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AN IMPOSSIBLE VOTE

Fault is frequently found with Conservatives who criticize the action of the late Sir George Ross for asking the people in 1902 to vote on a "loaded referendum. It will be remembered that Mr. Ross made it a condition of his plebiscite that the total temperance vote should be 50 per cent. or over of the total vote in the province. This was regarded by Conservatives as impossible and the limit was not reached by some 14,000. In the recent election in this electoral constituency, Dr. Jamieson had a majority over his opponent of 1,916, and on the day of the moment most people would say without hesitation that he represented more than half the electors of the constituency. An analysis of the vote will show he is not even yet the representative of a majority. In South Grey there are 6,761 voters on the list. Half of this number is 3,381, and the total vote taken by Dr. Jamieson was only 2,828, or 553 less than half the total vote recorded on the lists. He got a majority of 1,916 more than his opponent in the contest, and if the rule of the Ross referendum were in force in the provincial elections it is doubtful if Dr. Jamieson or any other man in the province has reached the Ross standard. It has, moreover, been often doubted if any parliamentary representative was ever successful in securing half the total number of voters in the lists. Few, we think, will argue that the vote polled on Monday, June 29, was not a heavy one, and few will deny that Dr. Jamieson is the popular choice and the people's representative. Mr. Ross was quite safe in submitting such a measure without much fear of having the conditions complied with. If not a loaded referendum, what was it?

WHAT THE PRESS HAS TO SAY

The Warton Canadian-Echo (Liberal), says:

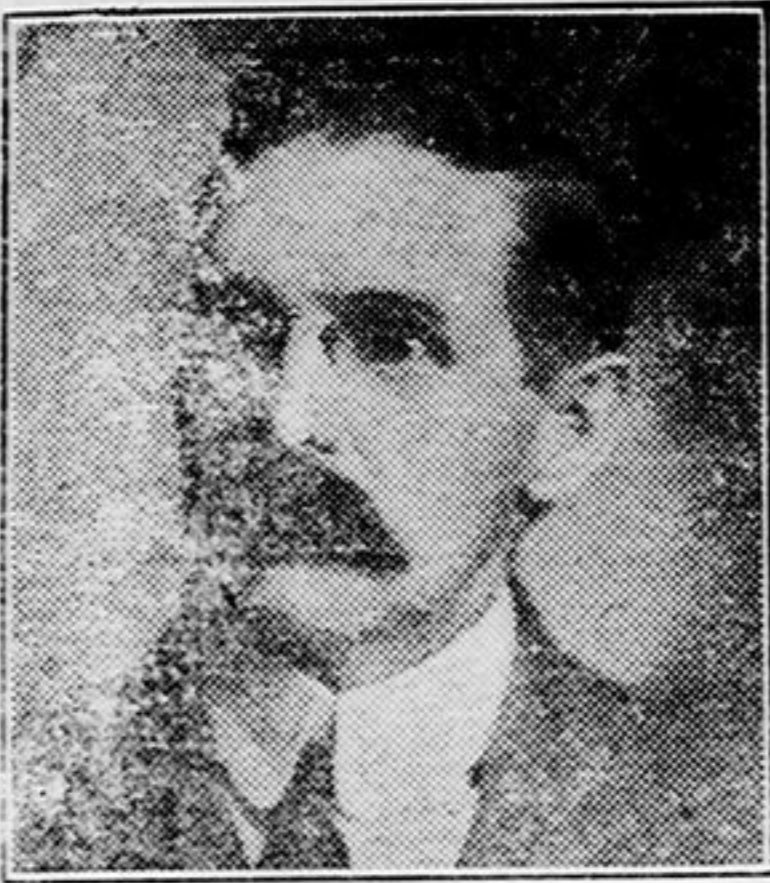
"The making of temperance an issue in party politics has not been a very great gain to the Liberal party, nor indeed to the temperance cause itself. The result has shown that while a very considerable number of temperance Conservatives will vote Liberal, yet upon the other hand an almost equal number of Liberals will vote Conservative, and the standing of the two parties remains practically the same. It is of no use to say that the result is due to the expenditure of a campaign fund, for there were scores, yes hundreds of Conservatives, who saw no sufficient reason for deserting their party, who thought that the record of Whitney on the temperance question was all that could reasonably be expected, and they decided that they could conscientiously support him. There were other Conservatives who voted Liberal, simply for conscience' sake, and while they are in the minority, it is probable that they do not regret their action. However, it is doubtful if ever the temperance question can be settled as a party issue. If it were submitted as a referendum there is no doubt about the result. We are of the opinion that the great majority of temperance people would like to see it taken out of party politics, but we have no doubt there are others who are now determined that it shall remain in politics and they will not yield an inch. Should it be the issue four years hence will there be any more likelihood of its success? By local option campaigns, by all the influence that the church could give, the people were certainly ready to deal with the question, and the result convinces many that it should not be a party issue."

