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THE GOVERNMENT SUS-
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On another page we give the returns of last Thursday's vote, which show that the Laurier Government were returned to power by an overwhelming majority. Few thoughtful people looked for the defeat of the ministry, but few thought that their majority would be increased. The only real question at issue was the building of the transcontinental railway, and it is probably well that that question has been settled by the electors by unmistakable evidence. Both political parties admit that another railway across the continent is a necessity, therefore it would have been very unwise to change the plans of building at this particular time. Thursday's vote shows clearly that Canada wants the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Opposition candidates in some cases endeavored to show that the Government should be censured for the re-distribution of seats, but the arguments were certainly weak, and the Government supporters showed clearly that if the re-distribution bill was not a perfect measure, it was a great improvement on the gerrymander of 1882, and probably the fairest bill of a similar nature ever introduced.

The result shows that the Liberals carried six out of the eight provinces, all going with the Government with the exception of Ontario and Prince Edward Island. Quebec gave a solid support for Sir Wilfrid Laurier, but it can be said that the Liberals have a majority independent of Quebec.

It seems almost regrettable that Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the Opposition, was among those who fell in the political contest. The blow is a severe one for a party leader, Mr. Borden not only being defeated himself, but losing every seat in his own province, Nova Scotia, the Liberals carrying the 18 ridings.

The three Yorks went as it was generally thought they would. Hon. Wm. Mulock and Mr. A. Campbell won for the Liberals in North and Centre York respectively, while Mr. W. F. Maclean easily carried South York. Toronto returned five members for the Conservatives.

The country is to be congratulated on the general result, and now that the elections are over many Conservatives are free to admit that in the face of good times and general prosperity this is no time for a change. The Liberals have done well and it is but right that the electors show that their efforts have been appreciated.

A CLEAN ELECTION.

We heartily agree with the sentiments expressed in the Markham Sun last week when that paper stated on the morning of the election that whether Mr. Campbell or Mr. Pugsley won in Centre York we were sure of having a gentleman to represent us of whom we would have reason to be proud. The sun says it was a clean election, and closes its editorial as follows:

"We are satisfied that not a dollar has been spent by either candidate in anything but the most legitimate expenses, and these have been kept within extremely moderate bounds. No hee-lers or outside 'workers' have been here to corrupt the electorate or prevent the expression of an unbiased opinion. The election has been clean in another way. Neither

candidate has indulged in personalities or in any of the disgusting personal abuse that has disgraced many an election contest in Ontario. Both are gentlemen and have conducted a gentlemanly campaign. Whoever may be elected, Centre York will have a representative of which there is no reason to be ashamed."

The Dominion Ministers are to be congratulated on the splendid majorities by which, with one or two exceptions, they were returned to power on Thursday last. Here are the majorities:

- Sir Wilfrid Laurier, 2,040.
- Prefontaine, 2,300.
- Fitzpatrick, 2,000.
- Borden, 1,700.
- Sutherland, 1,500.
- Mulock, 1,200.
- Sifton, 874.
- Fisher, 868.
- Emmerson, 769.
- Brodent, 675.
- Fielding, 650.
- Patterson, 470.

Mr. Parent, the Liberal Premier of Quebec, has decided to hold a general election for the province the latter part of this month, and the Conservative party has decided to offer no opposition. The action of the Conservatives is said to be a protest against the government appealing to the people so soon after the Liberal sweep in the Dominion elections. The World and the Mail and Empire commends the Quebec Conservatives for their decision to contest none of the seats. This shows that all the fight is completely knocked out of those usually bellicose journals. Just fancy a Provincial Parliament without a single Conservative.

The Toronto World on Monday reproduces an article from the London Morning Post, commenting on the result of the recent Dominion elections. The Post says that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's overwhelming majority is not a trustworthy indication of the numerical strength of Liberals and Conservatives, but is due to government patronage, and a desire of many electors to be on the winning side. The paper makes one exception, adding that "Toronto is too wealthy to be bribed." Such comment is an insult to the Canadian electors.

The World of Monday advises the Conservative party to accept Thursday's defeat, but to make endeavors to win the Province from Hon. G. W. Ross. The World does not do itself credit in referring to Ontario's Premier as a "whited sepulchre," and "the worst hypocrite and the worst political gamester that ever appeared in Canada."

It was stated by the Ottawa correspondent in yesterday's Globe that Mr. Arch. Campbell, M. P. for Centre York, might be the next Speaker in the House of Commons. Mr. Campbell has a firm grasp of parliamentary questions, and would fill the position with grace and dignity.

Fall Cleaning The Orchard.

Much can be said in favor of an annual fall orchard cleaning, although many of our fruit-growers are indifferent in this matter. Aside from the fact that there is more leisure after the fruit has been gathered than in the rush of our early spring when so many odds and ends must be attended to, there are many urgent and convincing reasons why our orchards should be very carefully cleaned of rubbish and litter during late fall and early winter.

People often wonder how it happens that certain insects appear in such alarming numbers during the summer. A few careful observations during the fall and winter will show how these insects pass the cold period of the year. The egg masses of the tent caterpillars will be found encircling the smaller branches. If these brackets of eggs be removed whenever seen much serious injury will be averted the following spring. The cawker-worms pass the winter in the egg state, and these eggs are often to be seen in masses on branches. The codling worm passes the winter in a cocoon, under bits of bark, boards and in crevices, and a general cleaning will get rid of many of these troublesome pests. The grape-vine beetle and the plum curculio pass the winter in their

full grown beetle condition in sheltered spots, often near the base of the plant. Squash bugs also winter over full grown in sheltered spots, under boards and in corners of outbuildings.

There is also a necessity for a thorough cleaning up of the orchard for the purpose of destroying many of the fungi which remain on the ground in diseased leaves and fruit. It is a well known fact that many injurious fungi produce winter spores, and though the spores decay, the leaves do not. In early spring these will produce spores which will soon spread to the early leaves. The diseased fruit, plants and leaves should be burned, not thrown on the manure pile, for then the spores will be able to survive the winter, and reproduce the disease the following season. Moreover, many fungi persist in the leaves as delicate threads, which develop rapidly in the spring, and produce spores which are soon blown by the wind to the leaves where they germinate and produce disease.

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