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OUT WITH THEM!

The gerrymander must go!
The Franchise Act must go!
And they must go in the ensuing session of Parliament!

MORE EVIDENCE.

Canadians take prominent places wherever they go. Col. Volney V. Ashford, commander of the Honolulu Rifles, who is charged with conspiracy "to seize the Hawaiian Government and make the Queen a mere figure-head," is a native of Ontario, and a man of much influence in his adopted home.

WHY DISCRIMINATE THUS?

There are strange anomalies in the postal service. The British and Canadian Governments charge 5 cents postage on every letter sent across the ocean to Canada or to the Motherland, but letters are now sent from Great Britain to China, thousands of miles further off and a foreign country, for the same amount.

THE LOSS OF WEST MIDDLESEX.

Dr. Roome would have been in a minority of several hundred votes if two Liberals had not been running. Though he had 1,507 votes 2,228 were polled against him. These were obtained by the Tory Patrons voting for him, and letting the third candidate hoe his own row. Thus, Adelaide, which usually goes Liberal by nearly 100, gave Dr. Roome a majority of 143 over the Liberal nominee, while in Metcalfe, a Conservative township, Dr. Roome had an old-time majority of 89. The lesson of the sale of the constituency is easy to learn. It is to be hoped it will be a long time again before the Liberals of the west riding are misled in a similar manner. The breach should be healed at once, and the third party candidate business should be left entirely for the Conservative wire-pullers. West Middlesex is Liberal in a fair fight.

COMING EVENTS.

Many months before the Dominion general election the ADVERTISER deemed it wise to warn it readers that such a course was contemplated. It unequivocally stated that Parliament would not live out its full term, and that the elections would be rushed on without much warning from the Conservative managers.

The prognostication, like that of Noah at a critical time, was scoffed at by the unthinking and warmly denounced as foundationless by the Ottawa Tory managers.

We now venture another prophecy, fully believing that it will be verified:

Before eighteen months a Liberal Government will be in power at Ottawa, with a strong working majority at its back.

There are elements of disintegration at work that will bring about this result, and the public will not have long to wait for ample proof of the fact.

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS.

In the neighboring cities of Toronto and London, our Reform friends have indulged in the luxury of numerous public meetings, at some of which remarkably clever speeches have been made. The discussion of the trade question at the London meetings has been conducted with great ability. —[Hamilton Times.

And to this fact, combined with splendid organization, do we attribute the great victory for trade freeding which has been achieved in the Forest City. Our friends in Hamilton, we feel convinced, would have done much better if they had been able to hold a series of public meetings for the thorough discussion of the trade question as it affects wage-earners, and the exposure of the bogus annexation cry. There is nothing like a positive policy ably and fearlessly advocated, and we had that in London. The ADVERTISER never lost sight of the fact that only by permitting the electorate to be led away on side issues could the opponents of trade progress and lower taxation succeed in this intelligent community.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ELECTION RETURNS.

Our over-sanguine telegraph editor has brought down upon his head the denunciation of the London Free Press because, in the early hours of the morning after the election, he reached the conclusion, from the telegraph reports, that the Tory majority had been practically wiped out. He was right so far as the two great Provinces of the Dominion are concerned. Ontario and Quebec have each, by a majority, decreed that they are tired of the high tax and trade restriction policy of the Conservative Government. Only by the promise of the immediate expenditure of many millions of the people's money, which will in the main be taken out of this Province, were the Tuppers, the Rosses, and the Macdonalds able to carry the smaller Provinces. If our telegraph editor had said that the high tax party had sustained a defeat in the two leading Provinces of the Dominion; if he had had time at his disposal to point out the causes that, while cutting down the Tory majority by one half, saved the necks of the recreant Ministers, it would have suited our neighbor no better. Our news editor was a trifle over-sanguine, but so were the Tory organs which chronicled a majority for their party of 36, 40, 50 and various other overdrawn figures. There were mistakes all round, owing to the fluctuating nature of the returns, and no man of sense has objected, so long as they have been promptly corrected.

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC "TRAITORS."

If to be in favor of Unrestricted Reciprocity is to be a traitor, there must be more traitors than loyal men in Ontario and Quebec. For yesterday's vote showed there were more Reformers than Tories in both Provinces.—[Hamilton Times.

Yes, and there will be many more of them before another election campaign. The education of the people has been progressing at an enormous rate in recent months, and it was the further opening of the eyes of the populace that Sir John Macdonald feared when he rushed on the Dominion election one year before the effluxion of Parliament.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

—The Liberals of London have discovered that it is better to be right than to be left.

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Canada expects every man to pay his duty—into the Dominion treasury.—[Hamilton Spectator.

Yes, and a duty is a tax, and the tax is altogether too heavy.

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—John Bright called "protection" a gigantic felony. The system certainly is not a fair play method of raising revenues for the sustenance of the Government.

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—It is understood that the Dominion Parliament will meet on Wednesday, April 29 to enable the House of Commons to elect a speaker, and the formal opening will take place the following day.

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—The Liberals of South Grey meet on the 13th inst. to nominate a candidate to succeed the late Mr. Hunter as M. P. P. for the riding. A good selection should be made, and there need be no fear of victory.

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Lord Dufferin will be installed as rector of St. Andrew's University on April 6, when he will deliver his rectorial address to the students. The favorite Governor-General seems to be as popular in Scotland as in his much-beloved Ireland.

