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Too Long in Power?

Too long in power! Time for a produced in the columns of the party would largely destroy confidence; the thusiastically supporting in this elecchange! All over the country Conser- organ. Each slander is promptly met effect would be seen at once in the tion. In his letter he did not say the vative orators and papers are raising and contradicted as soon as it appears, but the maligners evidently calculate this cry. Does anyone suppose for an instant that if they had any better may reach a number who will not see cry they would not use it? If they the contradiction and turn the tide in had any well-proved charges of mal- their favor. It is a great deal more feasance in office, would they not be likely, however, that such tactics will used? If they had any well-defined disgust and alienate a sufficient numpolicy to offer in place of the Govern- ber of the more respectable and fairment's policy would they not an- minded among their own supporters to policy which might prove reactionary nounce it? In default of anything bet- more than counterbalance any such and unfavorable. Even supposing that ter they keep up the stale cry of "Too gain.

decided in advance.

boree" indulged in by the ministers

long in power," and supplement it by dwelling on the misconduct of certain individuals with which it has been clearly established the Government during their trip to New Ontario could had not the slightest connection

Has any government ever been too hardly be surpassed in malignity and falsehood. But the Mail and Empire long in power when it was doing its duty by the country with energy and has descended to yet lower depths of efficiency? Did any business man ever scurrility, in the most recent fabricadismiss an employe simply because he tion, to the effect that Premier Ross had been in his employ so long that he has rewarded Duncan Bole for his had acquired too much knowledge and course in the West Elgin election by experience? Would any sensible citizen procuring him an appointment as agent vote to turn out a public official for for the insurance company of which no other reason than his length of Mr. Ross is now president. Impudence is added to this scurrility when service?

This talk of the Opposition is the the same journal calls upon the Lieuveriest nonsense. Prove that the Gov- tenant-Governor to dismiss his Cabernment has been unfaithful, and we inet. Of course, all this splutter and will all agree that they should be dis- fume over a matter which has really missed, if they had been in power only no political significance whatever, and a month. The quality of the service only excites the derision of sensible rendered, not the length of time he men of either party, is only intended has been employed, is the true test of to exercise an influence over the least a public servant's fitness for office. intelligent element of its party, and Show us that the Government has to keep up the appearance of a strong mismanaged affairs; that it has mis- attack upon the Government. It is a appropriated funds; that it has squan- ruse to cover the retreat of the Opdered the public moneys; that it has position forces. They are already routinjured the Province in pocket or ed, and they know it, and hope that reputation, and then we will say they these multifarious scandals may pos-

have been in power too long. sibly make the defeat a little less But if you can only criticise trifling crushing by appealing to the credulity matters on which people may honestly of hide-bound partisans-and in any differ in opinion; if you can only point to little defects which might be apparent under the most capable ad- abling them to raise the usual afterministration, and which have no ma- election howl about corruption, trickterial effect on the interests of the ery and machine rule.

country; then we may ask have you Such inane and discreditable methany men more perfect to whom we ods are not the tactics of a party car intrust the power of government? which feels victory within its grasp, Can Mr. Whitney do better than Mr. as the Tories pretend to do. They are Ross? Is he wiser-more capable- not the measures which a leader 'conmore experienced-or more honest than fident in the strength of his policy ng the gentlemen as-

specifically answered every charge increased demand for manufactured formulated against them. The Conser- articles of all kinds. Prosperity grows vatives are on the run, and the issue by what it feeds on. The greater the of the polling day has practically been progress, the wider the expansion, the more anxious will investors be to share If there was any doubt of the des- in the advantages of the situation. perate straits to which the Opposition We have never experienced a period find themselves reduced, it would be in the history of the Province when set at rest by the course which the money was so readily forthcoming for Mail and Empire and some of the less all sound manufacturing and commerconspicuous spokesmen of the party cial enterprises, or when the tone of are pursuing in the circulation of scan- the market was so buoyant. dals and absurdly false stories intend-

The return of a majority of members ed to discredit the Government. Every of the Legislature adverse to the Liberal Administration would be disasday sees some fresh invention of this sort exploited on the stump and re- trous to our business interests. It

ments. The doubt and uncertainty of my exact words." the situation would fatally react on of putting out their capital freely, Mr. Whitney and his Cabinet made no very material changes and were dis-It might be supposed that the absurd

and silly story respecting the "jam- posed to follow largely the same lines as the present Government, the result for the time being would be serious. Development would be checked during the period of suspense. Temporarily, at all events, there would be a lull and a break in the activity of industrial enterprises-a fall in the market, a slackening off in production, until the public got its bearings again, and it was seen how matters would shape themselves under the new administration. Every change of administration always causes some disturbance in the

world of business and finance. But to overthrow the Government whose policy has been such a notable factor in our present prosperity and to substitute one whose course in relation to many matters on which our prosperity depends, would be at least problematical, and might be disastrous, would be a very serious blow to the business interests of the country. Even if a Whitney Administration should turn out fairly well and make little alteration in the arrangements of their predecessors, it would be many months before confidence would be thoroughly

the change would result in such a con- honor. siderable loss and disturbance as could only be compensated by some very marked public gain.

