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### Daily Whig.

PARTY OUT FOR SPOILS.

The political campaign is developing some notable experiences. The local government was supposed to be a model of its kind, and it is in the way of rare excesses. It is charged against one license inspector in New Ontario, that he used his office and influence to his trade advantage. As a piano agent he conceived the idea of making music the stellar attraction of every hotel, and he managed to unload several of his instruments upon the liquor men. "I tell you," said Mr. Johnson, the liberal member for Parry Sound, "that if ever there was an investigation needed it is in this license district." When the Toronto scandal was uncovered by Mr. Starr, people metaphorically held their noses, so obnoxious were the fumes that it emitted. There was a rumour that to guard against a repetition of this thing the government would reconstruct the license system, and at the same time purify it. But with the approach of an election the talk of reform ceased. The government with its forty of a majority in the last house has suddenly become scared. So all the restraint in the interest of purity is off. The party is again out for the spoils, and any old thing goes. Political morality has been laid aside for the present. It is an academic phrase, and good only for dress occasions.

The declaration of the Whig that the record of the conservative is everywhere the same, a record of lavish promise, got a severe twist in the type-setting. Fancy the effect, "a record of lavish and unbroken promises." It is enough to make anyone laugh.

### STRONGEST MAN IN ENGLAND.

The premier of England has been before the people to some extent for years. He has been known as a very able man, intellectually great, and yet in closest sympathy with the heart of the common people. He has loomed up large, however, since he assumed the duties of the late Hon. Mr. Campbell-Bannerman, and in a few weeks has demonstrated that he is admirably fitted for the place he occupies. He is essentially a man of courage. No one dare question this conclusion, who realizes the stand he has taken on the License Reduction Bill. Here is a measure which, carried into law and enforced, means a gradual diminution in the quality of beer, and spirits which can be drunk in public. In thirty years, present calculations being verified, England will have gone dry, and the millions of dollars or pounds now invested in the liquor trade will have been diverted into other channels or been tied up. With the evidence before him that this proposal would be desperately resisted, and with the further evidence that a mighty force had struck the government hard in Manchester election, Mr. Asquith passes his license reduction bill, and carries it through the commons by an overwhelming majority. The lords may kill the bill. Let them. Mr. Asquith has a conviction, and he does not falter in his action for a moment. He is a stalwart in political life, acting on principle, and braying any displeasure rather than show the white feather for a moment. He is the stuff of which statesmen are made, gifted for emergent public service, and the best fitted for the tasks that are set before him.

The editor of the Globe must be tickled with the Whig idea that as a "governor of Toronto University he is a hiring of the government." That is one way of retaining the interest and self-respect of an opponent in politics.

### THE PEOPLE WANTING LIGHT

What kind of pavement is Mr. Kirby prepared to lay in Kingston now that he has permission to canvass for it? He may have stated the facts in his letter to the council, but it has not been published, and in the column and a half report of the last meeting of the council, which appeared in the Whig, there was no reference to the materials entering into the work or the specifications by which it is to be conducted. The Whig is not offering any objection to the proceedings, but it is demanding, as a matter of information, to know definitely, what the scheme is which so vitally affects the people and the city.

Were the city doing the work, it would settle, first of all, what the quality of pavement would be. The city engineer would be expected to report in favour of bituminous asphalt vitrified brick, or granite blocks. A statement would be submitted touching the cost per square foot or yard, and also an estimate of the probable life of each. There would be more than this—a recommendation in favour of some particular material, and a specimen

of instruction as to the manner in which the work should be conducted. What will Mr. Kirby lay before the people? A plan of a street paved according to his design? An estimate of its cost, and an assurance that it will last so many years? Doubtless.

But has Mr. Kirby anything to show that the city and its engineer have examined his plans and specifications and approved of them? Has he anything to show that the council regards his prices as reasonable, or that the street surface which he lays will serve the people acceptably, according to their views? The property owners may be ever so anxious for paving, but the desire for it is one thing, and the liability for it is quite another. The discussion in the council was certainly not edifying. There was no real information in it about Mr. Kirby's proposition. It was described as the best ever, and yet there was nothing in the debate which conveyed a clear idea of what it really was. Some aldermen are either not studying municipal questions very much, or they are not telling the people what they know.

