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**The Liberal.**

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, Mar. 3, '92

**THE LONDON ELECTION.**

In all fairness Mr. Hymen should be allowed to take his seat in the House of Commons as member for London. Hon. John Carling is, however, claiming the place, and the case will have to be settled by the Supreme Court of Canada. Should Mr. Carling be successful it will only be by a technicality in the law, as his Conservative friends do not pretend to say that the persons who gave him a majority over his opponent were duly qualified voters. The plea of the Conservatives is that the several hundred names should not have been struck from the voters' lists because the Reformers had not given proper notice.

It will be remembered that the form of notice was given in accordance with instructions from the Revising Barrister. In court, however, this officer stated that the notice was faulty, but he allowed the appellants to amend the objections. The Conservatives appealed against this decision allowing the amendment, but the County Judge declared he had no jurisdiction in the matter. The Liberals then applied to the Queen's Bench. The decision of the court, which was composed of three high judges, decided that the original papers were sufficient, and granted a mandamus ordering the Revising Barrister to proceed with the revision. The Officer obeyed and ruled that several hundred names objected to by the Liberals should not be on the list. The Conservatives then gave notice of appeal relative to the original notices, and the Revising Barrister allowed the names to stand pending that appeal. By three to one the Court of Appeal decided that the original notice of appeal was good. It is evident, therefore, that the names should have been removed from the list.

It scarcely seems honorable that Mr. Carling and his friends should insist, after all the stages the case has passed through, that it has to be decided by the Supreme Court. The Revising Officer who has decided against them is an appointee of the Government, and is not likely to give the Reformers more than justice. Three courts have decided against them, nevertheless they show a desire to defend unqualified voters. If Mr. Carling gets the seat it cannot be claimed for him that he has won it on his merits.

**PETITIONS PRESENTED.**

On Thursday last Mr. G. B. Smith presented a petition in the Legislature, from the Council of the Corporation of the County of York, praying that provision may be made for the election of High school trustees at the same time and in the same manner as Public school trustees. Although the request looks fair and reasonable, we doubt that the change in the law would bring about better results. As far as it relates to this section of country experience teaches that very little interest is taken in elections for school trustees, the rule being to elect by acclamation those who may be nominated on the spur of the moment, whether they are capable or not. On the other hand Municipal Councils have time to select their men, and, we believe, as a rule, their appointments are satisfactory.

Mr. Smith also presented a petition from the same body praying that county registrars, sheriffs, crown attorneys, etc., be paid by

salary instead of fees. Whilst much can be said in support of the present system by which a man is paid according to the amount of work he has to perform, the feeling appears to be growing that, in large cities like Toronto, at least, a stated salary would be more satisfactory than payment by fees.

**SCATHING CONDEMNATION.**

On Friday evening last Rev. Dr. Douglas delivered a speech on the political situation, before the Dominion Alliance, in Montreal, denouncing Mr. Mercier, Sir John Thompson, Sir Hector Langevin, Hon. John Haggart, Mr. Chapleau and Mr. Foster. The speaker drew a comparison between Robert Baldwin and Sir John Thompson, between Senator Howe and Hon. C. H. Tupper, and between Sir Alex. Galt and Hon. G. E. Foster. Referring to the latter gentleman he said:—

"When Mr. Foster was lifted from the platform of the temperance advocate to Ministerial office he practically turned his back upon the reform he formerly advocated, by engineering a policy of indefinite delay. I now ask this Minister of Finance, was he sincere when he brought in his preposterous bill for a commission to investigate the evils of the liquor traffic, knowing, as he did, that the land was moist with its tears and blood? If sincere will he explain why the commission was never organized, and that, too, when this week has been the assembling of Parliament? We brand his motion as an insincere act, to kill the aspirations and hopes of two millions of this Dominion."

The rev. gentleman's comparison of Mr. Mercier with the late Mr. Dorion placed the Quebec ex-Premier in an unenviable position. He said:—

"We take A. A. Dorion who carried the white lily of a stainless life to the sepulchre and contrast him with the imitable Mercier who, like the amphibia, crept out of the slimy waters of Quebec boodlesm, ascended the highlands of religious sanctity, and with the dire witchery of pretence took from the hands of unsullied and exalted purity in Rome honors which were never claimed by a Bohemond, or a Cœur de Lion, and returning again to the slimy depths of boodlesm."

**UNFOUNDED RUMORS.**

There is not the least foundation for the report circulated by Tory newspapers that Mr. Laurier has resigned his position as leader of the Opposition in the Dominion Parliament. The report is intended to arouse dissatisfaction and disaffection in the Liberal ranks, and to induce them to condemn their leader on account of their defeats in the bye-elections. Mr. Laurier is an eloquent speaker, a hard worker, is trusted by his friends, has a most amiable disposition, and grows more popular every time he visits this province. His private character is beyond reproach, and his public record is entirely unspotted. Liberals in all parts of Canada are proud of Mr. Laurier as he is one of the noblest and most honorable men in public life to-day. Let no Liberal be drawn from the path of duty. They have a good leader and a good policy. Let them stick to both and time will bring their reward.

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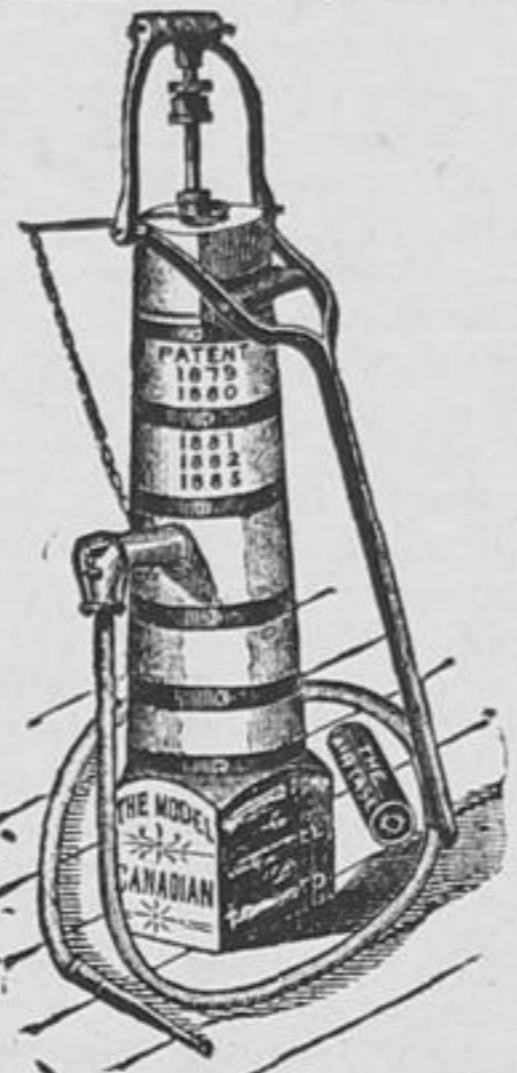
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