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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10. MR. ROWELL'S NEW LIBERALISM

S INCE the reforms of the Mowat period Ontario politics have been, on the whole, wanting in large issues, constitutional, social and moral. While the Whitney government has labored simply to carry on the Ross policies in Northern Ontario, hydro-electric power development, agriculture, licensing and education, without taking new steps forward of any consequence, in the latter departments particularly, elections have turned on minor squabbles to a degree. But all that is changed this time. A great departure is made in 1914.

Mr. Rowell has turned a stream of fresh ideas upon the barrens of Ontario politics. Childe Rowell to the Dark Tower comes, and blows his manifesto. He has begun to flutter that Castle of Indolence at Toronto. He has raised and forced a great issue. Politics are real and alive again in this province.

It would be extremely foolish of any elector to say to himself today, "I have always voted Tory, or Grit, and I'm going to stick to my colors." The enemies of national temperance will not make such a mistake; Grit or Tory, they will vote against Rowell. Similarly, the enemies of the barroom and all its attendant train of evils must make no mistake, must cast no conventional ballot. They will stultify themselves if they say, "Oh, this abolition of the bar is only a political dodge, part of the game of politics -a mere trick." It is no such thing, but deadly earnest, as every one knows who takes the trouble to study Mr. Rowell's career and character, praised by his opponents even in Toronto, as church conventions know, and as the liquor men

It is evident that Mr. Rowell has in-Itiated a new Liberalism in Ontario. to see its general affinity to the principles | deception was made apparent to all. thing nevertheless, this platform of woman suffrage, workmen's compensation, tax reform and abolition of the bar. It is a Radicalism that appeals to the common man and the fair mind, whether Grit under Mr. Rowell has shot into swift maturity, is social and economic, where the older creed was rather constitutional, It is more concrete and more obviously practical than the abstract doctrinarian. ism of our spendid Victorian fathers. If old party lines could count for nothing in this election, if machine tactics counted for less than they do, if personality and platform were all, there is not the slightest doubt that Mr. Rowell would simply sweep the province, including the Toronto seats so carefully Hannaized. For we believe in Ontario as a moral and sensible community.

As it is. Toronto Conservatives are free enough to say that Mr. Rowell is the coming premier of Ontario. It would be no great surprise to see him carry Toronto, his own city, by adoption, and a city that has pronounced so forcibly for tax reform and married women's suffrage. There is the stamp of high destiny on Mr. Rowell's brow. He has been unafraid to take high and new ground.

THE FARMERS' BANK BILL FIASCO. WHEN the bill to relieve the depositors in the defunct Farmers' Bank from their losses was before the House, the report was current that it was only a little political dodge which the Government had no intention of passing. While, in response to the promises made by Mr. Crothers and other Conservative candidates at the last general election that the bill had been brought in, and would go through the Commons easily, the intention was to smother it in the Senate. And then, of course, the Liberals would be blamed for it, and good campaign material would be secured for use in those constituencies where the

bank victims lived. The rumor was correct, though the results are not altogether what the Government had expected. The bill has been thrown out of the Senate; but it has been thrown out by the votes of Conservative Senators. The "six months' hoist" was given the bill by a vote of 32 to 25- a majority of seven. As eleven Conservatives, headed by the veteran expremier, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, voted with the majority, it will not be easy now to throw the blame on the Liberals. Fourteen of them voted to re-imburse the depositors; eleven Conservatives voted

the men who lost their money through feeling was just as strong among them there Conservatives as Liberals. But Mr. Crothers and other tonservative candi- fermer Bulgaria, which Roumania carved

payment of their losses. And The Advertiser took the ground that the government should bear the full responsibility of anything that was done in this connection. If they decided to pay, we held it would be doubtful if the Liberals should be called on to rescue them from their dilemma. And we see that the Liberal leader in the Senate took practically the same view of the situation when he held that as it was a money bill, the Government should take the full responsibility, and the Senate should not

interfere. Ever since the Borden administration came into power we have had Conservative papers and politicians declaring that the Senate was controlled by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Whatever the Liberal Senators did, or did not, was done, or not done, at the command of the leader of the Opposition. But Sir Wilfrid has no more power over the Liberal Senators than Mr. Bordon has over Conservative Senators. Probably much less, for the leader in power has usually more influence over his following than the leader in Opposition, especially in the case of a body comosed of life members.

