

PERSONAL

Mr. David Brown and family have taken up their residence in town. Mr. A. Duncan, of Hanover, spent Thanksgiving with his family here. Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Walpole visited Owen Sound friends over Sunday. Mrs. J. M. Hunter arrived safe from Brandon on Friday evening last. Mrs. Mitchell, of Moorefield, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Grant on Saturday. Mr. John Coleville, of Hamilton, spent Thanksgiving with his mother. Miss Minnie Cousins, of Trowbridge, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hugh McCrae. Mr. Moore McFadden, of Pickering, spent Thanksgiving with friends in town. Mr. P. G. A. Webster was in Toronto over Thanksgiving. Miss Sarah Vollet spent Thanksgiving with Toronto friends. Miss Grenier, spent Thanksgiving in Toronto. Mr. McKay, of the Traders Bank, spent a few days in Toronto. Mr. Wm. Livingston, of the Standard Banks spent Thanksgiving at his home in Harrison. Dr. Edward Lauder, of Cleveland, spent Thanksgiving with his father and other relatives in town. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wass spent Thanksgiving at his home in Brampton.

Miss Jean Brown has returned from Toronto where she has been engaged in millinery work for some time. Mr. J. S. Found, C. P. R. agent at Harrison, was in town Saturday last. Mr. R. M. Wilson, of the Traders Bank, was in Owen Sound over Thanksgiving. Mr. Eson Wolfe, of the Traders Bank, Woodstock, spent the holiday at his home here. Misses Maudie Ries and Minnie Sandlos, of Hanover, were in town Thanksgiving Day. Mr. and Mrs. Lachie McKenzie have returned from Hanover and will remain for some time. Mrs. Smith and children, of Palmerston, visited Mr. and Mrs. Pennington on Sunday and Monday. Mr. Dan McFadden, of Toronto, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McFadden. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery, of Walkerton, spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. M.'s brother, Mr. John Latimer.

Mr. Reg. Kelly is recovering nicely from his recent illness, and is spending a few weeks with his parents here. Mr. George Twainley returned from Saskatchewan on Friday night last. Mr. William A. Campbell, of Meaford High School, spent the holiday in town. Mr. Thompson Boyd, of Crawford, has returned from a summer in the West. Mr. N. McIntyre returned a few days ago from a three months' trip out West. Mr. Percy Hunt, of Traverston, returned from the West where he spent the past three or four months. Mr. and Mrs. Fred McClocklin and children visited friends at Chatsworth over Sunday. Miss Annie McKenzie visited friends in Ayton on Saturday and Sunday last. Mr. Charles Farquharson went to Stratford on Saturday. Mr. James Russell, of Fergus, visited his brother here last week and returned home Saturday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lavelle went to Toronto last week. Mrs. Langdon, of Mt. Forest, was the guest of her son, Edward, from Saturday to Tuesday. Rev. Dynes, of Varney, occupied the Methodist pulpit on Sunday evening. Mr. Keith Newton spent the holiday with his parents, in town. Mr. Beal and Mr. Banks, cement chemists, spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Toronto. Miss Edith Lloyd returned to Fergus on Friday last to resume her duties in the hospital. She was nursing there for three or four weeks. Mr. George S. Hall, of Owen Sound, was in town last week on one of his business trips. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stewart, of St. Paul, were in town Tuesday on their way home from Flesherston, where they spent Thanksgiving with relatives. Miss Violet Blackburn returned to Chicago on Saturday, and her sister, Miss Edith, returned to Cleveland the same morning. Both are trained nurses and have been off on a few weeks' vacation. Mr. W. J. Sharpin, late editor and proprietor of the Gorrie Vidette, was in town from Friday night until Tuesday morning. Having shaken himself loose of editorial cares and worries, he is now a free man and can go where he likes. He intends going West shortly. Rev. Thomas Legate, of Minesing, a gentleman we have known for more than thirty years, was in town over Sunday visiting his sister, Mrs. Thos. Haskins. We had the pleasure of a brief call from him on Saturday last and enjoyed a talk over olden times.

the return of the crews in time to cast their ballots. Liberal voters were kept at home and encouraged and even assisted to poll their votes. The conspiracy was carried out with scientific thoroughness. In Westambton, North Perth, North Wellington and elsewhere the Conservative candidates were massacred. There was ruthless interference with the freedom of workmen. There was gross and shameful abuse of corporate power in order to serve the interests of a party organization. The Grand Trunk railway constituted itself a great electioneering agency for the Government and violated every principle of freedom and every consideration of fair play in the service of its desperate political allies.

