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THE CAMPAIGN

Steadily, effectively, the Conservative campaign swings on. Without extravagance of language or method it is making appeal to the intellect and conscience of the people, and by the candor and sincerity of its effort in behalf of the province, daily commends itself to a wider sphere of the electorate.

Conservatives in this campaign are not working as mere partisans; the inspiration of their efforts is not alone the desire for Conservative victory. They seek also a greater end, and are about a nobler business. The stigma of evil has been fastened upon the fair name of the province, it is threatened with the penalties of political crimes, not the least of which penalties is the encouragement and perpetuation of those crimes. To the rescue of the province from both the crimes and their penalties the Conservative party has addressed itself.

It is a great task, and its greatness reinforced by the moral grandeur of its purpose, is infusing a seriousness, courage and nobility into the efforts in its behalf, that are quite unusual in political campaigns. It is a conflict between right and might, and if that side wins which ought to, Conservative victory is assured. At all events there are upon the party the uplift and benediction of a worthy cause.

EDITORIAL NOTES

FOX AND VICTORY.

CARNEGIE WILL CARRY THE EAST.

THE LIBERALS of East Victoria might, at least, have been given a chance to vote for a man of their own choosing.

THERE ARE NOT so many honors within the reach of the men of East Victoria, that they will hand over one of the best of them to a man from Toronto.

IF THERE IS nobody among the men of East Victoria fit to represent them in the legislature, Mr. Stratton did them a favor by sending down a man from the city.

THE ELECTORS of East Victoria will write themselves down small if they admit that they are not able to represent themselves in the provincial parliament.

"THE MAN from North Oxford is not the man for South Perth" says the St. Mary's Journal. Very true, and the man from Toronto is not the man for East Victoria.

BECAUSE MR. ROSS has been in the office of premier for only three years, he argues that it is not time for a change. He had that of a cabinet minister for 17 years before he became premier—surely one man's share of honors and emoluments. It is time for a change.

THE GLOBE: "Mr. Heyd discusses the various provincial questions in such an earnest and convincing manner as must gain the confidence of the men of East Victoria." No doubt Mr. Heyd aims to gain the confidence of the men of East Victoria; but there is a gentleman over there called Carnegie who has their confidence already.

"IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE." Throughout the province those words are ringing in tones that grow louder and clearer every day, smiting into confusion the defensive oratory of government supporters, and mightily reinforcing the thrilling appeals of the Opposition leader. Those words will not down; in them the public judgment has become vocal, and the public conscience found a voice. In them is epitomized a great popular conviction; they are the vox populi, earth's supremest mandate; insistent, imperative, triumphant, they cannot be silenced; it is time for a change.

THE FOLLOWING from the Toronto Star shows the spirit in which that champion of the Liberals regards the young men who are taking part in the platform work of this campaign.

"The young men who hope to be Prime Ministers some day are making good use of the elections to show that they will be great speakers with practice. At almost any meeting you can hear: 'Quite a little fellow. Who is practising to bellow? For his subsequent appearance as a bull.'"

Not because they hope to be prime ministers, nor to show that they think they will be great speakers, do the young men of the province take the platform in behalf of the party of their choice; but because they

are young men whose public spirit, and intelligent apprehension of the country's affairs impel them to devote their talents to their discussion. Because they are young men of that sort they will quite properly resent the contemptuous comment and comparison of the Star. The disdainful spirit of that paper in the item quoted has become altogether too common among the masters of the Liberal party in this province. Thirty years in office has spoiled their spirit toward the people; and because of that they are not fit to rule the people. It is time for a change.

WHEN MR. ROSS said here that he paid little attention to the idea that it was time for a change, because it was the opinion of an interested party, he omitted to say that his own view that it was not time for a change, was also the view of a very much interested party, and that his argument that the government ought to be sustained because he had only had three years in office, smacked strongly of the dictator. Because any man has not been in office long enough to satisfy him, is not among the reasons for which the people of this province return political parties to power. This lordly, presuming tone of the Liberal leaders ought to be rebuked by the electors. It is time for a change.

LIBERAL PAPERS complain that Mr. Whitney resorts to denunciation in his addresses. We are no friends of extreme language, but denunciation has its place. Mr. Whitney has to speak of things that merit stern rebuke. Are the election scandals, the burned ballots, the slaughter of public resources, the promotion of criminals to official positions—are these things subjects for gentle speech uttered with smiling countenance? When they are, then shall the people of this province have come nigh to moral and political lunacy. The scathing words of the Conservative leader gather strength not so much from the wholesome vigor of his de-

fence to the instincts of any self-respecting people. To say that the Liberals have no monopoly of the brains of the province, is by the Post designated refreshing assurance; and to be the leader of another party is to insure being represented as a dog by the Star. As if the shameful deeds of the Liberal party were not revolting enough, it vaunts itself amid its crimes, without the restraints of propriety or journalistic decency, as if haughty and defiant in its shame. Likely no such claims, crimes, and callousness were ever before combined in a Canadian political party. It has had all, claims credit for everything, and now in pompous disdain has all but its henchmen in contempt. When a party has such inflated notions of its own importance and such coarse offensiveness toward the rest of the community, it is certainly time for a change.

