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THE DURHAM CHRONICLE

M. IRWIN, Editor and Proprietor. DURHAM, MAY 28, 1908.

SANCTUM SIFTINGS

The uniform 'e' wore Was nothing much before, And rather less than art of that behind. For a bit of twisted rag And a goat-skin water bag Was all the field equipment 'e could find. —Kipling.

The above salutation, delivered to A. G. MacKay, Leader of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition, by McNeill, the "News" cartoonist, depicts, as concisely as possible, the attitude of that gentleman in hurling the Whitney Government the tirade he has been unloading the month or so. Mr. MacKay has no "field equipment" of any kind, not even the "bit of twisted rag" "goat-skin water bag," and the address of his attack on the Conservative party is drawing from his own wretched murmurs of disapproval, he is no fault to be found with our Provincial Government for the past few years, and Mr. MacKay knows better for the man from Owen Sound to wait till he gets some clothes before he starts the chastity stunt especially in the present instance.

"People who live in glass houses should never throw stones." Evidently Mr. MacKay never thinks of that adage when he unfolds himself before the electors of a municipality and charges the Whitebeities with corruption and poor legislation. MacKay's own record is not too good, and though he may be fully able of attending to the position now holds, this northern country still thinking of that memorable campaign in 1902, when the Liberal party's present leader was elected by a majority of nine, which a recount afterwards reduced to one. In this contest, four of Mr. MacKay's opponents' ballots mysteriously became marked with little crosses and the electors had to reject them. But the gentleman that he had to reject could deal, and made things so hot for the Liberal party that he had to resign. Another election taking place, when Sound was found to have turned in 132 Conservative majority to 58 Liberal, while Meaford changed 88 Liberal to 100 Conservative, all this in favor of MacKay. All this happened, notwithstanding the fact

that no Conservatives had changed. The howl of dissatisfaction that went up over this deal resulted in a protest being entered, regarding which the Bruce Herald says in part:—

"The scheme resorted to in order to secure Mr. MacKay's election having been examined, a protest was entered. At a meeting in Dundalk, shortly after the case had been entered, Mr. Boyd stated that he had been offered \$10,000 to allow Mr. MacKay to occupy the seat undisturbed. The offer was rejected, and the investigation proceeded. Some evidence was taken and the trial was postponed. Before it could be resumed Mr. MacKay was made a member of the Government, and it was claimed that as he had accepted office, his seat had been vacated the election trial had to be stopped. The courts declined to take this view, and so the trial was ordered to be continued, with 300 cases of fraud and bribery to be tried. At the opening of the adjourned case the secretary of Mr. MacKay's committee was put on the stand that he might produce the election books. He swore that they had all been destroyed! The prosecution then began to trace the money employed in behalf of MacKay, and had just discovered that Charley Bowman, M. P. P., Jim Connee's partner, had sent in money, when a dissolution of the Legislature was announced, and the trial was brought to an end."

With such a record staring him in the face, at the very beginning of his political career, Mr. MacKay is certainly a man of mighty nerve to stand in front of any intelligent gathering of electors and endeavor to unload his troubles onto them.

In last week's "Review" there appeared a series of "Reasons why you should vote for Neil McCannel" and out of the whole bunch we have failed to discover a single one that savors of one iota of convincing argument. In reasons one and two he states that Mr. McCannel is a farmer, and says that he condemns the extravagance of the present administration in the increased expenditure, the increase being largely in departments that do not benefit the farmer. Then he branches off onto the old howl, the Redistribution Bill, and says the Government has given a Railway Commission to protect the people's rights. And we might, if we had the time and space, go on to considerable length and specify to your accusations, and show you the falseness of your statements when you say Whitney has broken his promises.

