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ONTARIO'S GOOD NAME VINDICATED

ROSSISM SWEEPED INTO OBLIVION BY AN AVALANCHE OF CONDEMNATION FROM A RIGHTEOUSLY INDIGNANT PEOPLE.

HON. J. P. WHITNEY ACCORDED A STUPENDOUS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FROM THE WHOLE PROVINCE--EAST, WEST, NORTH AND SOUTH ROLLED UP HIS GREAT POPULAR MAJORITY--FIVE OF THE "PURIFIED" CABINET DEFEATED--ONTARIO ENTERS AN ERA OF NEW, CLEAN, HONEST AND PROGRESSIVE GOVERNMENT.

BOWYER GRANDLY REDEEMS EAST KENT

Ridgetown's Popular and Esteemed Son Transfers the Old Liberal Hive--Magnificent Demonstration in His Honor--Telephones His Thanks to The Planet.

Ridgetown, Jan. 25, 9:30 p. m. -- Phil. H. Bowyer is elected by a majority of 105, full returns being in. The town has simply gone wild with excitement over the result of the election here and in the whole Province. The torchlight procession has possession of the town by storm, notwithstanding the stormy night.

Philip Bowyer, M. P. P., is unable to take part in the universal rejoicings, being confined to his home, quite ill, no doubt as a result of probably the most tireless and energetic campaign a candidate ever put up. The only regret--and it is almost blotted out by the splendid successes throughout the Province--is that that good man, James Clancy, in our neighboring riding has been defeated.

Hurray for BOWYER, WHITNEY and a Clean Government.

At ten o'clock last night Secretary Roy Hunter, of the East Kent Liberal-Conservatives, called up this office on behalf of Mr. Bowyer, M. P. P. for East Kent, and thanked The Planet for what it had done for him. Mr. Bowyer was ill in bed, but he requested Mr. Hunter to call up The Planet. This tribute from the new member for East Kent was much appreciated.

The following are the totalled and corrected majorities:

EAST KENT.	
Bowyer.	
Blenheim	49
Bothwell	9
Camden	26
Dresden	26
Harwich	33
Howard	33
Ridgetown	72
Zooe	55
Total	308

Cochrane.	
Orford	186
Thamesville	17
Total	203
Majority for Bowyer--105.	

The splendid triumph of Mr. Whitney means much for the progress, welfare and good Government of the Province. First and foremost it means that Ontario, and the Liberal party have signally cleared themselves of all complicity in the crimes of the Government. It means an end to ballot box stuffing, ballot switching, ballot burning, bogus ballot boxes, and all the new and improved methods of electoral fraud never thought of till the Ross machine introduced them. It means the destruction of that machine. It means clean elections and honest Government. It means that henceforth justice is not to be prostituted, as in the Callaghan case, to serve the ends of any party. It means the downfall of the school book monopoly, the revision of the present educational system upon modern lines, the proper administration of our mineral and timber resources, the efficient administration of the license system. It means law reform. Apart from the smashing of the machine, yesterday's magnificent victory means the inauguration in this Province of Mr. Whitney's Progressive Policy.

was loudly cheered, as were those of James Clancy, H. S. Clements, M. P., and others.

As the McCoig procession passed by, the picture of the member-elect was flashed upon the canvas. The crowd lingered till the last bulletins were thrown, giving the standing in the house--CONSERVATIVES, 74; LIBERALS, 24.

The following are the returns from all of the constituencies in detail: ADDINGTON W. J. Paul, Con., majority of 200 over H. Keech, Lib.

McCOIG CAPTURES CITY OF CHATHAM

Rural West Kent Gave James Clancy a Splendid Support--Wallaceburg, Dover and Chatham Tps. Make Remarkable Records--An Unfortunate Reverse in Town.

Chatham was the scene of wild and frenetic enthusiasm last evening when the election returns from West Kent became known.

To say that there were some awful surprises is putting it far too mildly. There were big surprises, and the

amusement of the vast crowd. The crowd was especially enthusiastic when it was announced that Toronto again went solid Conservative. Gaimy was elected by a handsome majority, Adam Beck of London and Whitney were both returned by splendid majorities and many other splendid victories were gained. When it was finally announced on the canvas that the Government was so badly defeated, and thoroughly cleaned out, the air was rent with cheers and yells, showing the feeling of the people of West Kent, so far as the Government and Ross are concerned.