With this corporate alliance added to its control of the election machinery, its enormous fund for legitimate and illegitimate expenses, its unlimited drafts upon the treasury for public appropriations, its rascally operations in Northern Ontario, its army of mercenaries who have their wealth through the Patronage List, through trading in contracts and through improper dealing in the public resources, it would have been necessary to poll sixty-five or seventy per cent. of the free voters in order to overthrow the Administration. The action of the railway must be considered by Parliament. Its course was entirely unwarranted and objectionable. The country will not submit to the dictation of any corporation, however powerful. Very particularly it will not submit to coercion by a company which is seeking better financial terms from the Government. Mr. Borden made it plain, that if the Conservative party succeeded to office there would be no attempt to evade the plain terms of the Grand Trunk Pacific contract. He recognized that any evasion of the contract would besmear the public honor, and that the national credit was deeply involved in the success of the great undertaking. More than this the Railway had no right to expect or demand.

While the contract was before Parliament the Opposition had an indubitable right to oppose its terms and to offer an alternative policy. The Conservative leaders have an equal right to exercise a vigilant supervision over cost, classification and methods of construction on the Eastern section. But they are bound to observe the contract into which Parliament has entered with the Grand Trunk Pacific and to give a fair and generous interpretation to its most onerous provisions. Regulation of the contract would damn Canada in the world's money markets and reduce the country to the level of a Central American republic. This the Grand Trunk thoroughly understand, and it is necessary therefore to find a reason for its unwarranted interference in the election.

Is there any other reason than that the cost estimates of the Government were utterly and grotesquely inadequate, that the Eastern section which was to cost fifty or sixty millions of dollars, will cost from \$175,000,000 to \$200,000,000 and that it is absolutely necessary for the company to have release from the contract or a revision of the terms of rental? If this suspicion is well founded the company has acted with conspicuous unwisdom. It is not dealing with a party, but with the whole people of Canada, and it cannot afford to throw itself into a party contest, conspiring with the Government to control the constituencies, and make its assistance to a party ground for favorable financial consideration at the hands of the general body of taxpayers.

For many years the Liberal party maintained a quarrel with the Canadian Pacific Railway. But this quarrel was of the party's own making in this case the Grand Trunk, uninvited and unprovoked, made a quarrel with the Conservative party, and did gross injustice to one-half the people in order to assist a government which is entirely responsible for the situation in which the company finds itself. It was a rash and unfortunate proceeding and can only have unhappy consequences. It is hardly conceivable that the Canadian people will consent to have their elections decided by a railway corporation, and it is intolerable that a victory which was won by coercion may be used to secure better terms for a company which at the eleventh hour in fulfillment of a secret compact undertook to determine the issue of a great political contest.

The French communities voted more solidly than ever before for the Laurier Administration. Witness West Kent and the two Essexes and East Simcoe and Glengarry and Stormont and Nipissing. Witness Quebec and New Brunswick. In the new Parliament Sir Wilfrid Laurier will have fifty-two or fifty-three of a majority. Forty-three of this majority comes out of Quebec. The other French constituencies will account for his total margin in the new Parliament. The new settlers still susceptible to the influences of Government are mainly instrumental in determining the result in the two new Western Provinces. It is natural that French Canadians should show a sympathetic regard for Sir Wilfrid Laurier. But we would face a

desperate situation if the impression should grow that the race aims to control the Government of Canada.

