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The people started to gather from all parts of the country and at opening time the streets were crowded. Never in the history of the oldest inhabitants of Durham were so many eager buyers seen in one store before. **McKECHNIE'S Big Departmental Store packed to the doors with customers.** From the minute the Doors were opened until midnight, their many salespeople were literally taken off their feet by the throngs of excited buyers. The crowds on opening days were something wonderful, but we look for the biggest crowds in attendance next Saturday and Saturday night. People amazed at the enormous price cutting.

A. D. Learoyd, Merchandise Broker and Big Staff will be here 15 days longer

No Reserve: Everything must go. Crowded Store: New Half Price Bargains every day. All people have confidence in the Firm. When they cut, the knife goes deep into high prices. These are facts and facts are stubborn things.

The Store so crowded on Opening Day that we were forced to lock the Doors

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The Durham Review

THURSDAY, 7th MAY, 1908

Ontario Elections—8th June.

Thursday last Mr. Whitney gave the word that set the election talk and machinery in full motion, the first time in a generation that a Conservative government has done so in this Province. The time is short and that is a good feature, for the turmoil of battle strains business if long drawn out: "the hotter war, the sooner peace."

What of the issue? Up to within two weeks of the end of the session, everyone would admit that the Whitney government would be returned to power again, but during "the last awful week" as the Toronto Telegram, a Conservative paper, puts it, campaign material for the grays came so thick and fast, that some think it possible they have reached a stage in three years that their predecessors reached in thirty and that the same fate may befall them.

They early fell under the spell of the spoils system as witnessed in the wholesale dismissal of License Inspectors, many of whom must have been efficient officers, and their is reason to believe that the working of the License system under a body of inexperienced men produced results that led to growth of the Local Option feeling.

Then to hamper this growth came the imposition of the three-fifths majority requirement, justified at first as a necessity to have a preponderating body of public opinion to ensure enforcement. It was soon found however that its enforcement depended on efficient officers, and repeal contests showed that majority votes were sufficient to retain it, but the government in spite of all pressure decided to maintain the un-British system.

Under the Whitney rule also has grown up a secession movement in New Ontario, which reflects little credit on the administration, heirs as they were to the splendid and statesmanlike pioneer work of their predecessors. The faith, the prescience and the courage to project a new railway into the wilds, to see in those wilds an outpost of civilization and homes for thousands, all belong to the Liberals.

The unnecessary gerrymander in which, says the Montreal Star, Conservative, "Mr. Whitney made changes, for which no adequate de-

fense has been offered," we have already referred to, and must, to again quote the Star "somewhat tarnish their prestige."

The grant of \$130,000 to the Larose Mine, "for information given the government" is a shady transaction seeing a brother-in-law of one of the ministers was one of beneficiaries. Then the guarantee of \$2,500,000 to MacKenzie & Mann interests, brought before the House days after Mr. Whitney had been picking on a closing day showed a precipitancy that compels adverse criticism. It is admitted the Liberals showed weakness in letting it pass unchallenged, but the government is mainly responsible for leaving such important matters to the dying days of the last session.

On the School question the government is also vulnerable, as it is on the power question, law reform, the enormous increase of expenditure and in other things. Even abounding revenues should not have permitted an increase of expenditure in three years equal to the increase of the previous thirty-two.

The Three-Fifths Clause.

This piece of Legislation of the Whitney government has aroused a feeling that will not down until it is repealed. When first proposed there seemed to be some reason in requiring such a vote so as to be sure of the strength of public opinion behind a summary law sufficient to ensure its enforcement, and compelling a similar majority against it before it could be repealed.

The repeal contests that have been tried show conclusively that a majority is sufficient to hold it, where once its benefits are known, hence a majority, in the light of this experience, should be sufficient to pass it. Another reason is well put in the following extract from a speech of Hon. A. G. MacKay's, during the recent session:

Sir, I have occupied the attention of the House at considerable length, yet I desire a word or two as to what may

be called the three-fifths clause in connection with voting upon Local Option by-laws. We on this side divided the House on this question two years ago, and again last year. Sir, our position is clear and distinct on the question, we believe in majority, not minority, rule. (Cheers) The argument is frequently advanced that the law requires for its proper enforcement at least 60 per cent in its favor, that a bare majority is not sufficient. Let us follow this argument out and illustrate it by means of a concrete case. Take my own town, of Owen Sound, which on this question has been considerable of a storm centre. Assume for the sake of argument that the law requiring a three-fifths vote had been in force when Local Option was adopted there in January, 1906; more than 60 per cent of those who actually voted favored the by-law. Therefore the illustration is apt. The repeal vote will be taken next January. Assume now for the sake of argument that 59 per cent of the voters vote for repeal and 41 per cent vote to retain the law. The By-Law still remains for another three years. But what about the necessity of 60 per cent of the voters favoring the By-Law to make it effective. The government are forced into this ridiculous and highly untenable position that 60 per cent of the voters must favor the law to make it effective up to the time of the repeal vote, but then for the next three years 40 per cent will be quite sufficient. The government position is contradictory and self-annihilatory. (Cheers). I last year characterized this piece of legislation as a loading of the legislative dice at the expense of common sense, right reason and justice. Especially so does it appear when we come to consider the question of repeal, after the people of a municipality have experienced the working of this particular law for three years they ought to know whether it is preferable to the License System or not, and a majority should decide; a minority ought not to be allowed to rule any municipality. The legislation that makes such possible is highly discreditable to the present government (cheers).

—The Flesherton Advance says: "Mr. McCannell, the choice of South Grey Reformers for the Legislature, is a farmer of ability and unblemished personal reputation, held in great esteem by those who know him. He has been a member of the township council of Glenelg, also was a County Commissioner and his municipal experience will stand him in good stead."

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