Through the efficient service of the C. P. R. Telegraph Company The Planet was, at half past nine o'clock, able to give the full returns of the elections all over the province. A special wire was installed in The Planet office and the returns were bulletined as they were received.

At the Oddfellow's Auditorium where the Liberals received their returns there was a fairly large crowd in attendance. The hall was about half full of people listening to the returns as they came in. Each new batch told of great Conservative gains and not much enthusiasm was displayed when this news was announced. It was soon realized that the Government was a "goner" and things began to look very blue. Dr. Russell, who read out the despatches, kept up the enthusiasm by announcing the results in the city whenever there was any wait.

When the returns came in sufficiently to assure Mr. McCoig's election no more interest was taken in the country or the Government and the cry was "Hurray for Archie!" Dr. Russell announced that torches were all in readiness at Westman's store and advised all present to prepare for a grand torchlight procession and it was not long before the hall was empty.

JAMES CLANCY CONGRATULATES ARCHIE McCOIG

Shortly before the crowd left the hall James Clancy, the defeated candidate, made his appearance and personally congratulated Mr. McCoig on his evident victory. The action was a noble one and a fair sample of the manner of campaign which Mr. Clancy has conducted. Mr. McCoig realized this and stopping to the platform he thus addressed the crowd:

"Gentlemen, we have with us Mr. James Clancy, Mr. Clancy has fought a good fight and an honorable fight, and on no occasion has he reason to regret anything he has done. On a number of occasions during the campaign we have met face to face and on such occasions he has always proven himself a gentleman and a true type of a man, just and honorable. I propose three cheers for Mr. Clancy!"

And the three cheers were given and given with a will which showed the high esteem in which Mr. Clancy is held by Liberals and Conservatives alike. A number went so far as to call for a speech from Mr. Clancy. The torchlight procession was then formed, starting from the Oddfellow's Temple and rounding up at the Rankin House after parading several times up and down King street. The procession consisted of three carriages filled with prominent Liberals, the 24th Regiment Band, and a large

crowd of rooters and supporters carrying torches and yelling at the tops of their voices. The Lethbridge cab drawn by a team of white horses carried the member-elect, Mr. McCoig, accompanied by Will Jahnke and a few other Liberals, while Frank Tschirhart, J. W. Aitken, Mort Sheldon and other young Liberals occupied seats in the other carriages.

After parading several times down King street the cab carrying Mr. McCoig stopped in front of the Auditorium and Mr. McCoig prepared to alight and enter the hall to proceed with the speaking, but the young Liberals would not allow this and he had no sooner got out of the carriage than they lifted him on the shoulders of six of his sturdy rooters and proceeded to carry him up the street again. They carried him the full length of King street and landed him at the Rankin House, where the crowd demanded a speech.

McCOIG SPEAKS

Mr. McCoig mounted up to the balcony of the hotel and delivered a short address to the howling mass below.

"I thank you," said he, "for electing me by such a handsome majority. I thank you for the noble fight you have put up. There is a snowstorm coming down from the heavens tonight, but it is nothing to the storm that swept over West Kent to-day. I thank those who have stood so loyally beside me. You have done all you could. I want to thank especially the young men and the boys from one end of the riding to the other for the handsome majority that they have rolled up for me.

"There is one thing, I shall always try to do the very best for my constituency--the people of West Kent. I have nothing to say against the opposition. They put up as strong a fight as they could, but we were too much for them. When Liberals and Conservatives join together there can be no question as to the result.

"The city of Chatham has done handsomely. The laboring men have stood loyally by me. The Conservatives brought Ned Clarke here. I may say that I think Ned Clarke's appeal here made lots of votes for me.

"I thank you heartily for your kindness and in return I shall do all I can for West Kent."

When Mr. McCoig concluded his speech the crowd sent up a series of yells and cheers and the band struck up and everything was in a hubbub for the balance of the parade.

