

The Liberal.

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COUNTY COUNCILS REDUCED.

Of the 122 bills passed at the last session of the Ontario Legislature, which closed on Tuesday of last week, probably no other created as much interest as that which lessened the number of county councillors. Hon. A. S. Hardy, who had proposed several schemes previously without acceptance, had a difficult task on his hands, and whether the bill just passed will give satisfaction remains to be seen. As we have said before in these columns, the county demanded some plan which would lessen the expense to the rate-payers. We still think, however, that every municipality should have one representative.

The new bill will group towns, villages, and townships into municipal districts, each district to send two representatives. In the county of York the number of councillors will be reduced from 47 to 14, and it is thought that this will save from \$700 to \$800 a year. Representatives will be elected for a period of two years, and a reeve, deputy reeve, or councillor of a local municipality will not be eligible to a seat on the county board. Municipalities will therefore have two sets of representatives who may, or may not, work in harmony with each other. The government has not yet defined the limits of the electoral divisions.

After a sharp discussion in North Toronto on Tuesday evening of last week the council of that town by a vote of 8 to 4 rejected the by-law passed at the last meeting of the County Council which proposed to throw the maintenance of the York roads onto the local municipalities. Last year North Toronto was in favor of the by-law, but they now see that the proposal would be an injustice to the rate-payers.

The Dominion Parliament closed a 129 hours' session on the Remedial Bill at midnight Saturday, which is the longest on record in any British Parliament.

Our Ottawa Letter.

Never in the history of the Liberal party have the reports coming in from all quarters been more encouraging than at the present moment. Those of you who have read my letters will hardly say I have talked very much heretofore of what the Liberal party would do at the next election. You have not heard me talk of sweeping the country, of overwhelming victories, etc., although I felt an intelligent electorate could hardly repeat the verdict they gave at the polls in 1891. I have, as a rule, pointed out why such a verdict should not be again given but I wanted something more positive as to the general feeling in the country before I committed myself to a prediction as the result of the general elections. Now I am in possession of information that warrants my saying that within two months Wilfred Laurier will be premier of Canada.

Have I ever deceived you in laying facts before you? Search my letters through and you will not find a paragraph in which, for the sake of securing a political point, I have misstated facts. For the future, long after the elections are over, I hope to retain your confidence and it would stand me little if now I should venture an opinion, yes a positive statement as to what the result of the elections will be and have my prophecy fail. The conclusion reached has not been arrived at after consulting a few individuals in this county and that county, but is the result of a most careful analysis of the thousands of letters that have been received during the past two weeks from every city, town, village and settlement from Atlantic to Pacific. I wish some of you could for one moment look in at headquarters and see the little army sorting up the reports as they come in from our agents in every quarter of the Dominion and see how perfect has been made the machinery for securing information. This is mainly due to the untiring efforts of our popular whip, James Sutherland, M. P. Never has an organization of this sort been made so complete.

Now while I have all this encouraging news for you to-day I want to impress the fact upon you that "the battle is not won until the last vote is polled." We lost Broome county by one vote; we lost West Huron, when Patterson defeated Cameron, by 16 votes. I could name scores of counties that have been carried on equally small majorities at one time

or another, and for that reason I say complete your own local organization at once for the loss of one vote might turn your own county over to the hands of the enemies of honest government. A member of the cabinet told me on Saturday that possibly the elections would be held on the 26th of May.

Go to work with the same will and determination that you would show in the defence of your homes against an invading army. As I write I fancy I can hear some of you say the country has no worse enemy than the government at Ottawa. For eighteen years they have pillaged and plundered, and with the spoils, the money they have robbed you of, they have corrupted the elections to keep themselves longer in possession of the treasury chest.

TRAITORS AND CONSPIRATORS.

Such is what Sir Mackenzie Bowell has called six of those who now sit at the council board as his colleagues. You have often heard the saying that a man is judged by the company he keeps, and while one is justified in putting down the honest man who may be found in the company of confidence men and rogues as of the same stripe, there are exceptions to this rule and I will give you an illustration of it.

