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THE STRENGTH OF LIBERALISM.

Superhuman efforts are being made by the Tories to manufacture political capital for a lost cause out of the address of Mr. John Charlton to his constituents. There is nothing new however in the incident of a Liberal statesman, and particularly one of the calibre of Mr. Charlton, holding strong personal and independent views and fearlessly giving expression to them. Such independence is the strength of Liberalism, and the very fact that while Mr Charlton does not blindly and servilely endorse every action of the Government he is prepared at the same time to give it a warm and strong support on general principles, is the most convincing evidence that it is a safe Government and one that can be relied upon to administer the affairs of the country honestly and well. Such support from men like John Charlton is an invaluable certificate of character to any Government.

TAKE NO CHANCES.

"Don't Stop the Growing Time" has appeared more than once among the mottoes prominent at Liberal meetings, and it conveys an injunction which Canada cannot afford to disregard. Trade and commerce are always exceedingly susceptible to outside influences. This is amply demonstrated by the marvellous development brought about by the improved conditions which followed the change of Government in 1896, and in as much as the only definite policy which Sir Charles Tupper has so far announced on behalf of his party comprises a complete reversal of the changes which brought about the improved conditions, the inexcusable folly of taking any chances is most apparent. Truly it will be the part or wisdom not to stop the growing time.

NO DISTURBING INFLUENCES.

A most striking circumstance in the present election campaign which has been absent from previous contests for many years is the exceedingly small disturbance to business, and the perfect contentment and confidence with which the country at large views the situation. The old nervous anxiety which not only accompanied every election but was painfully manifested every time a budget was to be brought down, an anxiety born of uncertainty as to what new freaks the so-called national policy might essay, is entirely absent, and to-day there is a stability in present conditions, and a confidence in the future unattained and apparently unattainable in the old days. What sane man would go back to the former conditions?

MR. TARTE AT MONTREAL.

Speaking at Winsor Hall, Montreal, the other night, Mr. Tarte said:—"They say that I am disloyal, but they do not prove it. I defy them to prove it, for I am not disloyal, never was, and never will be. My opponents have published a pamphlet, full of lies, purporting to be reports of various desolating speeches made by me while in France. They are most unblushing falsehoods. The Canadian public man who would go to a foreign country, who would utter disloyal words, would be a traitor. That man is not myself. The traitors to her Majesty Queen Victoria, and to the British flag, which floats over us and grants us all our liberties, are those who try to set the various races in this country against one another. I am addressing a mixed meeting, and the English electors can judge by the way my words are received by the French-Canadians in this meeting how far I express their views. I am a French-Canadian—I would be nothing else. My father was a French-Canadian, my mother a Frenchwoman. That was an accident of birth, and I could not help it. And I was born under the Union Jack—yes, and I live under it, and enjoy and appreciate the liberties it represents. I am a loyal subject of her Majesty the Queen. I deserve no special credit for that. Why should we not be loyal? Are we not happy? I have just returned from Paris, where I had the opportunity of studying at close range some forty-two different nations and their forms of government. And I found that no form of government was so satisfactory as ours; that no people were so free, and had so much reason to be happy and contented, as have we in this Canada of ours. My traducers say that I tried to sell this country to France, and that if I did not deliver the goods it was not my fault. Just as if I and the French-Canadians are so lost to a sense of honor and all sense of self-interest as to wish to transfer our allegiance from Britain to France! Where is the fool in my race who would for a moment wish to be ruled by France, and under the systems which prevail in France? We are French-Canadians, but we are British subjects; yes, and loyal and devoted subjects of her beloved Majesty Queen Victoria."

AT DROMORE.

The Conservative meeting held here on Tuesday of last week was addressed by Mr. Geo. Binnie in the interest of Dr. Landerkin, as well as by Mr. Calder, as we noted last week. Mr. Binnie had to take the unusual course of opening a Conservative meeting, but Mr. Richardson insisted on there being no other speakers there at the opening. Dr. Jamieson and Mr. Calder came subsequently and both spoke.

the latter rousing Mr. Richardson's ire over the "Bear not Liquor" question as we noted last week.

On Wednesday night Dr. Landerkin had his say. The Hall was about filled with an audience larger than the preceding night and comprising a number of ladies. Mr. John Graham was made chairman and rousing speeches were made in turn by the Dr., Mr. Somerville, Dundas, and Mr. Jas. Park, Patron candidate in North Wellington at the last election.

The Dr. was in splendid form and made a long and telling speech. He began by pointing out the unfairness of his opponent in reading only the telegram he sent to the Dr. re union meetings, without making reference to the Dr.'s reply thereto. He scathingly resented the insinuation that he was afraid to meet Mr. Richardson on the platform. The excellent record of the government rendered it an easy task to defend it against such men as Mr. Richardson.

He then went into public questions treating them in detail, and showing how the pledges of the party in opposition had been carried out as faithfully as an obstructive Senate would permit. Dr. Landerkin's extensive parliamentary experience enables him to speak with authority and with ease on public questions.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Jas. Park of Grand Valley. Mr. Park is a practical farmer of great natural ability who is on this occasion heartily supporting his late opponent Mr. Jas. McMillen.