No one will question for a moment that if Mr. Borden was determined to get his bill passed, he would have secured the vote of every Conservative Senator neces sary for the purpose. It was known that some Liberal Senators would vote for it. And as the Liberal majority has now dwindled down to a small figure there should have been no difficulty in lining up the Conservative members, and securing its passage. The failure to do that is the best evidence of the Government's duolicity.

The Government tried the same dodge in the case of its naval contribution bill with better success. It was difficult to believe that Mr. Borden himself was very enthusiastic over a proposition so contrary to his own expressed opinions of only a few years previous. It was much more difficult to suppose that the dominant Nationalist section of the Cabine would nullify their own election speeches by willingly voting aid of any kind to the British navy. But with the Liberal opposition against them, they felt that it would be safe to trust to the Senate for did not defeat the bill; it simply asked for its reference to the people. But that colleagues. They dropped the measure promptly and we have heard nothing of it since. But we have heard considerable

This time the scheme failed. The Government passed the Farmers' Bank bill through the House, and trusted to the Liberals of the Senate for its defeat. But as the Liberal majority is now much smaller, it was necessary to throw a few sure. Not knowing just how many Liberals would vote against it, they threw in more Conservative votes than were abso-Liberals of the older school may be proud lutely necessary. And thus the policy of

LET THE FARMERS DECIDE.

N agricultural East Middlesex, the farmers do not want John McFarlan as their member in the legislature.

In the last election he would have been defeated but for the strong Conservative vote in the suburban districts.

Yet John McFarlan knows in the present campaign he is fighting for his political existence, and he grasps at the annexed districts' vote like a drowning man. After sitting in the house for a session, a did not know what had happened his riding until a few days ago. His usefulness as a legislator is thus demonstrated. unfair to keep the annexed districts in the riding, and nothing short of a dishonest attempt to win a doubtful seat by

The Liberals of East Middlesex should fight this attempt to use these outside voters to cancel the votes of farmers who want John Laidlaw as their next member. It would be just as unfair to bring a trainload of voters from Sarnia to vote in London as to permit several hundred citizens of London to vote in East Middlesex, in whose fortunes they are no

High authorities have told the Liberals that there is no law that will permit the annexed districts to vote in East Mid-The annexted voters became voters in London when the annexation cheme was approved.

The Liberals will likely protest the election if it is carried under such conditions, and they will be upheld in a fair court of justice.

Surely Mr. McFarlan is not the type of nen who would have the dice loaded for nim. He asks for the franchises of farmers, not of city people, and victory by such grossly dishonest methods would not lie easy upon his conscience.

THE BATTERED BALKANS.

A PPARENTLY peace in the Balkans has not yet become settled. Manedonian Bulgars are fleeing from Greek and Servian rule wherever they can. Tyranny, massacre and outrage are charged by Bulgarians against their

In Western Macedonia, which was seized by Servia, it is sought to denationalize the prevailingly Bulgarian population. Refugees assert that Servian officials even tear young children from their parents, and transport them into Servia to bring them up as Servians. The same policy of violent denationalization has been set in operation by the Greeks in the Bulgarian portions of Southern Macedonia, which they took as No wonder all the Macedonian Bulgars for Bulgaria or that portion of eastern Macedonia, which Bulgaria's ex-allies al-

dates had pledged the party to the re- from her. All round, the Bulgarian suffers for the arrogance of his politicgrounds no less than on grounds of sacrifice of blood and treasure in the war against Turkey, and on the terms of the treaty between the allies before the war, Bulgaria was entitled to practically all that she claimed; but prudence and consideration for Servia and Greece's disappointments in Albania might have stopped short of the full claim. The result of Austrian interference, of Servian and Greek exigencies, of Roumanian brigandage, and of the horrible barbarities perpetrated by all parties, is a legacy of flercer national hatreds than even before. permanent uneasiness, and the fixed reolve of revenge on the part of the dour Bulgarian against the "friends" who profited by his organized power, sacrifice and valor.

