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The Ambitious Mr. Beck.

His organ would have the public believe that Mr. Beck is cabinet timber. Says the organ:

"Should Mr. Whitney accede to power, there would be little question as to the high place Mr. Beck would be called to fill and there would be no question in the Conservative ranks of his ability to fill it creditably."

A political tyro, ambitious of preferment, should seek to qualify himself for it and win the regard of his leader by applying himself to his public duties. It is notorious that Mr. Beck during his first session was seldom in his seat in the House. An afternoon at the Woodbine may be more exhilarating than a debate on the Ditches and Watercourses Act, but it is not an exercise in statesmanship. Mr. Beck may claim that his duties as mayor interfered with his attendance at the Legislature, but he ought not to have held the two offices at the same time, knowing that he could not do full justice to both. If he looked for advancement at Toronto he stood in his own light. His best friend cannot conscientiously say that he displayed any marked aptitude for parliamentary work, or made any impression upon his colleagues. He spoke in the House only twice, one of his speeches being made in defense of the practice of docking horses' tails. In the numerous states of Mr. Beck's name has not once appeared. The first mention of him in this connection comes from his own organ, and will be received by the public with surprise and incredulity. We are not disparaging Mr. Beck's ability in saying that his promotion would be absurd and impossible. He has not put himself in training for higher things. A parliamentary reputation must be acquired by gifts of speech, but these Mr. Beck—and it is no discredit to him—does not possess. The only other method is the plodding one, and it is not to Mr. Beck's credit, if he aspires to a cabinet position, that he has shunned the dry, laborious work of the Legislature. Some of the other members of the Opposition have been models of industry, compared with him, and could not be passed over in his favor, if there were favors to grant.

Tactics of the Opposition.

Before they acquired the use of gunpowder, the Chinese went into battle with a terrific beating of tom-toms, followed by the discharge of stink-pots and vile-smelling mixtures, the plan being to terrify the enemy by noise and then stupefy him by vile odors before smiting him hip and thigh; just as in modern warfare one army attempts to shake the other by artillery before launching an infantry or cavalry charge.

The tactics of the Opposition in the Ontario campaign resemble those of the Chinese. There is a great beating of tom-toms to begin with. It must be admitted that the Opposition has some genius for the production of noise. In this line Mr. Whitney has few equals and no superior. He is the Megaphone of Ontario politics. His speeches are all cry and no wool, as the gentleman said when he sheared the pig; or, to be more classical in allusion, they are "like a tale of little meaning though the words are strong." He has a lusty chorus shouting "corruption!" at the top of the voice, in the hope of putting some spirit into the Conservative party and affrighting weak-kneed Liberals. The firing line is throwing the stink pots of slander and defamation. These methods may succeed in creating a stench, but it has yet to be shown that they will win a victory. They were employed against Sir Oliver Mowat and Arthur Sturges Hardy, who were destined to be crowned with laurels by their tractors, Alexander Mackenzie, one of the purest souls ever dedicated to the service of this country, was heartlessly reviled by those who were ready to strew flowers upon his grave. So it is and will be with Mr. Ross.

If Liberal leaders are to be pelted with calumny, merely because they are the leaders of the Liberal party; if they cannot expect justice or fair play from their opponents, let them, if they are worthy, at least have the assurance of the unshaken loyalty and confidence and the aggressive support of those who call themselves Liberals. In the present campaign it behooves Liberals to stand shoulder to shoulder to repel the calumnies upon Mr. Ross. He has deserved well of his party by the unflinching pluck and courage with which he has grappled with the extraordinary difficulties which have been thrust upon him since he assumed the premiership. He has achieved wonders, but he has not had a free hand to work out his progressive ideas for the welfare and development of the Province. He has been hampered by a small majority and has had to fight for his political life. Liberals owe it to him to spare no effort to give him such strength in the next house as will enable him to carry out the policy formulated by the great convention of the party. They owe it to him to see that he is not slandered out of office.

The Truth About North Waterloo.

You are asked to turn out of power the party that for thirty years kept the ballot pure and never tampered with a ballot-box—G. W. Ross, at Belleville.

If Mr. Ross would read the Journal of the Ontario Legislature, he would find that he is entirely in error. The Journal of 1900, for instance, contains a flat contradiction of this assertion by the Premier of Ontario. It

is found in the return of the North Waterloo bye-election, printed in the official proceedings by order of the House of Assembly. — London Free Press.