"What are we patrons to do," he asks, "When we were wiped off the face of the earth were we to remain home as blocks?" and he proceeded to give reasons why he decided, after full consideration, to cast his efforts and his support with the administration which had come nearest to patron ideals.

He scouted the idea that the present good times were all due to Providence. Farmers could improve on Providence, and did it every day. He spoke reverently, but reminded them that Providence helped those who helped themselves, and farmers especially would be to blame if they did not help themselves to the present government, which had done more for them in 4 years than the previous government had done in 18.

Mr. Park had read the Literature of both sides, but had found the Conservative literature so permeated with hatred to Laurier and Tarte, that their position on national problems was obscured. He spoke from their literature and showed unfairness and downright fraud in some of it.

Especially was this so in the matter of superannuation. Quoting the Liberal promise to abolish it, they show that more was paid in 1899 than in 1896, and blandly claim the promise broken. They fail to make clear that not only the farmers, but also the Liberal additions, but is simply payments to former Conservative grantees, more and more of whom will come on the list for some time. The government must keep faith with these, but since the passing of the Act abolishing the practice no employee has the slightest claim to one cent.

Mr. Mulock and his postage reforms, Mr. Fisher, the practical Minister of Agriculture, with the many advantages he has secured to the farmer were passed in review, and Mr. Park carried conviction with him as he asked "what had Providence to do with the extra millions secured to Canadian farmers through government action in cold storage." He appealed to his brother farmers to support Dr. Landerkin, who supported this government.

Mr. Somerville had been amused at the idea of the Italian bands. He entered into an examination of the fiscal policies of the two parties making the oft quoted point that the Liberal policy had in view revenue purposes only, the other protective purposes.

Everyone must admit the N. P. stimulated industries, but with the certain effect that over-production resulted, with corresponding depression.

Having been a sufferer himself on account of the gerrymander he pointed out some of the inequities of the act, which had been condemned by their own friends. The cutting and carving of the constituencies, had resulted in such shapes as to give rise to Rymal's joke. As he displayed a diagram of a county in the House, he said it was no sin to worship it as an idol, for it was like water under the mill, or earth nor in the waters underneath.

A comparison of the men at the head of both parties must lead all intelligent men to vote for the Liberal candidates. There was still the nest of traitors who were ready to knife each other, (Proved since by Bowell and Haggart at Carlton Place.—Ed.)

"I believe in" said Mr. S. "and I am going to keep believing in the loyalty and usefulness of Mr. Tarte, notwithstanding all the vile things said about him by the Tories." He then described at length the scandalous transactions of the Tory party which had led Mr. Tarte to denounce his former associates and ultimately leave them.

He spoke at great length, but with such a fine mixture of humor that the audience did not weary. Having sat so long with the Doctor in Parliament he could testify to his ability and to the regard in which he was held by all parties. As chairman of one of the chief committees his work had been valuable, and Mr. Somerville earnestly hoped South Grey would not deprive themselves nor the country of the doctor's services in parliament by allowing a supporter of Tupper to be elected.

With cheers for the Queen, the candidate, and Sir Willard Laurier, the meeting broke up.

DOMINION ELECTIONS.

PUBLIC MEETINGS IN THE INTERESTS OF DR. LANDERKIN

Will be held as follows:

Glenelg, Tp Hall Thursday, NOV. 1st, " EUGENIA, Friday, " 2nd, 2 p. m. FLESHERTON Friday, " " 8 p. m. PRICEVILLE, Saturday, " 3rd, 2 p. m.

THE NEST OF TRAITORS.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell was "saying things" the other day at Carlton Place. The occasion was the opening of the campaign for Mr. Preston who is the opponent of Mr. Jno Haggart of "Nest of Traitors" fame and a prominent "leader" of the party of which Sir Chas Tupper is chief.

Mr. Haggart was present and made a speech. He read a telegram from Sir Chas. in which he "wished him success."

"What a spectacle for the country! the Conservative leader in the Senate opposing the candidate the Conservative leader in the Commons supports! Will South Grey electors vote for the candidate of such a party?"

We give an extract from his speech: amongst the "one or two others" names held in contempt we may easily include Sir Chas Tupper.

"Nothing in the world would induce me, so long as I have any self-respect, to be found on the same platform with this man and others I would name were they here, advocating the same cause as they. I have risen from the printer's devil, old fool as they say that I am, to the highest position, and I have not sought any of these positions. I am not, then, evidently the stupid old idiot that these gentlemen have represented me. There is no name that is held in greater contempt by western Ontario than the names of Hon. John Haggart and one two others. Such names are as a wet blanket to the enthusiasm of the Conservatives of Toronto and the west. Whether I ever used the expression 'The Nest of Traitors' or not is immaterial, for I certainly should have used it. John Haggart may have brains, but if he only had applicability, and, above all, honesty, he might succeed."

A PERIOD OF ACTION.

Here are a few of the things that the present Government has accomplished, after previous Governments had toyed with them without reaching any practical result or had failed to even think of:

The abrogation of the German and Belgian treaties.

