

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 1908.

DON'T ROB MRS. HOODLESS.

In the speeches at the East Hamilton Tory nomination, the machine men who nominated Scott placed much stress upon his alleged great interest in, and work for, technical education, some of the speakers referring to Mr. Scott as being the great advocate of technical education for girls.

Mr. John Hoodless, in his remarks, referred briefly to the good work Mrs. Hoodless had done in the cause of technical education for girls. Mrs. Hoodless deserves great credit for her efforts to advance domestic science. This work was carried on by her under Hon. George W. Ross, and much opposition to it was experienced.

BRODEUR NOT CENSURED.

The appearance before Judge Cassels, the Royal Commissioner who is conducting the civil service investigation, of Messrs. Fyfe and Bazin has already led to one very definite result. They were the commissioners who conducted the general civil service inquiry into the departments, and it was on their findings that the attacks of the Opposition politicians and press upon Hon. Mr. Brodeur were based.

THAT THREE-FIFTHS CLAUSE.

In view of the importance attached by many people to Whitney's three-fifths vote in local option contests, it may be interesting to our readers to consider how this provision has affected the result of elections under that act. Since the measure was placed on the statute books it has been the means of defeating local option in 73 municipalities, in which there were 242 licenses, although, in every case, the by-law had a majority of the voters.

The showing is then, in brief, that while local option was, under the three-fifths vote, carried in 72 municipalities, it was by the three-fifths clause alone defeated in 73.

NOT A CIRCLE OF CONCORD.

How the Tory Machine Forced J. J. Scott On An Unwilling Meeting and Party.

The big Tory pow-wow of Saturday night, called to perform the solemn farce of voting approval of the machine's selection of candidates, was very unlike a love feast, and has left a very nasty taste in the mouths of many of the party.

Of chief machine boss Milne's "perfidious" oratory little need be said. No ice will be needed to preserve it. It sent chills down the spines of even the stalwarts. His confession that he had voted for a man he did not care for personally, and his avowal, "I am going to vote for my party and its interests" had the true machine ring.

A good many people will, however, be loath to believe that George Lynch-Staunton's statements regarding the finances of the Province in the time of the Ross Government have been correctly reported by the senior Tory organ. If they have, they may suspect that evil communications have not been without their effect.

Mr. Staunton's tribute to Col. Hendrie was a generous one, and it seemed somewhat out of place—because it is hardly to be thought that he did it as taking a "rise" out of the Colonel—for him to go out of the way to introduce references, which provoked laughter, to Mr. Hendrie's "railway legislation," the "big Stick Bill" which has been declared to be a freak so "ineffective and harmless" in its attempts to violate justice that it is not even worth disallowing!

His fondness for grandiloquence led Mr. Staunton into patting Col. Hendrie on the back for "securing the building of the new school of pedagogy in West Hamilton." Of course, he thought that sounded bigger than a Normal School diploma to what they have in half a dozen other towns. Then he begged them to remember "if we get the Provincial Technical College we hear so much of, it would mean the spending of \$500,000 at least, here"; and if we want that "WE MUST SEND A MAN TO TORONTO WHO IS PERSONA GRATA WITH THE GOVERNMENT." Of course, that man was Hendrie.

What would you call Mr. Staunton's effort? A delicate hint of a bribe to the constituency, or a somewhat clumsy and maladroit threat to coerce the electors? Col. Hendrie looked quite handsome, and he really spoke his little piece without serious embarrassment, as it was prepared for him. He offered a very lame apology for the unmanly and contemptible gerrymander, and ventured a complaint that the Liberals were running a candidate in East Hamilton where a Labor man is running. Col. Hendrie is a member of the Government. As such he is responsible for the three-fifths clause in the Local Option Act. As such he voted against Mr. MacKay's motion to abolish the three-fifths clause, yet to the surprise of friends who have known him for years, and believed him

fronted him with the mathematical and ethical problem of why their votes should not count for as much as any other citizen's votes, perhaps he may be able to derive some comfort and inspiration from these figures.

