

never once has been proved recreant to those duties or unworthy of the confidence of his associates. Whether in the Legislature or on the public platform he has ever been an advocate of all that can redound to Ontario's welfare, always abreast of the times and ever alive to the interests of the people. The vigorous measures which he advocated early attracted many recruits to his standard, and he gradually won the confidence and support of that great body of the electorate which not being inseparably wedded to a particular party, decides the fate of governments. The political conversion of this body was not instantaneous, however,—a fact which always points to conviction in the convert,—but Mr. Whitney never lost ground; he forged ahead surely but slowly, until finally his appeal to the people in the recent campaign resulted in a triumph without doubt the most sweeping in the political history of Canada.

Mr. Whitney comes to office with a free hand. He has the confidence of 70 of the 98 members of the Legislature and he is entrenched behind a popular majority of 30,000 electoral votes. He has thus every opportunity to prove his fitness for his high position. Nor do we think he will fail to do so.

A man, strong earnest and sincere, in whose nature hypocrisy has no place, his straight forward methods are his strongest characteristic; he is thoroughly acquainted with parliamentary strategy, yet he prefers open fighting; he cares little for public adulation or praise; indeed he forestalled a public demonstration to be given in his honor in Toronto, by arriving in that City unheralded and unexpected; though the eyes of the whole Empire are upon him, he loses little time over the plaudits that hourly greet him; he has a just appreciation of the responsibility of his position. Mr. Whitney's faith in the people is unbounded, and we have little doubt that when he again appeals to them, he will not ask for more, than that he be judged on his record.

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