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MACLEAN, THE HYPNOTIST.

An amusing incident occurred at the political meeting in South York, which Mr. Maclean attended. He had reason to expect the nomination, but until it was offered to him he had to sit still and listen while others spoke. There were a lot of rumours, alleged unfriendliness between Mr. Maclean and Mr. Borden, and they were given colour by the fact that during the London election, Mr. Maclean had spoken for the labor candidate, and he the opponent of Major Bentley.

Mayor Baird of West Toronto, presented the motion which endorsed the conservative platform "as outlined by Mr. Borden," and pledged both the association and the candidate to support it. There was a jangle over the irregularity of the motion, and while the discussion went on "Mr. Maclean," says the Telegram, "sat half way down the hall, studied the floor and did some thinking." Eventually Mr. Maclean was invited to speak, and said it was time enough for him to outline his position when the nomination had been disposed of.

Foxy fellow! The chairman acted at once, and Mr. Maclean found himself the candidate of the party, unpledged; and the meeting found itself under the hypnotic spell of the most notoriety young man (mark the compliment), in Canadian politics. Since 1891 he had been in politics, doing pioneer work, floating new and original problems, educating the people and fighting the corporations. Then he touched a tender chord, the freedom of the individual. He would do everything he could to advance the general platform of the conservative party, "but" (again the dreadful word), "he reserved to himself the right to advocate what he believed to be in the public interest." He added: "If there are any differences I will come out in the lot and fight it out."

As for London he promised to visit the city and discuss public ownership, which was championed by the labor candidate, and Major Betty, (the conservative) "had never shown friendship for public ownership and was fighting Adam Beck."

The first thing the crowd knew Maclean had them under his influence, and as the Telegram remarked, "they shuffled out, and the work of emancipating in the interest of glorious freedom was complete."

CAN THEY STAND IT?

Canadian papers are challenging the political leaders to imitate the example of the American candidates for the presidency in cutting adrift those who, as allies or supporters, have compromised themselves and their parties by evil associations.

Mr. Foraker, of Ohio, was the first to be abandoned. He has attempted to justify his connection with the Standard Oil company, and failed. He finds no fault with Mr. Taft for insisting upon his retirement, because of the hostility which prevails to the great monopoly.

Mr. Haskell, of Oklahoma, was forced out of the treasurership of the democratic party because of his connection with the U. S. Steel corporation. Gen. Dupont, of Delaware, went later, disappearing from the head of the republican campaign speakers' committee because he was allied with a powder concern against which the government had entered suit. The search goes on, among the unnumbered goods of the political parties, and the wearers or owners of more dirty linen may as well give up. The purification of the people has begun, and it must go on until the work is done. In Canada the people are so far very patient. They have not demanded a cleansing of the parties, but they are showing more unrest, and there is no telling what a day may bring forth. So far there is no rebellion against the exposures, or alleged exposures, but there is something approaching it. Here is what has just happened in the west. Characterizing him as "a degenerate, demagogue, W. B. McInnes, liberal candidate, made sensational charges against Judge Joseph Martin. "He," said McInnes, "has betrayed the great principles he fought for in Manitoba. Seven years ago at Victoria he threw them to the wind when he accepted a campaign subscription of \$2,500 from the White Pass and Yukon railway. I am prepared to prove on the public platform that a subscription of \$25,000 was also received from J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern railway." That statement, supported by anything like proof in the United States

at present, would drive one out of public life. It remains to be seen how much of this thing the Canadian people can stand.

SOME OF HANNA'S HAND-OUTS.

The slanders of the conservative party began their work too soon. They have pumped themselves out, have told all they knew and more, have put a biased impression on every question they have discussed, and now find themselves up against serious difficulties.

Mr. Hanna's break on the asylum records is indefensible. The asylums are supposed to be under his care and he ought to know something about them. So he took the liberty of asserting that while the normal increase in the insane and prison population was 20 per cent. in the five years between 1903 and 1908, it was 90 per cent. He attributed this to the influx of foreigners, each one of whom costs \$200 a year "or a total of \$1,200,000 for the past year alone."

Then the students of political economy got to work and found that as a fact during the entire reign of conservatives, or for eighteen years, there had been no supervision of the immigrants coming to Canada. Any old thing went, and by the way the practice of some places in the old land was to ship the incorrigible and troublesome to Canada. In 1902 the inspection was inaugurated, and it is now better than the system in the United States. Indeed some people have whined that it is too exacting.

According to the census of 1901, the ratio of insane in Ontario was 3.3 per thousand, and the ratio in the asylums 2.5. The possible increase from immigration in 1906 was 0.7 per thousand, but of the 130 known cases there were 64 deportations, so that the actual percentage remaining was 14. Similarly with the jail commitments. The increase in immigration into Ontario in 1907 was 110, and the commitments 38 per cent.

Where Mr. Hanna has been getting his figures goodness only knows, but they are not correct. He has not only wrongfully reported upon the immigration system, but upon the "foreign-born," which term applies to all who were not born in Canada through they may have been in this country any number of years.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The covert, religious or political, is always the bitterest in attack. Examples—Borden, Roblin, Willson. Go away back, Mr. Roblin, and sit down. You are doing the party a damage with your coarse and unwarranted abuse.

Mr. Roblin says "the Globe is a paper of cant. The Globe says Mr. Roblin is a fabricator, an artistic one with fringe and flowers. So the account is balanced.

A conservative paper says of R. L. Borden that he "has the heavy jaw and broad-boned neck which betoken the man of determination." The political prize-fighter, eh?

How many signed the petition asking the council to dismiss the school trustees on the ground of inefficiency knowingly? The board has a right to resent the reflection.

