

MR. FOSTER'S DEFEAT.

(Toronto News.)

Both the country and the Conservative party suffers through the defeat of Mr. Foster in North Ontario. It is true that his opponent developed into a strong candidate, and will no doubt represent the constituency creditably at Ottawa. But there is just now a special need that the opposition be strengthened. With the exception of Mr. Borden, no other man in the Conservative party in the Commons is the equal of Mr. Foster in debating ability and in knowledge of public questions. Such a man should not have appealed in vain in an Ontario constituency at this juncture.

So far as we can find, not much fault is to be found with the attitude of the Conservative leaders towards Mr. Foster's candidature. There were a few implacables, who nursed defeated ambitions, but this feeling was not wide-spread. Even Sir MacKenzie Bowell was induced to write a letter in support of his old colleague.

It is, perhaps, not worth while to enquire deeply into the cause of Mr. Foster's defeat. Aside from the popularity of the Liberal candidate, the fact that in all the towns the Liberal vote was increased has a meaning which students of present day politics cannot misunderstand. It may be possible also that the remnant of the Patrons, which still hangs together in North Ontario, supported Mr. Grant rather than Mr. Foster. This same element, however, probably supported the Liberal candidate in the last general election, and therefore the fact proves nothing.

The election is represented as a declaration against protection. We doubt very much, however, if that issue turned a score of votes in the whole riding. On the tariff there is not much of an issue between the two parties. The Liberal Government maintains a tariff strongly leavened with protectionism, and if it remains in power, that tariff will go higher just as soon as it is clear that the country demands an increase of duties.

It is wide of the mark to represent the farmers as generally hostile to protection. We have the suspicion that among no element of our population is protectionist sentiment stronger than among the farmers of Ontario. The tariff seems to have succeeded prohibition as the nursery of can't and humbug in Canadian politics.

CAUSES OF DEFEAT.

A prominent Conservative, who has just returned from North Ontario and who was in close touch with the constituency during the election, stated to a reporter of The News that the defeat of Hon. Geo. E. Foster must be attributed to a number of reasons, many of which had no connection with one another.

North Ontario was a riding composed of diversified political elements and it was a difficult matter to conduct a campaign in a manner satisfactory to all these elements. The south of the riding, especially Brock Township, was exceeding Orange, the centre townships contained a strong Roman Catholic section, and the northern end of the constituency was a lumbering country, containing a number of very small farms.

The campaign against Mr. Foster had been waged upon sectional lines, but the greatest surprise to the Conservatives had been the defeat below Severn River, as a very keen fight had been expected in the Muskoka section, which was looked upon as purchasable. Mr. Foster, however, carried the Muskoka section by a majority of 21, and the death blow was administered in the old portion of the riding.

Immense efforts were made to carry Bracebridge town, to which a public wharf and post office had been promised. The influence of the Georgian Bay lumber company had been directed against Mr. Foster, several of its leading officials having taken an active part in Mr. Grant's behalf, costing Mr. Foster about 100 votes. This influence was felt in townships bordering the Severn River.

In Mara and Rama Townships Mr. Foster's temperance proclivities damaged his cause, as the hotelkeepers put up a strong campaign against him. It was understood that a circular had been sent out from the Toronto headquarters of the liquor man urging that every effort be made to defeat the ex-Finance Minister. The hotelkeepers throughout the riding and their immediate friends had been most active for Mr. Grant.

In Thorab, Beaverton and Cannington, the Liberals are said to have expended large sums of money. Mr. Vance spent his time in that section of the riding. The Liberal majority in Thorab and Cannington is wholly attributed to bribery.

In Brock and Scott an effort was made to subvert the allegiance of the Orangemen. Several outside members of the order are said to have visited the riding, ostensibly to support Mr. Foster, but in reality they advocated his defeat. In the case of the Orangemen, the efforts of the outsiders failed, as they remained true to the Conservative candidate.

Evangelist Hunter appears to be suspicious that his Kingston auditors are polygamous. An extract from a recent exhortation of his in Kingston reads thus in the Whig: "And, finally, unconverted husband, this is for you: Love your wives."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR—Will you please insert the following in your "newsy" paper and oblige.