Mr. McCoig and his supporters who were with him then repaired to the Auditorium to hear the balance of the returns from the province and to listen to speeches from some of the prominent Liberal workers. The reports from the country were not in the least encouraging to the assembled Liberals and much disappointment at the terrible defeat of Ross was expressed both in the countenances of those present and also in the speeches that were given. They rejoiced greatly at the victory of Mr. McCoig, but the far sadder one mourned deeply the sad defeat of the Government, and it was hard to distinguish which was the stronger feeling. The non-return of Ross cast

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PHIL. H. BOWYER, M.P.P. East Kent.

OUR NEW LEGISLATURE.

Conservatives	74
Liberals	24
Total Membership	98

Conservative Gains--29.

NORTH BRANT--Fisher by 212.
SOUTH BRUCE--Dr. R. E. Clapp by 40.
WEST DURHAM--J. H. Devitt by 3.
SOUTH ESSEX--Dr. A. C. Anderson by 72.
PORT WILLIAM--Dr. Smellie by 275.
HALTON--W. A. Nixon by 100.
EAST KENT--Phil. Bowyer by 105.
EAST LAMBTON--Hugh Montgomery by 321.
NORTH LANARK--Dr. R. F. Preston by 400.
EAST MIDDLESEX--Geo. W. Neely by 149.
NORTH MIDDLESEX--C. C. Hodgins by 290.
EAST NIPISSING--Charles Lamarche.
WEST NIPISSING--O. Aubin by 500.
SOUTH NORFOLK--C. Pratt.
SOUTH ONTARIO--C. Calder by 74.
NORTH OXFORD--R. E. Butler.
PARRY SOUND--John Galina.
NORTH PERTH--James Torrance by 900.
SOUTH PERTH--N. Monteith.
WEST PETERBORO--T. E. Bradburn.
PORT ARTHUR--W. A. Preston.
PRINCE EDWARD--R. A. Norman by 30.
SOUTH RENFREW--T. W. McGarry by 500.
CENTRE SIMCOE--A. B. Thompson by 400.
STORMONT--Geo. Kerr.
WELLAND--Evan Fraser.
EAST WELLINGTON--Major Craig.
EAST YORK--A. M. McCowan by 210.
NORTH YORK--T. H. Lennox.

Liberal Gains--3.

GLENGARRY--McMillan by 250.
OTTAWA--May by 213.
OTTAWA--McDonnell by 475.

The people of Ontario yesterday set the stamp of their disapproval upon machine misgovernment by returning Mr. Whitney to power with the largest majority ever given any Premier in the history of the Province.

The public condemnation has been signified by the defeat of five cabinet ministers, the reduction of the majorities of the others, and the increasing of Conservative majorities far beyond all previous records.

The following is the list:--
HON. G. W. ROSS, Premier, elected in West Middlesex in 1902 by a majority of 604. In 1905 he is probably elected by a majority of 30, but still uncertain.

HON. JOHN DRYDEN, Minister of Agriculture, elected in South Ontario in 1902 by a majority of 132. In 1905 he is defeated by Calder, who has a majority of 74.

SERLIN HON. RICHARD HARCOURT, Minister of Education, elected in Monck, 1902, by a majority of 350. In 1905 he is re-elected by a majority of scarcely 50.

HON. W. A. CHARLTON, Minister of Public Works, elected in South Ontario in 1902 by a majority of 75. In 1905 he is defeated by A. C. Pratt,



HON. J. P. WHITNEY--ONTARIO'S PREMIER

ALGOMA W. R. Smyth, Con., majority of 180 over T. G. Wigg, Lib.

NORTH BRANT J. H. Fisher, Con., majority of 17 over D. Burt, Lib. Conservative gain.



JAMES CLANCY The man who made an honorable and gallant fight in West Kent.

SOUTH BRANT T. H. Preston, Lib., majority of 150 over W. S. Brewster, Con.

BROCKVILLE Hon. G. P. Graham, Lib., majority of 127 over A. E. Donovan, Con.

CENTRE BRUCE Hugh Clark, Con., majority of 140 over R. Malcolm, Lib.

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ARCH. B. McCOIG, M.P.P. West Kent.