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APPEAL OF SIR JAMES

The premier of Ontario has issued a manifesto in connection with the local elections which occur on June 29th. It contains a number of points that will be discussed at length during the campaign. It is sufficient, for the present, to notice but two of them.

It is pleaded that a dissolution of the legislature has taken place eighteen months before the time for which the members were elected expires, because it is necessary to consult the electors upon certain important acts. Three are mentioned, the act for compensation to injured workmen, the act respecting public roads, and the act regarding radial railways. There was no call for an immediate consultation of the electors upon these measures, and to intimate to the contrary is surely an attempt to blind or delude the people.

An election became a necessity through the unfortunate illness of Sir James Whitney. He is bluff and, towards his opponents, sometimes inconsiderate, but he controlled the government and during his absence his colleagues made some awful mistakes. Sir James thinks of them and seeks to pass them over lightly, but in vain. The electors will remember the manner in which some legislation was jammed through the house, the manner in which certain enquiries were suppressed or prevented, and the rank injustices which were enacted, in spite of conservative press protests, in respect of the Redistribution Act. The opposition leader and his faithful allies will be heard in the province as they were not heard in the house and the result will be seen on the polling day.

Sir James reference to the temperance question—the question of this election—is more cautious than correct. He refers to the abolition of over 1,200 liquor licenses in the last nine years. But the government, is not entitled to any credit for this. The people, the temperance people, by their aggressive campaigns, have brought about the change. The people would make deeper inroads in the liquor traffic but for the government and its three-fifths clause. They were promised an anti-treating law, by the government, as an offset to the "Abolish the Bar" programme of the liberal party, and Sir James does not explain his failure to redeem this promise.

The period of agitation, (less than a month), is brief. But it will be long enough for Mr. Rowell and his friends to impress their ideas on the people, and all the signs point to a great change in public opinion and in its effect on the government of the day. Sir James makes the appeal, but it is for the benefit of Hanna et al, and they have forfeited the confidence of the people.

GIFTS WITH CONDITIONS

Some days have elapsed since it was announced that Major Leonard had withdrawn his offer of a dormitory building, and a drill shed or armory, in connection with Queen's University. In the meantime one has had time to calmly reflect upon the situation. It was very kind of the major to suggest something which meant an expenditure of half a million dollars at least, and to provide for this expenditure himself. It was the biggest kind of a scheme, transcending anything which had taken place in connection with an institution that had, in its various appeals, found many generous friends. It was a scheme, however, which carried with it conditions that called for serious consideration. The condition that it was not always the best gift, the man who dictates the terms on

which he may inaugurate a great movement, or plan or proposition, may be disposed to supplement these terms and make them very irksome.

It would, to the thoughtful mind, have been better for Major Leonard to offer his princely gift without any conditions. Queen's University needs, under direction of some governing body, a dormitory of large proportions. The Whig has repeatedly called attention to the difficulty which the students have of securing ample housing accommodation. The cause was worthy of the aid of any benefactor, and Major Leonard could have, in a suitable building, erected that which would have been for ever monumental of his goodness. The authorities of Queen's could have been trusted to carry out his trust in a way satisfactory to all concerned, and without raising the bitter controversies which have taken place. The representatives of the university who did not fall in with the proposition, so far as its military features are concerned, have been criticized unreasonably and unwarrantably. They are to be commended for that independence of mind which is so characteristic of them. They have accepted the attack in silence. There is the dignified and proper course.

It is well to remember that these large propositions grow larger as they develop. The dormitory and the drill shed or armory here, and estimated to cost over \$500,000, would have entailed expenses in maintenance which the university authorities had a right to calculate. The million dollar Government house in Toronto is but the beginning of expenditures, which may become both lavish and burdensome. As for the control of the buildings, it surely belonged to Queen's, and not to the donors however cheerfully they may bestow their wealth. Major Leonard stipulated that he should be one of the controlling board, and as he changed his mind during the negotiations he was liable to change his mind later, and the university representatives would have been seriously embarrassed in differing with him in any respect. As for the minister of militia—any one who knows Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes can realize what was likely to happen at any time, in withdrawal or reduced grants, should his views on any point fail to find concurrence.