"A cheap, low speed automobile, safe, and easily controlled, seems to be one of the wants of the day," says a contemporary. But he is mistaken. What is wanted is a high-speed machine that means a finish to the man who operates it.

### THEY ARE ARRANT HUMBUGS.

The loyal opposition has declared that it will sit in Ottawa until Christmas before it will allow the government to amend the election law. There was, by the way, too much profession on the part of the conservatives. Political history has the record of some queer transactions in the name of party, but there was a general repentance of all crooked work, and an apparent desire for clean and wholesome proceedings at the polls.

Mr. Borden offered his services to the government in a joint and happy effort to devise a law which would put the corruptors out of business. Mr. Alcorn exercised his legal mind by drafting what he regarded as a clean election bill. But when Mr. Aylesworth brings down his plan of securing a fair and square election, guaranteeing to every eligible person the right to vote without fear, favour or intimidation, the opposition bolted. It is discovered that in Manitoba and British Columbia the voters' lists will not be under the control of the local jobbers, and at once there is a fright. Mr. Aylesworth points out that there cannot be in the provinces referred to a correction of the voters' lists to suit the federal constituencies under present conditions. The opposition, in place of improving upon the bill, so that it will meet the requirements of the country, and protect the voter, resorts to obstruction, and will not have the reform at any price.

So that when the opposition prates about election reform it is simply shamming. The first Aylesworth proposal is a fair and honest voters' list. Without it there cannot be a fair and honest election, and in opposing this the conservatives have advertised themselves as arrant humbugs.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

The prison labor grievance has not been removed. The contract which Mr. Hanna made goes on another year. Meanwhile, the election will be over.

In every city where there is a letter carrier system the drop letter postage will be dropped to one cent. More work for the letter carriers, and more pay, of course.

The Whitney government is thoroughly scared. That is evident when the premier is begging for "a square deal." Conscience doth make cowards of us all.

The election bill the conservatives want is one that will serve their ends only. That is the meaning of their protest against a fair voters' list in Manitoba and British Columbia.

Mr. Whitney says his government could have gerrymandered the province so that not five members of the opposition could have been elected. No, he could not, or the trick would have been attempted.

"Ask the Ontario Educational Association," says the Hamilton Times, "what it thinks of the Pyne regulations." It is not necessary to make the appeal. Everyone knows they are pine, through and through.

Given \$10,000 In Stock. Windsor, Ont., May 7.—Miss Alice Chapman, who has given Bible readings at various churches throughout the province, was last night presented with \$10,000 worth of mining stock by a Detroit admirer.

Fined At Cobalt. Cobalt, Ont., May 7.—James McQuire and Daniel McMillan, were fined \$20 and costs and \$10 and costs respectively after pleading guilty to assault upon James Lennon in a boarding house.

Absolutely all packet teas and most bulk teas show the grocer a larger profit than "Salada," but few of them show as much satisfaction to the consumer.

## RIOT OF EXPENDITURE

### Increase in Three Years Under Whitney About \$2,500,000.

### The Extravagance Most Noticeable in Ministers' Own Departments in the House and in Excursion Jaunts.

The Whitney administration took office in 1905 at a time of great prosperity, of surpluses and increasing revenues. The cash in the treasury was \$2,855,584. The income of the province has risen from \$6,128,358 in 1904 to \$8,320,419 in 1907, over two millions of a gain, which might mean much in the way of new public aids or enterprises if economically, or even carefully, controlled. But there has been a riot of expenditure in the departments, while a number of deserving and needy institutions, like hospitals and reading rooms, are denied a reasonable support.

Had Liberal Beginning. A large part of the money now being scattered for party friendship and advantage had its source in liberal legislation in the face of opposition, and long and persistent, from the conservative party in the house. The revenues of 1907 included: From succession duties \$ 833,503. Supplementary revenue 672,241. Letters patent and licenses 240,007. Temiskaming railway 235,000. Mining sales and leases 1,184,719. Mining licenses and fees 272,207. Mining royalties 207,945. \$3,645,902.