UNDER THE HEADING "No more Junior Judges," the Post on June 7th 1895 had following article.

"By the insertion of an innocent-looking paragraph of five or six lines in an act passed at the recent session of the legislature, Sir Oliver has shut off one of the avenues taken advantage of by the Dominion Government to reward party followers for campaign services and waste the public money. No more junior judges will be appointed. The following is the recently adopted clause:

"No junior judge shall hereafter be appointed for any district, county or union of counties unless the population of the district, county or union of counties, exceeds eighty thousand, according to the official census then last taken and sub-sec 2 of sec 4 of local court act is amended by substituting the word 'eighty' for 'forty'.

The multiplication of junior judges has become a scandal, no less than twenty-one such officers having been appointed. The judges in York and Middlesex may possibly require some assistance, but in the other nineteen cases the appointments were dictated by party exigencies. The judges in the nineteen counties could per-

IN BAD COMPANY.

(From the Toronto Telegram)

The Ontario Premier is making a great fight. The pity is that his associates are not worthy of the personal qualities of such a leader. Nor has even Mr. Ross a record of public actions which can easily arouse enthusiasm.

If there was anything to say for the Ontario Government Mr. Ross could say it. If there was courage in the legislative history of that Government Mr. Ross could rouse enthusiasm with his gifts of eloquence.

All that a man can do on the platform Mr. Ross is doing. He is at his best on the platform and at his worst at the head of that group of attorneys and company directors and corporation sympathizers which calls itself the Ontario Government, and has left the Liberals of this province without the slightest public excuse for enthusiasm.

lively, as from the response they awaken in the conscience of his hearers.

WHEN REMINDED that 30 years was long enough for his party to be in power, Premier Ross replied that Queen Victoria had ruled twice that long. When Hon. John Dryden was criticised because, while Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, he had chosen the United States for his cattle ranch, he retorted that King Edward had bought a yacht from the Americans. The answers of the premier and one of his chief ministers, indicate a spirit of fancied superiority that is one of the most obnoxious things about the Liberal administration. When the people of Ontario remonstrate with their government they want some better answer than an irrelevant appeal to the actions of royalty. When our representatives suggest that they occupy the relation of kings toward us they have been in power too long and it is time for a change.

REFERRING in last issue to the charges of Liberal papers that Mr. Whitney would not be able to find material for a cabinet we said:

"As for the cabinet material they need not worry; to their party belongs no monopoly of executive brains."

In reply the Post says: "Our cotem, the Watchman-Warder, with assurance that is at least refreshing if not satisfying, says that should the occasion arise—that is, if the unexpected happens—good material can be found for Mr. Whitney's cabinet."

In Monday night's issue the Toronto Star published a cartoon representing a dog running after a train. The dog was labelled "Whitneyism" and the train "Development." Under the cartoon was printed "Why do dogs chase trains? What would a dog do with a train if he did catch one?" The Post's comment and the Star's cartoon aptly illustrate the spirit of Liberalism in Ontario today. It is haughty, overbearing, contemptuous. Long tenure of office has produced in its members an insufferable arrogance that is an of-

form all the duties, and still not occupy one half their time. The salaries and allowances of these supernumeraries aggregate something over \$40,000 a year which is just so much money wasted. The power of the Dominion to make such appointments has been cut off and as the juniors drop out no successors will be appointed except in York and Middlesex, these being the only counties in the province having a population of over 80,000. This action of Sir Oliver Most shows what the people of the Dominion might expect from a Liberal administration in the way of reform and retrenchment."

On April 13th 1897, less than two years after that positive pronouncement by our cotem, the statute was changed to allow the appointment of junior judges in Victoria, Ontario and nine other counties. But in the meantime the Liberals had come into power at Ottawa, and hence the speedy restoration by the Ontario legislature of "one of the avenues taken advantage of by the Dominion government to reward party followers for campaign services and waste the public money."

DOMINION BANK'S YEAR

Splendid Statement to be Presented at Shareholders' Meeting

The general statement of the Dominion Bank, which will be presented at the annual meeting, to be held at the head office on May 25th, will show a profit for the year ending April 30th last, after deducting charges of management and making provision for bad and doubtful debts, of \$353,172. The balance of profit and loss account from the previous year was \$100,452, and the premium on the new capital stock \$59,708, making a total of \$513,332. Four dividends of 2 1/2 per cent., amounting to \$248,288, were paid, and \$59,708 was transferred to the reserve account, leaving a balance to be carried forward of \$205,365, over double of the balance of the previous year. The reserve fund at the opening of this fiscal year amounted to exactly \$2,500,000.

