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THE LIBERAL CANDIDATE.

The Liberals of London have chosen in Mr. McEvoy a clever and aggressive candidate. He is an able speaker and debater, and has won distinction in his academic and professional careers.

The convention which selected Mr. McEvoy was not packed, handpicked, or cut-and-dried. There was no wire-pulling or manipulation by the party managers, and no interference with the full and free expression of the will and desire of the Liberals of the city.

Mr. McEvoy is a lively campaigner, and may be expected to place his opponent on the defensive. He has had a special training for the duties of a public man. In his university course he specialized in political economy, constitutional law, and cognate subjects, which form the groundwork of the science of government.

In the Legislature, Mr. McEvoy would speedily make a name and place for himself. His keen intellect and gifts of speech would make him a valuable lieutenant of the brilliant leader of the party, Hon. A. G. MacKay.

The unanimity and enthusiasm of the convention are encouraging omens. The candidate may be relied upon to do his duty, and his supporters should lose no time in perfecting their organization.

A CHEEKY APPEAL.

Mr. Beck's organ pleads for his election by acclamation, in recognition of his position as a cabinet minister. It is not at all certain that Mr. Beck, even if he were elected, would continue to hold a ministerial post, because there is no certainty that the Government will be sustained at the polls.

The compliment of an election by acclamation is usually extended to a member of parliament if he is obliged to appeal to his constituents in a by-election, by reason of his elevation to cabinet rank.

Mr. Hyman was compelled to seek re-election in 1905, after being intrusted with the portfolio of public works; and the Conservatives of the city had a unique opportunity to give a mark of approbation to a distinguished fellow-citizen, and show their appreciation of the honor conferred upon him and upon his native city.

It requires inordinate cheek, nerve, and gall on the part of Mr. Beck and his organ to appeal for a favor which they would be the last to grant an opponent, no matter what his merits or office might be. Mr. Beck has never been over-chivalrous in his public career. He thrust the machine into municipal affairs, and during his regime at the city hall treated his Liberal fellow-citizens as pariahs, giving them a taste of the spoils system which the Whitney Government has applied on a larger scale. He has earned no consideration from his

party opponents, and they must be amazed by the presumption which makes a claim on their indulgence at the present time.

STILL ROOM IN THE WEST.

That the western provinces of Canada can support a population greater than that of the United States at present, was the argument of Mr. McIntyre, member for Strathcona, during the recent immigration debate in the Commons.

There are now in the new provinces about 800,000 people, and there are under cultivation only 3,000,000 acres of land. In other words, there is one man to every ten acres. If only the 120,000,000 acres that are surveyed were under cultivation, there would be support, on the present average, for 12,000,000 people.

But agriculture is not the only industry open to development in the Canadian West. There are natural industries which must necessarily grow up as the result of the cultivation of the natural resources—industries which could support a vastly greater population per acre—and it is only by the persistent efforts of the Government to attract immigration that the needed population can be secured. Much has already been accomplished in this way, and still the country is heavily handicapped for lack of help. Within one hundred and fifty miles of Edmonton is one of the largest bituminous coal fields of the west—coal that assay proves to be equal to that found in Southern Alberta or in the Pittsburg region; and yet the Canadian Northern Railway is today drawing coal for its locomotives all the way from Pittsburg to Edmonton, for the simple reason that our natural resources remain undeveloped.

To develop these resources will necessitate large expenditures, but the money spent on immigration is in this direction. It is no wonder that, in spite of the clamors of obstructionists, the Government considers the time has not yet arrived to cease methods of attracting settlers which have already proven most successful. In the west the Government's immigration policy has the approval of all classes, and they are the people who have most to do with the immigrants who are homesteading with them, and are working and living with them.

While the west is getting the direct benefit of the expenditure on immigration, the eastern provinces are reaping a rich profit. As Mr. McIntyre puts it, one part of Canada cannot develop without another part; we are all the same family; we are practically all the same workshop. When we have a failure of crop in the west, nobody feels it more acutely—not even the homesteaders—than the eastern manufacturer and the labor depending on him. That is why the older provinces join with the new in indorsing the immigration policy of the present Government.