Also, the treatment of Northern Ontario has led to a dangerous secession movement. The bungling of the power question, says the man on the hill, has resulted in the Province losing a valuable asset. Next, says MacKay's right bower:—"Dr. Jamieson when in opposition, wanted the number of members reduced to 60, wanted the boundaries of constituencies to be fixed by judges, and redistribution only after a census, yet a few weeks ago he voted to increase the members to 110, to have a redistribution, even when there was no census, and that a committee of 5 Conservatives and 3 Liberals should change the constituencies." And in his last turn at the bat in the ten-ning contest, he says "Dr. Jamieson, owing to his many cement and other interests, cannot give and has not given the efficient service South Grey deserves and requires."

It is scarcely possible that the editor of the Review knows what he's talking about, or he never would have fired off his "ten reasons" broadcast among South Grey's electors. He certainly must be completely off his trolley to imagine for one moment that the electors of this riding are to be hoodwinked into voting for Mr. McCannel with such a collection of curios as put forth last week in the Durham Review. If they were in the least correct, it might help some, but it is a foregone conclusion the people of this riding don't want any political "burlesques" just yet. For the information of Mr. Ramage, who doesn't appear to understand the situation, we'll explain it so the following will probably be of no interest to the average voter.

As we understand, the situation, Mr. McCannel is not a farmer, though he was at one time. Living as he does at present, just outside the corporation of the town of Durham, Mr. McCannel devotes his time to insurance and selling implements, and was, as well, up to a short time ago, an Emigration Agent, receiving as his reward \$2 per head commission.

The increased expenditure, on which Mr. McCannel sets his foot down so firmly, the Whitney government is guilty of, and makes no bones about it. But the increased receipts from railways, corporations, license fees, selling of the timber limits for something near their actual value, instead of loading up some party heeler as the Ross government did, have enabled and even forced the government to ex-

pend more money per year per capita. Notwithstanding the increased expenditure the Whitney administration has turned a million dollars annual deficit under the old government into a surplus of 1,655,000 in three years. The assertion that the farmers derive no benefits from these expenditures is ludicrous in the extreme. In 1904, under Liberal rule, Agriculture and Colonization Roads received \$622,101. Since that year, these grants have been increased, until, in 1908, they amounted to \$1,021,316, or an increase of \$399,215. Surely, the farmer has received some benefit from this.

Though Mr. Whitney decapitated the force of License inspectors considerably, it was done for the good of the service and the accusation that the spoilsmen were responsible for it is very hollow. In Durham alone, we have our Registrar, Police Magistrate and Clerk of the Division Court, all good, hardworking Liberals who still retain their seats, notwithstanding your charges against the government, and what about Police Magistrate Neil McCannel? The Redistribution Bill which seems to grate so hard on your nerves is acknowledged by all of fair minds to be the fairest price of redistributing of constituencies that has ever taken place in Ontario. Under the last government there were more Conservative votes in Ontario than Liberal, but still the Liberals had a majority in the house.

As to Mr. Whitney breaking his promises regarding Law Reform, why didn't you specify. Your statement is too broad. Mr. Whitney has brought about considerable law reform, and will do even better the next four sessions than last. Surely, Mr. Review, you haven't overlooked the fact that the Conservatives have given the province a clean election law and have abolished the numbered ballot as well as stopped the ballot-box stuffing. It has burst the school book ring, and the set of books that formerly cost \$1.15 can now be purchased for 49c. It has brought about the selling by actual tender by the thousand of the timber limits instead of by private sale to party heeler at less than one-tenth the actual value, and this by the square mile.

It has developed New Ontario. It has yielded to the Railway Commission to protect the people's rights. And we might, if we had the time and space, go on to considerable length and specify to your accusations, and show you the falseness of your statements when you say Whitney has broken his promises.

Regarding the School Bill, we may say as we said before it was placed before the government for modification, and was voted for by most of your own party, Leader included, who saw not one flaw in it till the election campaign was on.

The secession in Northern Ontario you speak of is confined solely to disgruntled Liberal pap-hunters who can't prevail on Whitney to allow them the same graft as they enjoyed under the old regime. As to the losing of Niagara power, it is a widely known fact, that the power of the Falls was disposed of before the Conservative party came into the majority, but who have since brought such pressure to bear on the power corporations there stationed, that electric energy is now sold to consumers at a rate never before dreamed of.

