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Too Long in Power?

vative orators and papers are raising this cry. Does anyone suppose for an nounce it? In default of anything better they keep up the stale cry of "Too gain. long in power," and supplement it by dwelling on the misconduct of certain individuals with which it has been clearly established the Government had not the slightest connection

Has any government ever been too long in power when it was doing its duty by the country with energy and

service? injured the Province in pocket or reputation, and then we will say they have been in power too long.

But if you can only criticise trifling matters on which people may honestly differ in opinion; if you can only point to little defects which might be apparent under the most capable administration, and which have no material effect on the interests of the ery and machine rule. country; then we may ask have you any men more perfect to whom we ods are not the tactics of a party sociated with Mr. Whitney in the Leg-

Not one intelligent and honest Con- ed. 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.

fairs is only to be looked on as so much machinery for the distribution of offices and salaries, then frequent for the purpose of milking the public cow, then the more people who could is for the purpose of conducting the 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.

The Campaign of Desperation.

Government's despairing of carrying the election by fair means, are showing themselves ready to resort to any tactics no matter how unscrupulous production and invested in absolutely or dishonorable, which they think will store 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 pretensions 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 have 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

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 decided in advance.

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 intended to discredit the Government, Every sort exploited on the stump and re- trous to our business interests. It Too long in power! Time for a produced in the columns of the party would largely destroy confidence; the change! All over the country Conser- organ. Each slander is promptly met and contradicted as soon as it appears, but the maligners evidently calculate instant that if they had any better may reach a number who will not see proceed cautiously, and await developery 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 more than counterbalance any such

It might be supposed that the absurd and silly story respecting the "jamboree" indulged in by the ministers during their trip to New Ontario could hardly be surpassed in malignity and falsehood. But the Mail and Empire 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 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 routed, and they know it, and hope that these multifarious scandals may possibly make the defeat a little less crushing by appealing to the credulity of hide-bound partisans-and in any event may let them down easy by enabling them to raise the usual afterelection howl about corruption, trick-

Such inane and discreditable methcan 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 Mr. Ross? Among the gentlemen as- and feeling assured of popular support islature, but whose names are un- not the weapons by which successful East Middlesex Liberals, Go To 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 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 If the administration of public af- every period of depression it is a long time before affairs resume their wonted activity. Every material factor which changes of Government would be right would encourage an active demand and and proper. If Government is only set the wheels of productive activity in motion may be in evidence, but still get a chance to milk the better-for recovery is slow, money is tight, credit the milkers. But if the Government is difficult to obtain, investors are timid and trade remains in a languishing condition. Financial experts, when the reason is asked, reply: "Oh, it will soon be all right. Wait until confidence -s restored "

The business of the country being largely 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 safe quarters, such as government securities, loans on real estate, etc. In time of prosperity, when tempted by the greater profits offered by commerment to large staffs of laborers and the extent of their deception and trick- have been offered. The stability of our ery 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 Prov-

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

The return of a majority of members

of the Legislature adverse to the Libday sees some fresh invention of this eral Administration would be disaseffect would be seen at once in the stoppage 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 ments. The doubt and uncertainty of the situation would fatally react on the money market. Investors, instead of putting out their capital freely, Ald. Greenlees' statement and withwould hesitate to take the chance of a policy which might prove reactionary and unfavorable. Even supposing that Mr. Whitney and his Cabinet made no very material changes and were disposed 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 pubic got its bearings again, and it was seen how matters would shape themelves 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 problematcal, 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 pre-

> only be compensated by some very marked public gain. The people are not so enamored of change for its own sake that they will be willing to risk their prosperity and precipitate a business crisis without any compensating advantages in pros-

decessors, it would be many months

before confidence would be thoroughly

restored. The uncertainty involved in

the change would result in such a con-

siderable loss and disturbance as could

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

the Polls.

Every Liberal should poll his vote

The Conservatives in every close constituency are endeavoring to lull Liberals into over-confidence by say ing that they do not expect to carry that particular constituency. Their nope 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

the election. There is no doubt whatever that, had he 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, of 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 Hitherto the campaign had been 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 opponent's character.

The charge against Col. Leys is false 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 jourof the candidate who utters eleventhantagonist. They have fairly met and markets, and consequently a greatly hour slanders against his opponent? Port Stanley,

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 enthusiastically supporting in this election. In his letter he did not say the was unintentional on his part, and was owing probably to a forgetfulness of

my exact words." A generous and manly spirit would have prompted Mayor Beck to accept 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 apologizing 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-

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

Leys for the Legislature.

Shame on you, Mr. Beck! Look out for the roorbach!

Slander is the weapon of a desperate

Mr. Beck must feel something pre-

monitory 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 character is not the one London will

All reports agree that Western Ontario will send almost a solid delegation to support Ross.

The Free Press sneers at the "Presbyterian Macs." There are too many of them on election day to suit the Tories.

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

No matter what happens Mayor Beck has had the satisfaction of being the most be-pictured candidate in the Province.

The Free Press is terribly afraid that temperance Grits" will vote for their wn party. Of course, they will, if they have common sense.

eleventh hour when he has no chance Ontario. Graphic description and to answer," and "Let us purify poliics" are mottoes of Mr. Beck. Ross' men in this city are now in

etter spirits than for some days past.-Free Press. They have been in good spirits all

along, but they have let the other side do the blowing. "I'll try to be honest," said Mr.

Beck at the nomination. Evidently it

is uphill work. That slander should be made a "deer" one for Beck. He tried to have it in "season," but was caught in

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Mr. Beck's protestations of virtue at elections on behalf of the party he is identified with are ludicrous to men like Mr. T. H. Smallman, Mr. F. A. Fitzgerald, Mr. Thomas Beattie and others of his party.

What's the matter with the Free Press today? It has actually allowed an edition to come out without Mayor Beck's picture. This is the last opportunity, too, for tomorrow it will be turned toward the wall.

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Contrast the difference between the generosity of Mr. C. S. Hyman towards those of his opponents who did wrong at his election and that of Mr. Beck towards a young boy, whose life he has tried to ruin! Could he not have done to the distribution of the distribution o more good if he had possessed a heart?

If the extension of the L. and P. S. R. lease would be such a snap for the Walkers, why did they throw up the negotiations, as the mayor alleges? The responsibility is the mayor's because of his high-handed treatment of nalistic ethics? What do they think the company. As a result, Rondeau is now being built up at the expense of

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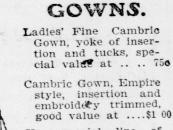
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