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The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, June 14, '94

AN AGED PATRON SPEAKS.

The leading editorial in a late issue of the Canada Farmers' Sun is devoted to Alexander Wood, East Nissouri, Oxford County, and to his son William, who for the past four years represented North Brant in the Ontario Legislature.

Of the father the Sun says: "The oldest Patron in Oxford has a record that is unique. A sturdy, honest, intelligent Scotchman, he proudly maintains the principles of our order and champions our cause against all comers."

Referring to the son the Patrons' organ says: "In a neighboring constituency the son—also a sturdy, honest, intelligent man—has become an exponent of Gritism, and is the sitting member for the Legislature. The son is a dutiful fellow, but filial regard cannot influence him to cease to worship at the shrine of the Premier of the province."

In reply Mr. Wood, sr., writes this letter to his son:

"You are quite able to tell the electors of North Brant why you have given the Government a general support, and, like myself, I think you can point to your public and private record as to the best proof of your honesty and intelligence. So far, so good; but the point of the editorial is the subsequent reference made to myself, viz.: "The aged parent, will, however, regard it to be a duty to support the Patron candidate, who is contesting the riding of North Oxford against Sir Oliver." This statement is wholly and entirely untrue. I am a Patron, and it is true that I have always been willing to maintain the principles of our order, but I have never considered myself bound, and I will not be bound, to turn my back on Sir Oliver Mowat in the present contest. I do not claim to be in exact accord with every part of Sir Oliver's policy, but my intelligence is at least great enough to appreciate good government wherever I find it, and taking it all in all I regard it as the best we have ever seen in Canada. In another sentence the editor says: "To battle for purity and economy in the administration of public affairs is a record that many good men of to-day will be proud to leave to their children's children." These are true words, and they furnish the very reason why I intend to support the Mowat administration. I am not prepared to barter away my liberty and sacrifice my judgment and independence to satisfy the ambitions of the men who framed the slavish resolutions of 1894. No political party ever sought thus to "boss" and "bully" its supporters. Perhaps the editor will now place my name in the black list along with Joseph Stratford, the President of the County of Brant Association; a gentleman who has done heroic service for the Patrons of Ontario, and who is (in the Farmers' Sun of May 15) accused of being a partisan. Well, let it be so. We are in good company, Mr. Stratford. The list of good Patrons who refuse to oppose parliamentarians who have done all in their power for the farmers is swelling every day, and nothing so much tends to add to its number as the foolish attempts of some of our leaders to muzzle and chain their followers."

CURIOUS COMBINATIONS.

Mr. Meredith has so few candidates in the field that it is impossible that he can carry the Province, and he could get power by no other means than by a "combination." His government would be inharmonious and unstable. There is grave fear that, in order to hold together the men who are shouting for decentralization, and denouncing the corporations, and breeding suspicion of legitimate commercial operations, measures far more radical and far more revolutionary than justice demands or sound policy sanctions would be forced through the Legislature to the grave unsettling of all established interests, to the injury of our credit, and to the very special peril of the great natural industries of the country—agriculture in all its branches, mining and

lumbering. The effect of such a notice to the world of investors in England and other monetary centres as the dismissal of Sir Oliver Mowat, distinguished as his administration is quite as much for its safe and prudent management of Ontario's affairs as for its extraordinary duration of nearly a quarter of a century, would be disastrous in the extreme upon the business of the country. Nothing more unfortunate could happen to Ontario than the succession to power of a government representing unsympathetic and incongruous elements.

PRES. MADILL ON CHARITIES.

President Madill, of the P. P. A. order, charges that the "distribution of public money is all in favor of the Roman Catholics." In this statement he has particular reference to hospitals and other charitable institutions which receive Government aid; and taking the county of Wellington as an illustration he says: "For every \$100 that is expended in a Protestant institution \$1,000 is given to the Roman Catholics." The foolishness of such an instance is obvious without reference to the official reports or the public accounts; but when it is seen that the hospital at Guelph under Protestant management received aid from the Government last year to the extent of \$2,957.58 while the hospital under Roman Catholic management in the same city received only \$2,739.88. The tenfold exaggeration of President Madill shows what an unsafe guide and leader he must be.

INSPECTION OF CHARITIES.

All institutions in receipt of aid under the Charity Aid Act of Ontario are subject to inspection from time to time by the Inspector of Prisons, who is authorized to make all proper enquiries as to maintenance, management and affairs thereof, and to particularly satisfy himself by the examination of registers and other means as to the correctness of the returns made under the Act, and to report to the Government.

The annual return for each institution is made by its officers according to forms prepared by the Government. They are verified under oath, and any person who wilfully makes or is a party to procuring to be made a false return is liable to a penalty of \$1,000.

In the strict sense there is only one sectarian institution in the Province, the Nicholls Hospital at Peterborough, which by its charter has been established "for the benefit of the Protestant population of the said town." All others, whether under Protestant or Roman Catholic management, admit patients and inmates without distinction of church, race, creed or color.

At the Conservative meeting at Markham, on Wednesday of last week, Mr. E. B. Ryckman said that it was thought by some people that he was leading a forlorn hope in his efforts to defeat Mr. John Richardson, the resident candidate for East York. He was encouraged by the fact, however, that "forlorn hopes have succeeded before this." The Toronto World is evidently among those that look upon Mr. Ryckman's case as hopeless. On Monday last, that paper in reviewing the political situation claimed that there would be one Conservative and two Reformers from the county of York in the new legislature. East York was not the constituency referred to.

Thursday's World, in speaking of the relative merits of Mr. W. R. Meredith and Sir Oliver Mowat, says: "The one seeks the confidence of the people on what he has done; the other on what he promises to do." The electors of Ontario knowing all that Sir Oliver Mowat has done for this province, will therefore not feel inclined to exchange him for Mr. Meredith, no matter what promises the latter may make on the eve of an election.

The third page of the Toronto Daily Mail is noted for "Want" advertisements. If you want a situation, a mechanic, a business, machinery, lodging, if you have lost or found anything, or if you want to find out where anyone is, advertise in the Toronto Daily Mail, and read the advertisements on the third page of that paper. The charge is two cents a word each insertion, or ten cents a word for six insertions. Address The Mail, Toronto, Canada.

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