The university people—those who were given the responsibility of dealing with this issue—had, in addition, a remembrance of the experience of some colleges in the United States that, in their extremities, accepted too readily the contributions of rich men with "provisos" which they could not carry out. All things considered Queen's reached the wiser conclusion, through its trustees, to require a control of its interests, even when they were, as in this case, vitally and financially affected. The present loss of the dormitories, so long needed, is very much regretted, but some friends may be found ere long who will see that the buildings are provided, without any contingencies of even a debatable character.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The temperance men say they will vote temperance in the local election regardless of party affiliations. The slogan, "Abolish the Bar," means something in this fight.

The premier of Ontario was not, of course, afraid of the liquor men on the anti-treating proposition. In promising legislation Sir James said he had discussed the anti-treating question with the license holders, and expressed their views. Then why did he decline to act? "We have more than doubled the public revenue," says Sir James Whitney. A large part of the increase is in the subsidy which a liberal government granted, and another large share comes from the succession duties, which was formerly described by the conservative party as "a robbery of the dead."

No one outside of the commanders of the ships can say what caused the collision which sank the Empress of Ireland. The accident was due to some violation of rules or misunderstanding of commands. Those who confound the acts of man and the acts of God are guilty of irreverence.

The member for Frontenac in the commons disposes of the political aspect of the civil service legislation. Why not make the civil service non-political by putting it under a non-political and permanent commission? Or why not give the commission now in office larger powers? Why not make it independent in its action?

Mr. Nickle says that when he became a candidate for parliamentary honours he reserved to himself the right to act and think and speak as his intelligence or independence suggested. No one for a moment supposes that a member of parliament, on any side of the house, is bound to vote with his party on every question. No one is elected on that understanding.

Go After Things. London Citizen. If things fall to come your way, why not go after them?

PUBLIC OPINION

To Offer Some Reason. Brantford Expositor. It is claimed that Sir J. P. Whitney has recovered so rapidly, that he will be able to take some little part in the approaching general elections, and possibly to resume the leadership. This is good news. Let us hope that he will soon be in sufficiently good health to afford some reason why a general election should be brought on in Ontario just now.

The Age of Dress. Ohio State Journal. The world is all running to clothes. We are made to believe that the great thing about a woman is her clothes. But this is for the women. Men don't care a snap about what the women wear, so it is decent. The masculine eye has not been gilded with those powers that can discern the grace and delicate intricacy in the lines and folds of a gown. The man sees the woman and not the brightness of mind, the gentility of temper, the unselfishness of life, and the cordial good will he sees through the dress and under the millinery.

Technical Education. London Advertiser. For some years there has been a growing desire that the dominion should do something towards establishing and assisting a general system of technical and industrial education. Especially has it been urged by trades and labor councils in all the provinces. In 1910 the liberal government appointed a commission to enquire into the whole question, to obtain all available information, and to submit some feasible plan for legislation. More than a year has passed since the commission submitted its report. And it would seem to have been promptly pigeon-holed. To a question submitted in the house a short time ago the usual indefinite answer was given that it was "under consideration."

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

The police were inspected by the commissioners this afternoon. They donned their serge suits to-day. The street cars were well patronized to-day under the three cent fares. C. J. Newman assumed the duties of organist of Queen Street Methodist church yesterday.

STRUCK BERG TO SAVE BOAT

Captain of Royal Edward Feared Risk of Sinking Off Avonmouth, Eng., June 1.—When Captain Watson, the steamship Royal Edward, sighted a big iceberg barely two lengths away dead ahead of him, in a dense fog in mid-Atlantic, he did not hesitate. Mindful of what happened to the Titanic, the master of the Royal Edward rammed the berg head on, and escaped with minor damage.

On May 23rd, while the Royal Edward was proceeding at very slow speed because of the fog, sounding her horn constantly, Captain Watson from the bridge saw the towering facade of a huge berg threatening his ship. The floating ice monster was too close to allow time for reversal of the engines in attempt to back away. Accordingly the intrepid captain "took the bull by the horns" and ordered his navigator to steer the ship dead ahead.

Moving very slowly, the Royal Edward hit the berg with a resounding crash. Passengers who had been below and could not be warned scrambled screaming up the companion-ways, believing the ship to be sinking. They were quickly reassured by the captain, officers, and stewards, and when the threatened panic was averted and the men and women understood what Captain Watson had done, they were almost hysterical in their gratitude.

