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NORTH VICTORIA PROTESTEL

The recent election in North Victoria has been protested, and there can be but one result, if a tithe of what is reported be true. There are personal charges, in " selves alone, and we think that the addition to the usual charges general bribery and corruption. this connection we are requested to state and if Quebec adopts this policy it will do that Mr. Barron will not again contest the constituency, and though we regret his retirement from public life, we think it our duty to make this statement, and Mr. Barron wishes it, to avoid any misunderstanding or misapprehension hereafte. The liberal party in North Victoria possess within the riding many competent and available men to carry the liberal banner to victory, and the party should have no difficulty in making a selection. The petitioner in the protest filed is Mr. John B. Robinson, and the solicitors are the firm of Kerr, Macdonald and Patterson of Toronto.

TORY "INFUENCE" IN THE BYE-ELECTIONS.

Peculiar circumstances are coming to light in the several constituencies that indicate the means adopted by the Haggart-Abbott government to carry the byeelections for the tory candidates. The incidents in East Elgin and North Perth, referred to in the articles reprinted from the St. Thomas Journal and Stratford Beacon, throw a flood of light upon tory electioneering tactics. There, as South and North Victoria, the ridings of his age. Mr. Romaine was for many were infested by a dozen or more tory emissaries, composed of party heelers from neighboring constituencies and certain members of the Dominion civil service who have extended experience in the distribution of "influence." These men took no part in public meetings; they did not address the electors on the questions of the day; they were not canvassing voters in the ordinary way; they did not, except secretly, associate with the leading local members of the tory party. They had certain well-defined and carefully laid out work to do; and that they did it all too well the byeelection returns prove. It is not surprising that the chief tory organizer | "must be either a fertile liar or a hopeless proudly claimed that they were far more | fool, and in either case is unworthy of effective than an equal number of spout- notice." ers or spell-binders. The claim is not complimentary to the Larkes and the Mr. Abbott made a formal declaration earned and well-earned their wage by if he caught anybody at it he would punish the sweat of their jaws; but if the spout- him. Coming fro n a tory source, this ing brigade had not been lavishly backed up by the secret operations of the "influence" or boodle brigade the tale to tell

would have been a wholly different one.

used that another victory was scored for the government.

"Influence" secretly and carefully distributed in this retail way by the tried and experienced gang of boodlers; and "influence" in another form in a wholesale way, in the shape of railway bonuses from the people's treasury, helped to carry the constituencies. These "influences" were supplemented by gerrymander and the machinery of the franchise act. It is not surprising that the liberal party, fighting against such heavy odds and unfair opponents, found it impossible to gain ground.

PROBLEMS FOR QUEBEC.

The new government of Quebec has before it problems and trials of no ordinary magnitude. Probably one of its most difficult trials will be to impress upon its own following that affairs must administered with economy. One of the most obvious reforms, for instance, is the of the day should not repudiate the abolition of the upper house, but it is doubtful if Mr. DeBoucherville will be selves to prove that it was genuine, and able to grapple with it. The financial that its promise would be fulfilled, we problem will stagger any ministry. The debt was enormous before Mercier came its apathy. In substance, though not in into power; it has been greatly increased; form and semblance, that thing has hapand now has attained immense propor- pened. Bribes have been offered, not tions. The favorite remedy in the past stealthily, but publicly, on the platform for Quebec tory politicians has been a and in the press; not by the ungaoled resort to the Dominion for assistance. This may be attempted now. The St. among the electors, but by candidates, by John's News, a tory paper, sees the their advocates on the platform and by "Breakers ahead," and warns the De- ministers of the crown. A journal pub-Boucherville government against that course. The News says: "It is for Mr. "DeBoucherville and his government " now to prove that the confidence of the electorate has not been misplaced; otherwise, the same fate that has befallen the liberals will come upon them. The moral sense of the province has been roused, and liberals and conservatives have united to put an end to a regime which threatened to involve us in bankruptcy. If the present government pursues a similar course it need expect nothing beyond a similar crushii ing defeat. We give the warning in time, though we do not think it will be needed. The overwhelmning majority of the conservative party places it in of the stake which Cobourg has in this " the power of the government to enter " on a policy of retrenchment that may, " in the end, cost them supporters, but will in the end secure their triumph. "The heritage, to use the words of Mr. Shehyn, is bitter enough; there is not only the provincial debt, increased by Mr. Mercier 100 per cent., to be met, Guillet, who has some influence with the but also the letters of credit issued by the late government, which the province may have to honor. And, moreover, it is useless asking the Dominion government to help us. We have had our Mer. cerite cake, and we have get to pay for " it. Any attempt at "better terms" would " be met by a counter demand on the " part of Ontario and the maritime provinces that would be simply ruinous. We have, therefore, to depend upon our-

much to strengthen confederation. EDITORIAL NOTES.

is a laborious one." That is sound advice

McCarty, and it is about correct.

We regret to learn that Hon. Alexander Mackenzie is again very ill. His physician is in daily attendance and it is not expected that the aged ex-premier can survive many days longer.

