

THE ACADIAN.

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Where We Stand.

One of the gratifying features of the recent political campaign was the sturdy, courageous attitude assumed, as a general thing, by the independent local press of Nova Scotia. The old conception of an independent newspaper as one which must hit a blow at one political party for each blow struck at the other side, regardless of principle, in order to even up seems pretty generally to have been departed from, and a good proportion of the so-called independent local newspapers have in this campaign maintained a fearless and consistent course.

There is no doubt this is a pleasing departure from the unfortunate tendency of the times. Perhaps at no time in the history of our country were the agencies of bribery more insidious and far-reaching than they are just now. Could Walpole take a hand in Canadian politics to day he would have little occasion to revise his creed that "every man has his price."

It is surprising and painful to find men occupying positions naturally removed from the temptation of greed and filling posts that give them great influence in moulding the ideals of others, weakly yielding their convictions and manhood for some loathsome bribe or other. A miserable little government job very often blinds the eyes of the recipient that he looks at the background, the libertine, the public thief, and sees only the halo that surrounds the head of a political leader. When clergymen, professors and the publishers of the great daily newspapers even are bought up to champion the basest element in politics by a contribution to their church, a little government pay, or a title of knighthood, the attitude of the local paper, which in spite of small gratitude from friends and the bitter resentment of foes keeps pounding away for what is clean and decent and true, certainly shows up well in comparison.

In reviewing the late political campaign in this county THE ACADIAN contemplates its course with considerable satisfaction. It is possible that mistakes were made by this journal. It is certain that we accomplished less than we might hope. It is true also that we did not have the satisfaction of seeing the cause we supported completely victorious. But we have the satisfaction of going on record as opposing with all the energy we could command the election of Sir Frederick Borden in this county.

We do not presume to condemn those of our citizens who took a different view of the moral import of Sir Frederick's candidature. We are, however, content that the future should judge between the wisdom and honesty of their course and our own.

THE ACADIAN believed that Sir Frederick was not a true representative of Kings county. The Montreal Witness, a strong supporter of the present government, in discussing Sir Frederick's victory, over which it is far from pleased, states that a representative is no worse and probably better than the average elector who elects him. We are of opinion that the voters of Kings suffer an injustice from such an argument, logical though it may be. We took the view that Mr. Eaton would be a much better model to hold up before the young men of Kings than his opponent. Having these views we would have been worse than cowardly and corrupt if we had not endeavored to bring about Sir Frederick's defeat. We want it clearly understood that we did all in our power to have the county represented by another man, and we hold ourselves in no way responsible for the decision of the majority.

It was natural that our course should not please everyone. It would be surprising if even in this cultured and enlightened community some should not be found too narrow to endure a newspaper that has a mind of its own and the courage to express its convictions.

A few of these took the orthodox way of getting even with the newspaper that disagreed with them. They "stopped the paper." Why did they do this? They were trying to intimidate. They argued that THE ACADIAN would find it unprofitable to continue its campaign, and as the man who is getting favors from a government official stifles his conscience to hold his job, so would THE ACADIAN be turned from expressing its convictions to retain its subscribers.

They were mistaken in this. As a matter of fact we have received two new subscribers for every old one we lost, but if the result had been different our policy would have been the same. THE ACADIAN would like to retain all its subscribers. There is no doubt about that. We look upon them all as our friends—as members of THE ACADIAN'S family circle—and we are sorry to lose one. But we value our self-respect higher than we do our subscription list.

So long as THE ACADIAN is under the present management it is going to attack what it regards as political corruption and impurity, no matter upon which side it is practiced. It is going on to hit at that most repulsive of all evils, the sin of hypocrisy. The man who in public affairs practices righteousness and practices the opposite very likely to be hit by THE ACADIAN. If he has a conscience we don't mind him out. If there are any more British Agents among our subscribers, and we don't think there are, they had better look out for themselves. We will not have any more British Agents among our subscribers. We will not have any more British Agents among our subscribers.

It will pay you to have your Xmas presents made early. See Graham's advertisement.

Good Out of Evil.

THE ACADIAN under the present management will do its duty as we see it. It will be honest, independent, fearless.

If as a result of the marine department exposures the Dominion government is forced to do away with its ignominious patronage system in all departments, the electors will be inclined to give thanks that out of a great evil a greater good has come. We say "forced" advisedly, for there is no reason to believe that under any other circumstance than that of an outraged public sentiment as a result of the disclosures made would the Laurier government undertake such a sweeping change. No government of Canada has ever worked the patronage system more assiduously or more unscrupulously to its own and its party's advantage and some know so well as this government the immense source of strength the patronage game is on the eve of and during the course of an election campaign.

Now that the rottenness of the system has been made public and the electors are getting a glimpse of what goes on behind the scenes a wave of virtuous indignation is sweeping over the land and manifesting itself particularly in the editorial columns of government organs, just as it this thing were all news to them and that they had no previous idea that such a condition could be possible. The very papers that during the election campaign were shouting loudest in condemnation of the Conservative muck-rakers and in denial of the charges they were making, are now working overtime assuring their readers that while it is no doubt true that great corruption exists and has existed, now that the facts have been made known to the government there will come a speedy cleaning out and a reversal of the old order of things.

