

THE HAMILTON TIMES

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1908.

BEFORE THE PEOPLE.

There is no scarcity of political candidates in Hamilton. With three in the West riding, and four in the East, even fastidious electors will hardly be hampered for choice.

The Liberals have in East and West Hamilton two worthy candidates—both men of high principles, clearly defined policies, and with the interests of the people at heart.

Glance at the men and policy against which they are pitted. Can it truthfully be said that they merit the support of the people of Hamilton?

Looking at personal pledges solemnly made to the people by the Conservative candidates at last election, we find that perhaps the most prominent was that relating to the immediate abolition of contract prison labor.

And as were the pledges of the candidates disregarded by them as soon as they were elected, so were the promises of the Premier and his ministers ruthlessly broken.

He solemnly pledged himself against the spoils system. He surrendered with-out even a show of resistance to the vilest machine element of his party, and has since made power by a means of billeting hungry office seekers upon the Province.

He promised to reform and improve the educational system. He has placed it in the hands of partisan incompetents, and brought it into chaos.

He promised "a square deal," and at the close of the Legislature he goes out of his way, within two years of a census year, to perpetrate the most subtle and cowardly of gerrymanders, by which he confesses that even with a majority of 42 he feels that he dare not trust himself to the electors whom he has betrayed, deceived, and insulted.

The electors of East and West Hamilton have it in their power to deal with these men on Monday next. There come now before them two candidates who ask them to forgive and forget their detestable violation of the confidences reposed in them and in Whitney less than four years ago.

THE PROVINCE.

The Liberals need not feel the least depressed because six of Whitney's supporters were returned by acclamation yesterday. These constituencies are so uniformly and wholly Tory in their nature that the Liberals very wisely refrained from wasting their ammunition upon them, reserving their fighting strength for those ridings where it would tell.

It was a foregone hope the Liberals had to contend with last election. It is quite a different matter this time. The party is a unit behind its leader. It is full of hope and fight.

The candidates in the constituencies of North and South Wentworth are now officially before the electors, and there remains now but to receive their verdict on the issues presented.

Mr. Scott insists that he doesn't want any license board composed of county officials. We rather thought he wouldn't. There are reasons.

The first thing ex-Adm. Reid knows, he will become unpopular with the Tory machine if he asks such embarrassing questions as those which tied J. J. Scott up in a double bow knot with three half hitches, on Monday.

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It will not be wondered at that such an enormous increase of expenditure calls for explanation and defence. Recklessness of this kind, in the face of promises of contraction in the squandering of money, demands that the strongest reasons be presented for its justification.

Its plea is that the "greater proportion of the growth in Ontario's expenditure has been incurred in extending the agricultural and educational services of the Province."

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Yesterday's Nominations

Table with columns: CONSTITUENCY, LIBERALS, CONSERVATIVES. Lists candidates for various constituencies including Addington, Algoma, Brant, etc.

EXHIBITION BY ART STUDENTS.

THIS YEAR'S SAID TO BE THE BEST YET. Will be Formally Opened at the Art School to-morrow Evening and Continue All Week. The Hamilton Art School's twenty-second annual exhibition of students' work, said to be the best in the history of the institution, will be formally opened to-morrow evening by Provincial Inspector Leake, of the Ontario Department of Education.

OUR EXCHANGES

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