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FOR SHAME!

A sample of the "arguments" the Banner is utilizing in its frantic endeavors to secure the election of supporters of the discredited and promise-breaking Ross Government from Kent county may be gleaned from the following paragraph clipped from its

Mr. Davidson's career as warden of the county is recent enough to remem-ber that personally he was probably the "dearest," if he wasn't the most beloved, head the county council ever had. His prodigal use of the people's money during his regime augurs ill for legislative economy, the cry on which the Opposition are seeking to attain power at Toronto.

This paragraph is evidently concocted as a result of Mr. Davidson's candidature in the Conservative interests in East Kent.

What is there in it? Let the Banner speak for itself. In December, 1900, at the close of Mr. Davidson's regime as warden of the county the Banner said of him and his work:-

The past year's work has been characterized by progress, efficiency and economy, for which the warden (Mr. Davidson) has reason to be proud and his fellow commissioners also. Many tributes were paid to the warden on his good work in the chair by his fellow representatives.

It will be seen that the local Liberal ergan has given the lie to itself and placed itself in a very discreditable position. To concoct and publish such untruthful statements with the sole object of tarnishing a man's good reputation, simply because he is the representative of a political cause whose adoption would remove what little governmental pap comes its way, is something, we had hoped, would have been beneath even the low plane of political journalistic ethics which the Banner has adopted. Such tactics cannot fail to east it into disrepute with respectable people and will not bring any credit to the cause it champions. If this is a sample of the "arguments" upon which Ross must depend for election his chances are even poorer than we thought

As a matter of fact the Banner told the truth in 1900, when it was not influenced by political fears, and spoke of Mr. Davidson and his regime honestly as it found them. Notwithstanding the fact that the House of Refuge, opened the previous December, was put into formal operation that year; that the Moravian bridge was built, which necessitated an extra session; that the Faucher creek bridge was completed and the preparatory work and inspection of repairs to Kent bridge accomplished, besides many other permanent improvements of which the county has good reason to be proud, Mr. Davidson's was an economical and business-like regime. Personally, even with the large amount of extra work entailed, he drew less money from the county treasury than did his predecessors. The Banner's untruth is therefore

specially disgusting. For shame!

TIME FOR A CHANGE.

Says the Mail and Empire:-There reed be no doubt as to the result of the contest. The universal opinion is, that thirty years is too long for any one body of men to rule, and as a consequence, a change is called for. The necessity for a change is made clear by the ballot box stuffing and other machine evils with which we have been visited. But the principle of rotation is ably set forth by Mr. J. W. Longley, the Liberal Attorney General of Nova Scotia, in an article he has written on the subject of long-term governments. Mr. Longley says that "changes of administration are necessary to a healthy develo ment of public sentiment." He adds:

"It is imposssible for any body of men to be in power for a continuous period without getting lax in their ideas of public duty. That is the innate tendency of mankind.

"Besides, long terms of office induce the members of a government to get a notion that they have not only a divine right to rule, but that instead

of being servants and trustees, they are actually the masters and all favors are to come from them. This is ubversive of the whole theory of popular government, and it is in the interest of the people to have it clearly understood that governments are not heaven-appointed rulers, but mere instruments of power, subject to the will and control of the electorate."

ANOTHER CLERGYMAN SPEAKS.

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tario." "His so-called referendum is a fraud,

trail to divert the attention of the people from those who are guilty of perfidy to their pledges."

A CONUNDRUM.

The following leading editorial in yesterday's issue of the Banner, given herewith in its entirety; probably means something :-

On reflection it appears that stupid ity, more than mendacity, led to The Planet's first offense. When, however, it persists in its misrepresenta-tion with a knowledge of the facts,

it is both deprayed and dull.

It isn't often that The Planet, a bare-faced plagiarist and feeble echo of its intellectual betters, ventures on an assertion of its own, and the gestation and delivery must have oc-casioned this new-found friend of the prohibitionists much painful travail, to say nothing of the midwife's

As an increased fecundity might prove disastrous, The Planet should reverse the petition of the good Hannah of Holy Writ, and pray that the peril be averted.

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Kent expects every Conservative to

The success of Whitney will be victory for the people.

Globe. We will, after May 29. He'll be a has-been then. It begins to look as though Whitney

"Remember Ross," shricks the

would have to make that Crown Attorney appointment after all. Nasty names and offensive personalities don't go with an intelligent

people, Bannery. Bring on your arguments, if you have any. Pardon us for mentioning it, but the Banner has not yet apologized to the Kent Prohibitionists for designat- MEYNELL'S

ing their views "moonshine and rot." It will be a Liberal-Conservative victory in Kent this time in the full sense of the words. So many honest Liberals are uniting with the Conservative cause.

Excuse us for smiling when the Banner gives the prohibitionists "friendly advice" on the Kent campaign. It should offer to lend them the services of Irish Jack, chairman of the local Liberal camp.

Fraser and Davidson are at work with a united party behind them. Rutherford was misled and McCully knifed, while Pardo's machine men are trying to cover up that division in the Liberal ranks. Why shouldn't we win?

If the Banner can restrain itself from its eloquent political campaign of calling "stupid and liar" at this great home journal and the Mail-Empire respectively, for a sufficient time to do so, we fancy many of the East Kent Liberal would be interested in listening while it explained its reason for the slighting remarks it passed upon Dr. McCully.

Wonder if that dissention in the West Kent Liberal ranks over the choice of a candidate, which the Banner informed the public was in existence, can be held in subjection tomorrow, while the machine gets the Pardo nomination through. The machine has had trouble enough in East Kent with George Johns, James Rutherford, Dr. McCully, and their sturdy, independent Liberal friends. The people seem to be getting restive under its tyranny.

JOHN AS A DODGER.

St. Thomas Times. "I admire Whitney for one thing and that is that he has the courage of his convictions, whether he is right or wrong, but so has Mr. Ross." - John Lee at East Kent Liberal convention. That was the way Mr. Lee took of dodging the prohibition issue. did not like the referendum, but said, "we cannot have all we want."

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> Declining. The Friend-Is the editor enjoying good health? The Poet (sadly)-No; from what I've seen of him he has been declining for

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