The first three items were the product of entirely new creations of reasonable taxation by the liberal government, and the acts proposing them were contested and denounced by the party now in power, collecting them and enjoying the privilege of expenditure. Nothing could better show the hollowness of the opposition to liberal administration than the complete abandonment of all its financial measures by the men who denounced these measures.

When undertaken by the Ross government, the Temiskaming railway was an undoubted enterprise. The conservative opposition spoke of it as a "dear concession to the land of the blasted people and stunted pine," and Hon. J. P. Whitney expressed it. It was attacked as a line that ran into the wilderness, with its terminus in a place called nowhere. But it has not only disclosed the rich mineral wealth which produced the revenue above stated from mining of \$1,665,061, but it has itself been a paying enterprise long before its completion, as the revenue of \$236,000 attests. The liberal government not only brought New Ontario into line, but has made it a source of financial strength to the province at large.

Some Contrasts. In 1903 the increase in revenue to the liberal government was \$1,175,570 and forthwith the \$1,665,061, an increase of about fifty per cent. under the Whitney administration. The item most controllable, being the immediate expense account of each minister, or those of civil government, or the departments in the parliament building then show the real disposition of the government towards economy, and the disposition is by no means friendly. Civil government cost: In 1904 \$344,000. In 1905 374,972. In 1906 428,284. In 1907 538,472. Estimates 1908 610,284.

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Grand Inconsistency. Premier Whitney opposed the making of a portfolio for a minister of agriculture, and now votes one \$533,000 per year. He moved to abolish the minister of education and has voted him \$1,600,000 for 1908. He opposed appointment of a drainage referee and has appointed two of them, costing \$8,210 a year. He contended against a superintendent of neglected children, yet has increased the cost of his work to \$9,600.

For years he opposed a clerkship of forestry, and yet he has added to his very useful activities, and has created a forestry branch in the Provincial University. He opposed surveying of townships in new districts, and in the last two years has voted for this class of survey the large sum of \$28,000. He opposed an additional normal school at London, yet is building four others now. He moved to abolish the public works department, yet its expenditure in 1908, as granted, will be \$1,627,170.

Provident And Aggressive. Liberal governments in Ontario secured these valuable public benefits: Free grants or mining lands sold or leased, over 5,000,000 acres. Over 20,000 miles of colonization roads built or repaired. These helpful movements were instituted:

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Dairy school.	
General dairy instruction.	
Experimental stations.	
Aid to good roads.	
Bureau of labor.	
Provincial board of health.	
Fisheries department.	
Children's Aid and Rescue.	
The Toronto Mail, leading conservative organ, said: "The Ontario government's management of the finances has been thrifty, judicious and clean."	

B. A. Hotel Arrivals. John Guest, D. Lyon, G. T. Pearce, W. D. Morley, R. H. Tyler, T. Timbrelake, G. C. Tarrant, William Dorn, Toronto; William Rutenburg, H. Vineberg, J. E. Surve, J. E. Matthews, T. Wetsker, J. J. Anderson, W. J. Bartley, P. Panneton, Montreal; E. E. Robinson, R. J. Wiswall, H. G. Mooney, New York; H. Judd, David Hall, Hamilton; C. Jeffery, Picton; W. J. Gibson, Gananoque; George Comerford, Brantford; T. A. Webster, Lansdowne; W. H. Fitzgerald, Milwaukee, Wis.; George A. Barrager, Belleville; H. G. Brown, Peterboro; J. Charlebois, Hull; J. O. Keller, and wife, Detroit; A. Dimeale, Windsor; Nat. Sullivan, Port Hope; B. L. Lancaster, Petrolia.

Here's A Warm Thrust. Toronto Star. Queen's university professors talk of undominionizing the institution so as to get on the Carriage pension fund. This salutary measure of caution, however, must not be confused with the deplorable practice of giving up one's religion for money.

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