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STILL DODGING THE BOND.

Up in Peterboro a commotion has been caused by the refusal of Mr. Bradburn, the conservative candidate for the legislature, to accept of the proposition of Mr. Gillespie, liberal candidate, and agree upon a covenant which means "a straight, clean fight." The plan was to put up \$100 each and undertake to pay \$500 for each offence proven against their supporters under the Election Act. Though the matter had been discussed by the candidates casually, when it was reduced to writing Mr. Bradburn protested. He took the proposition to mean some reflection upon the manner in which his elections had been run in the past. He knew of no such arrangement having been made elsewhere (he forgot about Kingston), and thought it would stultify those who became the parties to it. Mr. Gillespie's rejoinder is mainly, He accepts the nomination with the desire for a clean election, and is willing to bind himself that this will be had if possible. If his plan of campaign is not acceptable he will be glad to consider an alternative or a better. But Mr. Bradburn is silent. Why? Before the proposition took definite shape he was willing to consider it. Now his dignity is touched. His honor has been reflected upon. The average conservative candidate can put on some mighty airs at times. Of course he is a purist, and anything that would indicate that he cannot trust himself in an election is a serious aspersion upon his character. At the same time he would be safer under bonds.

FELL FROM HIS PEDESTAL.

It is not complimentary to Mr. Whitney to say that he did something in imitation of his predecessor in office. Mr. Ross was, in the last campaign, represented by the Tories as a leader of a government which could not be defended on any account, as surely abandoned and deserving of any fate. Mr. Whitney was heralded as a new type of politician, as pure and undefiled and righteous altogether, as the embodiment of a life that was not fashioned after anyone that had gone before. In him no one expected to find the sins of the common herd. And yet he breaks his promises, slips from his pedestal to dabble in dirt, condones the spoils system, glories in the gerrymander which he condemned, and even deceives his most confiding followers. And his justification is that he has a precedent for his wrong-doing in something which is credited to the Ross government. The Whitney government then is looking for an excuse for its wickedness. It admits that it has gone astray, that evil has overcome it. What a fall is here, my countrymen! The motto of the party, supposed to be emblazoned on every banner—"The Great and Only Whitney; Bold Enough to be Honest, and Honest Enough to be Bold"—what has become of it? It is gone, or it ought to be. It is sad to contemplate that the man who was regarded as the superior of his race has fallen from his high estate, and is after all made up of common clay. It is the fact nevertheless.

COMING TO THEIR OWN.

Mr. McKay, says the Toronto News, "had not much to say in the legislature in favour of the settler." His record speaks for itself. In New Ontario he had occasion to criticize the policy of the Whitney government and to say to the people there that they were not being properly used. He pointed out that he was not a sudden convert to his present views. He referred to the ideas he enunciated with regard to settlers' rights at the liberal convention of 1904, and added: "Within forty-eight hours of having been sworn in as commissioner of crown lands, I remember recording a resolution which was moved by C. N. Smith, of Sault Ste. Marie, favouring the giving to settlers of all the timber and minerals on the land."

THE APPEAL IN QUEBEC.

The elections in Quebec are to run concurrently with the elections in Ontario, and so the politicians of each province will have all they can do to mind their own business. The record of the conservative party is the same everywhere. It is a record of lavish and unbroken promises. The elder Tupper, in the golden days, thought nothing of pledging the credit of Canada to an expenditure of millions of dollars as he talked of great public enterprises on the eve of an election. The Flynn dynasty, in Quebec, in 1897, just before an appeal, pledged the credit of Quebec, by secret orders in council, to an expenditure of twelve millions of dollars and the gift of hundreds of thousands of acres of land, towards various enterprises. The public domain this reckless government was prepared to parcel out for the good of the party and the financial resources it was willing to mortgage for the sake of any corporation. What would have happened had the Flynn government been sustained goodness only knows, but it went out of office, or rather it was turned out, in disgrace, and Quebec has since gone steadily forward, with legislation very much to its advantage. The point is, that the discredited crew—the men were making a wreck of things when they had a chance—are now very much in evidence. They saw the necessity of going into retreat for a season, for the personal purification which they needed. They assume that they have atoned for their misconduct, or that the people have forgotten about their misdoings, and they are again emerging into view. If the people want a repetition of the old orgy they will smile on the ragged combination. If they want decent government they will stand by Mr. Guin, the present premier, who has aimed to give them an honest, advanced and efficient management of provincial affairs.

A CHANGE IN FRONTENAC.

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LATE POLITICAL NOTES.

Provincial Pot Boiling—Conservative Troubles Numerous.
J. W. Curry, M.P., who so vigorously prosecuted the combines while he was crown-attorney of Toronto, asks why the actions were dropped by the Ontario government after he resigned office. The attorney-general's department can reply, but will it?

Stormont was so closely divided in the last election that had the forty-four votes of the independent candidate gone to the liberal he would have been elected. The conservative candidate in succession to Mr. Kerr, who won in that contest, is John C. Milligan of Cornwall. Mr. Kerr was a candidate for re-nomination, but got only sixty-two votes against Mr. Milligan's 133.

H. B. Ames, M.P., of Montreal, has gone into the shoe business and appeared in Toronto with a bunch of lantern slides. It does not appear he included in his list a picture of that \$2,000,000 terminal which Mr. Whitney has presented to the Canadian Northern railway, nor yet did he illustrate Hon. Frank Cochrane's handing over \$130,000 to his brother-in-law.