Our contemporary goes on to say, with a characteristic disregard of facts, that no proceedings were taken against the men reported for corruption in this bye-election. Two deputy returning officers, Wildfong and Cummings, were reported by the judges for defacing and fraudulently miscounting ballots. The star witnesses against them were Allan R. Shantz and Albert Bossard. The report of the judges was presented to the Legislature in the session of 1901, and until this report was presented the Government could take no action. In the meantime, what happened? Bossard made an affidavit, stating that John H. Stumpf, Edward Scully (president of the Conservative Association of the riding), and other prominent Conservatives told him before the election that the Conservative party would be returned to power, and that in any event he would have to look to them for a renewal of his liquor license, as the license board of the district was controlled by Randall & Ross, liquor merchants, and other influential Conservatives. They instructed him, "try and work in" with the Grit organizers, and get all the money he could out of them. After the election Scully promised him that if he would make an affidavit and give evidence at the trial, he (Scully) would procure an extension of his (Bossard's) license, Stumpf and Scully instructed Bossard what to say in the box, and told him other witnesses would swear to the same thing. Bossard gave the evidence required of him, and was promised \$100 by Scully. The sum was reduced to \$50, and a check for that amount, signed by the officers of the Conservative organization, was handed by Scully to Stumpf for delivery to Bossard after the trial. Stumpf suggested that it would be more discreet to take the money out in clothing, and to this Bossard consented. Stumpf gave him clothing on three different occasions, and Bossard signed notes, which Stumpf discounted at the Bank of Commerce at Berlin, and paid himself when they became due.

The notes were produced by Mr. Geo. Graham, M. P., in the Legislature, in March, 1901, together with Bossard's affidavit. Shantz, the other Conservative witness, upon whose evidence the judges based their report, confessed that he received a check for \$50 from Scully for his evidence. He had offered to sell his evidence to the Liberal party. When the report of the judges reached the Legislature, the Attorney-General instructed the crown attorney against Wildfong and Cummings. All possible steps were taken to secure convictions, a witness being brought all the way from Alberta. The case of Wildfong was taken up first, but there was not the slightest evidence to convict him. The county crown attorney, a strong Conservative, did not even think a conviction could be asked for, and concluded to drop the Cummings case, which was the weaker of the two. This is the authentic history of the North Waterloo election case, upon which the Opposition has reared a structure of slander.

An Anglican Endorsement.

Rev. Dr. Sheraton, principal of Wycliffe College, Toronto, is satisfied with the temperance policy of the Liberal party. He says:

"The platform is a distinct advance on any temperance platform yet laid down by any party in Ontario. It contains much for which we ought to be thankful. Of course, it is a compromise, and a compromise never pleases the wing elements of any party. But it contains a practical basis for legislation that should prove a decided step in advance in the cause of temperance. The Liberal party is now committed to a definite programme, not laid down by a few ministers, but carried by discussion in a large representative convention. We should expect them to live up to their programme or retire from the political arena in disgrace."

"And as to the duty of temperance people?"

"They should vote for the platform as a pledge to that programme of reform."

"But how does this platform square with prohibition? We need as preliminaries the abolition of the bar and the treating habit—and public education."

"Then you think the Liberal platform on temperance more satisfactory than that of the Conservatives?"

"Mr. Whitney has offered us practically nothing but the present system and a better enforcement of the law, but then we are used to that sort of promise."

The War Operations.

The menace of Nogi's big army and heavy siege artillery already hurrying to the reinforcement of Oyama, has stirred Kuropatkin to action. On Wednesday and Thursday his Cossack raiders, making a wide detour, dashed at the railroad far to the south of the Japanese lines and succeeded in destroying a section of the track. They also attacked New Chwang and several smaller places, but according to Tokyo dispatches, were driven off at all points. The Russian cavalry appear to have taken the Japanese completely by surprise, as they had reached the vicinity of Liao Yang before meeting with resistance. With the well-known alertness of the Japanese in mind this raid of the Russian horsemen becomes something of an achievement.

The rumors of last week to the effect that the Baltic fleet was to be recalled appear to have been unfounded. Rojestvensky is still somewhere in the Indian Ocean, supposedly at the Chagos Islands, and the second section of his command is at present on its way through the Suez Canal.

