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Grit Prospects.

For some time after the general election in February last our Grit friends seemed to experience some difficulty in reconciling the results of the verdict which the electorate of Canada had pronounced. Even after Parliament met their leaders feigned to believe that they would have a majority of one so soon as a division would be called for. The session was passed, on division after division was taken, yet the Opposition majority of one seemed further and further from realization.

Forced to admit the unpleasant truth that they were in a hopeless minority in the House of Commons our Grit friends, no doubt, comforted themselves with the thought that the people of the Dominion had acted rashly at the general election, and that on a second thought they would avail themselves of the very first opportunity of correcting their mistake. They had not long to wait for a suitable occasion to give correctness of this theory: five by-elections have taken place since February, and yet, strange to say, no Grit has been elected at any of them. East Bruce, South Victoria, Restigouche and Digby all returned Government supporters. But when South Renfrew became vacant by the death of the late member, Mr. Campbell, our Opposition friends thought their time had come at last, and that now the reaction which they had so patiently waited was about to commence in good earnest.

South Renfrew is a typical Grit constituency, and in sixteen of the seventeen elections which have taken place there within the last twenty years, has elected a Grit member. On this occasion they chose as their standard bearer Mr. Duncan McIntyre, a millionaire, who is regarded as an exceptionally strong man. His candidature was endorsed by Mr. Laurier, leader of the Opposition. Hon. Alexander McKenzie, Sir Richard Cartwright, Hon. Peter Mitchell, and numerous other Grit luminaries. Mr. Mitchell devoted his paper, the *Montreal Herald*, to the advocacy of Mr. McIntyre's cause, and Mr. Mitchell himself canvassed and spoke in his favor all over the constituency. But, alas! the uncertainty of human hopes and calculations turns their joyous anticipations into bitter disappointment. Mr. Ferguson, the Government candidate, is elected with a majority of over one hundred and twenty votes. This is the "most unkindest cut of all." A constituency which has always sent a Grit to the House of Commons with a handsome majority, now turned into a stronghold of the "wicked Tories."

So much for the by-elections, the chief means by which the Grits hoped to overthrow the Government and come into power themselves. Another means by which the Opposition hoped to increase their numbers was the result of the contested election cases; for these "horrid Tories," they said, had been guilty of bribery in securing their elections, in many places. Well, the first of these cases was tried at Yarmouth, N. S., on the 3rd inst., the very day after the election in South Renfrew, and resulted in the unseating of Mr. John Lovitt, Grit M. P., on account of bribery practised by his agents. This course does not seem to auger any better success for the Opposition than the by-elections.

To add to their embarrassments and discomfures, their leader seems to be in doubt, just now, as to which way the Government will lean. It is estimated that the wheat crop of Manitoba and the Northwest will, this season, be over eight million bushels, or more than double last year's yield.

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British Political Situation.

The indications furnished at the recent by-elections in Coventry and Paddington, that Gladstonian principles were fast gaining ground in Great Britain have been confirmed by the election in Glasgow, on the 2nd inst., of Sir George Otto Trevelyan, by over thirteen hundred majority.

It will be remembered that Mr. Trevelyan succeeded Sir Frederick Cavendish as Chief Secretary for Ireland, during Mr. Gladstone's Administration. He continued a faithful follower of Mr. Gladstone until the latter introduced into Parliament his measure for the relief of Ireland. He then in company with many more life-long adherents of the Grand Old Man, joined those who have since been known in British politics by the name of Liberal-Unionists. Of late there appears to have arisen, throughout the country a revulsion of feeling against the Salisbury Administration, and the popularity of Gladstonian principles seem to be rapidly increasing. In the meantime the Liberal-Unionists are, one after another, returning to their former allegiance, and are received with open arms by Mr. Gladstone. Mr. Trevelyan is one of the repentant Unionists who has returned to his first love.

The Glasgow election is regarded as a fair test of popular feeling, at the present moment. Mr. Trevelyan's opponent, Mr. Evelyn Ashley, Unionist, is a man of much ability and influence; both sides took a very active part in the campaign, and the result shows that the people of Glasgow, at least, are strong in their adherence to Mr. Gladstone's views regarding the legislative enactments now or recently under consideration by the Imperial Parliament. There can be very little doubt that this election will be considerable to do in shaping the course of the Government; and, happening, as it does, just at the time the Coercion Act is about being enforced in Ireland, will greatly modify the Administration's actions regarding that uncalled for measure. Nor are its effects likely to be confined to the present; they will doubtless extend further than that, at first sight may appear. One thing is certain, the Unionists who seceded from Mr. Gladstone, may have a moral certainty that their only hope of re-election lies in their return to the fold. This will result in a weakening of Salisbury's following and a proportionate strengthening of Gladstone's forces, and, in the event of a general election, would, doubtless, place the old chieftain in power, and thus enable him to carry to a successful termination his Irish remedial legislation.

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General News.

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