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THE BYE-ELECTIONS.

As we intimated in part of our issue last week government candidates were elected in all three constituencies and by good majorities, the figures being: N. Grey, MacKay, Liberal 269, increase majority 264 N. Perth, Brown, Liberal 208, gain of Seat. N. Norfolk, Little, Liberal 105, gain of Seat.

The interest awakened throughout the province by these elections was measurably near to that prevailing at a general election, and for the same reason—the fate of the government depending upon them. Various are the opinions expressed to account for the decisive endorsement. The Mail and Empire says "stolen." Hamilton Spectator says "bought." Hamilton Times says "weary of turmoil the people have ended it." A prominent financier says "the country was making amends for almost defeating the government in May last." "Sam Blake's letter" say North Perth Liberals and a host of others, and a greater host still say it was the wholesale-unwarranted charges of corruption, venality, etc., laid undeservingly at the door of the Liberals. Certain it is the Blake letter fell fruitless to the Conservative party, and its author is discredited as a result of the revelation that differences with the government over pecuniary matters was presumably the cause of Mr Blake's turnover. His dramatic attempt to bring down the pillars of Liberal administration by his letter to Mr Foy, resulted, unlike Samson, in the discomfiture of his friends, but like Samson, in his own effacement, for no party in future on the eve of an election, will ask the assistance of Mr Blake's pen.

The campaign was not conducted on great public issues. Charges of political wrongdoing made and denied were the staple talk, and it may be said the Witness thinks, that Mr Blake's letter was not wholly valueless as both parties have been forced to commit themselves to condemnation of rascality. That the Liberals are more guilty of crookedness than their opponents, we do not believe, nor does the country believe so, and the loud trumpeting of this charge by Mr Whitney and his followers should now cease, or let them furnish the proof.

The Star, Toronto, institutes an enquiry into the election methods of both parties at the general election and we summarize:

Unseated for corrupt practices, Liberal—1. N. Grey Conservative—2. N. Perth and N. Norfolk.

Trials still to come. Liberal—1. N. York Conservative—2. S. Ste. Marie and C. Bruce.

Cases going to appeal. Liberal—1. E. Middlesex Conservative—2. Lennox and South Oxford.

"Men of independent minds," says the Star "will find it interesting to examine these results."

"How can the unprejudiced onlooker reconcile this showing with the whole sale accusations made by Mr. Whitney, his lieutenants, and his newspaper? So far one Liberal has been unseated and two Conservatives. Of the election trials still to be heard, one is against a Liberal and two against Conservatives; of the appeal cases, one is against a Liberal and two against Conservatives. There is nothing here to show that the election methods of the Liberals were worse than those of the Conservatives.

Is it not high time Mr. Whitney and his followers made good their wild talk? So far they have not justified their charges. They have come out of the courts than the Liberals they denounce so fiercely. They charge successful Liberal candidates with the most heinous offences, and then saw off petitions and drop proceedings.

They indulge in brag, bluster, fury, and defamation, but fail to make good the charge that they are robbed. When they do get into the courts, as in the legal actions following the general elections of last May, they are hit harder, as we have said, than the Government whose methods they so furiously denounce."

Live Stock Markets

Toronto.

Receipts of live stock were not large—47 carloads, composed of 400 cattle, 1300 hogs, 600 sheep and lambs and 20 calves.

The quality of fat cattle, of which there was a limited supply, was fairly good.

Butchers' cattle were in good demand. Loads of good butchers' sold at \$4.35 to \$4.60 per cwt., and fair to good at \$3.85 to \$4.30.

Export Cattle—Choice loads of heavy shippers are worth \$5.25 to \$5.35; medium exporters, \$4.65 to \$5.

Export Bulls—Choice heavy export bulls sold at \$4.25 to \$4.50; light export bulls, \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt.

Feeders—Feeders, 1000 to 1100 lbs. each, are worth \$4 to \$4.50, and light feeders, 800 to 900 lbs. each, \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt.

Stockers—Stockers, 500 to 700 lbs. each, of good quality, are worth \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt.; off colors and poor quality of the same weight are worth \$2.25 to \$3 per cwt.

Milch Cows—Milch cows and springers are worth from \$50 to \$58 each.

Calves—Calves sold at \$3 to \$10 each or from \$4.50 to \$6 per cwt.

Spring Lambs—Spring lambs are worth \$4.25 to \$4.90.

Sheep—Prices, \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt. for ewes, and bucks at \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Hogs—Best select bacon hogs, not less than 160 lbs., nor more than 200 lbs. each, off ears, sold at \$6.12 1/2 per cwt., lights, at \$5.87 1/2; sows, \$4.50 to \$5 per cwt, and stag, \$3 per cwt.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

The Regular Meetings of South Grey Farmers' Institute will be held in

TELFORD'S HALL, HANOVER, on SATURDAY, JANUARY, 17, 1903, and in the TOWN HALL, DURHAM, on

MONDAY, JANUARY, 19, 1903. Each Meeting commencing at 1.30 p. m. PROGRAM

The afternoon sessions at Hanover and Durham will have the same Program, as follows:

Mr. T. H. Mason, Straffordville, "Care and Feed for Dairy Cattle"; Mr. Earnest C. Drury, Crown Hill, "Soil Fertility and how to maintain it."

Evening Session, Hanover, Mr. Mason, "Poultry Raising for Boys and Girls"; Mr. Drury, "High vs. Low Farming."