At a public meeting of the Independent Electors of Polling Sub-division No. 5, Normandy, it was unanimously agreed and Resolved that in the opinion of this meeting:—

(1)—That we are opposed to the further granting of public lands or money by our government to the G. T. Pacific now before the session, or any other Railway Line or undertaking, or the granting of bonuses in any shape or form.

(2)—That we demand that Railway Co's. be held liable for all damages sustained by animals getting on the railway track through the failure of the Railway Co. to erect and maintain cattle guards and fences suitable and sufficient to prevent said animals from getting on their lines.

(3)—That we demand the assessment and taxation of Railway Properties on the same basis as the property of private citizens and for the equitable allotment of the tax so paid to the municipalities of the Province.

(4)—That we demand that Parliament will at the coming Session, pass such legislation as may be required to make Railway Companies in the matter of drainage across their lands, subject to the jurisdiction of Provincial laws.

(5)—That we solemnly protest against any further increase of duty on farming implements of any and all kinds.

P. S.—With a "respectful request" from our present member, Mr. Richardson, M. P., for his influence and vote in the carrying through of the same, and a reminder that his actions in the House will be closely observed and an account of his stewardship required at the close of his career. A copy of this has been forwarded to Mr. Richardson. Let the farmers throughout the Province adopt the same measures, and we shall have a wonderful reformation in our Parliaments in the near future.

Yours, etc.,
DONALD McLEVRIDE, Sec.
Orchard, March 10th, 1903.

LIBERAL DENUNCIATION.

Mr. J. S. Willison, the strongest Liberal writer in Canada, has this to say of the Gamey revelations in the Ontario Legislature:

"There is not in the history of Canadian politics a more shameful and sordid story than that which has just been told in the Legislature. It is a pitiful revelation of what men will do in the desperate game of party politics. A Minister of the Crown, sworn to the faithful discharge of his great and responsible duties under our system of government, is hopelessly involved in a conspiracy to purchase a political opponent, and the government of which he is a member is irretrievably involved in the miserable business."

"Although Hon. Mr. Stratton has been the chief electio-leering member of the cabinet, we cannot quite know how far his colleagues are responsible for his methods. But this much is clear: 'The Government was determined to hold power at any cost and the incriminated minister must have felt that so long as his proceedings were concealed from the people, and his methods politically successful, he was safe from serious remonstrance. It is inconceivable that he would have dared to do this work if he had felt that the atmosphere in which he moved was hostile to his proceedings. We may fairly conclude that if the exposure could have been avoided the whole Liberal organization would have been willing to profit by Stratton's discreditable operations."

"It is significant to find that some of the men who came into unenviable prominence in West Elgin and North Waterloo appear in this later transaction. The Government which retains such political instruments in its service cannot hope to be taken seriously when it protests its zeal for honest elections. It is hard to reach any other conclusion than that those men were on the permanent staff of the political department and were special agents of the Ministers in the constituencies. They must have drawn their money from a campaign chest and acted under instructions from responsible agents and advisers of the Government. This of itself constitutes one of the formidable counts in the indictments and gives a peculiarly official character to the whole series of political rascalities which have disgraced the province in recent times."

"This astounding blow to the ministry is at once an illuminating revelation of our political methods and just such a violent shock to the public conscience as was imperatively needed to arouse the people to a sense of their higher duties and responsibilities. It is not a time for mere partisan triumph but of genuine sorrow for the shame and discredit which have come upon the government and the province."

HIS GREAT PUBLIC SERVICE.

(Toronto Telegram.)

A great service has been rendered to this country by R. R. Gamey, M. P. for Manitoulin Island.

Cheap moralists can say their say, but something more than cheap moralizing is needed to grapple with the evil of corruption that has driven virtue out of the politics of this country.

That something was supplied by

Mr. Gamey's marvellous courage and wonderful capacity for silence.

The story told by Mr. Gamey is one of the miracles of modern politics.

