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THE SUN AND THE RESULT.

That "journal of the home and the fire-side," the St. John Sun, which conducted a bitter and slanderous campaign lasting six months, is now on exhibition once more as a notoriously bad judge of matters political in this city and province.

VICTORY.

The result of the general provincial elections on Saturday was decisive throughout New Brunswick, and the administration led by the Hon. L. J. Tweedie returns to power with a majority almost as great as it had at the dissolution of the house.

Not only is every member of the government re-elected, but the opposition failed to carry more than a single county in the province—Sunbury—having to content themselves elsewhere with the seats for which the full government tickets were not elected.

The returns from Sunbury almost failed to register, although his running mate, Mr. Glaser, has a fair majority. This is the conclusive answer of the people of New Brunswick to the opposition campaign of slander and misrepresentation.

A general summing up of the result clearly proves that the majority of the electorate awoke to a full realization that greater issues than even those of the local government of this province were involved in Saturday's contest, and that they were prepared to accept the statement of the Liberal leaders that the defeat of the Tweedie administration would be a blow at the progressive policy of the dominant party in federal affairs.

From one end of Canada to the other, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the news has been heralded that New Brunswick has not only endorsed the administration of the Hon. L. J. Tweedie, but has strengthened the hands of her most brilliant son, the Hon. A. G. Blair, in his patriotic efforts to maintain to a fair and legitimate degree the importance of these provinces by the seaboard in the councils of the nation.

That Saturday's election was generally understood to mean more than a contest on local issues was proven by the fact that the intensest interest was manifested throughout the entire province in the result here in St. John. And the election of six government members in the two St. John constituencies is the mark of popular approval on the care of local interests by the government at Fredericton and Ottawa. The whole force of Conservatism was directed to the opposition here, and the contest was more bitter and determined than any in either provincial or federal politics since 1882.

at proper character in the interests of the people which was evidenced by the Woodmen's Lien Law, the Workmen's Lien Act and the Act for the Protection of Wage Earners.

To the few Liberals who have recently thrown in their lot with the common political enemy The Telegraph, in the name of the great party whose interests it represents, would extend a welcome to return to their party allegiance. This paper has endeavored throughout the entire contest to utter no word of harshness or condemnation against its own friends who had been wooed—temporarily, let us hope—from their proper place. They were honest in their opposition. Let them be equally honest in once more proclaiming their faith in the grand old Liberalism which has done so much for Canada not only in the way of material advancement, but in breaking down the barriers of sectionalism and political intolerance and in building up a stronger, and a broader, national sentiment.

Had the Sun made a straight, honest fight, its position this morning would not have been as ridiculous as it is. But when the editor of the Tory journal decided to pose as the disinterested counselor of Liberals, and worked himself into a frenzy morning after morning in his attempt to prove that they could properly abandon their organization and assist the Conservative machine in its assault upon the Liberal position, the Sun became fantastically funny.

The Liberals know the Sun and they were prepared to learn that its editor's calculations were made without the slightest idea that they would prove within a mile of the mark. But some of its regular readers who look to the Sun for guidance and who forget between elections how far the Sun's prophet was astray last time, must have encountered a rude shock when the returns came rolling in on Saturday night. The result leaves the principal Tory organ without a leg to stand on. The alleged despatches from its correspondents in the various counties telling of the overwhelming defeat before the government, printed under headlines even more deceptive than the matter which followed, will be remembered as proving how utterly reckless the Sun can become before an election.

Last September, when Mr. Hazen began his campaign prematurely, The Telegraph expressed the opinion that the people could not be carried by a man who had not raised a single issue of importance, and whose position could be best defined as simply against the government. That opinion has been justified. Generally speaking, the result shows that the judgment of this newspaper concerning the state of opinion in this province was accurate. One thing seems pretty certain now—that the Sun in future will confine its attention to matters of the home and the fireside and the Tory party, and offer no more advice to the Liberals.