Evening Session, Durham, Mr. Mason, "Changing Conditions in Canadian Agriculture"; Mr. Drury, "High vs. Low Farming."

Local Men will also address the Evening Sessions. A good program of Music will also be provided.

A Charge of 10c. each or 15c. a couple to non-members will be made at the Evening Meeting at Durham.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

A Meeting of the Women's Institute will also be held in Durham at the same time. Farmers, Bring out your wives and daughters and let them become members of this Institute and enjoy the advantage to be derived from it.

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BORN

FIRTH—In Durham, Jan. 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Firth, a son.

ARMSTRONG—In Bentinck, January 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Armstrong, a son.

GOWANLOCK—In Durham, on January 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Gowanlock, a daughter.

MCINNIS—In Glenelg, on the 31st Dec. to Mr. and Mrs. Peter McInnis, a son.

MARRIED.

McKINNON—DARCY—In London, on Wednesday, the 7th, at St. Mark's church, by the Rev. Father McKeown, Miss Marie Darcy, of London, to Mr. J. D. McKinnon, of Durham.

RIDDELL—FLETCHER—At the residence of the bride's mother, "Mull Farm," Bentinck, Dec. 22nd, by Rev. W. Graham of Dornoch, Mr. Hugh R. Riddell, to Miss Mary Fletcher, both of Bentinck.

LEDINGHAM—CAMPBELL—At the residence of the bride's father, Aberdeen, Dec. 31st, by Rev. Wm. Graham of Dornoch, assisted by Mr. R. Ledingham, (the groom's brother) of Knox College, Mr. Wm. J. Ledingham, to Miss Isabella Campbell, both of Bentinck.

HAAS—SIM—In Edmonton, Dec. 31st, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. Jno. Little, Alfred Haas, to Miss Lizzie Sim, eldest daughter of Mr. Robt. Sim.

Died.

BLYTH—In Northampton, on Sunday, Jan. 11, Mrs. J. Blyth, aged 51 years.

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The Fort William Times-Journal of Dec. 31, has the following account of the marriage of Mr. Malcolm McKinnon, (brother of Mr. Chas. McKinnon of town), to a Fort William lady. Mr. McKinnon's many friends in Durham, Glenelg and Bentinck will join us heartily in extending good wishes to the happy young couple, who spent part of their honeymoon in our town; a very pretty wedding took place yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Finger, when their eldest daughter, Maybelle, was married to Malcolm McKinnon in the presence of a large number of friends. At 3 o'clock the wedding party entered the parlor to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Mrs. Barrie. The parlor was tastefully decorated with cut flowers, and a bank of natural flowers formed a most attractive background to the pretty scene. The bride looked charming in blue taffeta silk, with trimmings of white silk and silk applique, and carried a bouquet of white roses. Miss Rothwell acted as bridesmaid and wore a handsome gown of black silk trimmed with white silk. Ormsley Finger, brother of the bride, acted as groomsmen. After the ceremony a dainty dejeuner was served in the dining room.

The couple were the recipients of a large number of handsome and useful presents, amongst which a deed of the adjoining lot to the Finger residence on McVicar street by the bride's father, and a large collection of household articles by the groom's fellow employees of the Pigeon River Lumber Co. Mr. and Mrs. McKinnon left by No. 2 to-day for Durham, and other points for their honeymoon trip. They will reside on McVicar street.

LEDINGHAM—CAMPBELL.

The home of Mr. Geo. Campbell, Aberdeen, was gay with youth and beauty on the evening of Dec. 31st last the occasion being the marriage of his daughter Belle, to Mr. Wm. Ledingham, of Dornoch. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Wm. Graham, and he was assisted by Mr. Robt. B. Ledingham, Divinity Student, a brother of the groom. The supporters were Mr. Jas. Ledingham and Miss Kate McArthur, cousins of the bride and groom respectively.

The ceremony was a brilliant one, the home beautifully decorated, the bride and bridesmaid beautifully and becomingly attired, the wedding repast was sumptuous and well served, the presents were numerous, useful and ornamental, and the social hours following thoroughly enjoyable.

Our space this week prevents us giving an extended description of the happy event. We expected a write-up last week, but were disappointed. However, though a week late, to bride and groom, who can take joy anytime, we extend hearty good wishes for a happy future in their north Bentinck home.

Among the guests from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. Dan McKinnon, Kincairdine; Neil and Bella Gilchrist, Glammis; Mr. and Mrs. James McLarty, Owen Sound; Donald and Flora Gilchrist, Tara; Neil, Annie and Kate McArthur, Keady; Neil and Mary Gilchrist, Glammis; A. Ledingham and W. Byers, Williamsford; John, Janet, and Mary Little, Holstein; Miss Reively, Chesley; Inspector and Mrs. Campbell and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Clark and family, and Mr. John and Miss Rose from Durham; besides a large number from Dornoch.

Caldwell—Fee.

Wednesday evening of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fee, their third daughter, Lizzie, was united in marriage to Mr. Samuel Caldwell in the presence of numerous relatives and invited guests.

The young couple are well and favorably known in the locality, and little did we think when they were pupils of ours that one day their lives would merge in matrimony. We wish them abundance of life's blessings in a happy future, and greatly regret we were prevented from wishing them so in person.

At this writing an account of the function has not arrived.

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