Examination showed the stem of the liner to be twisted and several plates buckled, but otherwise the ship was not damaged.

Had Familiar Sound

Woman's Home Companion. The class had just been enjoying a strenuous course in classic pathology, and as the result of the final examination, the teacher expected to find some real gems of classic lore.

In answer to the question, "Who was Cyclops?" one paper read as follows: "Cyclops was the man who wrote the encyclopedia."

WOMAN AND HOME.

The level of public entertainment is sinking, and the over-emphasis of sex in the magazines, fiction, plays and even the opera is lamentable. But the solution is in our own hands, and I for one have stopped going to theaters where such plays are produced, and I have discontinued my subscription to two magazines that have taken up the prevailing deplorable fashion of emphasizing the sex question in fiction. Keep these things out and you will go a long way toward changing "heaven is our home" to "our home is heaven." There is woman, for one, to make it so. For self sacrifice, devotion, loyalty, gentleness and subordination of self woman always was and always will be leagues ahead of us men. I recollect that when I was in China a mandarin said to me that the greatest thing that Christ had accomplished was the elevation of woman to her proper sphere.—Andrew Carnegie.

WELCOME THE ISSUE

LIBERALS PREPARED TO MEASURE UP AGAINST WHITNEY

While Election is Not Justified Still Rowell Welcomes Chance For People to Pass on the Bad Record of the Government

Toronto, June 1.—Premier Whitney's election announcement was generally expected, and for the past two weeks there has been little doubt but that the 29th would see the parties facing each other at the polls. When the house was prorogued a month ago the members were given a warning to be ready for a contest the last week in June, which, of course, meant the last Monday of the month. The delay in getting started with the voters' lists in the unorganized districts made the result uncertain for a while, but since the proclamation was issued on May 9th the work of preparing the lists had been pushed with great vigor, and it is now assured that they will be ready in time.

The legislature that has just gone out of existence was elected on December 11th, and three sessions have been held since that time. The two preceding legislatures put in three sessions, but in point of time it had a shorter life than the two preceding, but the same number of sessions and a record of work accomplished quite up to the mark set by its predecessors. The house just dissolved had a membership of 106, of which the government had eighty-three and the opposition twenty-two, the odd member being Allan Studholme, the East Hamilton labor representative. In the next house there will be 111 members, the increase being due to the addition of six riding and the elimination of one as a result of redistribution.

What Rowell Says

Toronto, June 1.—N. W. Rowell, M.P.P., had the following statement to make in reply to Premier Whitney's manifesto:

"After weeks of uncertainty and indecision the government has at last decided to take the plunge. Its prestige is steadily waning, and apparently it thinks its chances are better now than they would be a year or two hence. While there is no justification, not even a plausible excuse, for an election in the manifesto of Sir James Whitney, we welcome the issue.

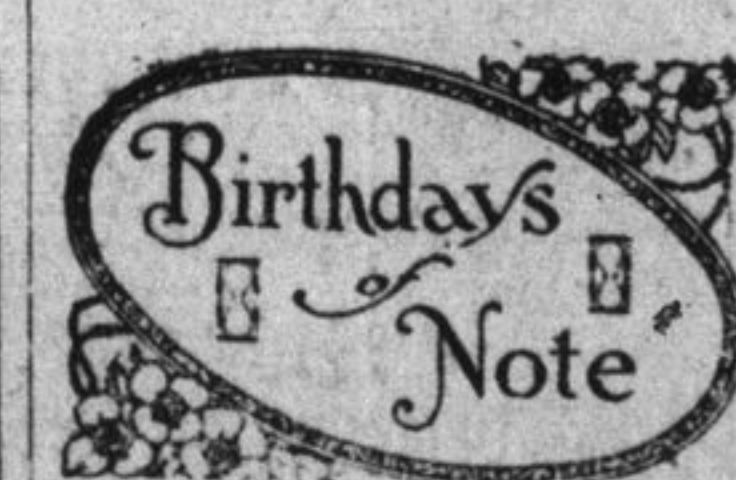
"The people of this province will now have the opportunity of passing on the issues they have been working on for years, the abolition of the bar, tax reform, and other measures of real social reform, a genuine policy for settlement of New Ontario, the re-organization of the departments of agriculture and education in the interests of progress and efficiency, the creation of a department of labor, the condemnation of the inexcusable delay in bringing down a workmen's compensation bill and other measures in the interests of the workers, the stopping of wasteful and extravagant expenditure such as the new government house, and the refusal to recognize just claims of women to consideration as the duty of the government, such as the denial of the municipal franchise to married women. We welcome the judgment of the country on these and other living issues. I shall take an early opportunity of dealing with these issues at greater length. All over the country the young men in favor of progress are rallying to our side.

