

Marechal for Cabinet

Ottawa, Oct. 24.—The arrival from Montreal tonight of L. T. Marechal, K. C., accompanied by Louis Caserre, K. C., M. P. for Hochelaga, has revived speculation as to who will succeed Hon. F. D. Monk.

T. Chase Casgrain, K. C., who has been looked upon as the most likely man for the vacant portfolio, is ill at his home in Montreal, and is said to be willing to see the portfolio go to Mr. Marechal. If the latter is chosen he will likely run in Charlevoix, one of the two seats now held by Sir Rodolphe Forget.

AMUSEMENTS

"The Senator Keeps House."

William H. Crane will be seen once more as a member of the upper legislative body at Washington when he comes to the Grand Saturday in "The Senator Keeps House," a comedy of the present-day life in the national capital. Those who recall the signal success with which Mr. Crane was ushered into the United States Senate for dramatic usage some years back will view with delight the prospect of finding him in that select circle. Martha Morton's modern study is essentially a play of today. Mr. Crane is sure to give a fine portraiture and his present play is regarded as one of the best light comedies he ever brought out. Seats on sale.

"The Rosary."

The success of Rowland & Clifford's play, "The Rosary," which appears at the Grand Thanksgiving Day (Monday), doesn't even approach an end. Six companies more of this play have been organized, and contrary to tradition, "The Rosary" is repeating its past year's success. The unequalled character of the priest in "The Rosary" leads the way to its success, and the intense human interest settled in the body of the play formulates the heart interest that will bring success to such ideas as Mr. Rose has collected to tell the story of "The Rosary."

"Passers-By" Tuesday.

Simplicity, humanity and directness are said to be the three qualities in the comedy, "Passers-By," which made it the success it was during its long runs in both London and New York City. The author, C. Haddon Chambers, is said to have told a story that is replete in humanity, not in the least involved, and to have told it with a directness that is said to be at times startling. "Passers-By" is a play of types, for the cast consists of a young and wealthy clubman, his valet, a cabman, a tramp, a young woman, who earns her living, a young lady of the upper classes, a lady of title, and a dear little boy. Charles Frohman is present. Charles Cherry in "Passers-By" at the Grand Opera House, next Tuesday. Seats on sale.

"The Merry Widow."

"The Merry Widow," which Henry W. Savage will offer at the Grand next Wednesday night, a new and lavish production is promised. When it is considered that much attention, especially of the ladies, will be centred on the hats and gowns of the new production, it becomes evident that considerable expense must be undertaken for the result. "The Merry Widow" hat was the most written of affair in its day, and to find a substitute for it means ravaging the Parisian shops to their very floors. Then, again, Mr. Savage will offer "The Merry Widow" orchestra. This is a complete organization in itself, and plays the entire score without a written note. Mr. Alfred Moulton is the conductor. Seats tomorrow.

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FINE FIGHTING SPEECH

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[By Our Own Man.]

Belmont, Oct. 24.—The residents of this village, so satisfied after an experiment in local option, enthusiastically endorsed the policy of Mr. N. W. Rowell here tonight to extend the influence of local option over the whole Province, and make the benefits apparent to all thinking people universal. The weather was not ideal, but in spite of this fact the hall was crowded with electors, who expressed their approval of Mr. Rowell's policy in no uncertain way. There is no question as to the attitude Belmont voters will assume, Mr. William Sutherland is assured of a strong following here.

The Main Issue.

The Liberal leader was again in good form. As in all his previous speeches, he made the abolition of the bar the paramount issue of the campaign. The peculiar circumstances of the election made it the only issue, in spite of the efforts made by Conservative orators to dodge the question. It could not be explained away, or laughed out of court. It was certain to be a large factor in the election of Ontario in the near future, and must be faced by every voter.

Mr. Rowell was assisted by well-known residents of Westminster Township, Thomas Baty, W. H. Odell, R. Procurier and John H. Elliott, all strong advocates of the policy announced by Mr. Rowell. They stated their position in unequivocal language, and promised to support the candidate who would support Mr. Rowell in his great campaign for home and family and native land.

Mr. Procurier was elected as chairman and he had no difficulty in preserving order. The speakers were listened to most intently, without the slightest interruption.

A Striking Speech.

Mr. Odell made a brief but very striking speech. He was a personal friend of the late Robert Sutherland, one of the finest men that East Middlesex had ever produced. Honest and courageous, a temperance man through and through, Mr. Sutherland's loss was severely felt in the riding and in the province. Mr. William Sutherland was of the same stock, and when his word was given, it was to be relied on.

The speaker then gave his opinion of local option in its relation to Belmont. "We have had local option here for nearly three years," said Mr. Odell. "When the campaign was on, we were told that Belmont would be ruined, that business would be destroyed, in fact, ruin was predicted for the place. But did that happen? Certainly not. I have had much experience in real estate matters here, and I want to say that the value of property has increased 25, 50, and, in some cases, 100 per cent. One property purchased a year and a half ago for \$450 was sold for \$900. I had a piece of property for which I could not obtain a purchaser under the liquor license, and I sold it not long ago for \$2,000, netting me a good return. The man who purchased it has received a better offer since that time, showing that the price of real estate is steadily increasing. The hotel across the way sold under license for \$900, and it could be sold now for a great deal more under local option, and without a license. In other words, the village has improved. Law and order prevail, and we are contented and happy."