The Minister of Railways was interviewed by the Ottawa newspapers when he returned to the capital Monday morning, and he expressed himself as highly pleased at the result of the New Brunswick elections. The first point he emphasized was that the victory was a most pronounced Liberal triumph throughout the province, and will strengthen the party immensely in this section. In one or two counties, as Hon. Mr. Blair pointed out, notably in Northumberland, the issue was confused, but Premier Tweedie now has at his back thirty-six supporters, all of whom were elected in a party fight, with the single exception of Mr. Hill, in Charlotte.

The fact that party issues were ignored in one or two districts, the Minister of Railways says with justice, does not alter the fact that the result is a signal Liberal success. It was the first time since Confederation that the provincial battle here was fought on straight party lines. When Mr. Blair became premier of this province, his was a coalition government, supported at first largely by Conservatives, but before he left the smaller field for that of federal affairs, there were many more Liberals in his following. In the course of the interview referred to, Mr. Blair corrected a foolish statement made by the Toronto News, to the effect that in his younger days he was a Conservative, and he had a word to say, also, concerning some unwise advice which was given to the Liberal party here before the election, but which, fortunately, was rejected. Hon. Mr. Blair may well be pleased with the victory.

It is not clear at this writing whether or not the striking Italians at the Sydney mines have just cause for complaint against their employers, but it is plain that their recourse to threats and actual intimidation Monday was not put down too soon and that it is the duty of the authorities to prevent any such demonstration in future.

work, may happen to think about it. The time to deal with disorder bordering on anarchy, as that at Sydney did, is before it has assumed proportions which render blood letting necessary. The Italians who served notice on the Canadian workers that the man who went to work against their orders would be killed, and who armed themselves to carry out their threat and marched behind a red flag, do not know Canada and have a great deal to learn about the spirit of Canadians.

That sort of thing does not go here, and the Canadian workers would not be at all backward in assisting other citizens to make the fact-known should the police prove unable to cope with open violence. Fortunately the few police on hand dealt unhesitatingly with the rioters, and because they did so, the trouble is probably at an end.

No man in this country is forced to sell his labor except on his own terms, but one thing is agreed—that every man shall be free to sell his labor to whom he will and whenever he will without interference, provided the employment be honest. There is no place in these provinces for the red flag or anything which it typifies and it is well that the misguided foreigners at Sydney have learned their first lesson.

He told his hearers that he was the father of the animal story and that Thompson, who used to be Seaton Thompson, admitted his priority. He reminded his audience that Mr. Thompson, Seaton, was a Canadian. He referred also to Bliss Carman and Frank Sherman, who, like Mr. Roberts, are University of New Brunswick men. Mr. Roberts, Mr. Carman and the late Richard Hovey formed a distinguished and intimate trio, and the lecturer must have been somewhat shocked when he found from some of the Toronto newspapers that he had been talking about a Mr. Hubby—a stroke which poor Richard would sorely have enjoyed.

Mr. Roberts spoke of Swinburne and Kipling, and their opinions of the Canadian poets. While he was in England two or three years ago Swinburne said to him: "You young fellows are doing the best work that is being done by your contemporaries in the English language." In saying so, Swinburne mentioned especially by name, Carman and Lamman and Campbell, and the two Scots. On another occasion, when he had sent a copy of a little volume by a New Brunswick writer, Francis Slater, entitled "Matters," to Kipling, he received the answer: "When I take up a volume of Canadian poetry I feel like a crystal gazer looking into the future, and seeing there a man with a broom, sweeping clear the tired literatures and making way for fresh, young, sincere work, which the Canadian fellows are doing."

The poet Canadian literature has done much toward killing off the dime novel and supplying to the boys who formerly read cheap and sensational trash the healthful and instructive wild animal stories, which Thompson-Seaton made popular, but which Mr. Roberts "invented, away back in the eighties." Mr. Roberts makes out a good case for himself and his friends, among whom this province has several—some whose songs have made them famous. We shall not time to hope none of them has done his best work yet, although Mr. Carman might well be content with what he has accomplished.

The Liberals of New Brunswick won a splendid victory. Premier Tweedie has been handsomely returned to power and the opposition leader has come out of the fight with scarcely a corporal's guard of supporters. The contest was one of the keenest in the history of New Brunswick politics and the gratifying result shows that Liberalism in the sister province, as in Nova Scotia, is dominant. The campaign was fought largely on strict party lines and the large majority given to the government is not only an expression of confidence in the administration of Premier Tweedie, but a tribute to Hon. A. G. Blair, the able Minister of Railways, who made a vigorous campaign on behalf of the government. As to Mr. Hazen, the leader of the opposition, he has one consolation. He has beaten his friends in Nova Scotia by some eight seats.