Forging the name of men now dead, to papers used in the presidential campaign, is the latest monstrosity. Some men are capable of any treasons, stratagems and spoils.

Mr. Borden understands the merits of the old legal formula, "When you haven't a case," abuse the opposing attorney." The Borden tourists have dropped all argument, and taken to the throwing of mud.

The Montreal Star persists in asking, "Are there any Forakers in Canada?" Probably not. There are very many rich men, and the Star approved of their financing the elections on the assumption that theirs is "clean money."

On dit, that the premier suggested the retirement of Mr. Fraser as a liberal candidate in Ottawa, because of his connection with a land deal. Now if Mr. Borden would suggest the retirement of Mr. Foster, or Mr. Fowler, or Mr. Lefurgy, there would be some hope of a general clean up.

New Old St. Paul's.

St. Paul's church, which is growing venerable in years, is renewing its youth in other ways besides well-filled pews, hearty worship, and parochial enthusiasm under Rev. W. F. Fitzgerald's popular ministry. It has been re-decorated and renovated, also wired for electricity with handsome fittings. The re-opening services on Sunday will be, appropriately, harvest and general thanksgiving, with Dean Farthing as visiting preacher.

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FOSTER'S LAND DEAL

"Was Nasty, Underhand and Wholly Inexcusable."

Hon. George E. Foster, who poses as a paragon of virtue and purity, and who has no words severe enough for the condemnation of "graft," is to speak at Dundas on Saturday night, might find time to explain a matter which closely touches himself? What is the proper name to apply to the conduct of a public man who, in a position of trust, acts as Mr. Foster acted in speculating in North-West lands we leave to Mr. Foster and his apologists to decide upon. The public will probably, however, form its own opinion.

The Toronto News, which is working overtime now to make an appearance of defence for Mr. Foster, who has not yet been, Jonah-like, jettisoned from the Tory ship, was in 1906 still in possession of its soul, and had a right to express an opinion free from Tory machines censoring. Here is what it had to say about Mr. Foster when the Insurance Commission brought out the astounding discreditable story under oath. Let the electors carefully peruse it, and ask Hon. George E. Foster to set himself right by fair and full explanations before he undertakes to lecture them on virtue and probity.

THE SYNDICATE OF THREE.

(Toronto News.)

The disclosures in connection with the use of Union Trust company funds for speculation in Western lands are startling in the extreme. There have been some exceedingly dirty transactions brought to light before the insurance commission. It is a question, however, whether anything more grossly improper has been revealed than the action of the three directors of the Union Trust company, Messrs. MacGillivray, Foster and Willson. Mr. Foster, Mr. Wilson, suggested a scheme whereby the trust company was to be eliminated, and all profits accrue to the same three directors! This suggestion, while characteristic, has about it a distinctly Hebraic flavor. To illustrate how smooth are the workings of high finance, we quote from the report of the investigation: "On the 28th of February, 1906, Messrs. Foster, MacGillivray and Willson, the three members of the land syndicate, who were also members of the executive of the Union Trust company, constituted the meeting of directors of the Great West Land company at which the annual report to the shareholders was adopted. These three gentlemen were also the only persons recorded as being present at the meeting of the shareholders, which adopted the report. The same three gentlemen, according to the minutes, constituted a meeting of directors at which a proposition for a lease was dealt with. It sounds easy—the way these three, Wilson, MacGillivray and Foster, handled it. The position in which the Union Trust was placed was most precarious. This company carried the whole risk. It advanced all the money. It stood to make no money. The gain, if any, was to go to the three men, not to the trust company, whose funds financed the deal. If the speculation had not proved a lucky one, who would have borne the loss? The trust company could only have been recouped by the personal loss of the directors. This source of protection may or may not be sufficient, but it should never be necessary to rely on it. The profit of \$800,000 had been a loss of \$600,000—then what? To tell the bald truth, the whole deal was nasty, underhand and wholly inexcusable. And the members of the syndicate, while in this instance good heads prevented loss, do not appear to be men whose tendencies fit them to hold trusteeships.

It should be remembered that this is the statement of the case presented by Mr. Willson, Tory editor of the Toronto News, fresh from a consideration of the evidence under oath, and before the exigencies of an election campaign force up the work of apologizing for Foster. Has the reader ever been informed that Foster has reported and made resolutions? Does Mr. Borden from his denials for his part in these deals? He does not. On the contrary, he leaves it to be understood that this same unregenerate Foster, whose conduct has been thus described by the Tory Toronto News, would, were he successful, become a member of Borden's Tory cabinet! Is it for such men as these that the honest people of Canada will exchange Sir Wilfrid Laurier? To suggest such a thing is to insult popular intelligence.

again in England. But it seems that a judge can retire in the days of his fullest strength and engage in the most remunerative and exacting activities, in business and what not, that his reputation as a judge brings him, and even in the strain of political warfare, and yet continue to draw his retiring allowance.

Cold-storage And The Farmer. Hon. Mr. Fisher at Milton. "Before you farming men I want to take up new questions affecting my own department. When the conservatives left Ottawa, they had done nothing for you in the way of cold-storage ships, save for a few rough experiments with an ice system. Australia, New Zealand and the United States were driving Canada out of the English market because they had proper refrigeration. In the years 1876-1886 under the Tories we exported \$22,750,000 in butter; in the decade from 1886 to 1896 it dropped to \$8,250,000. In 1897 the department of agriculture placed the first mechanical cold storage plant in operation, and in the next ten years we shipped \$46,500,000 in butter. That was due absolutely to the cold storage facilities. There was no change in other conditions. As a result farm land has increased in value, the number of farmers has grown, and now the great proportion of our young men and women are staying on the farms. They left them in the old days, and no wonder. But today they remain because our government has made the lot of the farmer different.

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