"The benefits of local option are known to you," continued Mr. Odell. "They stand before your eyes every day. Why not extend them to the whole province? That is what Mr. Rowell wants and is advocating. We want men to stand for country, not party. We want them to place the interests of the community above all things. Vote for Sutherland and Rowell, and the bar will go."

The Fight in Westminster.

Thos. Baty gave an interesting history of the fight for local option in Westminster Township. The condition of the municipality had increased wonderfully since that time, and no man who knew of conditions under the old regime would vote for a return of the license system. "The temperance people were ignored so long as they voted straight for their political friends," said Mr. Baty. "That condition has been changed, and now the temperance people's wishes are being considered because the political parties know that we will stand for right rather than party, that we will not forsake our principles."

The speaker thought the anti-treating proposal out of the question. It struck at one of the abuses of the liquor system, while Mr. Rowell proposed to cut it out at the roots. The abolition of the bar would mean the abolition of treating. Mr. Baty was not a total prohibitionist, as the public sentiment of the province has not been in favor of such a policy at the present time.

"In conclusion, I would say that the liquor party is against Rowell and in favor of the other side," said Mr. Baty. "That should show you clearly where we should stand on this matter. We cannot be with the liquor interests and be right."

Mr. Procurier, the chairman, at this juncture, bore testimony to the good effects of local option. Property had increased in value, business had grown, the merchants had more money for their goods, law and order prevailed, and Belmont was an excellent village to live in.

The School Question.

"I voted to put Sir James Whitney in power, because I was dissatisfied with the Ross Government in its handling of the liquor problem," said Mr. Procurier. "The Government has done something for the temperance party, but the policies they advocate did not go far enough. I am for Mr. Rowell's policy of the abolition of the bar. It is local option, carried farther, and I want to support that."

The Great Evil.

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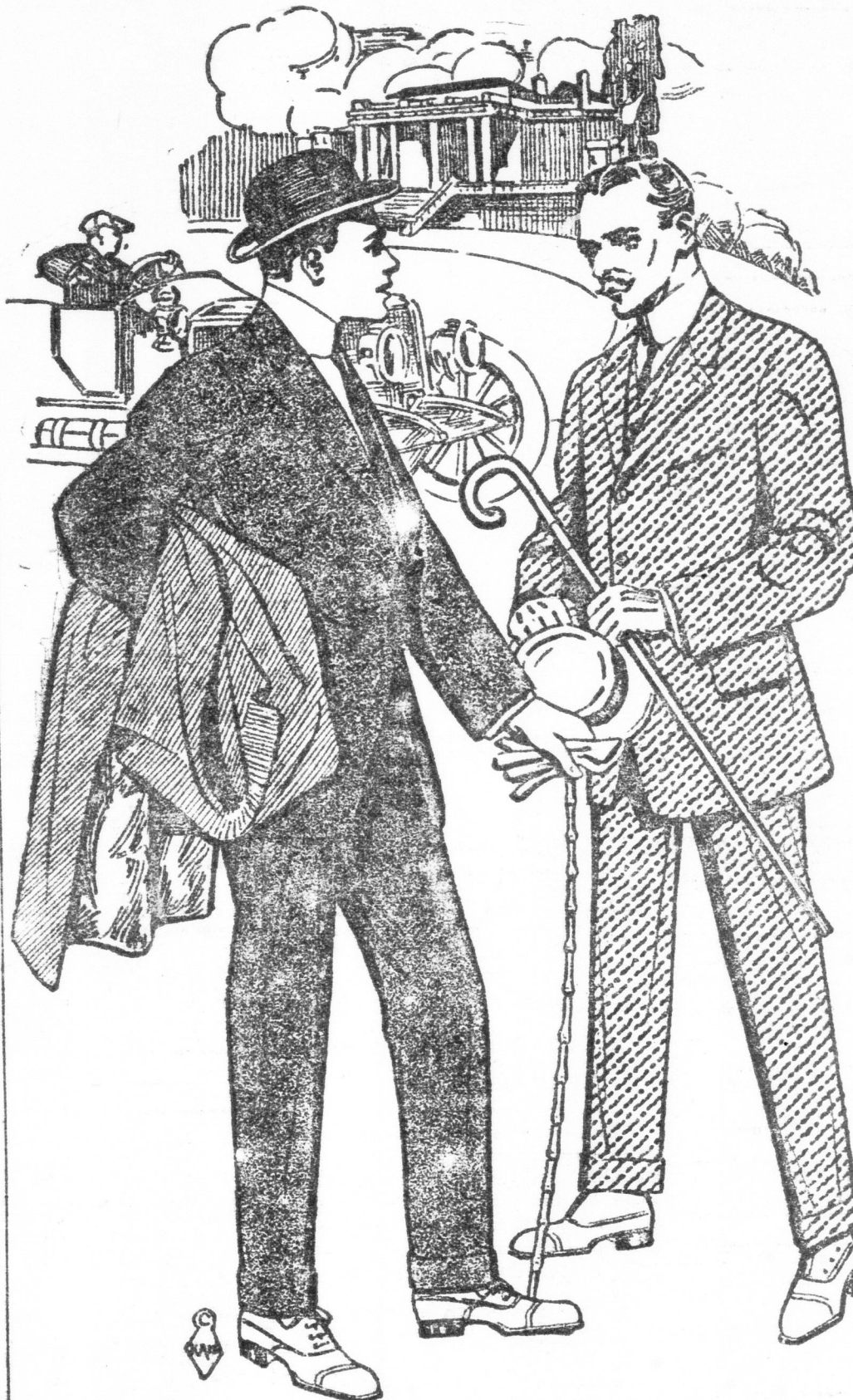
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He felt at home at any meeting in East Middlesex because of the fact that he was born in London Township, and his father had spent here the whole of his life. He expressed the regret of Mr. William Sutherland at his inability to attend the meeting. He was engaged in organizing work and could not get to Belmont in time.