Let his critics ask themselves what they would have done.

Here was a man caring a great deal for the success of the Conservative party and something for the good government of his country, brought into contact with a conspiracy to buy up the strength of his party and corrupt the Legislature of his country. It would have been easy for Mr. Gamey to have repelled the agents of corruption and have left them free to continue their search for somebody who could be bought.

It was hard for Mr. Gamey to do what he did—to publicly listen to the voice of the tempter even while his heart was firm with the resolve to get evidence that would expose the system and destroy its authors.

Ontario politics has never developed a truer hero than Robert R. Gamey, of Manitoulin. Corruption can never be destroyed by goody good people who read essays or start newspapers. The system goes on and gets worse until some man throws himself into the gap and does exactly what R. R. Gamey did.

Ontario has been waiting for R. R. Gamey. This province has produced men who would take bribes and men who would spurn bribes. Corruption can never be exposed by the greed of the corrupt man or the righteous indignation of the honest man. Mr. Gamey had the brave heart of an honest man and the head of a clever man. For weeks he has had to keep his own counsel and endure the fearful penalties of universal contempt and has done more to purify the politics of Ontario in six weeks than all the conventional moral agencies of this country would do in sixteen years.

Brain-Food Nonsense.

Another ridiculous food fad has been branded by the most competent authorities. They have dispelled the silly notion that one kind of food is needed for brain, another for muscles, and still another for bones. A correct diet will not only nourish a particular part of the body, but it will sustain every other part. Yet, nutriment is destroyed by indigestion or dyspepsia. You must prepare for their appearance or prevent their coming by taking regular doses of Green's August flower, the favorite medicine of the healthy millions. A few doses aids digestion, stimulates the liver to healthy action, purifies the blood, and makes you feel buoyant and vigorous. You can get this reliable remedy at Darling's Drug Store.

HOLSTEIN.

Mr. Irwin Dixon, formerly of this village but now of the firm of W. J. Ferguson, Stratford, spent last week with his parents and other friends in this vicinity.

Miss Garcon, of Toronto, was up to Dromore to be present at the funeral of her brother and on her return trip spent a couple of days with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dixon.

Our enterprising merchant, Mr. J. Waddell decided some time ago to illumina his store to such an extent that it would be no trouble for his customers to examine goods with almost electrical light. To that end he has installed an acetylene gas machine, manufactured by the St. Thomas manufacturing Co. Ten jets illuminate the store, eight being in the main building, one in the storeroom in the rear, and one in the cellar.

Thomas Smith, of Owen Sound, arrived here on the 10th inst., and is now in charge of the edging machine in G. Freeman's shingle mill.

James Hunt returned from Murphy's mill, near Shallow Lake, and is now on duty in the mill here.

Mrs. D. P. Coleridge, of Dromore, and Mrs. R. Moarison, of Varney, were the guests of Holstein friends last Thursday.

Miss Lizzie Ross has gone to Mt. Forest to engage in millinery work.

Mrs. W. Mitchell, of Aliston, spent a day or two lately at the home of her brother, J. D. Roberts, and while here called on old friends and acquaintances.

Mr. H. Trace arrived from London, England, a couple of weeks ago and is assisting his brother John who recently opened a paint shop in the south end.

The Rev. J. Traax attended the funeral of the late Rev. Robt. Walker of Elora.

W. J. Jordan, of Arthur township, has moved to our midst and is now domiciled in the residence lately vacated by Mr. M. Greenly.

Mrs. J. Greaves and family, Yeovil are spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. J. Phelp.

We understand that F. Campion has purchased the Greenly property.

It is with feelings of deep regret and sympathy that we refer to the death of Mrs. Wm. Dickson. [As a similar obituary is already in type in the Orchardville budget our correspondent will pardon us for not giving his account in full.—Ed.]

We are just in receipt of the sad intelligence of the death of the Rev. P. Straith, of Innerkip, and former pastor of the Presbyterian Church of this village. Some time ago he was stricken with paralysis and he lingered on till last Sabbath afternoon when the summons came. His remains were brought for interment to the Mount Forest Cemetery where he was laid to rest on Wednesday.