George Biggs has retired from the political contest in North Renfrew. A few days after the conservative convention, recently held in Pembroke, when Alexander Morris was nominated, Biggs announced himself as a candidate. He said the convention had been packed, that numbers of his friends had been excluded, that numbers were refused ballot, and that the switching of ballots was openly practiced. Just what pressure was brought to bear on Biggs which has induced him to retire, no one can say.

Already suggestions are being made as to the possible successors to Hon. Dr. Wiloughby, as minister without portfolio in the Whitney cabinet. There should be no successor. When the present government came into office it found seven ministers with portfolio and one minister without portfolio. Today there are eight ministers with portfolio and three ministers without portfolio, and in addition a considerable quantity of work which the late government did is now done by commission. The position in consequence of the unfortunate death of Dr. Wiloughby, might well be done away with.

Hon. Adam Beck was duly nominated by a conservative convention in London. William Gray attended the gathering. When he rose to speak it was plain that he had the support of a fairly strong element among the delegates. "At the last election here the party did not put up one cent for my expenses," said Mr. Gray. "I paid them myself, with the assistance of my friends." To which statement A. J. McLaughlin, the president, took some exception, declaring that the party had paid Mr. Gray's expenses. "I say that the party did not," said Mr. Gray. "The money subscribed by the party is in a bank in this city and has not been touched. I don't collect the money," said Mr. Gray, addressing Dr. Roome, ex-M.P. "Where is it?"

An extraordinary state of affairs developed at the Leeds conservative convention at Delta on Friday. George S. Johnston, of Fort Erie, was out to wrest the nomination from the sitting member, J. K. Dargavel, of Elgin. The second and concluding ballot gave Mr. Dargavel 167 votes against Mr. Johnston's 162 and the convention made the choice unanimous. Mr. Johnston read a letter written by Mr. Dargavel in 1902, in which the present member pledged himself to see Mr. Johnston through the next convention if Mr. Johnston would see him through in 1905. Mr. Dargavel did not deny the authenticity of the document but let the matter in the hands of the convention, which by four majorities, decided that he was not bound to carry out such pledges. The conservative majority last election was 900.

There is trouble in the Hamilton conservative camp. Mr. Scott, defeated by Mr. Studholme in the bye-election, is the choice of the executive, but the party is not strongly for him, and it is announced that he will be properly trimmed.

The remnant of the money collected for the last London election is in the bank, but it will not long be there. By the way, Mr. Gray did not use it, and yet the account has strangely dwindled from \$1,500 to \$300.

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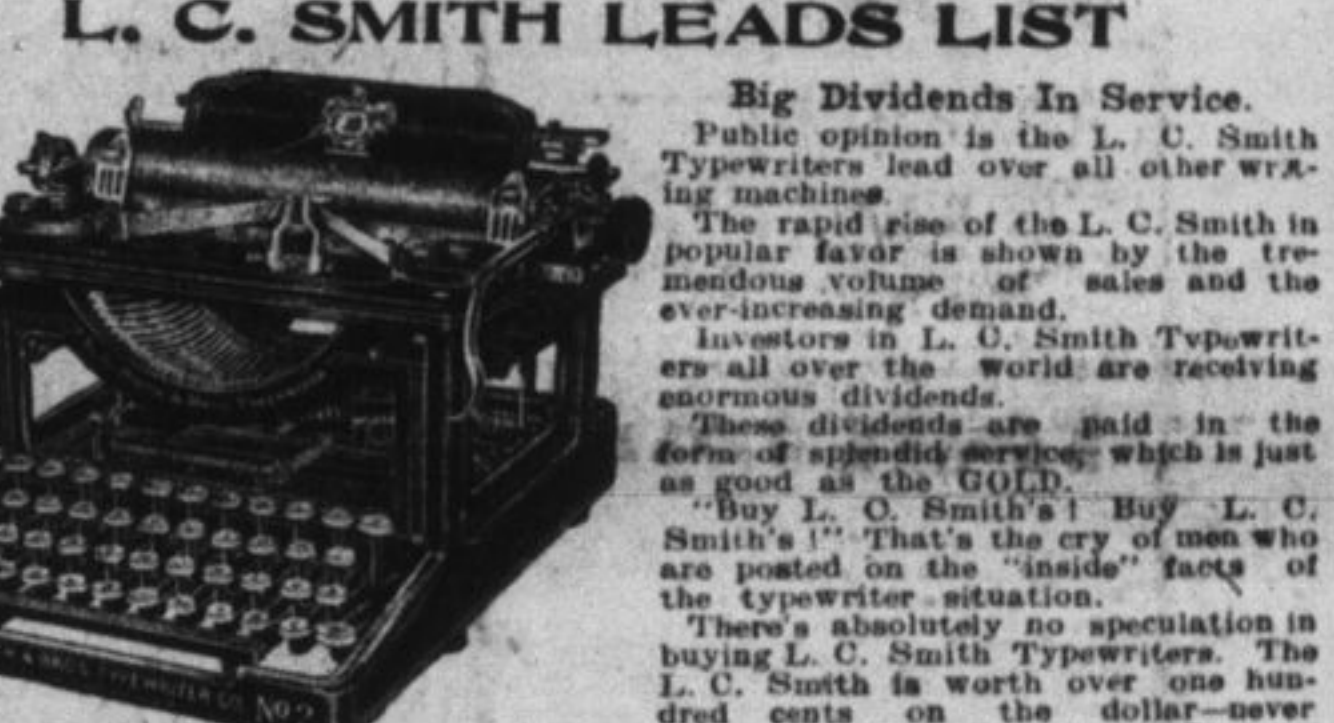


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