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Ontario Elections.

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The People's Candidates,

Vote for the following supporters of the Government, and a continuance of honest and economical management of the affairs of Ontario:

For Premier...Hon. A. S. Hardy.

LONDON.....Col. F. B. Leys
Middlesex, West...Hon. George W. Ross
Middlesex, East .....Dr. McWilliam
Middlesex, North.....Wm. H. Taylor
Oxforth, North.....Andrew Pattullo
Oxford, South.....Dr. McKay
Elgin, East.....D. McIntyre
Elgin, West.....D. McNish
Kent, East.....R. Ferguson
Kent, West.....T. L. Pardo
Essex, North.....W. F. McNee
Essex, South.....J. A. Auld
Lambton, East.....H. J. Pettypiece
Lambton, West.....F. F. Pardee
Huron, East.....A. Hyslop
Huron, West.....T. Garrow
Huron, South.....M. J. McLean
Bruce, North .....C. M. Bowman
Bruce, South.....R. E. Truax
Bruce, Center.....A. Malcolm
Perth, North.....J. Brown
Perth, South.....W. C. Moscrip
Norfolk, South.....W. A. Charlton
Norfolk, North.....E. C. Carpenter
Grey, Center.....J. Boland
Grey, North.....J. Cleland
Grey, South.....J. D. Morgan

Ontario Will Prove Self-Respecting.

Opposition newspapers are publishing the following garbled extract from the letter addressed by Sir Oliver Mowat to his constituents on the eve of the Provincial general elections in 1886:

"The occasion is one in which Conservatives and Reformers should all unite in order that there may be in Ontario a Government independent of the Government at Ottawa."

From this sentence in a well-reasoned address, the advocates of the cause of Messrs. Whitney and Tupper argue that it logically follows that Sir Oliver would always have maintained that it was in the interests of the Province to place a government in power in Ontario antagonistic to the Administration of the Dominion.

Why are these opponents of the Ontario Government so unfair as to garble Sir Oliver's address, and not let his complete meaning be understood? Here is what the veteran statesman, who designated Hon. Mr. Hardy as a worthy successor to him, said in the letter from which the sentence above is snatched by the Opposition press:

"Now there are a variety of cases by which I may illustrate the manner in which the Dominion Government have dealt with the Province, and show the absolute necessity in the interests of the Province that there should be an independent Government here, under no obligation to Sir John Macdonald, and who have a policy entirely provincial in regard to the territory and the provincial rights."

As the Guelph Mercury very pertinently points out, there was decidedly good reason for Sir Oliver's position at the time he so wrote, when the Dominion Government, abetted by the Ontario Opposition, was striving to deprive Ontario of her provincial rights, and when no protest was made by the Ontario Opposition against the declaration of the Dominion Conservative leader that not one acre of land, not one stick of timber, not one pound of minerals in the then disputed territory should ever become the possession of this Province.

No such reason for the action counseled in 1886 by Sir Oliver Mowat now exists. The Administration at Ottawa is doing justice by all sections of the community, and no right that Ontario has will ever be menaced.

The Conservatives went to Nova Scotia with the cry that the Provincial Government should be of a different political stripe from that at Ottawa. The electors of Nova Scotia, by returning 35 Liberals to 3 Conservatives, buried it so deeply that it will not be revived there for many a long day.

They tried it in Prince Edward Island, and the electors gave them to understand, by returning some 20 Liberals to 12 Conservatives, that they wanted none of it.

Quebec was the third Province to test this new Conservative doctrine—originated June 24, 1896, the day after the Dominion elections. And the Quebec people fell upon it with their ballots by some 50 to 20, and never again will that cry go up along the banks of the Lower St. Lawrence.

The malcontents have moved west, and now the cry resounds throughout Ontario Opposition circles that Premier Hardy ought to be defeated that the fortunes of Sir Charles Tupper at Ottawa may be rejuvenated. But it will not work. The people of Ontario will refuse to destroy the present good government at the bidding of the vacillating, policyless aggregation who now take their orders from the most disgusted and desperate man that ever led an Opposition in the Dominion.

Mr. Shore, M. P. P., on the Piggery Issue.

Even Mr. Shore, the Conservative-Patron M. P. P., who was backed by the Opposition in the last election in East Middlesex, is moved to go on the platform, and, as a practical farmer, expose the utter hollowness of the piggery plank in the Opposition platform. At Belmont on Thursday night, Mr. Shore attended the Conservative meeting, and told "farmers" Macklin and H. B. Elliot, of London, that they were all wrong in their attack on the Government because of the manner in which it had met the outbreak of the hog cholera in the Humber piggery. Mr. Shore points out that he and his fellow-Patrons refused to oppose the Government on this score, because the evidence showed that the Administration had simply done its duty. If anyone was to blame, it was the Dominion inspector, who handled the outbreak, and oversaw the disposal of the animals in precisely the same manner as he had done in Essex and Elgin counties when outbreaks of cholera took place there. The inspector, Mr. Shore added, was one of the strongest Conservatives in the Dominion.