ANOTHER BENNETT FALSEHOOD

Mr. W. H. Bennett, M. P., continues to hold the belt as champion slanderer and vilifier of the House of Commons. In discussing the purchase of furniture supplies for the departments, he alleged that Mr. A. W. Fraser, K. C., was a shining light in one of the companies, and, as Mr. Bennett put it, "these companies took the Minister by the throat and forced their goods upon the country." Perhaps Bennett seeks revenge for the wrecking of the fabric of slander which he helped to build in the timber limits inquiry, but, whatever his motive, his statement lacks every element of truth. Writing to the Ottawa Journal, which gave prominence to Bennett's mendacious and abusive statement, Mr. Fraser says:

I wish to say that the reference to me is absolutely untrue. I am not a shareholder or director in that company and never have been since the company commenced business. I am not financially interested in the company and never have been. I do not participate in the profits of the company. I have never spoken to the present Minister of Public Works, nor any of his predecessors in that office, nor any officer of the department, on behalf of the company, and the officer in charge of that work in his evidence before the Public Accounts Committee also stated that I had never seen him in regard to the matter. It is therefore fair that a man in public life, shielded by the privileges of his position, should slander a private citizen by insinuation and innuendo to make political capital, without ascertaining the facts? This is but one illustration of many presented this session of how so-called scandals are manufactured for Tory campaign material. The Opposition appears to have lost all respect for decency in its hyena-like hunt after means of

to be above such a subterfuge, or pervariation, he said—the Spectator reports—that while everyone knew where he stood on the three-fifths clause, Mr. MacKay's position was not known even to himself.

Over the prison labor question, and the labelling of prison goods, on which he was so eloquent at last election, as on the power question, the spoils question, and Whitney's general violation of his pre-election promises, Hendrie drew the pall of silence.

It looked as if somebody had been pouring emery into the machine's carefully oiled journals when it came to dealing with East Hamilton. The bosses had things fixed for Scott, and they had their hands full in carrying through their programme. The name of Scott fell on the crowd like a stream of icy water from a hydrant. Carr, Bigger and Hoodless knowingly shook their heads and said, "No, they wouldn't run." But it was all fixed. The bill of fare said "Scott," and the convention just had to swallow him.

But it wouldn't do it without a kick; and it kicked good and hard. "That man can't be elected!" "It's all out and dried!" said another. "It's the work of the machine!" and answering cries of "Hear! hear!" showed the temper of the crowd. Mr. Hoodless begged for order, and protested that he was not a member of the machine, but his voice was completely drowned, and it was some time before the chorus of angry protest could be still. Mr. Hoodless proceeded to beg the convention to accept Scott. And for what reason, do you think? Mirabile dictu, that Scott was "the" great technical education advocate of Hamilton. "You do not know what it means technical education to elect J. J. Scott." And the convention, to a man, could not but agree. Certainly the public does not know what J. J. Scott has ever done, or is likely to do, for technical education.

This Technical College appeal was the stock one of all the speakers for Scott. Dr. Carr told them that the citizens now realized their mistake in not sending Scott to Parliament, because he was a fighter, and wouldn't be turned down. Perhaps this might not have been an insinuation that Hamilton's Minister-member in the West lacked fighting quality and lay down, allowing the Normal College to be taken from us. Dr. Carr also made the astonishing statement that Scott was practically the father of the technical school movement, and asserted that "he was ready to assure Hamilton that if J. J. Scott was elected, Hamilton would get the Technical College." And only a short time ago, the Tory organs professed to desire a measure making it a crime to offer a bribe of public works or other Government favors.

Perhaps the machine is satisfied with its work. It is said to have a yearning for J. J.'s "charl." Perhaps the machine will have its compensations. But no intelligent Conservative who was there, or who reads even the censored report of the proceedings, can feel a pride therein, or can court comparison of the two candidates selected, with the Liberal candidates, W. H. Wardrop, K. C., and W. M. McClement. They are the men to care for Hamilton's interests.

vilifying opponents. If not for his own personal self-respect, one might suppose that this man Bennett would come forward with an apology on behalf of the decent electors of Simcoe, who must be humiliated by such dishonorable conduct. And yet, it seems to be taken for granted that Bennett will not make the amende honorable, but will bob up again at the first apparently favorable opportunity, to seek to throw more mud. And even the Journal passes over his letter without a word of comment!

EDITORIAL NOTES.

William Berry would seem to have tired of playing the labor racket. It was slow in bringing that job.

But it would hardly be doing Ald. McLaren justice to judge him by Herald statements of his alleged sayings.

The "machine" says Scott, and no Tory has any right to chirp when Chief Boss Milne and his conclave say "Thumbs up!"

Mr. Hoodless' commendation of Scott was that "every man with any sand has lots of enemies." Good enough, John, but not the best sort of thing for a political candidate.

Haldimand Tories are in a bad plight, and Mr. Kohler is likely to have a considerably increased majority, no matter whether Dr. Jacques, or some other candidate, be opposed to him.