No, Brer. Review, you can't convince us, or anybody else for that matter, with that line of argument. In attacking Premier Whitney and Dr. Jamieson you have put your shoulder to the wheel that's not in the ditch, and your assistance will not avail you or your party much. In voting for the reducing of the number of members in 1901 and the increase in 1908, South Grey's representative was acting on the theory of representation by population, so you can't attack him on that score. As to not representing his constituency in the House, you will bear you out in your statements, and how much better will Mr. McCannel handle the affairs of this riding? Since Dr. Jamieson's election to the Legislature, South Grey has been well represented and we don't believe it possible for either Grit or Tory party to put a man in the field who will come anywhere near equalling our present member in the Provincial House.

An old Scotchman, not feeling very well, called upon a well-know doctor, who gave him instructions as to diet, exercise and rest. Among other things he advised the patient to abstain from all forms of spirits. "Do as I say," he added cheerfully, "and you'll soon feel better." The Scotchman rose silently and was about to withdraw when the doctor detained him to mention the all-important topic of the fee. "My advice will cost you \$2," he said. "Aw, mebbe," said the old Scotchman, "but I'm nae gaun to tek yer advice."

SOUTH GREY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Field Crop Competition in Oats in 1908

To be carried on by the Co-operation of the Agricultural Societies Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and the Seed Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture. \$50.00 IN CASH PRIZES.

Having in view the excellent results obtained last year in stimulating a greater interest in the production of better seed grain, Agricultural Societies will be again assisted in the holding of competitions in standing field crops during 1908, under the following regulations:—

1. Nature of Competition. Competitions shall be limited to one crop, to be selected by the society, which should be the one of most importance to the farmers of the district. Entries for competition must consist of a field of not less than five acres, and where beans and potatoes are entered, the minimum plot not less than one acre. Selection must be made from the following crops, viz.: Spring, Fall or Goose wheat, oats, barley, corn, peas, alsike clover, red clover, potatoes, beans or any other staple crop produced for seed in Ontario. The South Grey Agricultural Society has selected OARS for their competition.

2. Competitors.—Competition shall be limited to members of Agricultural Societies, and the fields entered must not be more than fifteen miles from its headquarters. Competitors shall be allowed to make entry in only one society and but one entry can be made by each competitor.

3. Societies desiring to enter this competition must notify the Superintendent not later than the first day of May, and must make not less than ten entries nor more than twenty-five.

4. Individual Entries.—All individual entries must be forwarded by the secretary of South Grey Agricultural Society, who will forward the same to J. Lockie Wilson, Superintendent of Agricultural Societies, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, before the first of June, 1908.

Prizes.—The Ontario Department of Agriculture will contribute \$30.00 to each society on condition that prizes to the amount of \$50.00 be offered, these prizes to be not less than \$15, \$12, \$10, \$8, and \$5.

The Seed Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture will provide expert judges for these competitions free of cost to the societies.

Address all communications before Thursday, May 28th, to C. FIRTH, Secretary, Durham, Ont.

May 14 3t.

ONTARIO ELECTIONS June 8th, 1908



Your vote and influence respectfully solicited. D. JAMIESON.

Tricks of the Watch Trade.

A local jeweler submits the following trick of the watch trade, which he holds applies to every other line of merchandise. "The superintendent of a watch factory, while instructing his classier, holds in his hand two watches which in appearance are exactly the same, but there is a great difference. Watch No. 1 is as nearly perfect as human skill can make it, and is sold through the jewelers and cannot be sold for less than \$25. While watch No. 2 looks to be the same as No. 1, there is an imperfection. It is true that it has the same number of jewels and other parts, but you see that some of the jewels are faulty, the pivots don't fit their jewels and the springs are imperfect. It has been handled roughly, and to make it perfect would cost about as much as it would to build a new one, out and out, and if it were sent to the jeweler it would come back. So, as a matter of course, it is money for the factory to class it "second" or "discontinued," sell it to the mail order department of the catalogue house at one-third less than the first quality, or watch No. 1, or a discount of \$8 50. The factory has nothing further to do with this watch. The mail-order house is at liberty to do what it pleases with it and sell it for what they choose. As a matter of fact, the mail-order house proceeds to catalogue it and sell it to those unaware of the tricks of the trade and who lives thousands of miles away.