The Heslop murder has been in progress at Hamilton during the past week before Mr. Justice Rose. It was expected the for a subsidy for the Pontypool and Bob case would close last night. The defence for each is an attempt to prove an alibi, and it is thought the defence would be

Montreal Witness: "The news that Mr. L. P. Pelletier is to retire from the Quebec government is too good to be true. It is in West Northumberland, in the Victorias, not likely that he will be put upon the in West Huron and elsewhere; and in the bench. That self-respecting men can be found willing to be members of a cabinet which includes such a man is one of the mysteries of political life,"

We regret to record the death at Ottawa of Mr. Robert Romaine clerk of stationery in the house of commons, in the 72nd year years proprietor of the Peterboro Review, and was well-known and respected all through the province. He was a genial, kindly man, and personal friends will long keep his memory green. Mr. Romaine was a brother-in-law of the late Hon. Thos. White and of Mr. Rich. White of the Montreal Gazette.

The editor of the Calgary Tribune wrote to Sir John Thompson asking about the report that certain bargains in connection with the recent elections had been made to secure the premiership for Sir John. Now in his younger days Sir John Thempson had some connection with the press and his reply was picturesque. He stated that anyone who asserted he was intriguing for an office he had just refused

The Globe says: "In the Senate last year was so remarkable that the Empire pubtype. We do not recollect the exact terms of the declaration but it was very vir-A tell-tale telegram warned one of the Abbott's attention to the fact that his boodlers that the "influence" had not | wicked partners are pursuing their old the boodler kept | stolen, the public expenditures have been of days. But "it" openly used for the purchase of votes, and tory newspapers have been subsidized at and was so well | the public expe se, The Halifax Herald

\$14,000. There has been more and not less corruption at Ottawa since Mr. Abbott be- to them. A taxpayer has a rig

Hon. Mr. Foster delivered his budget afternoon. Commenting on the announcement that there was no prospect reciprocity the Ottawa Free Press says :-"The Red Parlor has triumphed. There is no longer any hope of obtaining reciprocity with the United States while the tory party controls the Dominion government parliament. That announcement formed the key note of Mr. Foster's budget speech yesterday. 'Put us in office and in two years we will get reciprocity for you. Such was Sir Charles Tupper's declaration at Charlottetown in 1878 "

BRIBERY IN GROSS.

[From the Globe, March 22.] If a public journal should contain the advertisement, "Five dollars each given for yotes for the tory candidate," and if the candidate and his agents and the ministers announcement, but should exert themof this country would be startled out of tuencies distributing five dollar bills lished in Prescott, where an election is now pending, says that the election of an opponent of the government would be equivalent to disfranchising the county. "Our county requires government favors at the present time. By sending a man to oppose them we do ourselves an injury. Better far to do without a member than to do so." During the last hours of the West Northumberland election placards posted in Cobourg invited the electors to "vote for George Guillet and the railway. do not propose to deceive the people nor to hold out to them false hopes. Our success just now depends upon sending to Ottawa a representative friendly to the government, so that the charter for the new road may be extended and the additional subsidy granted which will in all human probability secure its construction." And again:—"It is vain, therefore, for our opponents to belittle the vast importance election. The elector who has property or capital invested in this town does not need to be told where his interest lies. The government at Ottawa is strong and can afford, although unwillingly, to have an enemy sent from West Northumberland-

In another part of the same journal i was said that the harbor would have to be dredged out during the coming summer. Then followed the appeal, "Vote for government." Mr. Holland, a Cobourg barrister and a leading supporter of Mr. Guillet, in a speech made at a public meeting several days before the election, reminded the electors that there were fifteen similar bonuses granted to railways to run through districts represented by members of the government party. If Mr. Guillet was not elected an opposition member would not have any possible chance to get government favors as would a conservative member. This open offer of a bribe is significant. It means that in the opinion of shrewd tory workers, who may be supposed to have a fair knowledge of the state of public opinion, public opinion is so debauched that the concealment of bribery is a useless and troublesome piece province is equal to the task, although it of hypocrisy; and it means, too, that they have no fear that such conduct is punishable by law. The work is not left to the understrappers of the party. Ministers of the crown take part in it. During the election in South Victoria Mr. Costigan,

minister of inland revenue, wrote to an "Ontario's pewter hero" is the phrase the Toronto Telegram applies to D'Alton McCarty, and it is about correct."

"No elector who supported Mr. Fairbairn before has any reasonable grounds to withdraw that support from him now because a subsidy that support from him now because a subsid will be one of the very first to receive a subsidy.

I have no hesitation myself in stating that, when considering the question of subsidies next, I feel that the government are so strongly committed to this one that I would consider that it should be placed at the head of the list

even over roads in my own province requiring subsidies." With this letter was enclosed one from Mr. Bowell, acting minister of railways, assuring the skeptical that the application caygeon rallway "had not be n forgotten, that in fact the parties were distinctly told last session that it should be one of the first railways to receive favorable consider ation." The worst of it is that the results of the election prove that a considerable number of voters are willing to accept these bribes. Coaditional promises of government aid to railways were made localities through which the promised line would run the tory candidate always made gains. It is possible that the people do clearly perceive that the transaction is as corrupt as the sale of a vote for spot cash; or that they salve their consciences by reflecting that they have a

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