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—In North Oxford Mr. Sutherland has an immense majority. In no municipality has Mr. Karn, his opponent, secured a victory, and even in his own home, Woodstock, the Conservative candidate was snowed under by a majority of 175. Mr. Karn will lose his deposit, as he did not poll half as many votes as the successful candidate.

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—Prof. Thomson, in speaking before the National Electric Light Association, called to mind the great work in the electrical field which has been accomplished in the last few years, and referred to the ever-increasing business and the call for larger machines. He said that dynamos up to 500 to 1,000 horsepower are now frequently called for, where a few years ago it was thought an unusual thing to speak of a 150 or 200 horsepower machine, and the tendency is toward machines of much larger capacity in future electric installations. With regard to heating our houses by electricity, Prof. Thomson thought it not at all likely that we will ever heat extensively by electricity, unless we can find some way of converting the energy of coal into electricity far more directly and less wastefully than is done in steam engines of the present day. He hoped, however, that the time might come when we shall have at our command an easy, direct method of obtaining electricity from fuel. Referring to the utilization of waste steam from electric light plants for heating purposes Prof. Thomson was of the opinion that much valuable work would eventually be done in that direction.

RICH BUT POOR.

A Demented Survivor of the American Civil War Gets $16,000 Pension Money.

JACKSON, Mich., March 7.—Sidney Barber, formerly of Pulaski, this county, now of the Kalamazoo asylum for the insane, has just drawn more money than any other private soldier in Michigan, if not in the United States. He left his home when he was 16, as a member of Company F., First Michigan sharpshooters. Six months after he was taken prisoner and sent to the Salesbury, S. C., prison. He was exchanged from that place in less than five months, and he went to his regiment; but the strain on his constitution had been too great, and his mental condition was such that he was at once sent home on furlough. His body, which was reduced to a mere skeleton from starvation in the prison, soon regained natural flesh, but his mind did not long remain unclouded, and in a very few months after he had rejoined his regiment he was discharged at York, Pa., and sent to the hospital as insane.

The July following he came home to Pulaski, but was at once sent to Kalamazoo, where he has remained ever since. Pension Agent E. D. Knowles took the case to try to get a pension, but the case was rejected the first time. After about one year he tried again, and yesterday he received notice that the back pension had been allowed at $16,000, with a regular monthly allowance of $72.

The only relatives the poor man has are a brother and sister, who reside in Jonesville township. A letter from the staff at the Kalamazoo asylum declares Barber to be in a profoundly demented condition, and that means there is no hope of his recovery. All the good his snug fortune will ever be to him is to provide him with food and clothing until time rings the curtain down upon his life's tragedy. He is 48 years old, healthy, physically, and never says anything to any one. His is one of the saddest cases of the history of Michigan in the war.

The Egyptian soldiers in the Soudan were supplied with St. Jacobs Oil.

A man, as well as a biscuit, can be well-bred without being crusty.

VOICES OF THE PEOPLE.

Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Carling.

To the Editor of the ADVERTISER:

Please allow me to correct a statement of my old friend, Mr. John Carling, who has got things a little confused. He claims in his speech of last night, as reported in your paper, to have assisted in getting me into office. Surely he remembers or ought to remember that his share of the spoil on the occasion referred to was the appointment of Mr. Wm. Glass as sheriff, to the great disappointment of Mr. F. E. Cornish and Mr. Frank Smith, while my appointment was the reward of my successful exertions for my dear, unlucky friend, Marcus Talbot, who, with his bride, was drowned so soon afterwards on his homeward voyage off Cape Race. One merit of my appointment was that it disappointed no one, there being no other applicant and the office being new and unappreciated. As for Sir John he was as much a cipher as heads of government usually are in such cases. Yours truly, CHARLES HUTCHINSON.

A Word to the Afro-American.

To the Editor of the ADVERTISER:

Fellow citizens, I am one deeply interested in the advancement of the race, and my feelings are mortified greatly at the remembrance of what our race has passed through and it spurs me on to action. Fellow citizens, I wish to call your attention for a moment to the dark days of American slavery. Think of the great suffering of our race during those 240 years, which can be better imagined than told. Think of the determined effort of the colored men to enter the army to liberate their race at the sacrifice of their lives and all that was dear to them. Note the difficulties, that they had to battle with, note their firmness, their united action, and then their progress. What have we been doing in this country these past 40 years—are we progressing? What were our numbers twenty years ago, and what are they today? Do we seek to build up the race and to place them on higher grounds morally and intellectually? What is our duty towards each other? Please allow me to submit these thoughts to you for serious consideration. Oh, dear countrymen, we have been sleeping while our neighbors have been up and doing. Let us wake up and improve the talent that God gave us. Do not wait for anybody, but stand by the League. Give it every support, and make it what it ought to be. Press onward with all your energies. Read your Bible and search it for guidance. Supply yourselves with the best literature of the age and prepare for the great struggle that is staring us in the face. God has decreed that Ethiopia shall stretch forth her hands and become a people. If God is for us who can be against us? Don't be afraid that somebody will sneer at you because you are fighting for your rights. Let us go to work with a determination to conquer or die, and you will soon see those dark clouds disappearing, prejudice and all of its allies giving away, and we becoming a prosperous and happy people. Stand by the League, point out its advantages, and let it be our watchword.

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