NORTH MIDDLESEX WANTS ROSS.

A remarkable tribute to a rising young public man was the proffer of the Liberal nomination for North Middlesex to Mr. Duncan Ross.

His was the only name before the convention yesterday at Alisa Craig. The delegates were confident that if he would consent to carry the standard they would overcome the handicap of Whitney's outrageous gerrymander.

Mr. Ross has been already placed in nomination in West Middlesex, but he declared his willingness to stand in the north riding if the Liberal executive of the west riding would consent to his withdrawal.

Mr. Ross' offer to relinquish a certainty for the hazard of leading the Liberal party in a constituency which was mutilated with the object of making it safe for the Government, shows a fine courage and fighting spirit.

The unscrupulous gerrymander has planted a sense of injustice in the breast of every Liberal and fair-minded elector in the riding. This alone should be a motive power in the Liberal campaign.

Duncan Ross is a chip off the old block.

It isn't likely the electors will hear so much about "Sharettell and the Hierarchy" from Mr. Beck's organ in this campaign.

Mr. Whitney at Hamilton last night asked the electors for a square deal. What sort of a deal did he give to the electors of North Middlesex, West Huron, South Essex, Peel, Toronto and Brockville?

Games threatened to "knock the stuffing" out of an elector at Thornedale who ventured to inquire about his trip to Buffalo. Come to think of it, that was probably the only answer that Games could make.

Col. Hugh Clark told Mr. Beck's carefully assorted convention that the Whitney administration was the first Conservative Government in Ontario since Christopher Columbus discovered America. If the Whitney Government is a sample, it ought to be the last till the day of judgment.

Our local contemporary evidently takes its readers for fools. It says the

Liberals disfranchised "hundreds of thousands of Conservative electors in Manitoba." There are 800,000 men, women and children in the province, of whom about one-fifth have votes, and about one-half of this one-fifth vote Conservative.

The Federal Government announces vasty important legislation, including civil service reform, and acts to aid the construction of the Hudson's Bay Railroad, to extend Manitoba's boundaries, to amend the Dominion lands act, and to further restrict Chinese immigration. It is likely these weighty measures will be held up for months, while the Opposition continues its favorite occupation of shelling peanuts.

NOT HER FAULT.

The Mistress: "What, Suzanne, going to leave me? Going to get married? This is most unexpected."

WHAT HE HAS HE HOLDS. "Come, Willie, let your little brother play with your marbles a while."

HIS OTHER FAULT. Gattie: "Yes, he's very vindictive. That's one of his worst faults."

OUR DEFENSES. Sir Frederick Borden was declared, in an assembly of military men, to be the best minister of militia Canada has ever had.

PLAIN FRAUD. "Sir," says the aggrieved customer, approaching the bookseller. "I have called to express my opinion of your business methods."

THE THING TO DO. Stranger: "And when the bank examiner got through unravelling the tangle, what followed?"

ARE FAT MEN PROUD? The question why fat men walk with a proud carriage and wear a fierce expression was solemnly discussed before the Academy of Sciences recently.

THE HAT AGAIN. A lecturer has said that the Merry Widow hat has no place in history. Well, we suppose it'll have to make its place, just as the farthingale, the stomacher, the ruff, the crinoline and the hoop skirt have done before it.

SEESAW AND SAWSEE. Weary Walker told this to Bathless Broderick, whom he met on top of a haystack.

BLAMES THE OTHER FELLOW. The new doctrine put forward on behalf of Mr. Whitney is that when the Government goes wrong the Opposition is to blame.

A HANDSOME BOUQUET. Canadiana, irrespective of race and creed, recognizes Rodolphe Lemieux as an eloquent, wise-headed public man.

ECONOMICAL WIFE. A New York paper asks: "Can a woman dress on \$20,000 a year?" Our wife does, and she is a large woman, too.

WHERE WHITNEY SUCCEEDED. But Whitney has succeeded in some things. He has introduced and carried out the spoils system. He has spent a lot of money in seeking for excuses to sacrifice Liberal officials.

has also alienated, as railway subsidy, over half a million acres of land. The hero's attempt was unsuccessful, and both were drowned.