"In all parts of the province we find temperance conservatives who are putting their convictions before party and are pledging support to our policy, 'abolish the bar.' The issue is now before the country. We await with confidence its judgment."

Enough to Jog Along With

Mr. Creevey is at his liveliest in describing his visits to Lambton Castle as guest of the first Earl of Durham, then Mr. Lambton, and nicknamed by Creevey "King Jog," an allusion to his remark that \$40,000 was a moderate income, enough for a man to "jog along with."

Lambton Castle promptly adopted the new illuminant, gas; but the household management was chaotic, according to Creevey. "Such a dinner I defy any human being to fancy. A round of beef at a side table was run at with as much keenness as a banker's shop before a topknot. Was there ever such an instance of derangement, with all this expense in other subjects and all his means? I have just been saying to Mills that it is a low 'rockford's, and he admits it is so."—London Daily Chronicle.



MONDAY, JUNE FIRST

William Wilfrid Campbell, Canada's unencumbered poet laureate, celebrates his fifty-third birthday to-day. He was born in Berlin, Ontario, and in early life was a clergyman of the Church of England with a charge at St. Stephen, N.B. Latterly he has been employed in the Archives Department at the capital. Mr. Campbell, apart from his fame as a poet, has been notorious for the number of literary controversies he has started. Also born to-day:—Principal John Mackay, Westminster Hall, Vancouver, born Kinross, Ont., 1870. Dr. S. E. Dawson, Ottawa, born Halifax, 1852. W. F. Garland, M.P. for Carleton, Ont., born Bell's Corners, Ont., 1872.

While the fool is asking advice the wise guy gets busy.

Advertisement for Bibby's Society Brand Clothes. Features a large illustration of a man in a suit. Text includes: 'Real Panamas \$4.50', 'New Collars 2 for 25c.', 'Our \$15.00 Suits', 'Fifteen Dollars', 'The best I ever saw for the money is the comment of every man that has seen the spring suits we are selling for just Fifteen Dollars', 'Hand tailored garments, all wool fabrics, in all the correct colorings and designs. A perfect fit guaranteed.', 'The Just Wright SHOE'.

Advertisement for Fresh Garden Seeds. Text includes: 'Fresh Garden Seeds', 'Oxton Sets, Geranium bedding, Plants, etc., etc., Wedding Bouquets, Funeral Designs a Specialty.', 'F. J. JOHNSON THE LEADING FLORIST 224 King St. Phone: Residence 1212 Store 229 Greenhouses, 235.'

Advertisement for Ladies' Button & Laced Boots. Text includes: 'Ladies' Button & Laced Boots', 'In Dongola Kid', 'Regular \$3 for \$2.49', 'All spring goods on up-to-date lasts', 'H. JENNINGS, King Street.'

Advertisement for a property for sale. Text includes: 'For Sale', 'A blacksmith shop, good location and plenty of work. In connection are a first class dwelling in good repair, stable, hen house, about one acre of first-class garden land with a few fruit trees.', 'A very desirable property for a blacksmith.', 'Farm and city properties for sale.', 'Represent strong fire insurance companies and the Mutual Life of New York.', 'Money to loan on real estate.'

Advertisement for T. J. Lockhart. Text includes: 'T. J. LOCKHART, (Over Bank of Montreal) Clarence St. Kingston.'

Advertisement for Crawford's Coal. Text includes: 'READ THE WHIG WANT ADS', 'USE CRAWFORD'S COAL', 'THERE'S HEAT IN EVERY LUMP', 'Race prejudice keeps many a dollar out of the bookmaker's hands. Nothing destroys a man's memory like doing him a favour.'