The report of the Carnegie Commission on the atrocity charges finds, on the whole, against the Greeks, and favorable to the Bulgars. A knowledge of the general advancement and educational organization of Bulgaria before the war. makes it prima facte improbable that Bulgarians proper deliberately committed acts of barbarism, even under extreme provocation, though it is conceivable enough that the Macedonian Bulgars, who had enlisted (men brought up in horrors under "the Turkish Night") might and did commit any villainy. The Greek army also contained elements of a savage character. The Carnegie Commission comments on

"a gaudily colored poster seen in the streets of Salonika, and bought eagerly by the returning Greek soldiers. It shows a Greek highlander holding a living Bulgarian soldier with both hands, while he gnaws the face of his victim with his teeth like some beast of prey." Certainly, the Turks appear to have been impressed by the actions of the Greek soldiery against Moslems in Macedonia. The result of accumulated ill feeling between Greek and Turk is that hundreds of thousands of both nationalities are fleeing through Salonika. Moslems going out to Thrace, Greeks coming into Macedonia from eastern Thrace, and even from Asia Minor, whence they have been forced by boycott, eviction and violence. It is reckoned that this double tide of refugees passing through the port of Salonika, has amounted to some 380,000 in the last year and a half. This is a great migration, and the exchange of nationalities in these regions may not be the worst thing in the long run. But for the present, conditions are, evidently, most deplorable. The refugees are commonly stripped of every possession, but what they can carry on their backs. The

economic loss and the human suffering are incalculable. Rally 'Round Rowell!

Rowell and Real Reform!

Mr. John Laidlaw is a man to vote

What must Lo, the poor Indian, think when he sees Canada barring the Hindu' The moving finger writes the name of Newton Wesley Rowell as Ontario's next

It's about time for the Conservative press to call all the churches wings of the Liberal party.

Mr. Rowell was the gadfly that bit the Government till it let Workmen's Com-

an organ wheezing off when the bellows rich blossom in their dust. nan fell asleep for a minute

Whether to clean up the old one or get a new one, has started many a Panama controversy these days

A million dollar Government House for society to play in. Last session the rural school grants were cut a quarter

The farmers of East Middlesex, not the people residing in the City of London, should decide which man is to be chosen o represent an agricultural riding

Rev. John Coburn has been nominated by the temperance people in West Simcoe to oppose Hon. Jimmy Duff. He knows as much about calves as Jimmy

Some Liberals may have been rejected because they would not swear allegiance fight has yet to make its appearance at a Rowell convention.

Mr. Hanna's flock of candidates runs every which way after strange gods, bolition of the bar, woman suffrage, tax reform. Will he crack the whip before or after the election?

Mr. McFarlan just found out that the annexed districts belong in his riding. He must have been inoculated with "Seven Sleepers" knockout drops when he struck Queen's Park.

The Conservative candidate for Riverdale in Toronto has declared himself for the Rowell Abolish-the-Bar policy. That policy will go through on Conservative votes if the thing keeps up.

ing at Niagara Falls this summer should get quarters close to the U. S.-Mexican peace delegates. In this way they could earn how to patch up quarrels.

recent illness. For instance, he has or-East Essex. Same old bulldozing.

Rudyard Kipling says that he has no intention of being a candidate for anything; but his recent attack on Mr.

-- and the Worst Is Yet to Come



CAMPAIGN COMMENT

[Windsor Record.] Hon. W. J. Hanna and Mr. G. Howard Ferguson are understood to have a little more whitewash left. but don't delay in sending your application for what you

need. The time is getting short. A MERE TRIFLE. [Kingston Whig.] The Ontario Government borrowed five millions of dollars for the development of Northern Ontario, and spent about half

of it for other purposes. But a little irregularity of that kind is nothing to the Whitney Government.

LABOR'S FRIEND. [Stratford Beacon.] true friend of labor, and with the Liberal party in power there would be no danger of retrogression on what has already been attained. There would be continued advancement in accordance

with Mr. Rowell's declarations. NOT A SPLIT-A GULF.