THE DOUGHESS LIFE. Our inventors are so tireless: We've communication wireless. For our news; We have cookers that are fireless. We have carriage quite horseless. And chauffeurs who are horseless.

GAMEY NATUREL. [Toronto World Thorndale Dispatch.] "What about the trip to Buffalo?" someone in the big audience asked R. R. Gamey last night at a crowded political meeting.

FADED HIM. "One of my ancestors was a noted pirate."

BRITISH. Leeds Y. M. C. A. new buildings cost nearly \$250,000.

N. MIDDLESEX CALLS MR. ROSS. executive. West Middlesex will support a Liberal candidate, no matter what happens, and North Middlesex will give a chance to show her disapproval of the nefarious gerrymander. I shall certainly be your candidate if the executive will release me from my acceptance of West Middlesex.

WHO HINDUS WORSHIP THEIR DEITY, SIVA. Legend Says the God Came to Bless Unlucky Hunter.

Simla, India, May 4. — Hindus, young and old, solemnly observed the fast of the Sivarthi, on Sunday, and gladly entered its deprivation.

It takes nine tailors to make a man and one lawyer to bring the suit. When the really large things of life show up no bigger than a ham sandwich the chances are that you are hungry and don't see the sandwich.

THE GERRYMANDERS. "See how they have kept their promises in regard to the redistribution bill. The Premier told the people of Toronto that there would be no changes made unless to equalize the constituencies or to right wrongs done by the villainous Liberal Government. Those were his promises made to the people. Our own case is the most flagrant case of injustice that has been perpetrated. Every elector knows the only object was to defeat Thomas Turnbull.

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conferation I do not say the Liberal Government was faultless, but its sins were electoral not administrative. With every opportunity given to search, our political enemies have as yet been unable to find any money that cannot be accounted for. It is a very strange thing that Rev. Dr. Hosack, who after being a Liberal for 33 years, and then changing, has come back again to the Liberals after three years of Conservative rule. Dr. Hosack thought it was time for a change. He thinks, and there are 10,000 more with him, who think there is need for a change again. All this feeling abroad in the land proves that we should try to prove that the public promises of public men should be sacred. Men who break promises should be shown that they cannot hold power.

Mr. Alex. Smith. Mr. Alexander Smith, of Alisa Craig, said no one could help being proud of having such a splendid candidate. It was a great deal to ask of Mr. Ross to throw up the riding of West Middlesex, where he was certain of success. No one, however, of Liberal faith, but condemned the cowardly attitude of Mr. Hodgins. As a farmer, he could say no greater insult was ever offered to farmers than when they were told they could not manage their educational affairs. Never on record has there been such outrageous conduct in regard to bringing criminals to justice. The murder at Orangeville and the escape of Private Mor from London are striking examples of cowardly inaction.

A Disastrous Policy. Mr. H. J. Pettypiece, of Forest, made a rousing speech, in which he showed how the Whitney Government was pursuing a policy disastrous to the country in the enormous expenditure they allowed. Mr. Pettypiece referred particularly to the policy of doing away with many of the model schools, and recommended that they be re-established as before. There was also much room, he said, for reform in the matter of school books, which were costing altogether too much money. Speaking briefly of the three-fifths clause, Mr. Pettypiece condemned it as a bad measure, and one which ought not to be supported.

Mr. W. McDermid, of Lucan, was asked to take the chair, and immediately the question was asked by an elector whether this was a meeting of North Middlesex proper, or the North Middlesex gerrymander, or a joint meeting of both.

Mr. McDermid replied that the meeting was in the interest of the North Middlesex gerrymander.

Officers Elected. Dr. Gunn read the minutes, after which the election of officers was proceeded with, and resulted as follows: President, Samuel Coxon; first vice-president, Marshall Miller, of McCullyville, by acclamation; second vice-president, James Healey, Strathroy; secretary, Dr. Gunn, Alisa Craig, by acclamation.

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