

LIBERAL PARTY HAND BOOK

INTRODUCTION

In preparing this short Hand-book in the Liberal interests in view of the approaching election it is not the intention to discuss any matters beyond the period in 1905, when the Whitney Government came into power. The splendid record of the Liberal party during the thirty-three years in which they continually held office in Ontario is thoroughly known, and there is no need now to go into detail with respect to their splendid administrative record, the great volume of constructive and beneficial legislation due to their efforts, their splendid fights for Provincial rights and the other governmental activities which held for them the support of the electorate for a longer continuous period than any party has ever held power since the institution of representative Government.

It is the intention merely to call attention to the main difference and distinctions between the Liberals and Conservatives in Ontario as shown by the course of public events since the Whitney Government came into power.

Mr. Whitney came into power with loud protestations of his own surpassing righteousness. The statement he made was that he was "bold enough to be honest and honest enough to be bold." The appeal he had made to the electorate, as, for instance, in his speech at Barrie in the 1905 campaign was that "the time is come in Ontario when all good men, all Christian men, all men who wish decent government must get together or violate their conscience." Only three short years and three months have passed and yet so low has Mr. Whitney fallen from his self-righteous high estate that one, who was his loudest champion in 1905, now writes as follows: