Swartz dressed himself and went about his chores as usual. He brought into the house a large quantity of wood and then went out again, the family suspecting nothing unusual. Procuring a can of e-oil, the unfortunate man went a short distance from the house at the rear and deliberately poured the contents of the can over his head and about his clothes, completely saturating them. Then he struck a match, applied the light to his coat, and in a moment was in a blaze. The flames shot up above the tops of the surrounding trees, and burned very furiously. The writhing victim's cries brought out his wife, who hurriedly procured a quilt, which she endeavored to throw about her husband, but he sternly warned her to keep away lest she also should be burned, and when she continued to approach him he fought her off, and finally ran away until, exhausted, he fell down, and after a few moments of most excruciating agony death relieved him. The remains were burned to a crisp. Deceased at one time lived near Aylmer, where he was unfortunate in business, and twice before attempted his life, once by cutting his throat with a jack knife, inflicting a terrible gash, and again by jumping from a hay-mow endeavoring to alight on his head. He leaves a wife, son and daughter.

Trade Relations of England and Canada

LONDON, March 10.—The dinner of the Association of the Chambers of Commerce was held in the Hotel Metropole last evening. Sir Charles Tupper, Canada's High Commissioner in London, made the speech of the occasion, concerning "Canada and her Commercial Resources." Canadian manufacturers and exporters, he said, were smarting under the hardships of the McKinley tariff, and it would not long before the people would show their loyalty to the integrity of the British Empire by striking the United States a vital blow. In return Canada was in favour of uniting her interests as closely as possible with those of the Mother Country. She knew she had a granary with a capacity sufficient to supply England's needs. She could, in fact, send to England all the wheat and flour which the latter needed for her great army of factory labourers. In exchange Canada would take the manufactured articles of the Mother Country. Above all things Canada wanted Englishmen from England to emigrate to her shores, and with their muscle and capital work her vast undeveloped resources. By her present policy Canada prevented Boston and New York from becoming commercial capitals, and with the aid of the Home Government she could still further encroach upon the prestige of these cities and make one of her seaports the greatest outlet in the world for grain.

Sir Charles was interrupted frequently by applause during his address.

The University of Edinburgh will confer the degree of LL.D. on Sir Charles Tupper.

Berliners Fleeing by W. F. Krauss, a Young German.

BERLIN, Ont., March 14.—About five weeks there arrived in Berlin a young German who said his name was W. F. Krauss, and that his home was in Stuttgart, Germany. He said he was an officer of high rank in the German army, and also that he was wealthy. By his own assertions he had travelled much in South America and California. It was his intention, he said, if arrangements could be made, to start a very large brewery in Berlin. As his story was very plausible, and as he had in his possession a number of invoices on drafts from Germany, the Berlin people fell ready victims to his wiles. He borrowed money right and left, and bought a whole new outfit of clothing, which he has never paid for. On Saturday last he boarded the 11 o'clock train going west, and has not been seen since. The conductor on the train says he bought a ticket for London, Ont., from him. As he left the Progress house, where he had been boarding, without saying a word to any person, when his absence was discovered his erstwhile friends began to grow suspicious, and at last, when he did not appear, they began to see they had been taken in by the clever scoundrel, many of them having large bills against him. A warrant for Krauss' arrest was sworn out, and detectives have been sent after him. His creditors have offered \$25 for any information which may lead to his arrest. The proprietor of the Progress informed a reporter that Krauss has been continually watching the Chicago papers, which looks as if he had been into some trouble there. He is about 35, is 5 feet 6 inches in height, stout, fair complexion, with blue eyes and reddish moustache. He sports a large diamond stud, which is very conspicuous. He wears a dark suit, with bright fawn overcoat. He has in his possession a most beautiful pearl-handled Smith & Wesson revolver. He wears a black Astrachan cap. Krauss' dupes in Berlin are many, and they are swearing eternal vengeance on him.

The Grand Duke Ludwig IV. of Hesse-Darmstadt, husband of the late Princess Alice of England, died yesterday.

A burglar stole some scent from a drug store Sunday morning and a couple of Toronto detectives hunted him down by the smell.

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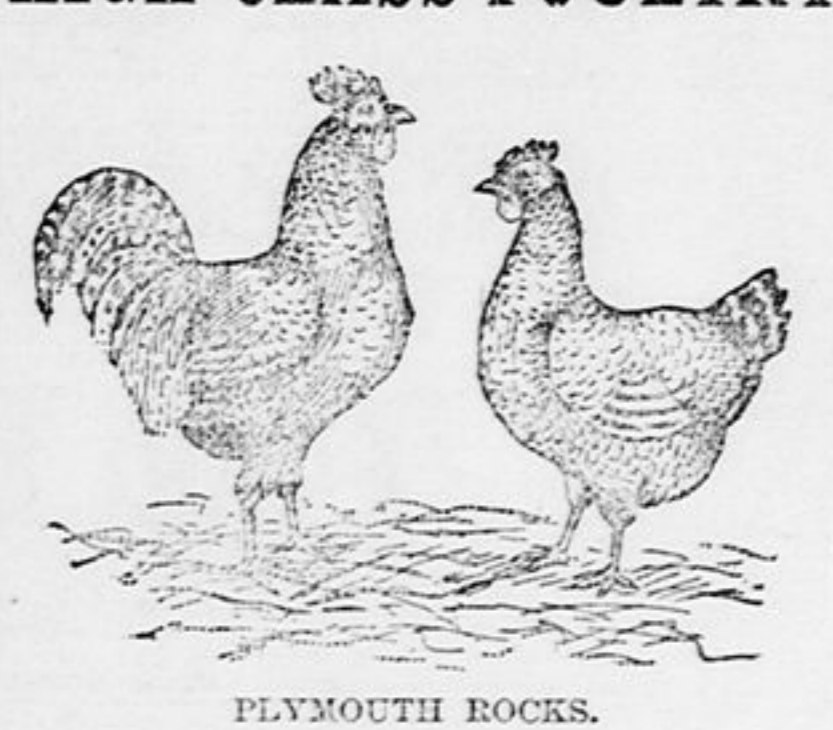
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