"I come to you tonight to make clear my stand on the great issue of the abolition of the bar," said Mr. Rowell. "It is the one issue that stands out above all others. The peculiar conditions of the contest made it so. Mr. William Sutherland, a Conservative, had come out in favor of our policy. That fact itself makes it the real issue, and I think you will all agree with me that it is so. You have been told of the advantages of local option in Belmont. Law and order prevail, business is improved, and real estate has increased in value. If it is good for Belmont, you could do nothing better on Monday than vote to spread its benefits over the whole Province of Ontario. That would be a good day's work, and I think you will agree with me in that. This is not my fight—it is our fight, and we are in it for our homes and children and our common country. Have we sufficient conscience and patriotism to put this into effect? I think we have, and I am expecting to hear on Monday that the conscience of the people in East Middlesex is not dead."

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of young men and women, and not a single word could be said in its favor. All other institutions of the commonwealth were judged by its fruits. If the same standard were followed with reference to the bar, it would not endure a moment, but would be removed forever. Poverty, misery and death came from it, and the conscience of the people of Ontario will insist on its removal.

The whole world was looking into the evils of the liquor traffic. In Ontario, the progress made in dealing with the traffic was well known. The United States were trying to control it. In England, the movement for temperance reform was growing in intensity. In Germany, total abstinence was enforced during the military manoeuvres. Total abstinence was practically in force in the navy. Many other countries were following the lead. The movement was based on scientific principles, as well as moral, and it proved conclusively that the death knell of temperance was to be sounded.

The administration of the license law by the Whitney Government was condemned. Conditions in South Essex were explained by Former Inspector James A. Smyth, at Lambeth on Wednesday evening. The same conditions prevailed in Toronto. Here a member of the Legislature was shown to have profited by the sale and barter in licenses. Even the Minister of Education, who should be an example to the boys of the land, had to intercede to obtain a license for a

man who had fourteen charges preferred against him. The enforcement of the license law was for political ends only.

Opposed by Liquor Interests.

"We are opposed by the liquor interests," said Mr. Rowell. "We are under no obligation to them whatever, and when we assume the reins of power we will be in a position to administer the law justly and equitably. They have placed us under no obligation to them, and they can expect no favors, but simply justice, from us."

"All the ridings in Ontario are looking to East Middlesex," continued Mr. Rowell. "Yes, the whole Dominion is turning its eyes this way. The issue is attracting notice in the United States. I want to ask every Liberal who believes in my leadership to get out and work between now and Monday for the election of Mr. Wm. Sutherland. Work as you never worked before in your life. The issue is the thing. A grave responsibility is upon you. Let us go and do our duty. If the present Government is to stand by the bar, it will go down with the bar."

"How much was said here last night regarding the abolition of the treating system? Not a word. Have they abandoned that policy? Not a single expression has been used in the campaign in its favor. Now they have become suddenly converted to local option. This is something new, and I am glad to welcome them if their conversion is sincere. We have secured some valued recruits to this policy. Not in 20 years have I seen them on temperance plat-

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forms. They are claiming that the Government favored local option. That is not so, but it is another piece of good legislation coming down to us from the Liberal Government.

The Three-Fifths Clause. "How have the members of the Government shown their faith in local option? By the iniquitous three-fifths clause. I want to tell you that London Township would have had local option today had it not been for the operation of this clause. It was defeated by less than ten votes. What a tale of crime and misery that has followed this excellent bit of work of Sir James and his Government. You know this to be a fact. This is what the Government did here for the open bar. The men who favor local option favor a larger measure. The men who fought local option are fighting the abolition of the bar." Mr. Rowell dealt with other issues for a short time, and the meeting closed in the usual way.