For years the Liberal party has been fighting the government of which Sir Mackenzie Bowell is a member, but in all these years, while his colleagues were being charged with corruption and all the crimes of the category, the finger of scorn has never been pointed at him. Within three weeks he retires altogether from active politics, deceived and betrayed by those he had been surrounded with. Whatever his other faults may have been dishonesty was not one of them. I have told you now why his colleagues conspired to his downfall: "he was not dishonest." Can you read between the lines? The Conservative party is putting up the worst fight of their lives to-day. They are driven to desperation and are prepared to resort to desperate means to hold on. Sir Mackenzie Bowell stands in their way; he would not lend himself to their plots, to their raids upon the treasury and they have deposed him. Who is the man, the saviour they have brought into the fight to fill his place; to fill the role of leader! Some one, yes the Toronto Mail called him the Prince of—stop, the Mail is booming him now.

Early in January Foster and his friends told you they entered Sir Mackenzie's cabinet with misgivings. Why? Let me give you a peep into the inside history here. They knew they could make no use of Sir Mackenzie. Past experience told them so. He was an obstacle in their way. He had insisted but in vain, on Foster's friends, the Fredericton Bridge Company, paying up the six years' interest on a \$300,000 loan they had defaulted. He had blocked the scheme by which it was proposed to hand over \$2,500,000 of money out of the treasury to the Hudson Bay Co. He had refused to renew the subsidy by which for 20 years the Chignecto Ship Railway Co. were to receive \$170,000 annually out of the treasury. This is only a very small representation of the raids on the treasury Sir Mackenzie checked. Do you wonder they entered Sir Mackenzie's cabinet with misgivings? Do you wonder at the determination they have shown to get rid of him?

Well, they have succeeded in driving him out of political life, and now these same men are asking you to show your confidence in them by returning them to power at the general election. "Traitors, conspirators." That sounds well. But Sir Charles Tupper has come to save the country. The watchman will want watching.

Markham Council.

Council met at Unionville on Saturday, April 11th, at 11 o'clock a. m. Reeve in the chair. Minutes of last meeting and of special meeting read and confirmed.

Communications were read from Geo. Eakin, Esq., Clerk Co. York, re transfer of York roads to minor municipalities; from C. C. Robinson, Esq., Solicitor Co. York, re equalization of county assessment.

A petition was presented by Mr. Scott from Joram Eckardt, Esq., and 34 others, asking that Mr. Salem Eckardt be appointed road overseer in Div. No. 36.

Scott—Reesor—that the mover be commissioner to make necessary repairs to bridge at lot 35 con. 5, and bridge between lots 30 and 31, con. 3.—Carried.

Reesor—Quantz—that the treasurer refund H. C. Reesor \$1 dog tax.—Carried.

Lawrie—Quantz—that in reference to the communication from the county clerk in regard to the assumption of the York roads by the minor municipalities, this council has decided to leave the matter over for further consideration.—Carried.

Reesor—Lawrie—that on the order of the reeve the treasurer pay the following accounts re appeal against equalization of county assessment:—A. Forster, services re interest of the township, \$2.50; C. C. Robinson, legal expenses, \$10.—Carried.

Quantz—Lawrie—that the treasurer pay the following gravel accounts:—Mr. Neil, 100 yards, \$10; Abraham Heise, 99 yards, \$9.90.—Carried.

Quantz—Reesor—that the treasurer pay the following accounts:—Abraham Heise, building stone breakwater at Almiria, \$3, and repairing culvert in div. 40, 50 cents; James Fisher, 2 tons of stone delivered on Pomona mill road, \$11.50; Michael Horen, breaking stone, \$11; Hector Paterson, repairing bridge between lots 15 and 16, con. 5, \$4; Wm. Stiver, shoveling snow and cutting ice away from posts of bridge on con. 5, \$3.50; John Beyer, hauling stone and gravel in road div. 56, \$2.—Carried.

Quantz—Lawrie—that Mr. Frank Pearson be com. to repair washout at lot 5,

con. 2. Amount required payable on order of mover when work is completed.—Carried.

Scott—Quantz—that the treasurer pay the following accounts for digging snow on the south townline and bill York township with half the amount: Wm. Burns, 1 day, 75 cts.; W. Robison, 2 days, \$1.50; Chas. Perryman, 2 1/2 days, \$1.50.—Carried.

Quantz—Scott—that the mover be com. to have bill on Pomona mill road put in an efficient state of repair: amount required payable on his order when work is completed.—Carried.