PURITY EXHIBIT--NO 2.

Dr. Beattie Nesbitt controls the Conservative machine in Toronto, where his word is law with the party. He is one of Mr. Whitney's right-hand men and will expect a seat in the cabinet, if the Opposition carries the Province. In 1894 he tried to purchase the Conservative nomination in Cardwell for the House of Commons, which had been tendered W. B. Willoughby, a Toronto barrister, and dictated this disgraceful letter:

"Toronto, Oct. 9, 1894.

To W. B. Willoughby, Esq., Barrister, Toronto:

"In consideration of your retiring from the nomination of the Conservative party of the county of Cardwell in my favor, and if I secure the nomination and am elected, I agree as follows: To pay you when I become the nominee \$350, and the further sum of \$1,000 cash on my election for said county, to appoint you my election agent at the bye-election, and also general elections next held, hereafter paying you therefor what we mutually agree upon as a fit remuneration to retain you as my solicitor to act for me in the event of any protests, if any, after such bye-election and general election. In regard to my (or any) obligation to Jennie Bell, of Bolton, on account of any action she may threaten or claim she has upon you in regard to an investment of her money in a Toronto mortgage, I will do everything in my power to arrange this matter for you, and will use all my influence to procure her an appointment. I will use every effort in my power to procure for you the position and appointment of a county judge in the Province of Ontario so soon hereafter as may be, and not later than the following times named: In the event of the present Dominion Government being defeated at the next general elections, then such appointment to be procured before the Government gives up power and a new cabinet is selected; in the event of the said Government being sustained, then within three years of the date hereof; to transfer to you as quickly as possible the conducting of all my legal business; to procure for you the appointment or title of a Q. C. (Queen's Counsel), at the next general appointments to that title as some further equivalent for your retiring in my favor as above, and sacrificing your political future for my own. I also agree to give four promissory notes, each for the sum of \$1,000, in your favor, payable as follows:

"(The terms and dates were not set down in the draft, and subsequently scored out). "These notes are not to be paid at all in the event of your securing the said appointment as county judge at either said times, but are to be deemed in a measure as equivalent for my failure to so appoint you, or procure your appointment; to have your brother, S. B. Willoughby, of the department of the interior, Ottawa, promoted from a third-grade to a second-class clerk within two years after I enter Parliament. This written memorandum embodies the substance and result of our several conversations, and I regard myself in honor as bound to fulfill its terms in spirit and letter."

Dr. Nesbitt says he did not write this letter and that it was proposed by Willoughby. The latter is now practicing his profession in Moosejaw, N. W. T. On Thursday last the Toronto Globe informed him by telegraph of Dr. Nesbitt's denial and accusation. Mr. Willoughby at once wired back that the offer was made by Nesbitt, a fact well known to many Toronto people, adding:

"I refute this lie for the last time. Though the absent are always wrong, I place my word against that of person named (Dr. Nesbitt)."

Dr. Beattie Nesbitt is a man whom the politicians who are prating about purity delight to honor!

Preparations are already afoot to fit out a third squadron for operations in the far east. With a Japanese fleet also cruising in the Indian Ocean news may come at any hour of another great naval battle between the fleets of the Czar and the Mikado.

Russia has once more complained to the powers of Chinese breach of neutrality, and intimates that in future she will take the matter of punishment into her own hands. As the Czar is not in a position to do this at the present stage of the situation, the announcement is probably made with an eye towards redress when a peace settlement comes up for discussion.

The Russian loan just placed on the money markets of Europe has been very successful. In Germany it was largely oversubscribed. Apparently it was a matter of money alone Russia could carry the war to a victorious issue.

Mr. Rumball is a fair man.

Mr. Rumball has labored for 25 years to build up London.

The Liberal party is the only party that demands purity in its own ranks.

Mr. Beck has qualified to be Minister of the Exterior.

Rumball has done a good deal for London. One good turn deserves another.

Beck merits a sound beating for his bigoted partisanship in the Mayor's chair.

Beingough's cartoon on page 9 today should have been credited to the Toronto Globe.

There are two more reasons why Mr. Beck will not enter the cabinet. One is F. G. Rumball and the other is G. W. Ross.

Mr. Clancy was acclaimed at Chatham as the next minister of agriculture. Would-be Tory ministers are as thick as Kentucky colts.