Every week some new discovery is announced that will ultimately be utilized for the good of humanity. There never was a time when public sentiment was so benevolently inclined. The abolition of disease—yes, and of poverty itself—is a proposition seriously considered by philosophers and scientists. There never was a time, says the philosopher of the Port Huron Times, when the portent of the future was so bright, so wonderful. In this day of the world's history we are glad we are alive.

They Hit Below the Belt.

Many years ago, the father of Premier Hardy was a respected employe in the London Asylum for the Insane. Some ten years ago, he died. But the London Free Press and Toronto World, with a fine sense of the proprieties, now brings the deceased up as a political issue, and endeavors to make capital against Premier Hardy by referring to his dead father as a pensioner of the Province. Was the deceased gentleman any more a pensioner than Mr. Stephen Blackburn, who for over a quarter of a century has served the Province as registrar of West Middlesex? Both men served the Province in an efficient manner. Both earned the money paid to them, though Mr. Hardy's remuneration, he holding a minor position, was comparatively small.

To sneer at a dead man as a "pensioner," because he was the father of the Liberal Premier of the Province, and to regard the living official as worthy of all esteem because he was a Conservative newspaper proprietor, is a line of political discrimination which we make free to believe will find few indorsers even in the Conservative ranks. It will not gain for Opposition candidates the votes of men of independence and of a fine sense of fair play; but will help to add to the majorities that we are confident the Government supporters will generally receive.

Great Britain has at present 117 war vessels in course of construction. The day when swords shall be beaten into pruning hooks appears to be scarcely yet at hand.

Away With It.

Ontario believes in a clean, complete, up-to-date voters' list. This has been provided by the Ontario Registration Act. What a change from the Dominion Act, with its foreign and graveyard vote and its disfranchisement of many thousands of the bone and sinew of the country. Fortunately, the Dominion iniquity is doomed, and a fair franchise measure will be made law before many months have passed.

The London Free Press reports that the recent mass meeting of Col. Leys' committees was a "bunfeed." That is inaccurate. There was no bunfeed, but a feast of good speaking. Our contemporary must have been thinking of the Conservative Club attic, with its hams, cheese, bread, and barrels of beer. The Liberal headquarters are not provided with an attic attachment.

Worthy Dr. Dewart.

An endeavor is being made to excite feeling against Dr. Dewart, the Liberal candidate for North Toronto, on the ground that he is in receipt of a superannuation allowance from the Methodist Church, and that if he can undertake the exertion incident to political life he can just as well take a pulpit, etc. Dr. Dewart has been ably attending to the journalistic work of the Methodist Church for a quarter of a century. He has borne the heat and burden of the day. It is true, he has retired from the work of the active ministry. It is true that from the funds into which he has been a direct contributor he now receives the usual modest superannuation allowance. But he does not receive one penny to which he is not justly entitled, and it is an honor rather than a discredit to the Methodist body that it does not forget those who have worked long and hard in its service. To say that a man who for any legitimate cause is no longer an occupant of the pulpit, is to be debarred from engaging in other forms of activity, to the extent of strength and ability, is a doctrine that strikes very hard on many hundreds of worthy men, once ministers, who are now employed in various other walks of life. It does not follow that because Dr. Dewart might properly shrink from a young man's arduous pastoral work, he is not in an exceptionable position to render service to the cause of good government in the Ontario Legislature. A man of unusual intellectual power, of vast reading, of broad and tolerant views, at home in Toronto, and still nearly 20 years Mr. Gladstone's junior, we consider that North Toronto would be both honored abroad and benefited at home by electing a man of culture and character like Dr. Dewart as its representative.

Mr. Whitney is hopelessly floundering through the campaign, and all the jabberwocks he can enlist in his service cannot secure him victory. The mass of the good sense of the Province is against any mere wobbling politician getting control of our great resources to be used as an aid to the resuscitation of Tupperism in Canada.

Why the Haste.

Sir Richard Cartwright, replying to Mr. Foster, explains why the Government acted so promptly in regard to the Yukon railway scheme. Said he:

"No one who has paid the slightest attention to the condition of affairs in the Yukon but knows there is great need of speed in opening up that country if we are to avert disaster, if a large number go in as things are. Every one will admit that those who are going to spend several millions of their own money on this enterprise are undergoing great risks. This matter is a huge gamble, and our duty required us not to risk the money of the people of Canada. Our duty required us to see that if this region turns out as we hope the people of Canada will get their fair share of profit without taking the risk. It is idle to say we should have waited for the House to meet to have asked for tenders and awaited for the long and tedious course of events. Had we done so farewell to any hope of gaining access to the Yukon this year, farewell to the hope of averting disaster, and had we failed to do what was our duty who would have been so loud to denounce us as utterly incompetent and unfit to hold our places as the honorable gentleman who has just sat down. (Hear, hear.) Suppose that after all is said and done there should be no such large amount of gold, and we had undertaken the construction of this railroad and spent millions of the people's money to exploit this territory, how this hall would have rung with the denunciations of our folly and incapacity. Take the other alternative and suppose these should prove the richest gold fields in the world, then the people of Canada stand to make cent for cent, dollar for dollar, pound for pound with the builders of this road."