Shaving the Beard.

The forty-first chapter of Genesis, fourteenth verse, contains the earliest reference to shaving of the beard, where it is told of Joseph that he shaved himself.

Spectacles.

It is said that spectacles, or at least magnifying lenses, were known long before the time of Christ, and it is known that Nero watched the games in the arena through a convex emerald. Layard unearthed a lens of rock crystal from Nineveh.

Hares' Feet.

Hares use their feet to wash their faces, and the hare's foot is so suitable for a brush that it is always used to apply the "paint" to the face for the stage.

Engraving.

Copper plate engraving was first done in 1511, wood engraving in 1709, etching on metal with acid in 1512.

Cool Cucumbers.

"Cool as a cucumber" is correct scientifically. Investigators claim that that vegetable usually has a temperature a degree less than the surrounding atmosphere.

People of Morocco.

A missionary writes that "the only patriotism the people of Morocco know is religious fervor, and their only loyalty is loyalty to Islam."

Natural Arch.

At Hirsniketscher, Bohemia, the unequal working of nature in the destruction of rocks has resulted in a most colossal and ruggedly beautiful arch, the summit of which is upward of 1,400 feet above the sea level.

The Magnifying Lens.

The magnifying lens is believed to have been known to the ancients, but in modern times was brought into use by Roger Bacon in 1262.

Bridges in St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg is built on a peninsula and two islands connected by several large stone bridges and in summer by numerous bridges of boats which, however, are removed at the first frost.

Seeds Carried by Water.

Currents of water serve to a vast extent the purpose of distributing seeds. Walnut, butternut and pecan trees are found close to streams, where they drop their nuts into the passing flood, to be carried far away and start other groves perhaps hundreds of miles distant. Tree seeds of many sorts are carried by ocean currents.

Earthquakes.

Careful scientific investigations show that the average speed of the transmission of earthquake shocks is nearly 16,000 feet per second.

Oil on the Waters.

The idea contained in the expression, "Pouring oil on troubled waters," has been traced as far back as Pliny (A. D. 23-79), who speaks in his "Natural History" of the results of pouring oil on a stormy sea.

Soldiers Collect Taxes.

Soldiers are employed in Jerusalem as tax collectors.

The Dirtiest Town in the World.
Amy bears the unenviable reputation of being the dirtiest and most unhealthy city on the globe. The reputation is thoroughly deserved.

Patent Leather Shoes.

Never put on or handle a patent leather shoe without first warming it—that is, of course if the weather is cold. After they are once warmed and made pliable they can be worn out in the cold with impunity.

Tired Eyes.

When the eyes are tired from long study, a little honey rubbed on the lids at night will relieve them.

An Ancient Clock.

The Greenwich observatory still has the clock for which Harrison got the prize of £50,000 in 1761. This clock deviated only five seconds during a trip to Jamaica and back to England.

A Prized Elephant.

The largest elephant in India is said to be that belonging to the rajah of Surjuga, Bengal. The animal is believed to be of princely breed and is worshipped by the Gondo as a personification of the Genash (the elephant headed god of wisdom) himself.

Chicken Salad.

A caterer says that five chickens, good sized ones, will make enough salad for fifty people.

To Cure an Earache.

Take a small piece of cotton wadding, wrap in it some black pepper, tie it and dip into warm sweet oil. Put it in the ear, then apply a piece of hot corn bread wrapped in flannel, which will soon remove the pain.

Woman and Mouse.

While endeavoring to get out of the way of a little mouse which had started her a young woman fell and fractured her leg at Hilgay fen, Norfolk, England.

Fruit Cake.

A fruit cake which has no fruit in the batter, but instead has alternate layers of mixed raisins, currants, nuts and citron chopped fine and held together with a meringue of white of egg and powdered sugar is delicious.

Killed by a Dream.

A woman named Durian, living at Houdeng, dreamed that she was being murdered. She awoke in so great a fright that she only survived the effect two days.

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