[Guelph Mercury.] split. It looks more like a gulf now.

NOT RESOLUTIONS-BALLOTS. [Brantford Expositor.]

The abolition of the bar in this prov ince is not to be secured by resolutions of church courts, but by ballots, properly marked, and placed in the ballot-box. NOT CONSISTENT.

[Stratford Beacon.]

million dollars' tax on the Strathcona estate. If the new Lloyd George budget bore on the case, the duty would be over Mr. Hanna's temporary silence was like five millions. The savings of the super-

[Chicago News.] Crimes committed in cars of moving railroad trains should eventually convince Europe that its passenger coaches with isolated compartments for ill assorted travelers ought to be abolished.

POOR VINCENT. [Montreal Mail.]

Vincent Astor's honeymoon has been marred by a fire in the coal bunkers of His is not the first honeymoon to be spoiled by troubles over coal.

THE PRELIMINARY CANTER [Flint Journal.] The sweet girl graduates are now taking their examinations at the dress-

WAS ACQUAINTED.

[London Chronicle.] Doubtless at Sandwich the disapointed golfers will like to remember the case of Mr. Justice Lawrence, and the boy witness. The judge asked him to the Rowell policy; but the factional if he was acquainted with the nature of an oath. "Of course I am," replied the boy; "ain't I your caddie?"

A HUMAN TRAIT. [Toronto Star.]

To the present discussion as regards the loss of the Empress of Ireland may be applied the words of William de Morgan 'The most deeply-rooted instinct of mankind is the one that prompts it to lay

From Western Ontario Press

ONE GOOD RESULT. [Watertown Times.] The tango is accomplishing a good purose. It attracts the Spaniards from bull fights, and it is a far less brutal sport

ELGIN COUNTY PEA. [St. Thomas Journal.] growth of vegetables can be inreased 75 per cent by the use of elec-

tricity there is hope that some day the Elgin County pea, which now rolls and coyly from the fork, will be large enough to be jabbed firmly amidships REMARKABLE. [Chatham News.]

One of the most remarkable instances

of patience is afforded by the Port Stan-

ley young woman who allows herself to be taught to swim every time the water is sufficiently warm.

[Brantford Expositor.] Mr. Claude Grahame-White says he will attempt in 1915 to fly across the Atlantic, and thinks he can make the trip in 60 hours. Many things may happen between now and 1915, and among others there is the possibility that Grahame-White will change his mind.

AND EVERYBODY MAY FORGET.

merit in local option for municipalities but no superior merit in the "banish the bar" policy which would cover the whole province, the very thing that has been aimed at by the temperance agitation for half a century, can lay no claim to consistency or sincerity. The larger plan including the smaller is plainly the nearer the temperance ideal. The consistent man is he who opposes both plans, and stands for the open bar in the larger or smaller

> MR. ROWELL'S GROWTH. [Hamilton Times.]

We doubt if there is any other statesman in Canada who has come to the front so rapidly as has Mr. N. W. Rowell, K.C., the leader of the Ontario Opposition. When Mr. Rowell first entered the House Sir James Whitney treated him with supercilious indifference, bordering upon impertinence. He apparently looked upon the new Liberal leader as a lightweight. as a greenhorn not worth bothering with But not many weeks elapsed before Sir James awakened to the fact that he had no ordinary man to deal with. Then he no split in the Conservative ranks in the new and untried man soon proved It's long since ceased to be a that he was more than a match for Sir James. His bludgeon blows were met and parried with a rapier-like skill that resulted in the Premier wildly beating the air, while Mr. Rowell tickled him under the fifth rib and made him howl and growl. So well informed, so clever in de bate, and so resourceful and ready did Mr. Rowell prove to be that now he is the most feared man in the House. He has forged to the front. He is the leading figure in the Legislature, and will soon The temperance man who can see high be the leading figure in the province.





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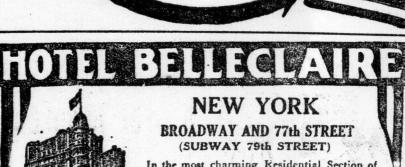
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