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RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, Dec. 13, '94

MR. MARTER AS LEADER.

It is altogether likely that Mr. G. F. Marter who was recently appointed leader of the Ontario Opposition, has more than once wished himself back in his Muskoka home. During the few weeks in which he has acted in the role of leader, he has made a complete somersault in his policy, and it is scarcely likely his blundering will be overlooked by the Conservative party. Mr. Marter spoke in London in support of Mr. Essery, the P. P. A. candidate, and pleased his ultra Protestant friends by pronouncing strongly in favor of the abolition of Separate Schools in this province. The result was a victory for Mr. Hobbs, the Liberal candidate, by a majority of 800, and instantly Mr. Marter was prepared to turn his poli- lost or found anything, or if you want to tical sails. At a meeting of his Conservative friends in Toronto on the 5th inst, as reported in the Empire, he said: "I have been told by eminent legal lights that it is utterly im-· possible to abolish Separate Schools, and if we cannot abolish that which has raised so much discussion is it worth keeping up agitation when of Mr. John McEachren, when Mr. Josthat is all that can come of it?" His turn on the temperance question was equally short. Previous to the London election he said: "Should I have the honor of leading a party in the Legislature, if it could not follow me on the prohibition question would let them find another leader." Immediately after his defeat he said: "Perhaps I was foolish on the temperance question. I think it would be foolish in the future to trust for success in the temperance people of this province."

But the funny part about the affair is that Mr. Marter felt himself justified in censuring the electors of London in their refusal to stand by principle, when he, himself, throws principle to one side as soon as he sees it is not a winning card to play.

All the city papers poked fun at him, Conservative as well as Liberal. The following are some of the quotations :-

From Saturday Night—"I am free to admit that Mr. Marter's views are necessarily the laughing-stock of the people when he contends that agitation is no longer profitable."

From the Telegram—"Already Mr. Marter is tired of prohibition and tired of anti-separate schools. Alas! he may be tired of life when time confronts him with the duty of explaining away that now historic speech to the Conservatives of Ward Five."

The World of Saturday gave a cartoon under the heading "Comrades" in which were shown walking arm in arm Mr. Marter and Louis Kribbs, editor of the Advocate, ithe hotelkeeper's organ.

The Evening News also has a cartoon with the following: "G. F. Marter, M.P.P., leader of Ontario Opposition, long a sufferer from sep arate schools, for years an ardent prohibitionist, completely cured by one bottle of Hobb's elixir."

The Mail—"Since the catastrophe in London, Mr. Marter's opinion of the intelligence of the electorate seems to have undergone a change In his case leadership and martyrdom are almost synonymous."

Again the News says: "This announcement means the death of the party. The people of this Province will never entrust the government to the hands of men that do not know their own minds from one Parlia-

ment to another. Honest error would be preferred by the electorate to a policy that is changed every four years, and changed not from conviction but expediency. The latest whirl has condemned Ontario Conservatism, as now constituted, to a term in opposition that will end only in destruction."

The Conservative Association of West York evidently have confidence in Mr. Marter as leader, as the following resolution carried at their annual meeting on Monday shows:-

Moved by Dr. Orr and seconded by Mr. R. Armstrong:

That we, the Conservative Association of West York, duly assembled, hereby express our unbounded confidence in Mr. G. F. Marter, M.P.P., leader of the Conservative members of the Legislative Assembly for Ontario, and tender him our congratulations on the high honor conferred upon him. We believe that he and his colleagues will advocate such measures as will best promote our happiness and prosperity.

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 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 wordfor six insertions. Address The Mail, Toronto, Canada.

Sherwood

Quite an interesting event took place here on Friday the 7th just, at the home eph and Miss Lizzie Gardner celebrated their 21st birthday. A large number of friends from Edgely, Vellore, Maple and Carrville were present and sat down to a sumptuous repast, after which they enjoyed themselves as only young people

The Lutheran pulpit was vacant on Sunday on account of the illness of the Rev. Mr. Dunlap.

The Sabbath School intend holding their annual entertainment on Christmas

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