But after all it matters little to the electors how the housecleaning is brought about so long as it is brought about, and for the next few months the course of the government will be watched with closest interest to see what happens. In the meantime if the government is so anxious to meet the views of the people it should announce that the investigation will not stop with the marine department, but will be continued through all the other departments, where even the suspicion of a shadow of wrongdoing exists. Let the whole house of Laurier be house-cleaned, from the cellar to the attic. There is crying need for it.

The Scott Act in Kings.

The Berwick Register says.—The Scott Act in Kings county bids fair to become a dead letter. For some time importers of liquor from outside have had to work warily. The packages would be labelled anything but the name of the liquor they contained. They would be falsely described in the bills of lading. They would bear the address of imaginary persons. All these devices were taken to evade the operation of the Scott Act. The effect was to greatly diminish the amount of liquor imported, and the villages along the railway line, until recently, did not often have cause to suspect the arrival of a case of liquor. Now, however, conditions are changed. The liquor is imported openly, and not a week passes that some of our promising young men are not seen under the influence. The amendments to the act make it clear that liquor imported for personal use cannot be seized and the city dealers are taking every advantage of the new conditions by sending liquor for personal use to every man who can be induced to order it. Express agents cannot refuse to deliver packages and the Scott Act Inspector cannot seize them, though he well knows their contents. The situation is worse now than it has been at any time since the "Townsend Raid."

We see no room to hope for any immediate improvement. The people of this county have endorsed by their votes the recent amendments, palpably designed in the interests of the liquor dealer. Any attempt to secure such enactments as will prevent the shipping of liquor into Scott counties will be laughed at. Such attempt, in fact, will be very likely to result in legislation giving the dealer still greater opportunity to exercise his nefarious calling.

Those who think the temperance cause is advancing are too optimistic. The machinery of law is rapidly passing under the control of the enemy. No barrister who is not in sympathy with the traffic could secure an appointment to a judicial position in Nova Scotia. The liquor element has our governments by the throat and its mandates must be obeyed. The experience of the last year has shown the impossibility of securing laws in the interest of the temperance reform. The next case that gets into the high courts will, we greatly fear, show that such laws as have been secured may be interpreted generously in the interest of the traffic.

The Chief Justice of Nova Scotia has granted an order, returnable on Friday next, that County Court Judge McMillan appear before him to show cause why he should not proceed with the recount as asked for in the North Cape Breton election.

With every election held but the one in Yarmouth, the Government have a majority of 48, 124 to 85. Sir Wilfrid and Mr. Borden each occupies two seats.

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Rot or Vote Right.

There was a beautiful illustration of the temper of official Liberalism on Declaration Day in Kings county, Nova Scotia. The complete returns give a majority of 491 for Sir Frederick Borden. Succeeding the declaration the minister addressed the electors. He read telegrams of congratulation from Sir Wilfrid Laurier, from the Mayor of Toronto, from Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, M. P., and from Sir Henry Pellett, who was described as a prominent Conservative of Toronto.

Referring to the vote in the different districts of the county, Sir Frederick, according to the report of the local Liberal newspaper, the Kentville Chronicle, said: "The only place in which he was seriously disappointed was in Scott's Bay, an old Liberal stronghold. The result there might be due to one of two causes, first to the fact that the people there had been andly impressed with the fact that there was no politics in the election, and secondly, that they were opposed to expenditures on public works."

Sir Frederick proceeded to say that he did not believe in forcing these things down people's throats against their will, and there would no doubt be ample time for the pier at Scott's Bay to rot down and be removed. "This was a proper rebuke to the old Liberal of Scott's Bay who would not sell their votes for treasury appropriations. Rot or vote right is as candid a statement of Ottawa policy as we have ever had, and it is all the more impressive in that it comes from a Minister of the Crown.—The Toronto News.

A Progressive Publication.

The special Thanksgiving number of the "Canadian Pictorial," recently received, shows in addition to its wealth of beautiful harvest pictures and other fine photographs, several new and interesting features which are to be continued with other attractions in the enlarged and improved Christmas number, in course of preparation. One of these is a complete story; a second is a series of "Old Favorite Songs" words and music complete, which will appear in each issue. Remarkable as has been the popularity of this splendid publication, the public are assured that the best is yet to come. Every issue of this monthly art portfolio would form a capital souvenir to send to friends abroad. None better (for a copy, \$1.00 a year; The Pictorial Publishing Co., 142 St. Peter St., Montreal.

The Halifax Exhibition Commission met in Halifax on Tuesday. The deficit attending the Fair of 1908 is \$2,014, the expenditure being \$38,743, and the receipts, 26,259. The cost of the night show at the grand stand was \$5,168 and the receipts less than \$2000. It is proposed to sit down with this department next year. The president urged that the price for live stock and other farm products were too high; the question of cutting them down will be considered at the next meeting of the Commission.

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