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THE WHITNEY GOVERNMENT

That eighty-seven members out of one hundred and six is a strong majority in the local legislature, of Sir James Whitney, everybody will admit. Some say it is too strong, but why so? There is no such thing as a Government or party being too strong, if it administers the affairs of the country honestly and well, and does not take advantage of its great numerical strength. Conservatives in this province feel proud of the way in which affairs have been conducted under the present Premier. They know, and Sir James Whitney knows that governments, as well as individuals, are liable to make mistakes at some time, but even the Liberals, in their saner moments of political reflection, can find very little real fault with the Whitney Government of the last seven years. The tendency of the office seeker at election time, is to magnify mole hills into mountains, and that's what some of the Liberal candidates are now trying to do, but the absence of scandals and corrupt practices reduces the plea to the one popular cry that the majority of seventy is altogether too large, and it should be reduced by all means.

During the last eight or ten years of the Ross Government, the two parties in the House were almost equally divided. At one time the majority was so small that debates had to be prolonged before taking the vote, in order to gather in the whole Liberal forces, and save the Government on a party vote. Under such conditions of equally divided parties, did we have the best possible kind of administration? The time is not long past, and many can remember the condition of things in the dying years of the old Liberal Government in Ontario.

We are not going to blame Mr. Ross for the awful political condition of things during the dying years of his administration, but surely the parties were equally enough divided to give good honest government, if equality of parties have anything to do in the matter.

Sir James Whitney went into power with a majority of about forty, and during the first three years or more of his administration, with what we would all regard as a good substantial majority, he pleased the country, inasmuch as he carried out, as far as possible, his pre-election promises. We say he pleased the people, and we say so on the strongest kind of evidence, and the next election saw him return to power with a majority of sixty-six members at his back. Did the increased majority cause him to become reckless? The fact that very little real fault is found with his Government, even yet, forces us to say No. Are there any real scandals to be charged to the Whitney administration? We know of none. Imaginary grievances are heard, no doubt, but we expect to hear from Liberal office-seekers some kind of fault with the work of their political opponents. The followers of Sir James Whitney are honestly proud to say that the revenues have been greatly increased during the past seven years and they are equally willing and honest to admit that the expenditures have been very much higher than formerly, but they say, and the electors know, that the money has gone back to the people of the province to support educational and agricultural institutions to reduce a burden of taxation that would otherwise have to be provided for in a more direct way.

That we had corruption and fraud during a period when the political parties were almost equal can hardly be denied, even by the most sanguine supporters of the Liberal party in Ontario. That no such charges have been made, or can be made, against the Whitney Government, with a large majority is also true. Why then should we talk about a better administration under a smaller majority?

The people, we believe, have faith enough in the Whitney Government to believe that it would, under his guidance, administer the affairs well if elected as one solid phalanx without a single member on the other side of the House. If the Whitney Government is not doing right, or nearly right, it should be turned out of power; reducing the majority from sixty-six to thirty, or even twenty, will not effect a cure for wrong doing. The best way to cure an evil is to remove the evil, and to remove the cause, and if the Whitney Government is not doing right, or trying to do right, the best thing to do is to get rid of it altogether, but not till there is something better to put in its place.

The former leader of the Liberal party, Hon. A. G. MacKay, we all admit to be a clever man, but he was never a pronounced success as a leader of the party. The new man, Mr. Rowell, is still an unknown political quantity, and no one knows yet how he will be able to handle the party. He has had no parliamentary experience, and to ask the people of this progressive Province of Ontario to give the reins of government into the hands of one who has not even served a political apprenticeship, is an insult to the intelligence of the electorate. Should he be successful in his election to the Legislature, he will have ample opportunity to serve a long period of apprenticeship in Opposition, before being called on to form a Cabinet. Sir James Whitney was a long time in the shades of Opposition, but he has made good, and the people know enough to keep him where he is. He is growing old, like the rest of us, but he is well preserved, both mentally and physically, and capable of handling the affairs of government for many years to come. In fifteen or twenty years from now, Mr. Rowell's chance may come.

A vote for Jamieson is a vote for Whitney, and a vote for Whitney is a vote for an honest administration of the affairs of Ontario.

The Liberal candidate for South Grey, has been painted by the Review as a man of immaculate purity and all his virtues, real and imaginary, have been laid before the electors. Our candidate is not a man of angelic virtues. If he were, he should be walking the golden streets, rather than climbing over the hills and dales of the South Riding of Grey, looking for support to elect him to the local Legislature. We have no doubt he is satisfied to remain on this mundane sphere a little longer, and continue to serve the people in the legislative halls of the province. Dr. Jamieson is not an angel, and we hope that none of the electors will vote for him on that assumption. He is a plain, shrewd, business man, a good counsellor in private affairs and a far-seeing man in assisting to make the laws of the province.

We have had seven years of a good square deal under the Whitney Government and we want some more of it.