The Free Press has not had the manliness to publish Col. Peters' statement about the Armories. Its pious headed attacks on Mr. Hyman in this matter are beneath contempt.

The Liberal party has furnished clean government at Ottawa and Toronto. The Conservative Government at Ottawa was rotten to the core. Don't experiment with the same party at Toronto.

The Conservative papers amuse themselves by printing a yarn to the effect that Mr. Ross met Gamey at the opening of the Legislature and greeted him with, "Good boy, Bob!" Mr. Ross never spoke to Gamey in his life.

The Free Press says The Advertiser tells a lie, "pure and simple" when it says the Ontario Government has promised to contribute 25 per cent of the cost of the breakwater. The Advertiser has it from Dr. Routledge's own lips that the Premier gave him the pledge. Dr. Routledge and the Premier are not liars, whatever our nice-spoken contemporary may say about this great home journal.

A Deserved Rebuke.

[C. E. Naylor, Essex, to the Toronto News.]

The principle of common law, that a man is to be considered as innocent until he has been proved guilty, and that testimony given with obvious motives cannot be accepted without substantial corroboration, holds good in political as well as in criminal cases. The News has been one of the most flagrant violators of this principle. It did not wait for evidence, defense or trial in the Gamey case to condemn Stratton. And, of course, it must disagree with the judgment of honest and

competent judges of Conservative traditions, because it did not serve the political ends of the News so plainly manifested by its indecent haste to condemn without trial a public man who had previously borne good character. No one knows better than you, sir, that the Tory press has a record for blackmailing Liberal public men after this fashion, and it has been a great disappointment to many of your friends to find you trailing the News alone the same slimy path. I am among the many who, conscious of the power of the press for good or evil, lovers of truth and believing it to be the best antidote for political and moral evils, had hoped that the News would justify its independence, and have been sadly disappointed to find it instead a wolf in sheep's clothing.

More Salary For Laurier.

[Manitoba Free Press.]

As for the Premiership of Canada, which has a salary attached to it less than that of many a bank manager, to say nothing of a railway manager, there is nobody who will pretend that the country pays Sir Wilfrid Laurier any more than a fraction of what his services to Canada are worth.

"Scotched" Now.

[Montreal Star.]

Mr. Whitney may now be said to be "Scotched."

In the Midst of It.

[Detroit Tribune.]

"Are you the head of the house?" asked the agent.

"The what?" asked the agitated man at the door.

"Oh, you mean the main works. Just make yourself comfortable on the steps, brother, till I come back and then I'll tell you know, we're settling it now."

A Dream With a Moral.

[Chicago Post.]

A rich lady dreamed that she went to heaven, and there saw a mansion being built. "Whom is that for?" she asked of the guide.

"For your gardener."

"But he lives in the tiniest cottage on earth, who could room for his family. He might live better if he did not give away so much to the miserable poor folks."

Further on she saw a tiny cottage being built. "And whom is that for?" she asked.

"That is for you."

"But I live in a mansion on earth. I would not know how to live in a cottage."

The words she heard in reply were full of meaning. "The Master Builder is doing his best with the material that is being sent up."

Then she awoke, resolving to lay up treasure in heaven.

A New Drink for Ontario.

[Toronto Star.]

He—Your brother's an awful Grit, isn't he?

She—Why do you ask?

He—Last night, in McConkey's buffet, I heard him order a Whitney and soda.

Briefly Told.

[Brantford Expositor.]

Since confederation, 27 Liberals and 4 Conservatives, members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario have been unseated for corrupt practices.

Percentage of Liberals unseated to number elected, 5.6. Percentage of Conservatives unseated to number elected, 2.42.

Since the general elections of 1902 five Liberals and five Conservatives have been unseated for corrupt practices.

Which is the party of purity? Since the elections of 1902 eight persons have been reported for corrupt practices in Ontario elections—seven Liberals and one Conservative.

Right Living and Good Looks.

[Philadelphia Post.]

Until less than a generation ago all the personal beauty was regarded among us as tolerable weaknesses in the female, and as intolerable indications of sap-headedness in the male. The advertisements indicate how rapidly all this has changed. The price of good looks is right living. And the reward of right living is health.

The Tory Policy Closed.

[Hamilton Times.]