There is nothing more hateful or dangerous than a war of creeds and races within the confines of a country. But if the great majority of one race ally themselves with a particular party racial separation is certain. It would mean that thirty or forty per cent. of the people of Canada would not be amenable to argument on public questions and that the party entrenched in this alliance could hold power forever or at least until there was a radical change in the balance of racial elements in the country. Is there to be perpetual exclusion of the Conservative party from office in Canada and for what reasons? Sir Wilfrid Laurier opposed the coercion of Manitoba, waged a stern conflict with the Quebec bishops, and carried a vast majority of the Quebec constituencies. Mr. Borden opposed the Western autonomy bills, this was made the ground of a determined appeal for his destruction in Quebec and again the vast majority of the French constituencies supported the French-Canadian Prime Minister. The Conservative member for Huntingdon voted against the autonomy bills and on that issue he was defeated. The Conservative candidate in West Huron voted for the autonomy bills and held his Catholic support. Surely these facts are disturbing and suggest a race ascendency not based on broad considerations of public policy.

The News for whose opinions the Conservative party is not responsible, opposed with all its energy the autonomy bills when they were before Parliament. It opposed with equal energy the remedial legislation and the Tupper Government. When the autonomy bills were carried and the new constitutions accepted by Alberta and Saskatchewan, the News, although its conviction that an unconstitutional thing was done had undergone no change, but because it recognizes the danger and the ugliness of an enduring religious quarrel, practically withdrew from the controversy. This substantially was the action of the Conservative party, and at least its course stands out in contrast with that of Sir Wilfrid Laurier twelve years ago. By abandoning the issue the Conservative party lost much and gained nothing. By fighting the issue through a general election, Sir Wilfrid Laurier obtained office and the power to give compensation in Alberta and Saskatchewan for what he withheld in Manitoba.

The News does not urge upon the Conservative party a reversal of policy. Better perpetual exclusion from office than an enduring racial and religious war in the country. Its only immediate purpose is to define the situation fairly and clearly and to point out the danger of a racial solidarity which vests control of the country in one set of politicians. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is an expert in the art of appeal to race feeling, and there is no doubt that the Orange pamphlet was used with destructive effect in some constituencies. According to the Orange Sentinel, even the Globe, which opposed the Manitoba remedial bill and pretended to oppose the autonomy bills, was eager to circulate the Orange pamphlet. For what reason? It is understood that many Roman Catholic voters justify their action in the election by the appearance of this pamphlet, for which Mr. Borden has no manner of responsibility, and by the report that it represented an organization pledged to exclude all Roman Catholics from public office in Canada. The News has no knowledge that any such organization exists. Any such political creed would represent an intolerance to which the country would give no sanction.

Sir John Macdonald was an Orangeman. So was E. F. Clarke. So is Sir Mackenzie Bowell. But they were not bigots. They protected rather than assailed the political rights of Roman Catholics and French-Canadians. Indeed, the Conservative party has a history of breadth and toleration of which it need not be ashamed, and which still has natural expression in Mr. Borden and Mr. Monk and Sir James Whitney. Nor can it be forgotten that it was through an unwise fidelity to its traditions that Sir Charles Tupper was defeated and Sir Wilfrid Laurier carried into office. Nothing is further from the News' purpose than to make a religious quarrel, to assail the Roman Catholic Church, or to threaten reprisal and vengeance. Here are two dominant races and two dominant religions. They must live together if the country is to realize its destiny. They must act together if we are to grow into a united people, animated by common ideals and fused in a common patriotism. But all such preaching will be vain and all such exhortation disappointed, if racial considerations determine the issue of national contests, and if there is to be a visitation of vengeance upon public men who stand for the integrity of the constitution against secret compacts with powerful dignitaries in church and hardly less powerful leaders in Finance and Transportation.

The Season for Coughs and Colds. Is at hand and everybody is liable to catch them. Of course you may get some homebound candy, a box of cough drops, have mother make some flax seed tea with a stick of licorice in it, rub on some skunk oil and turpentine, take a dose of coal oil; and if all fails, ask your neighbor what he used, etc. These remedies may be all right to use at times and under certain conditions. But if they fail to give relief, why do you go on experimenting when you can get almost instant relief with our White Pine and Tar Syrup or Cherry Pine and Honey which are scientifically prepared, absolutely harmless to even the smallest child, and every bottle guaranteed. Save some of your quarters when attending the sales in town, and give them a trial. Prepared at GUN'S DRUG STORE

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