Scott seems to be a pretty bad dose for East Hamilton Tories, but the machine has prescribed it, and all that is left for them is to make faces and down it. They must beware of Boss Milne's dog whip.

The Algoma Steel Company has shut down its rail mill. It states that Cana-

dian railroads will not place orders for rails in the present state of finances. It is a very poor time for "statemen" to be menacing railways with higher taxes and greater disabilities.

Mr. R. A. Thompson, of North Wentworth, is so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to move around among the people. His North Wentworth supporters—and they are daily increasing in numbers—are extending him hearty greetings. The county is proud of him.

Hamilton's assurance in the technical college matter was just as positive six months ago as it is to-day.—Hamilton Spectator.

Yes, when the Ministers were careful to intimate that they had not given any promise that should lead Hamilton to expect to get the Provincial Technical College.

An example of how time and money are wasted by the Ottawa Opposition was given last week when business was delayed four hours by their holding up of the Public Works estimates with no other object but to kill time. They did not venture to specifically challenge one item. And this performance cost the country many thousands of dollars.

The Tory machine has Gamey on its hands, and it has to treat him with a good deal of consideration. It exhibited him at Oshawa recently, at a Tory smoker. Just before Gamey rose to speak, however, a number of those present got up and left. The Tory organ is now trying to explain away the affront. Well, as Horace Biglow puts it: "Some pork will bile so!"

How carefully the Mail and Empire seeks to keep from its readers the information that the Civil Service Commissioners, when examined by Mr. Justice Cassels, emphatically declared that Hon. Mr. Brodeur was not included in their condemnation of officials in the Marine Department! You do not find any mention of the exclusion of the Minister from censure in the organ's big display headings, in which it has been wont to bulletin him as a monster of political iniquity and branded as an administrative failure by the Commission. It is not seeking to give prominence to the facts which exhibit it as a calumniator and a falsifier.

Hon. Mr. Brodeur awakened much enthusiasm by his fighting speech of Thursday last. The habits of the Speaker's office have clung to Mr. Brodeur, but his suave and gentlemanly style has been wasted upon the political coyotes of the Opposition. On Thursday he developed a vigor and directness which surprised and startled them, and evoked the enthusiasm of his Liberal friends. Even La Patrie, which has treated him anyway but fairly, accords him hearty praise for the manner in which he disposed of his opponents. Brodeur's "weakness" of which the Opposition speaks so much, lies in his effort to deal with his unprincipled assailant as reasonable gentlemen.

The Herald clamors for war, not for an amicable street railway settlement that will give us on fair terms an extended and improved service, such as the city needs, and cannot get by compulsion under the contract. The Times advocates a friendly consultation of both city and company with the Ontario Railway Board, which must be arbiter in any event under the contract, to try to reach agreement that will give the city what it should have. Once before the City Council took bad advice, and spurned the Ontario Railway Board's kindly-meant hint—and lost by its blunder. Try reasoning to force. Such course would strengthen our case with any reasonable tribunal.

OUR EXCHANGES

Wash. It. (Toronto Star). What the President of the American Civic Association of Art has been telling Toronto is, in plainer words!—to keep her face clean.

Wake Up, Montieith. (Toronto News). Less than one per cent. of the farm boys of Ontario between the ages of 16 and 21 are in attendance at the Ontario Agricultural College.

The Honest Way. (Montreal Star, Tor.). The action of the Premier in proposing a committee to enquire into the allegations of Major Hodgins as to the manner in which the construction of the Transcontinental Railway is being carried on, is the proper way to meet the matter.

A Difference. (Halifax Chronicle). The Tories, in their day of power, appointed a commission to investigate the conditions of the civil service and, then, pigeon-holed the report. The Liberals appointed a commission for the same purpose and forthwith proceeded to act upon its report. This illustrates the difference between genuine and bogus reformers.

Monk's Good Work. (Montreal Herald). The debate on Mr. Monk's proposal to stop the immigration bonus to booking agents justified its continuance. Mr. Monk started out to prove that the United States way of doing things was very much better than the Canadian way, but in the end it was shown that the selective influence of the bonus has produced exceedingly good results.

Thinks McClement May Win. (Toronto Telegram, Tor.). It will be a difficult matter to pick the winner in East Hamilton until the

The Daily Fashion Hint.



Evening coat in deift blue cloth with bands of liberty satin.

GAVE A BANQUET.

Dundas Oddfellows Entertained by J. W. Boyle.