The Orangeville Banner (Liberal) after summing up the election results in Dufferin, says: "The record of the Whitney Government, its strong stand on the bilingual question, and the faith the people have in Sir James himself were undoubtedly factors that influenced the result here and elsewhere."

This is the truth, and the opinion of The Banner is the opinion of a large body of the Liberal candidates were

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proprietor, was Liberal candidate in North Bruce, has this to say:

"The Province returned the Whitney Government by a substantial majority. It is quite evident the Abolish-the-Bar policy was not popular. But it is right and instead of taking a backward step, the Liberal party must go a step further and advocate the elimination of the shops as well as the bars and clubs. No question is settled until it is settled right, and the only way is to make a clean job of the licensed liquor traffic."

Cochrane seems to have gone Conservative, though announced Liberal on the night of the election. South Oxford's announced election of a Liberal has also changed to Conservative by later returns. Whitney's majority has grown to 58.

We are pleased to see our cotem has taken his defeat so well, and promises that a recount will not be asked for. The world hates a whiner and Mr. Ramage may as well laugh as cry over the result. It isn't at all probable he ever expected to win and his defeat was not unlooked for, even by his own party friends. The majority was a surprise to both sides.

A regiment of volunteers marched through the streets of Belfast on Sunday, carrying rifles for the first time.

All the provisions for Sir Ernest Shackleton's trip across the South Polar continent are to be packed in sausage skins, which can also be eaten.

Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, daughter of Roosevelt, is said to have offended Sir Edward Carson at a London luncheon by asking when he was to be married to Miss Frewen. Sir Edward denied they were to be married.

MARKET REPORT

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Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Fall Wheat, Spring Wheat, Milling Oats, Feed Oats, Peas, Barley, Hay, Butter, Eggs, Potatoes, Dried Apples, Flour, Oatmeal, Chop, Live Hogs, Hides, Sheepskins, Wool, Tallow, Lard.

LIVE POULTRY MARKET

Table with 2 columns: Poultry and Price. Includes Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, Chickens, Roosters, Hens.

Sir James Has Another Reply to Critics

Sir James Whitney is evidently reluctant to allow his pulpit critics to have the last word in the controversy. He has made the following statement to the press: "The 'demagogic' clerics and their friends are not satisfied, it seems. Very well, this is a free country—no thanks to them—and it is to be hoped that satisfaction will come sooner or later. To-day I will deal with one point in their defence, and perhaps I will take the matter up again later."

"It seems that my manners are bad—at least that is the opinion of Rev. J. A. Macdonald, who has within the last few days blossomed out as an arbiter elegantiarum. However, let that pass for the moment. Note the contrast, however, between this man's language and the venom which it indicates, and the tone and language of Rev. Dr. Carman, whose sincerity and honesty of purpose no one can question."

"As I have already said, there is no stone to be cast at the great majority of the clergymen of the province on account of anything they did or said—the offenders are not many in number, relatively speaking."

"It is suggested that previous to 1905 I called for the help of the clergy, and that it is inconsistent of me to object to their action now. Let us see. Ballots had been switched, burned and otherwise destroyed. Government maladministration of the liquor law had been undisguised, and general devilment had been abroad with reference to the conduct of elections. There was no question of opinion; the facts were known and had been proved in open day."

"What was the situation the other day? The evils of the liquor traffic and habit were undisputed, but men differed as to the methods to be used in dealing with it. Every person, clerical and lay, in the province had an undoubted right to express his opinion on the subject, but our contention, and the opinion of the vast majority of the people, was and is that no clergyman was justified in going into his pulpit and denouncing in violent, intemperate and abusive language all voters who did not see eye to eye with Mr. Rowell as to the remedy which should be applied."

"It goes without saying that there is no analogy whatever between the situation when I asked that crimes proved to have been committed should be denounced, and the situation when it was a question of the judgment of the individual voter as to which method should be adopted in dealing with an admitted evil, and as to the practical value of which the ordinary man in a congregation is—to put it mildly—quite as good a judge as the clergyman who denounced him."

"I shall not quote to-day any of the utterances I have objected to, and so far I have touched but the fringe of the subject. The people have shown unmistakably that they will not be dragooned by men who not only manifested their utter unwisdom, but have struck a blow at the influence of the churches, the consequences of which very likely they did not realize."