The granting of a preference in this market to British goods over foreign goods, so that our diminishing exports are beginning to rapidly grow again.

The listing of Canadian securities in Great Britain.

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Putting of the Intercolonial Railway on such a new basis that it yields a surplus instead of the deficit that was supposed to be inseparable from its existence.

The establishment of a successful system of cold storage on the Atlantic whereby the most delicate fruits and foodstuffs can be carried in fine order to England in midsummer.

The building of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, which, although misrepresented and given an evil name though attacks long persisted in, is a boon to the West, and, apart from its own usefulness was used as a lever to pry open the grip that the C. P. R. had wrongfully been given upon the immense country west of Winnipeg.

The pushing forward in a businesslike way to completion of a fourteen foot canal waterway from the great lakes to the seaboard, making possible the big developments now under way at Montreal and Port Colborne.

The establishment of a mint where Canadian gold can be made into Canadian coin.

The list might be extended to some length but these are significant, and influential achievements that are sufficient to stamp the past four years as the most progressive we have ever had.

Much credit, deserved or not, as one may choose to think, has been given the Conservative party for building the C. P. R., but that effort seems to have exhausted the creative powers of the party and for years after its leaders sat in a circle admiring the genius for

constructive statesmanship they there displayed. Yet Time was creeping up to tell against them the full story of the cost at which they built the road—cost in lands extensive enough to form a kingdom, and cost in the laborious and unrewarded lives of settlers from the old provinces and all lands who entered the West to establish homes, but found themselves the victims of an iron-clad monopoly that hedged them about at every turn. The cost in cash was great enough—so great that to-day there is scarcely a millionaire in Canada who did not lay the secure basis of his fortune while he hovered about the wasteful scene of operations connected with building that national highway. The road is a fine thing and made much possible that, since its construction, we can congratulate ourselves upon, but the colossal cost of it, the blind waste of rights of the coming multitudes who should people the West, begins to loom up bigger than anything else connected with the road. It is coming to be recognized that the blundering was vaster than the undertaking.

RE JOINT MEETINGS.

To the Editor,— Sir Mr. Richardson endeavors to leave the impression that Dr. Landerkin refused to arrange for joint meetings and that he was afraid to do so—How absurd.

If Dr. Landerkin did refuse to arrange by any hard and fast bargain for joint meetings we certainly think he acted wisely. Certainly such an arrangement would have been as fair to one candidate as to another but it would not have been satisfactory to the electors.

The last speaker at a public meeting has, of course, a great advantage as he can make any denials or statements or use any illogical arguments he chooses and no one has an opportunity to deny, contradict or explain. Then, with joint meetings, at the end of the campaign each candidate would have had a fair opportunity to have stated his case to one-half of the electors in the Riding while to the other half he would not. As it is, with each holding his own meetings, each candidate has an opportunity to present his views and arguments to all the electors in every part of the Riding which is far better. Although Dr. Landerkin invited opposition to all his meetings we observe that neither Mr. Richardson, nor Mr. Lucas, nor Dr. Jamieson nor Mr. Laidlaw nor any other of Mr. Richardson's speakers have ever appeared at any of them. Why?

Fair Play.

WATSON'S SCHOOL HOUSE.

Messrs. Wm. Calder and Joseph Burnett met quite a number of the ratepayers in this corner of Normanby and Mr. Calder spoke on current topics. Some informal questions and answers took place at the close of the address and the company ended up with a few songs. We hope to see our old camping ground roll up a good vote to retain good government.

ABERDEEN.

Messrs Gilbert McKechnie and Jas. A. Hunter addressed a meeting in Clark's School house and were well received. Aberdeen is a stronghold of Dr. Landerkin's and they are going to make a big showing on Nov. 7. Just watch the majority Tobermory ward will roll up for Dr. Landerkin.

TOWNSEND'S LAKE.

Messrs Jno. McKechnie and C. Ramage drove out here last Thursday afternoon and the experience they had was that Mr. Dr. has more friends than ever. They would dearly like to see and hear him among them, which wish the Dr. reciprocates, but it is not easy to visit all points. About 30 turned out to the evening meeting, nearly all being the Dr.'s friends.

Good reports we hear from Drewry's S. Egremont, from Ayrton, from Priceville, from Neustad, A. Bromore correspondent writes enthusiastically of the eagerness of the young men there, another from Glenelg points with delight to father and sons voting together who were separated at last election. From Bentinck comes the same story coupled with assurances of the support of thinking Conservatives, who do not fail to contrast 1896 and 1900 as to the condition of the farmer.

And so it goes: the swing of Victory is in the air. Conservatives there are who will vote Richardson of course yet will shed no tears over his defeat.

The Liberals have captured the hearts of the country and will get the votes too.

McQUAIG'S SCHOOL HOUSE.

Messrs. J. P. Telford, John McKechnie and Geo. Binnie addressed a meeting here on Tuesday night to a fair-sized audience. Their efforts of course were not opposed, and they had a sympathetic hearing. Priceville ward, or the Glen' ward as it is called, will roll up a big majority for the Dr. and good go ornament.

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