The keen-eyed Chronicle man discovers what no one else was able to detect—consolation for Mr. Hazen. But it's not very consoling.

Mr. Edward Lantieri's election is a source of great delight to the Liberals. He fought a magnificent battle.

The Tory comeback about Mr. Gibson was so thoroughly exposed that it did much harm to the opposition cause.

Mr. Wilson's determined fight to elect Mr. Wilson was not of much benefit to Mr. Wilson's colleagues nor even to Johnny.

The Tories fought a desperate fight in St. John. The victory is all the greater on that account. The Conservative machine will feel the shock of Saturday's defeat for a long time to come.

The Tories' predictions that the Tories would sweep the province and that Mr. Hazen would be called upon to form a cabinet are somewhat foolish this morning. Mr. J. D. Hazen is still the leader of a handful. That's about his size, politically.

The Sagamore of the reprint has a great many more guesses coming to him. His Chronicles of Harmony. He was read enough that the position of the Tories today is sadder still—than that by possible. The public can now see what an extremely foolish idea the reprint was during the campaign.

Harpur's Weekly says, "Canada has decided to have a navy of her own." And opines that this may be a sign that we are getting ready to cut loose from the Empire. And "it is not to be supposed that Canada entertains any idea of using her new toy—for such it must prove—against the United States. At the same time, the day position to do so is there, if by possible, the material sufficient." This Canada of ours is a fierce and relentless country, it appears.

A near relative of Mr. Geo. V. McInerney in this city makes no hesitation in saying that if Tweedie is defeated, McInerney will be premier. Mr. McInerney is just as far from being premier as he is from being the member for Kent, or the local member for St. John. Mr. McInerney is a political barbeque, drifting about in the political sea without any steering gear, as Premier Tweedie very aptly put it.—Moncton Transcript.

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to File His Written Opinions.

The annual meeting of the Nova Scotia

Bar Society on Saturday afternoon

was unusually interesting. Several subjects

of great importance were brought forward,

among which being the proposal to form

a branch Bar Society in Cape Breton with

a library at Sydney, the conduct of Mr.

Justice Meagher in refusing access to his

judgments delivered in the court en banc,

the method of reporting and publishing

the decisions of the court and finally a

resolution expressing the views of the bar

as to the qualifications required in ap-

pointments to the bench.

With regard to the proposed Cape Breton

Bar Society the general feeling seemed

to be that the views of the Cape Breton

bar should be fairly considered, but that

it would not do to weaken the central

library and library by agreeing to the

withdrawal of the Cape Breton bar in a

body. It would not suit them either to be

wholly cut off from the advantages of the

central library. They now only pay two

dollars a year, while the Halifax bar-
risters pay ten.

A committee was appointed to confer

with a view to coming to a

satisfactory agreement.

The master of Judge Meagher's refusal

to file his judgments gave rise to a very

pointed discussion. A letter was read

which had been addressed to the judge

in which he was requested to file his

judgments in the court en banc, and in

his course and enclosing the resolution

of the council on the subject. To this no

reply was made by the judge, who as it was

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ALASKA BOUNDARY

COMMISSION.

The Canadian and British Authorities in Correspondence on the Subject.

Washington, March 2.—Exchanges are in

progress between London and the Cana-

dian authorities regarding the personnel

of the three commissioners which Great

Britain will appoint as her representatives

on the American-British commission that

is to arbitrate the Alaskan boundary question.

It now seems probable that Canada will

be given at least one representative on the

commission. It is the understanding

among officials here that the exchange of

ratiifications will occur at Washington.

Trouble in Colombia Settled.

Panama, Colombia, March 2.—A de-

spatch from San Salvador, received here

today, says General Regalado yesterday

handed over the presidency to General

Pedro Jose Escalón, who was declared

elected Feb. 19. This was the first peace-

ful transfer of the presidency in 30 years,

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