The people are not so enamored of hange for its own sake that they will

precipitate a business crisis without them on election day to suit the Tories. any compensating advantages in prospect.

To return a Conservative majority means to paralyze trade and industry by destroying public confidence.

The Greenlees Letter. Mayor Beck, at his East End meeting, put words into Ald. Greenlees' mouth that Ald. Greenlees never used. The mayor represented the Liberal alderman as saying that he was ashamed of his party because of the municipal ballot irregularities.

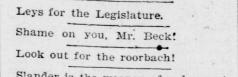
Ald. Greenlees, in a courteous letter,

pointed out that he had been misquoted by the mayor. He had complained of the conduct of certain individuals, but he had not stigmatized the Liberal party, which he is enstoppage of contemplated enterprises, mayor had deliberately misrepresented the restriction of production, the him. "I have no doubt," he wrote, "it on the probability that the falsehood tendency to go slow, to take in sail, to was unintentional on his part, and was proceed cautiously, and await develop- owing probably to a forgetfulness of A generous and manly spirit would

the money market. Investors, instead have prompted Mayor Beck to accept Ald. Greenlees' statement and withwould hesitate to take the chance of a draw his own. What does he do? At West London last night, in a speech reeking with personalities, he reverted to the subject, and instead of apologiz-

ing or retracting, he accused Ald. Greenlees of writing the letter under pressure! The least Mr. Beck could have done would be to meet a courteous correction with a courteous reply. But no; he not only refuses to amend his misleading statement, but he insults the man whom he has mis-

represented. Similarly the Free Press charges Mr. Greenlees with recanting, simply because he rebuked that paper for putting an unfair construction on his remarks.



Slander is the weapon of a desperate cause.

Mr. Beck must feel something premonitory in this cold snap. Beck will be ruled off the track on the 29th for fouling his opponent. It is the hungry office-seekers who think it's time for a change. The candidate who will stab another's restored. The uncertainty involved in character is not the one London will

All reports agree that Western Ontario will send almost a solid delega-

tion to support Ross. The Free Press sneers at the "Presbe willing to risk their prosperity and byterian Macs." There are too many of

> Mayor Beck has slandered Col. Leys and misrepresented Ald. Greenlees. And this was to be a gentleman's cam- 2101/2 and 212 paign!



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and feeling assured of popular support Mr. Ross? sociated with Mr. Whitney in the Leg- would advise or tolerate. They are islature, but whose names are un- not the weapons by which successful known outside of their own towns, are political contests have been fought in there any that can do the work the past. They are the last resort of that is being done by Mr. Gib- a beaten and dispirited party. They son. Mr. Davis, Mr. Latchford, Mr. are the forerunners of the pitiful ex-Dryden, Mr. Stratton, better than cuses and apologies for defeat which these gentlemen are doing it, or even the Conservative leaders will have to as well? Not one intelligent and honest Coned.

servative in a hundred will say "yes" to these questions. The Conservatives know perfectly well that they have no men in the Legislature that can take the places of the present Cabinet Ministers, and do the work of their offices as well as it is being done today. Then why make a change for the purpose of giving office to some new men? and, at the very best, that is all that can be accomplished by a change of Government The Province would be no better for the change: very probably would be worse for it. The only

men who would be benefited would be those few who would get office in and under the Government. If the administration of public af-

fairs is only to be looked on as so much machinery for the distribution of offices and salaries, then frequent changes of Government would be right and proper. If Government is only for the purpose of milking the public cow, then the more people who could get a chance to milk the better-for the milkers. But if the Government is for the purpose of conducting the and trade remains in a languishing business of the community, in the interests of the taxpayers rather than of the office holders, then no men are in office too long, while they are doing their work honestly and well. restored."

The Campaign of Desperation. Some of the Government's Opponents, despairing of carrying the election by fair means, are showing ready to resort to any tactics no matter how unscrupulous production and invested in absolutely or dishonorable, which they think will safe quarters, such as government segive them a chance of victory, or restore the drooping courage of their followers. In the field of argument cial and industrial investments, capiand platform discussion they have been talists launch out into enterprises such beaten all along the line. The hollow- as increase production, afford employness and hypocrisy of their preten- ment to large staffs of laborers and sions to superior purity have been re- circulate money freely. Such an era pelled. The people having been ac- of prosperity we now enjoy. The procorded opportunities to hear from the gressive policy of the Ross Adminislips of the Liberal leaders a full ex- tration has inspired confidence. Many position of their policy, have learned opportunities for industrial investment the extent of their deception and trick- have been offered. The stability of our erv to which the Opposition press and institutions, the sound financial basis speakers have resorted in giving a of our public affairs, and the knowledge false presentation of the case. The that a settled and well-defined policy vaporing and bluster of Mr. Whitney of expansion is being carried forward and his adherents have failed of their by the Government, on lines which intended effect. His co-called "policy" have been tested and proved satisfachas been subjected to a merciless dis- tory, has had a reassuring effect. Ncsection, and shown to be a "thing of body doubts that the Province has a shreds and patches," without con- bright future before it. Shrewd and sistency and displaying a grotesque capable observers of the situation can ignorance of the real requirements of appreciate the fact that the policy of the situation. The Liberal party, in- developing our resources and working stead of remaining on the defensive, up our raw material within the Provhave assumed an aggressive attitude ince is sure to result in the increase of and demolished the contentions of their our population, the creation of new antagonist. They have fairly met and markets, and consequently a greatly