Mr. Henry Macklin is now parading East Middlesex, running down Sir William Meredith, in the vain hope that he may thereby elevate Mr. Whitney in the estimation of the public. Mr. Macklin says that Mr. Meredith was not a shrewd politician. That was not the view that Mr. Macklin expressed of Mr. Meredith four years ago. But then Mr. Macklin will never be charged with consistency. Four years ago he was publicly preaching that this Province was hopelessly going to destruction, because the Liberal Government treated the Catholic community with greater consideration than he considered they deserved. Then Mr. Macklin and his associate Conservative orators were engaged in the public avowal of the P. P. A. doctrines. Now he keeps these arguments for use in the private canvass. The public, however, understand it all. Even the secret convention of Mr. Marter, Mr. Thomas Beattie, M.P., and Dr. Roome, the Conservative organizer, with the P. P. A. leaders of Western Ontario, has been revealed, and this utterly discredited movement against the Government of Ontario is well understood throughout the Province.

The Ottawa Journal (Conservative) says that what the Conservative party requires is new leaders. With them it is really time for a change, it seems. But not one that will bring governmental responsibility. New leaders have to be trained in Opposition.

But It Is Popular in Ontario.

Premier Hardy's measure to compel all timber cut on Ontario limits to be manufactured in the Province is not giving satisfaction to the Michiganders, as the following telegram from Saginaw shows:

"Ralph Loveland, of the Saginaw Lumber and Salt Company, does not take a hopeful view of the valley's lumbering prospects, unless the effect of the Canadian timber license regulation can be in a measure nullified by a reciprocity agreement. This he does not look for, owing to opposition at Washington. Nothing has been heard of the reported intention of the Dominion Government to knock out the timber law recently passed by the Ontario Government. Mr. Loveland thinks Canadians are in harmony on that measure, and it will stand. Its enforcement, he says, will seriously cripple the lumber business of the Saginaw Valley."

Conservative journals now charge Sir Adolphe Chapleau with cowardice because he refused to join the rump Cabinet of Sir Charles Tupper on the eve of the great defeat of 1896. How the Opposition leaders do love one another!

Far Apart.

Mr. Monteith, the Conservative candidate in South Perth, says that the Ontario Government deserved credit for providing the farmers with so excellent an institution as the Agricultural College. Down this way, Conservative orators are against the college and its management. What the Opposition require is to get together and discover where they are at. They are pulling at sixes and sevens.

SELF-CONSOLED.

[Montreal Star.]

We cannot all win in the race of life; let us all be thankful that life has its booby prizes, and let us wear our laurels of defeat jauntily.

A BURST THEORY.

[Toronto Globe.]

Sir Charles Tupper's theory that the Liberal party is falling to pieces, and that his own was never so strong, never so united, etc., as today, received a curious illustration in the proceedings at Ottawa last week. On Thursday five new members of parliament were introduced, all Liberals. On Friday the dissensions in the Conservative party broke out in an open quarrel on the floor of the house.

RECENT PROGRESS IN CANADA.

In the course of his speech in the Dominion Parliament on Thursday night, Sir Richard Cartwright emphatically made the claim that the Government is entitled to the confidence of Parliament and the people, and he gave reasons, first, that the credit of Canada stands at a higher point than it has ever before reached, and, second, that the trade of the country has been expanding by leaps and bounds during the last eighteen months. During the first twelve months of this period the exports had exceeded the imports by $17,000,000, and during the succeeding six months the exports had exceeded the imports by $20,000,000. Sir Richard pointed to the roll of victories which have followed the advent of the Liberal party to power as additional proof of the fact that the party merits the confidence of the people. It was with no small degree of pride that the Minister mentioned the fact that while eighteen months ago the Government had a majority of 22, now it can count 47 good men and true. He stated with an air of candor that he was not desirous of seeing the Opposition any weaker, because an eminent authority had declared that the best guarantee for good government was an active, well-organized and unscrupulous opposition.

STRANGLED BY ELECTRICITY.

[London Telegraph.]

Electricity and spiritualism do not make a good combination. An ingenious attempt to utilize them conjointly nearly gained for its contriver the honor of a coroner's inquest all to himself. A medium who made a specialty of luminous apparitions gave a seance the other night at the house of a scientific man, and successfully reproduced from his recess in a darkened room the luminous visions of various deceased persons.

While Shakespeare was in view the awe-stricken audience were surprised to hear a gasping, gurgling noise proceeding from his throat, while the head swayed to and fro as if in pain. A gentleman rushed forward just in time to save the great poet from suffocating by pulling out of his thorax a miniature electric lamp, connected by a slender wire to a small battery underneath his coat. On the principal of the schoolboy's salamander trick of illuminating the face by putting a lighted match in the mouth, the medium caused a faint spiritualistic glow, enough to satisfy wonder-seekers, to suffuse his countenance by inserting, before his hands were tied to insure confidence, the tiny electric lamp behing his teeth. Unfortunately in this case the article slipped too far down, and as the medium's bound hands prevented him pulling it up again the unfortunate man might have been choked by an incandescent light.

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