COME ON McDUFF

Dr. Jamieson says he has much reason to thank Mr. Cooley for the able support given him in the last election. He attributes his large majority in Hanover to Mr. Cooley's opposition. It will pay the Doctor in future campaigns to engage a few of the rash type of clergymen to take the stump against him. Mr. Cooley sent out a very broad challenge, which was published in our issue of June 25. His letter was dated June 23, and reached us—Wednesday, June 24. His time limit was fixed at "before this contest closes," which, ordinary laymen, was Saturday night, June 27, and was too short for us to complete our arrangements.

If, however, Mr. Cooley wishes to extend his challenge so that a date agreeable to both of us may be fixed, we are quite willing to produce a man to face him on the open public platform, either in Durham or Hanover, or in both places. We further agree to give free publicity to the event and will guarantee a large audience."

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A DOUBLE TRIANGULAR AFFAIR

By SARAH BAXTER

Ned Truesdale was born with a fair intellectual endowment, but there was one feature in his makeup that kept him constantly in hot water. As it is the nature of a bird to pour forth melody, so was it in Ned's nature to make love.

Finally he received a note from Miss Belle Stevens, a girl to whom he had told his story and who, not knowing of his idiosyncrasy, was preparing her trousseau. Having heard of his attentions to another, in her missive she stated that she did not propose to be so ignominiously treated. She scolded to sue for breach of promise, and the only method left her of punishing him was to act just as if she were a man and use a man's methods. She was in some respects a new woman and had lost her grandfather in a duel. These facts taken together, she had decided to give him his choice between keeping his promise and giving her satisfaction.

The most natural thing for Ned to do was to inform Miss Marian Jones, the last girl to whom he had given his heart, of the alternative that had been offered him by her rival, with a request that she show him a way out of the difficulty. He sent Miss Jones the letter he had received from Miss Stevens, whereupon Miss Jones, who was a militant suffragette, returned it with an indorsement written in a bold hand on the face of it to the effect that if he did not keep faith with her (Miss Jones) she, too, would demand satisfaction under the code.

"The plot thickens," remarked Ned to himself, and, fearing to confide in any more girls lest he get more duels on his hands, he went straightway to his friend Tom Alsop and laid the two letters before him.

"There's but one thing for you to do, Ned; you must bluff 'em. Write a letter to each stating that you have been unaccustomed to deal with women as with men, but if she insists on being so treated you have no option but to grant her request."

"What, fight two women?" "It won't come to that. When they find that you're not to be trifled with they'll haul in their horns, and you'll be free of both of them."

Ned was not so certain of thus gaining his freedom and told his friend so.

"If you wish to make the matter sure," said Tom, "you must follow the matter up by really and seriously engaging yourself to a girl whom you would like to marry. Is there such a girl?"

"I don't know. I feel more at home with Helen Swift than with any other girl. I reckon I'll settle on her."

"Well, then, send word, as I have told you, to Miss Stevens and Miss Jones and propose to Miss Swift. When you are really engaged these two will let you alone."

Ned wrote the notes as advised and the same evening proposed to Miss Swift. To the latter he declared he was in earnest, but confessed that he was in trouble with other girls. The young lady not only accepted him, but promised to stand by him no matter what the other girls might do.

The next day Tom Alsop received an earnest request from Ned to come to see him. On Tom's arrival Ned declared that he had received two formal challenges to mortal combat. What should he do? Would Tom take the matter up in his behalf? Tom said that he would, and went immediately to his own friend, Dick Thurston, laid the matter before him and it was agreed that Tom should act for Ned in the case of Miss Stevens, while Dick acted for him in the case of Miss Jones.

The next thing Ned heard from Tom was that a meeting had been arranged with both Miss Stevens and Miss Jones for the next morning at a secluded spot in the country, the two girls to draw lots as to which should have the first crack at her recreant lover. Ned was thrown into a state of consternation at this and endeavored to induce his second to find some way out of the matter without bloodshed. Tom claimed that it was not in his power to have the affair called off and advised him to consult with the lady he had last proposed to and who had promised to stand by him. Ned went at once to Miss Swift, who, after consideration, agreed to go with him on the field and make an effort to pacify the girls.

On the appointed morning Ned drove to the home of this last and only true ladylove, and the two arrived on the ground in due time, finding the two principals and Ned's two seconds there ready for the fray. She stepped forward and addressed them as follows:

"Ladies, it seems ridiculous to spill blood on account of one man when there are three here, or one for each girl. I am sure these gentlemen, Mr. Alsop and Mr. Thurston, cannot be insensible to the charms of Miss Stevens and Miss Jones."

Instinctively each girl named looked at the man she preferred. What could the men do? Nothing but surrender to the girl who had looked at him, and the affair, so far as Ned and his last and best girl was concerned, was ended then and there.

Mr. Truesdale was the most delighted man in the universe. He strutted about, glorying in his reprieve and saving over his seconds.

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