omorrow. offer as soon as the ballots are count-Fortunately for the Liberal cause, the despicable instrumentality of the

roorbach is no longer potent with any appreciable section of the electorate. Only the most ignorant and unsophisticated can be caught by eleventh-hour fabrications. Intelligent electors are prepared for such stories, which, instead of a burst of indignation, provoke merely a smile of disdain.

It Would Destroy Confidence.

Every business man realizes that the prosperity of the country largely depends upon public confidence. After every period of depression it is a long time before affairs resume their wonted activity. Every material factor which he election. would encourage an active demand and set the wheels of productive activity in motion may be in evidence, but still recovery is slow, money is tight, credit is difficult to obtain, investors are timid condition. Financial experts, when the reason is asked, reply: "Oh, it will soon be all right. Wait until confidence

The business of the country being argely based on credit, the element of confidence enters in a continually increasing degree into business affairs. Almost everything depends on it. Capital is proverbially timid. When anything occurs to disturb the equilibrium it is rapidly withdrawn from active curities, loans on real estate, etc. In time of prosperity, when tempted by the greater profits offered by commer-

hour slanders against his opponent? | Port Stanley,

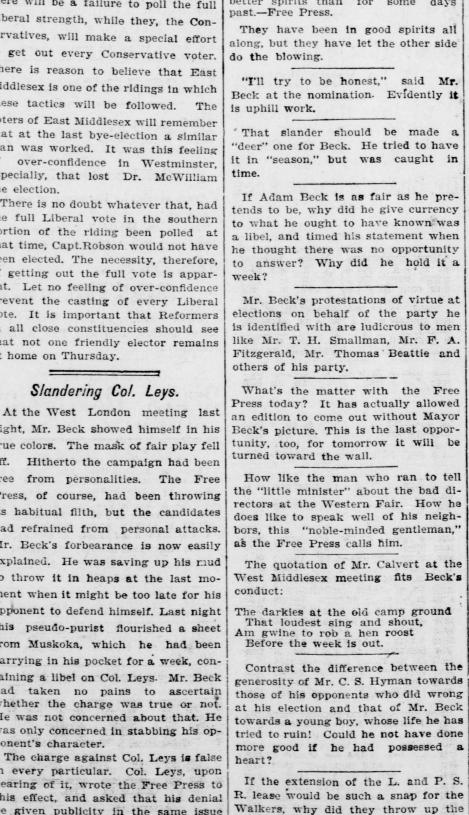
East Middlesex Liberals, Go To the Polls. Province. Every Liberal should poll his vote The Conservatives in every close have common sense. constituency are endeavoring to lull liberals into over-confidence by saying that they do not expect to carry that particular constituency. Their tics" are mottoes of Mr. Beck. hope is that in each of these ridings there will be a failure to poll the full Liberal strength, while they, the Conservatives, will make a special effort to get out every Conservative voter. There is reason to believe that East Middlesex is one of the ridings in which these tactics will be followed. The oters of East Middlesex will remember hat at the last bye-election a similar plan was worked. It was this feeling of over-confidence in Westminster, especially, that lost Dr. McWilliam There is no doubt whatever that, had the full Liberal vote in the southern portion of the riding been polled at

that time, Capt.Robson would not have een elected. The necessity, therefore, f getting out the full vote is apparent. Let no feeling of over-confidence prevent the casting of every Liberal vote. It is important that Reformers in all close constituencies should see that not one friendly elector remains at home on Thursday.

Slandering Col. Leys.

At the West London meeting last night, Mr. Beck showed himself in his true colors. The mask of fair play fell off. Hitherto the campaign had been free from personalities. The Free Press, of course, had been throwing its habitual filth, but the candidates had refrained from personal attacks. Mr. Beck's forbearance is now easily explained. He was saving up his mud to throw it in heaps at the last moment when it might be too late for his opponent to defend himself. Last night this pseudo-purist flourished a sheet from Muskoka, which he had been carrying in his pocket for a week, containing a libel on Col. Leys. Mr. Beck had taken no pains to ascertain whether the charge was true or not. He was not concerned about that. He was only concerned in stabbing his op-

ponent's character. in every particular. Col. Leys, upon hearing of it, wrote the Free Press to this effect, and asked that his denial be given publicity in the same issue as Mr. Beck's speech. The Free Press refused to publish the colonel's letter. What do the public think of such jour- cause of his high-handed treatment of nalistic ethics? What do they think the company. As a result, Rondeau is of the candidate who utters eleventh- now being built up at the expense of





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