A pleasant night in Oddfellowship was spent last evening in the parlors of Valley City Lodge, No. 117, Dundas. Past Grand Bro. J. W. Boyle, in his genial and hospitable way, tendered a banquet to the officers, members and visitors. Bro. Boyle is a strong believer in developing the social side. Early in the season Bro. Boyle gave a prize setting of a gold band ring, bearing the emblems, of the three links, to be competed for by Bro. Kelday, Noble Grand, and Past Grand Bro. Phipps, in a series of carpet ball, which has created a deep interest. The honor of winning came to Bro. Kelday, N. G. The former part of the evening was devoted to games. The former part of the evening was devoted to games. At 9.30 the brethren sat down to the banquet. P. G. Bro. F. Latslaw acting as toast master. The programme consisted of toasts "To the King"; "Grand Lodge of Ontario," responded to by Bro. C. H. Mann, District Deputy Grand Master, and Past Grand Bro. O. Luke; song, Bro. John Bibby, P. G. At this juncture D. D. G. M. Bro. Mann made the presentation to Bro. Kelday in a very pleasing manner. Bros. Kelday and Phipps responded. "Valley City Lodge" was responded to by Bro. Woodhouse, Past Grand; Bros. Wood and Dickson; "The Dominion of Canada" by Mayor W. H. Moss, P. G.; "Our Host, Bro. Boyle"; reading, Bro. W. H. Bates; song, Bro. C. Dickson; Scottish airs on the bag pipes and dances by Bros. McMarrick and McPherson. The enjoyable evening came to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Nathan Johnston is suing the Canadian Pacific Railway for damages for nervous shock sustained in the Caledon wreck on September 3 last.

When people stop at a hotel they have got to put up with it.

NEED MORE MONEY.

OVERDRAFT ALREADY ON HOME FOR INCURABLES.

Chairman Wright Does Not Think City Should Pass the Hat Around to Furnish It.

"I don't think the city should have to pass the hat around to furnish this institution," said Chairman Wright last night when the House of Refuge Committee was trying to figure out where the money was coming from to equip the new Home for Incurables. There is an appropriation of about \$2,000 to partly furnish and maintain the home, but it will require at least \$4,000 for the furnishing.

The committee will also have to face an overdraft on the building. The people voted \$30,000 and the city had \$5,000 in legacies and donations. The expenditure to date has been \$36,519, and there are still some extras to be paid for. The King's Daughters have offered to furnish two rooms. The committee will spend what money it can spare fitting up the building and will then appeal to the council for more.

Superintendent Rae reported that many small improvements had been made to the buildings and grounds. The old men did considerable painting at the House of Refuge.

SUNDAY SHOOTING AND FISHING

To the Editor of the Times: Sir,—I notice by Saturday's issue an article on fishing and shooting on Sunday on the lay, and around the city, and that the illegal work was brought and the law enforced. If those kickers would complain to me, and not rush to their favorite papers, I would tell them who are the responsible authorities to look after their special complaint according to law. The Ontario game laws say no shooting of game birds can be done on Sunday, and I don't think it is fair to expect the game over-seer, if he hears a shot in a man's back yard on Sunday, to arrest the owner of the house. I have to prove my case (every time). I have travelled on official duty during April last over 800 miles. I have seen the law enforced all over the province before the law is broken. I have seen the guns used by those I have caught, and disposed of the same as circumstances demanded.

It is a very hard proposition for one man to stop shooting from Waterloo down to the Allion Mills, the Beach and the bay shore. I have heard of many complaints from the Lord's day act, but under the game and fisheries laws; but if boys or men shoot birds which can't be shot at any time, let alone Sunday, then such shooting comes under the game and fisheries act of Ontario. However, when out on Sundays I have always seized the guns used by those I have caught, and disposed of the same as circumstances demanded. It is a very hard proposition for one man to stop shooting from Waterloo down to the Allion Mills, the Beach and the bay shore. I have heard of many complaints from the Lord's day act, but under the game and fisheries laws; but if boys or men shoot birds which can't be shot at any time, let alone Sunday, then such shooting comes under the game and fisheries act of Ontario. However, when out on Sundays I have always seized the guns used by those I have caught, and disposed of the same as circumstances demanded.

One Short.

She asked him if he was the photographer. He said he was. She asked him if he took children's pictures. He said he did. She asked him how much he charged. He said, "Four dollars a dozen." "Then I'll have to go somewhere else," she replied; "I only have eleven."—Success Magazine.

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