Root Seeds

- Long Red Mangel: Evans' "Saw Log", Steele-Briggs' "Mammoth", Rennies' "Perfection". Half Sugar Mangel: Steele-Briggs' "Royal Giant", "Giant White", Rennies' "Giant". Yellow Mangel: Steele-Briggs' "Yellow Globe", "Intermediate", Terry's "Yellow Leviathan". Field Carrott: "White Belgian". AT Gun's Drug Store

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Sale of "Sold Out" SAMPLES

We made a big purchase last week, the sets of samples for which the stock had all been sold, belonging to a noted Montreal House. Of course, we got them at a rate on the dollar.

At Wholesale Prices and Less

We are enabled to sell these goods. They are perfect in every respect, and their being "sold out" is proof of their superiority. The lot comprises:

Hosiery, about 42 different kinds. Underwear, mostly spring and summer weights. Belts, Braces, Handkerchiefs, Bathing Suits, Shirts and Sweaters.

To make this sale all the more interesting, we have put on sale many other lines which have been bought at a fraction of the usual price.

\$1.50 Shirts for 79c

100 shirts, perfect goods, mostly this season's make, the newest patterns in printed cloths and the best washing woven cloths. Not one of these shirts is worth less than a \$1.00, but most of them are worth from \$1.25 to \$1.50—while some are \$2.00 shirts. All put on the table this week at..... 79c

40c Hosiery Values for 25c

175 pairs men's socks, some silk embroidered and some plain, best English cashmere, a few lisle thread and fancy patterns, worth all of 40c pr. on sale this week per pair 25c

\$2.50 Hats, Stiff and Soft, \$1.00

50 nice stylish hats, some stiff and some soft, celebrated makes, such as the "Cristy," "Jewsbury," "Churchill," "Waldorf," divided in two lots, nearly all are \$2.50 hats, a few \$2.00, price to clear, \$1.50 and..... 1.00

Special Money-Saving in Dry Goods

White lawns, 42 ins wide, reg 15c value for..... 9c yard Gingham, reg. 12 1/2c a yd in stripes and checks, also plain chambrays for..... 11c yard Dress linen, reg. 40c linen, 1 yd. wide, very even in the weave, only..... 29c yard White vestings, reg 25c value, choice range of patterns 18c yard 40c ladies' embroidered and plain cashmere hose..... 29c pair

The plain hose are a very fine quality, worth, easily 40c pair. Seamless feet and fast black. The embroidered hose are of an English make and embroidered in three colors, Both lines this week on the tables, sizes, 8 1/2, 9, 9 1/2, at..... 29c pair

Clothing Sale..... Many other lines in proportion.

H. H. MOCKLER

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Market Report. DURHAM, May 27, 1908. Fall Wheat..... \$ 90 to Spring Wheat..... 90 to Oats..... 80 to Peas..... 65 to Barley..... 18.00 to Hay..... 24 to Butter..... 15 to Eggs..... 85 to Potatoes per bag..... 2 55 to Flour per cwt..... 3 35 to Oatmeal per sack..... 5 70 to Chop per cwt..... 1 60 to Live Hogs, per cwt..... 7 20 to Dressed Hogs per cwt. 7 20 to Hides per lb..... 3 to Sheepskins..... 23 to Wool..... 5 to Tallow..... 12 to Lard..... 10 to Turkeys..... 8 to Geese..... 8 to Ducks..... 8 to Chickens..... 7 to

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S. SCOTT DURHAM. — — ON The High Stepping

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