The statement is of exception interest, and indicates the prosperous and profitable results that have been attained under the present management.

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MR. E. J. KYLIE TELLS ABOUT THE BIG LACROSSE MATCH

He and Other Canadians at Oxford Were Proud of the Toronto Team's Victory —A May Day Ceremony.

A letter from Mr. E. J. Kylie, B.A., to the Watchman-Warder, dated Oxford May 3rd, is as follows:

A few Canadians sat among the crowd that witnessed the lacrosse match here on April 30th and rejoiced. They felt that they had never seen any swifter, prettier, or more exciting game than their own national game as Canadians played it. The majority of the spectators shared their feeling about the game, though they were not stirred by the same national pride. Certainly the visiting Toronto team gave a splendid exhibition of lacrosse. Indeed they were forced to do so, because their opponents, chosen from all England, were very fast and at times exceedingly dangerous.

Before the match, the Canadians were welcomed by the small colony of their fellow citizens here, and, while admiring the sights of Oxford, were displayed to the Oxonians. A few of us very gladly performed the part of Cook's couriers, glibly repeating choice phrases from the guide-book. The players were loud in their praise of English hospitality and sportsmanship. On the Saturday before, they played at the Lord's grounds in London before the King and the Prince and Princess of Wales, and had dined with nobility in the evening. During their short stay they have seen a good deal of the country, and if they carry out their plans have yet to visit Scotland and Ireland. Without a doubt they have done lacrosse a great service, and a revival of interest in the game is bound to result from this tour.

ON THE FIELD

The sun broke through clouds just in time to shine brilliantly upon the beautiful green sward of the new athletic grounds, and to intensify the charm of the effect produced by the white sweaters of the English team constantly moving in and out among the blue jerseys of the Torontonians. At the start, the Canadians secured a lead, but by some very fine runs the English team made the score five all. The Canadian colony was just a little anxious, but its fears were soon dispelled, for our boys by dazzling combination play piled goal upon goal until the final score stood eleven to five. The result has given us cause for boasting ever since. The undergraduates have endured our vanity very patiently, and have frankly admitted that they were delighted with lacrosse and may start it among themselves.

A MAY-DAY CUSTOM

Between four and five o'clock in the morning of May 1st, the day after the lacrosse match, the quiet of Oxford streets was disturbed by sounds of hurrying feet. Many visitors, and some undergraduates and townspeople were hastening toward Magdalen College, where on the morning of May-day a quaint and pretty custom is still kept up. The college choir, which, by the way, is one of the finest in the United Kingdom, stands on the top of the college tower, and as the last stroke of five dies away, begins a Latin hymn. The bridge which spans the low-lying meadow through which the Cæwerwell winds among the groves, bordering Addison's walk, is crowded with people eager to catch the strains of the song carried in the breeze. The sun comes filling the sky with a flood of golden light; the fresh morning air is filled with the glad songs of birds welcoming the day; on the top of the magnificent tower the white surplined choir stands, singing in rich harmonious tones the praises of Him, the moving spirit in and through all the awakening world. This ceremony has come down through the centuries, and forms one of the many links by which Oxford is bound indissolubly to the past.

Obituary

Another old pioneer of the county passed away in the person of Joseph Southam on Saturday, May 3rd, at the ripe old age of 83 years. The deceased was born in the county of Oxford, England, in the year 1819, and came to Canada with his father and brother in 1831, settling first in the township of Cavan, afterwards on lot No. 2, 7th concession of Ops., enduring the hardships and privation of those early days in cutting out for himself a home in the forest.

In 1845 he married Anne Connor of Emily, and one son James blessed the happy union. In religion deceased was a staunch Methodist, having united with the church very early in life and was always a faithful and consistent member, but owing to ill-health for the past few years was unable to take his accustomed place in church, but his faith in Christ was unlimited and he was ever a faithful follower of the Master.

His wife died in 1875. In 1887 he removed with his son James to Verulam where he lived until the time of his death. A week previous to his death he was stricken with paralysis from which he never rallied but retained consciousness until within a few hours of his demise, when he passed peacefully away to that haven of rest from which no wanderer returns. The funeral took place Monday, May 5th, to the Presbyterian cemetery, Bury's Green, and was very largely attended. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.—Communicated.

A New Story

In next issue there will begin one of the best stories ever published in Canada. It is "Black Rock," written by Ralph Connor, the distinguished author of "A Sky Pilot" and "The Man from Glengarry." This author is a Canadian who has made a world-wide name for himself by these productions. "Black Rock" is a work of fiction of the highest moral purpose, fascinating style and surpassing interest. We shall take great pleasure in presenting it to our readers. Watch for the first instalment next week.

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