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PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS 1911

POLLING MONDAY, DEC 11th

To the Electors of South Grey;

Gentlemen,—I am before you as a candidate at the forthcoming Provincial elections, having been honored with the unanimous nomination of the Liberal Party of the Riding

I am not unknown to a great many of you, and hope to become known to many more in the next few weeks but the hurried manner in which the elections have been brought on, will make it impossible for me to visit many parts of the Riding in the time at my disposal I ask the forbearance of such parts, and hope that all will get out to the nomination on the 4th of December, or to my meetings, when it will be my privilege to set before you the principles that will guide my actions in Parliament, and discuss the issues of the day

While adhering in the main to the progressive platform issued a few days ago by the Leader of the Liberal party, it is my intention to hold myself free to support good measures introduced by either party I shall endeavor to give you true and faithful service to the best of my ability, and in the meantime respectfully ask your influence in the campaign, and your vote on the 11th of December

Yours for service, and for progressive leigslation

WM CALDER.

LOCAL OPTION AND BUSINESS

Contributed by the South Grey Temperance Association

On the petition presented to Durham town council asking it to submit a by-law for the repeal of the Local option By-law, the reason given was that it had been an injury to business. This would be a very difficult matter to prove except as regards the business of liquor selling for which purpose over three-fifths of the ratepayers voted, believing that an injury to that business would react in favor of other legitimate business of the town and be a safeguard to the morals of the town as well.

Comparison with other towns is a fair method of test and applying this test. there be few indeedi if any, who will say that Durham has gone back relatively as compared with its neighbors. Some months ago a Mt. Forest paper propounded two questions as follows: "Is Mt. Forest a better town to-day because it defeated Local Option three years ago?" or "Is Durham a worse town because it carried Local Option three years ago?" To anyone knowing the circumstances of the sister towns the answer will surely be "No." A number of Mt. Forest merchants four years ago signed a manifesto urging opposition to Local Option. Could that pathetic appeal be duplicated to-day?

The unsolicited testimony of travellers all goes to show that for business briskness Durham has few equals in towns of its class. The testimony of the census shows that it has more than held its own in the ten years, while many similar places have dropped in population, two, three, even four hundred souls.

The testimony of our industries is also all in favor of Local Option. We have now in our midst a flourishing oatmeal mill, owned by Wm. McGowan, doing a fine wholesale trade: flour and feed mill owned by John McGowan, is working to full capacity: the woodworking establishment of Mr. Zenus Clark is expanding every day in production and usefulness; the Smith Bros., at the Foundry are not afraid of Local Option: the Cement Works, under the new management have had the most successful year in its history, and our premier industry, the Durham Furniture Co., has more than doubled its capacity during this year and will soon be employing twice the number of hands and using power developed at its own monster dam on the Rocky Saugeen.

Why should we return to License,? Is there a farmer within ten miles who will say he trades elsewhere because he cannot get a drink over a licensed bar? It would be an insult to the whole class to say so. Proof can be adduced that farmers' trade here has increased at the expense of non-local option places. The fine horse shows that have sprung up under Mayor Black's guidance have developed without the aid of license. And so we might go on at no point has business been injured, and we believe the profits from the hotel trade proper, has not been seriously diminished.

With hotels as homes for travellers, as caterers to the trade of farmers and transient visitors or travellers, there can be no objection coming, on the contrary, there is the highest respect, but there is a rising tide of moders sentiment setting in against associating with these necessary public services the granting of a license to sell intoxicating liquor, and especially on the false plea that unless this is done, business will be injured.

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DURHAM NEEDS NEW SCHOOL

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he had no brief to bring before the people to say what they should or should not do in the matter of education. He knew Inspector Campbell for a long time, and was always willing to accept his opinion without any reluctance. He referred early in his address with much pathos to the character of the pledge given by Scottish parents in regard to the education of their children. Success was measured by financial rather than by educational progress. He deplored the position taken by a certain gentleman, whose name he would not give, on his ground that the poorer classes should not be educated, so as to cause a mingling of the castes. The sons of the poorer classes are the successful victors in the various kinds of athletic games.

Durham, he thought, was admirably situated for the establishment of the very best kind of Continuation school. It had a wide area on all sides of it, and in this respect was unlike his own town of Whitby, where the Lake on one side, and rival towns near by, shut off the chances for support of such educational institutions. Yet Whitby, with a tax rate of thirty mills on the dollar, was preparing to build a High school at a cost of $25,000. He also stated that in Whitby the property was assessed at its full realty value.

He thought it was well to keep the boys and girls at home. Both are injured by being sent away from home influences and home surroundings.

Commercially, he thought it could be figured out that such a school as we have here is worth $8000 annually.

The separation of the Continuation school from the Public school meant an increased Government grant. There were also moral advantages in having the schools separate.

As to the cost of a building properly equipped, he would place an estimate of about $12,000. It might be done for $10,000. This would mean about a 2-mill increase in the tax rate on a 20-year debenture. He also showed that the Continuation school, except for maintenance, was not very heavy on the town directly. In Durham, the teachers' salaries amount to $2400, while the grants and fees received total up to more than $2100.

In concluding, he characterized the Science department of our school as wholly inadequate, and incapable of producing the best results.

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