Scott—Lawrie—that the clerk acknowledge the receipt of communication from Central Bridge Co., Peterboro', re Pomona mills bridge and state that the engineer has not yet reported the bridge completed.—Carried.

Quantz—Scott—that when this council adjourns it stands adjourned until Tuesday, May 25th, at 10 a. m., and to meet as a Court of Revision at 2 p. m. on the same day.—Carried.

Lawrie—Quantz—that the treasurer remit to George Todd \$7.88; amount on collector's roll for statute labor, the labor having been performed.—Carried.

Scott—Quantz—that on the order of the reeve, the treasurer pay Mrs. Ann Johnson a sum not to exceed \$40, being expenses in connection with her removal to Toronto.—Carried.

Mr. Reesor asked leave to introduce a by-law to appoint overseers of highways for 1896-97. Leave given.

The by-law received its three several readings and was passed, and the reeve authorized to sign the same and have the seal of the corporation attached thereto. Council adjourned.

Preferential Trade.

During the coming general elections appeals for support will be made by the protectionists in virtue of their claim of being supporters if not the originators of so called Imperial Federation.

So much nonsense would not be writ, and eloquence wasted on this subject, were the people to realize the fact that a Federation of the British Empire exists to-day in so far as the corrupting and consequently disintegrating influence of protection in some of its vital parts will permit it to exist.

In so far as Canada is concerned the evidences of corruption and disintegration since protection was introduced here in 1879 are many. For instance, Sir Chas. Hibbert Tupper a short time ago asserted (and his statement has been repeated by hosts of orators and writers in this and other countries where it is sought to perpetuate protection) that "Great Britain is being driven out of the civilized markets of the world, and is now obliged to use her army and navy to force her goods on defenseless savages."

As Great Britain is supposed to be thus injuriously affected by the very protective measures Sir Hibbert and his party so zealously advocate, it may with reason be assumed that in this case the wish is father to the thought. This is but one of many mean and petty, not to say false, assertions against the honor and dignity of the United Kingdom, that are being industriously circulated in this and other countries by the advocates of protection, and account in a measure for the hatred against "the tight little Isle" which is such a noticeable feature of our times.

As the strongest tie that binds the Empire together must always be mutual respect and love, such assertions by public men like Sir Chas. Hibbert Tupper must weaken the very foundation on which the unity of the Empire rests.

A list of the known cases of corruption in high places since protection was introduced in Canada would fill pages, and they necessarily bear a small proportion to the whole, involving a loss to the people of many millions of dollars.

Many post-offices fit to accommodate the business of large cities have been built in small towns to influence the vote of the electors.

Custom houses have been opened up all over the country to provide places for political supporters; but the greatest steal is that by which hundreds of millions of dollars have been taken out of the people by the tariff and put into the pockets of the combines, and certain favored manufacturers.

It is no wonder that, during this carnival of unblushing plunder, farm lands have fallen in value 40 per cent. and wages (cost of living considered) in proportion, for the best authorities, and common sense, teach that all such extravagance is ultimately paid by the farmer and laborers of the community.

The time is opportune, in so far as Canada is concerned, for loyal citizens of the Empire to destroy the influence of the blustering boomsters who boast of their power to corrupt the whole Empire, by foisting protection thereon, as a cure for the poverty and disintegration they have already created in some of its parts, by the successful advocacy of similar measures.

New South Wales leads the way. She is now shoulder to shoulder with the mother land in her trade policy. Surely Canada, the brightest and largest gem in the ring of British nations that girdle the world, will sweep from her path the band of boodlers that now bars her way to Imperial Unity.

H. WASHINGTON.
Ottawa, April 14th, 1896.

Sale Register.

SATURDAY, April 18—Credit sale farm stock, implements, &c., on lot 6, con. 8, Markham, the property of Henry Rickett. Sale at twelve o'clock. Lunch provided. No reserve. Terms 7 months. Eckardt & Prontice, auctioneers.

TUESDAY, April 21—Credit sale of farm stock, implements, &c., on lot 13, con. 6, Markham, the property of the late David Eakin. No reserve. Sale at 1 o'clock. Terms 7 months. Eckardt & Prontice, auctioneers.

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