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THE RESULT.

The outstanding feature of Saturday's polling is that the **Poster Government** is beaten. There is no getting away from this fact. What the immediate outcome is going to be it is impossible as yet to forecast; it will depend, we presume, upon the ability of the Premier's managers to induce some of the independents to throw in their lot with it. Walpole once remarked of some of his political opponents, "All these men have their price, and I know the price of every one of them." Whether Mr. E. S. Carter can say the same thing about the independents and farmers we do not know, but we shall no doubt learn in time.

If ever a government was well equipped to run an election, the Foster Government was. It apparently had an unlimited supply of money to spend, and it must be said that it spent it in no niggardly fashion. It was in a position to buy everything in sight, and anything and everything that might help along its cause it bought. Yet, despite it all, it lost its campaign.

As matters stand today, it would seem that twenty-four Government supporters were returned, and also twenty-four Opposition. Fifteen of the latter being straight Opposition, and nine independent, farmers and labor. The latter entered the contest opposed to the Government, and it may be presumed that, having been elected on that basis, they will remain in opposition.

Many forecasts have been made some of which were wildly extravagant. The Standard stated a day or two ago that there were twenty-seven seats the Government would not win, and when everything is settled up, it will probably be found that our prediction was not more than two out. The Opposition realized that it had a stiff fight in the city and county, though it did not expect to see its whole ticket defeated in the former. Gloucester, Westmorland and Moncton were foregone conclusions for the Government, and Queens and Sunbury were thought to be anybody's fight. Kent was believed to be fairly safe for the Opposition, but proved a disappointment. York kept staunchly to the Opposition, despite the fact that that party's supporters had to face a farmers' ticket preponderantly Conservative in politics. In its favor, however, was the fact that the Government ticket was the weakest ticket ever put up by any party in that county in the whole of its political history. In Kings the loss of Mr. J. A. Murray is a matter for great regret; otherwise the Opposition ticket carried. Perhaps the greatest surprise in that county was the fact that W. H. Huggard, who was supposed to be running both in the Farmers' and Government interests, was left at home. Restigouche, Albert and Charlotte returned members opposed to the Government, which, as matters now stand, finds itself with three members less than it had in the last House. So much for the Premier's efforts to obtain a snap verdict. His attempts to duplicate his Nova Scotia brother's success have signally failed.

It is of course idle to speculate upon what is likely to happen. This depends upon Premier Foster, and just at present he does not know quite where he is. He may meet the House and make an attempt to carry on, but he will be sitting on a volcano the whole time, never knowing when it may blow him up. He announced at the Imperial the other evening that unless he was returned with a sufficient majority of his own party behind him to enable him to carry on a government he should not attempt to continue. The result of the polling is that he has not such a majority, and it remains to be seen if he is a man of his word or not.

THE REASONS.

The net result of Saturday's polling would appear to be that the people of New Brunswick are not so enamored of Premier Foster's administration of affairs as he thought they would be, or ought to be, although in the statement he gave to a representative of this newspaper he expressed himself as quite satisfied with the result. He has one reason for gratification at any rate; the people rid him of two useless members of his Cabinet, that he saw no other means of ridding himself of. Just what particular reasons operated most strongly in the minds of the electorate to cause it to take the course it did are not announced, but the verdict is emphatic enough. Three years' unrelenting extravagance, continuous over-expenditures, an enormous increase in the public debt, and a general disregard for prudent administration are matters which the average elector cannot well overlook, and which the promise of hydro-electric development

It is said that Mr. E. S. Carter left town early yesterday morning "for parts unknown." It is understood, however, that he went with the intention of searching the hillsides in the northern parts of the province in an endeavor to find two or three more sheep for the Foster fold, to get which he is prepared to pay any amount he is asked.

Out of forty-seven candidates who signed the pledge put to them by the Temperance Alliance promising to support a resolution asking for a referendum on the importation of liquor, thirty-two were left at home. The only one of the successful candidates in the city who refused to make the pledge headed the poll by a large majority.

In the light of Saturday's pollings, the articles which have illuminated the editorial columns of the other city newspapers during the last ten days or so make very amusing reading. Their readers were told to watch The Standard on Monday. Well, The Standard at any rate has not to crawl down.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Rather a Contract.
 (Kingston Whig)
 The want ad. page of a Montreal newspaper recently displayed three advertisements that should start people thinking: "Window cleaners wanted; we pay \$35 to \$40 per week." "Pressors on men's coats wanted: \$40 or \$45 a week." "Protestant teacher for Cote St. George school, County Seaboard, salary \$40 a month."