Here are a few of the assets in the shape of "policies" that the Ontario Opposition has stored away in the

"What We Advertise Is So."

KINGSMILL'S

Special Sale of All-Wool French Flannels.

If you have not attended our daily sales it will pay you to do so at once. Compare our quality and values, and the difference in price will astonish you. Special sale of All-Wool French Flannels commences Monday at 8:30 o'clock.

Announcing Great French Flannel Sale for Monday.

There is every reason why we should say an appreciative word for our handsome selection of French Flannels. The finest qualities are to be found here. Special clearance of

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This special lot includes 30 of the very latest and best patterns, each possessing a different style of its own. Come early Monday morning and get first choice.

French Flannels for Blouses

Special selection of 30 patterns of All-Wool French Flannels. All the latest and most up-to-date designs. These will make the very best blouses. Greatest value ever offered. Regular prices 50c to 60c, on sale Monday only, for..... **33c**

party museum, gathering moths and dust:

One "Protestant Horse," spavined.

One "Eye-Opener" — not Whitney's Napanee one.

One Ross Bible—defaced.

One lot "Facts for Irish Electors."

One "Calf with a Cough." Dr. Beattie Nesbitt's best efforts failed to cure it.

One "Ram Dan" — (only his ghost now).

"Silver Medal Bull" — a little tough.

One "Humber Pigger" — needs deodorizing.

On being a vacancy yet for another policy, it is: "The Seven Vials of Slander and Abuse." To be sealed up on the 25th of January next.

A CLEVER CAPTURE

A Cobourg Constable Catches a Notorious Thief in the Act.

Cobourg, Ont., Jan. 13. — A clever capture was made by Police Constable Rourke early this morning.

While on his beat on Division street, the constable noticed the figure of a man in the rear of J. H. Campbell's general drygoods store. Hurrying to the back entrance, Rourke forced his way in, and at the point of a revolver, made his man throw up his hands.

On being conveyed to the police station the culprit was identified as "Bud" Agnew, a notorious crook, who has already served several terms in the Central Prison for similar offenses in different part of the Province.

AN ENCYCLICAL LETTER

Pope to Issue One for the Benefit of South Americans.

Wilenstadt, Curacao, Jan. 14. — Advice received here show that the Archbishop of Caracas, Most Rev. G. E. Castro, has learned from the Vatican that the Pope, approving of the archbishop's suggestion, is about to issue a most important encyclical letter addressed to the episcopacy, clergy and people of Latin America. The Pontiff, in this letter, recognizes the unhappy condition of the Central and South American Republics, and attributes it to civil and internal discord which prevents the development of free institutions and disturbs the peace indispensable to progress and civilization. The encyclical condemns what South Americans call the "Right of rebellion," as being the origin of all evils, urges peace and the observance of Christian principles, establishes the duties of the people and their rulers, and recommends the clergy and episcopacy to set an example to the people.

Are you wanting special value in boys' or girls' school shoes? Call at W. B. Lawson's, 108 Dundas street.

The first bank established in the United States was incorporated at Philadelphia, Dec. 31, 1781.

Drs. Luke and Colon Smith, well-known dentists, of 3905 Richmond street, have decided to have special hours at their residences, 829 King street and 23 Marley Place, South London, respectively, for the convenience of patrons who are busy during the day. The hours will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings.

AUCTION SALE

The Stock of the Late J. E. ADKINS will be sold by Public Auction. Sale Starts at 7:30 p. m., Monday. J. H. HAVILL, Auctioneer.

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Special Notice.

Cushions! Cushions! Feather and down cushions, 50 cents each. Goose feather pillows, mattresses, springs, beds, brass and iron bed, from \$3 each. Bedroom suits, sideboards, spring couches, fancy chairs, rockers, children's tables, at Hunt & Sons, Mattress and Feather Pillow Manufacturers, 593 Richmond street north. Phone 927.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DISTEMPER.

Samuel Hopkins in 1796 took out the first American patent. It secured him the right to make potash.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Vapo-Cresolene tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

ILDERTON.

Ilderton, Jan. 13. — On Monday evening, the 15th inst., Rev. R. Hobbs, president of the London Conference, will deliver his lecture on "The Triangular Man," in the Ilderton Methodist Church, commencing at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited also at Wesley on the 17th inst.

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