Boys and Their Kingdom.
 (London Times)
 However other boys may occupy their minds, your London boy can talk of little but machinery. There are few exceptions to the rule. He knows every type of aeroplane and motor car. He makes models when he ought to be learning his lessons. His highest ambition is to be a pilot or a chauffeur. Short of this he would like to drive a locomotive. For a generation or two we have known such boys, but there has never yet been a time when all boys—for the exceptions hardly count—were so keen on machinery.

The Meligen Tariff Policy.
 (Vancouver World)
 Where the Meligen Government stands in relation to the tariff issue has been put tersely and squarely by the Premier himself. The tariff will be maintained for revenue but it will fulfill a further function as well. In the Premier's own language, "the policy of the Government is to give Canadian industries of every kind just enough advantage in the Canadian market as to make it pay better to stay here and expand than to diminish their plants or leave."
 This is a fairly good definition of what most people understand by a scientific tariff. It is not a tariff designed to make fortunes for the "capitalists" or to give them opportunities of collaring markets wherein the public must buy or go without. It is a tariff of the kind that is designed to make the time to maintain an industry against foreign competition which otherwise would strangle it. It is protection, of course, but it is "scientific" protection designed not for class benefit but for the general advantage. On much the same lines was Mr. John Chamberlain's tariff reform policy for Great Britain conceived—with the addition of the Imperial preference element.

THE LAUGH LINE

Clever.
 "Smart couple."
 "What makes you think so?"
 "Why they feed the baby garlic so that they can find it in the dark."

Positively.
 "Have you heard my last joke?" asked the Post, as he stopped the Grouch on the street.
 "I hope so," replied the Grouch, as he kept on travelling.

Another Twain Story.
 "When Mark Twain was a reporter, he inserted this paragraph into a report of a wedding:
 "Conspicuous among the wedding gifts was a ten of coal that had been in the bride's family for five generations. This was much admired by reason of its quaint, old-world majesty, it being much heavier than the tons of coal of today."

He Knew.
 Teacher—Edwin, what is the best time for pickin' apples?
 Edwin—When the farmer ain't lookin'.

Long-Distance Proposal.
 "Auntie, did you ever get a proposal?"
 "Once, dear. A gentleman asked me over the telephone to marry him, but he had the wrong number."—New Haven Register.

Sweet Sympathy.
 Boy Scout (to old lady)—"May I accompany you across the street, madam?"
 Old Lady—"Certainly, sonny. How long you been waitin' here for somebody to take you across?"—Judge.

Famous Whoppers.
 "I have been intending to write to you for a long time."

Dad Knows.
 "Father, what is innocence?"
 "Innocence, my son, is a woman who believes that her husband likes cloves."

Uncertain Yet.
 "Fixing your car?" asked the passer-by as a gring man crawled out from under an automobile.
 "No!" responded the gringy one with a thumping look, "merely dabbling in oil."

Judging by recent events in the U. S. political and sporting, the motto of that country, "In God we trust," seems to have been amended by the addition of "provided we have fixed things up to win."

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAGE

THE PARK AVE. NEWS.
 Weather. What the difference? Skoos started. Brier! Narro Ixapel. The new biding that has bin going up for so long on Broad Street is now all the ways up, and the fire escape of it is so narro there's only room for one thin person to come down at a time.

Sports. Puds Simkins and Leroy Shooster are mad at each other as the result of a argument dooring a exciting game of prisoners base last Saturday when they called each other a google eyed sour ball and a ignorant balloon respectively.

Society. Mr. Puds Simkins went to his ante house last week thinking he was going to stay a week, but he ate so much more than what his ant expected he would that she sent him home again in 3 days.

Mr. Sam Cross wasn't feeling very good all day last Wednesday on account of a experiment he made in the morning while his father was shaving himself, the experiment being to see if his father was ticklish or not.

Interesting Facts. About Irtisring People. Artie Alexander has a new brown soot with 9 pockets in different parts of it and offers to keep things for fellows in them, especially candy or fruit.

SHORT STORY.
 His Fatal Curiosity.
 "Halt! Who goes there, friend or enemy?"
 Enemy, "Money or your life!"
 "Heck! I'm sorry I asked you."
 The End.

The Features.
 "What were the chief features of the meeting?"
 "I imagine they were the eyes and nose."—Baltimore American.



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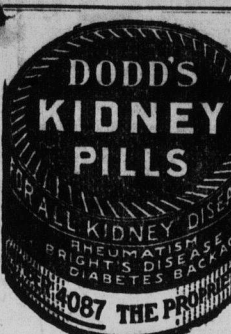
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