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Monday's Elections.

The Provincial elections held in Ontario and Quebec on Monday last went strongly in favor of the Conservatives. It was certainly a bad day for the Liberals. In Ontario before the dissolution, Premier Whitney had a majority of 45 in a House of 97 members; that is to say 71 Conservatives and 26 Liberals. The new Legislature will have 106 members and so far Premier Whitney seems to have 87; the Liberals 18 and 1 independent. In Toronto where 30 candidates were running for 8 seats, the eight straight Conservatives were elected, turning down all the Grit independents, laborites and socialists. Every member of the Government was elected. These figures give Whitney a majority of 68. Later returns may improve even this. There were great predictions by the Grit papers as to the losses Whitney was likely to sustain. From the facts all must admit that Whitney is all right, and that the electors of Ontario are capable of appreciating good Government.

In Quebec the Gouin Government suffered severely in the day's contest; but unfortunately not sufficiently severe to put it out of action. The figures at present available seem to indicate that 20 members in opposition to the Government have been elected. In the last House there were but seven Opposition members. It will thus be seen that great gains have been made. The most exciting part of the day's battle was in St. James district of Montreal, where Henri Bourassa was running against Premier Gouin. This was supposed to be an impregnable Liberal stronghold; but Bourassa was successful, defeating the Premier by something in the vicinity of 40 votes. The Premier took the precaution to run also in Port Neuf, a Liberal stronghold. Here he has been elected by a small majority. Bourassa also ran in two constituencies. His other district was St. Hyacinthe, a strong Liberal riding, and he was elected in this district, too. All these things show how the tide is running against the Liberals, even in Quebec. Later information may show that the Conservatives have done still better in Quebec; but the figures already given prove that Monday was a bad day for the Grits where they considered themselves strongest.

The Iniquitous Franchise Bill.

In the fight which the Opposition have for the past few weeks, been waging for constitutional rights in the House of Commons at Ottawa, the Patriot, taking its cue from the leading government organs, has done its best to disseminate misinformation regarding the matter in dispute. As in all other questions in dispute between the Government and Opposition, whether Local or Federal, our contemporary has done its best to conceal from its readers the real issues in the case and to mislead them

by dishing up, from day to day, columns of falsehood and abuse of the Conservative party. The policy of concealment and deception, it is quite plain, has been agreed upon by the whole Liberal party, and must be adhered to through thick and thin, no matter how outrageously glaring and in consistent this must appear to even the most casual observer. Even when we cannot agree with the course pursued by some public men, it is not necessary to exhaust our vocabulary of abuse and vituperation in the hope arousing antagonism against them. The descent to such tactics is the strongest possible confession of a week and untenable cause. In the matter under review, the Opposition in the Federal Parliament are engaged in a worthy and patriotic cause. If they failed to take any other course than the one on which they are proceeding, they would certainly fail in the duty and fall short of discharging the obligation that rests upon them as loyal and patriotic men, sent to Parliament by the electors to legislate, as far as in them lay, in behalf of the rights of all the people; to labor for justice and fair play to the tax payers of Canada, regardless of political affiliations. This is what the Opposition are doing, and for which they will receive the thanks of all honest and honorable men throughout the Dominion. But, for undertaking to accomplish their bounden duty, fearlessly and well, the Patriot and other journals of its ilk can find no words sufficiently vile to apply to them.

The Patriot and other Government organs exert their ingenuity to impress upon their readers that the Franchise bill before Parliament is a fair and reasonable document. To begin with, the bill under consideration is an attempt, on the part of the Government to destroy the last remaining plank of the Liberal platform adopted in 1893. Every other plank of that platform, adopted by the Liberals in Opposition, has been violated and disregarded by the Liberals in power, and now they are engaged in this attempt to break and destroy the only remaining one. The Provincial franchise for Federal elections was agreed upon at the convention of 1893, and up to the present time has been generally adhered to; but in the bill before Parliament an attempt is made to throw this to the winds, at least so far as Manitoba and British Columbia are concerned. Why so anxious to adopt a Federal franchise in these Provinces? Is it because the Provincial Governments in these Provinces have become Conservative within the last few years? Of course it is; and is it not a glaring confession of the Government's determination to act in a partisan and unprincipled manner towards the electors of those Provinces? The Patriot and its Liberal co-workers will tell you that the bill before Parliament is a fair and reasonable measure. The fact is that this bill is nothing less than a device to disfranchise the Conservatives in the Provinces in question.

The present franchise of Manitoba is admitted by Liberals and Conservatives to be reasonable and fair to all parties. This has been admitted by the Leader of the Opposition in Manitoba, who has been placed in a most difficult position by the efforts of the promoters of the bill to extort from him a statement that might be useful to them in furthering their nefarious designs. Three different attempts have been made to have him placed on record against the present franchise regulations of that Province; but none of his answers, will as we may be sure he

was, has been of much use to them as an argument in favor of the new franchise.

The lists in Manitoba are revised every year in the month of May; but by the principal clause of the bill before Parliament, it is sought to take the preparation of the lists out of the hands of the Provincial authorities and hand it over to partisans appointed by the Dominion Government, after the writs for the Dominion elections have been issued. This means empowering unscrupulous Government manipulators to strike off and place on the lists such names as they may deem suitable for their purposes. Before the last Dominion election this was done without authority, by what is known as the "thin red line" arrangement. By this means thousands of Conservatives were disfranchised. Now it is sought to have Legislative authority to accomplish what was then done by fraud. Another clause of the bill attempts to legalize the placing any kind of marks on the ballots, by deputy returning officers. One can easily see what the effects of such an enactment would be in the hands of unscrupulous returning officers appointed by the Government. Another clause calls for the numbering of such ballots as the deputy returning officer may deem fit. This along with the clause permitting marks on the ballots, would have the effect of completely destroying the secrecy of the ballot. This is the manner of franchise bill that the Government are attempting to foist upon the electors of Manitoba and British Columbia; a bill framed specially to disfranchise the Conservatives. To prevent the passage of such a bill the Opposition are exerting all their constitutional rights, and surely, in this patriotic duty they will have the approval of all honest and honorable citizens of Canada.

St. Dunstan's College.

There was a large attendance at the Commencement Exercises of St. Dunstan's College on Monday last, and a splendid programme was presented and admirably carried out. The weather was charming and the assembled throngs were in the best of humor. The distribution of special prizes; the reading of the Alumni prize essay; the Valedictory and the rendering of excellent vocal numbers by the College Glee Club, made up a delightful programme. The address to the graduates was delivered by Rev. John T. Murphy. The prizes were handed to the winners by Mrs. McKinnon, wife of the Lieut. Governor. At the close excellent and appropriate brief addresses were delivered by his Lordship Bishop McDonald, Rev. Dr. Curran, Rector of the College, his Honor Lieut. Governor McKinnon, Premier Hazzard, J. A. Mathieson, Esq., Leader of the Opposition, Dr. Anderson, Chief Superintendent of Education, Rev. Dr. F. X. Morrison, of California, A. B. Warburton, Dr. Conroy and American Consul Hale. The Rev. Rector had the pleasing information to impart to those assembled that the year just closed had broken all records as to the number of students in attendance. There had been one hundred and sixty-six students enrolled. Of that number no less than eighty were from places outside this Province, from other Provinces of the Dominion and the United States. Referring to this fact, the Rev. Rector pointed out that each of these students paid about \$200. That showed that the College had been the means, during the year just closing, of bringing some \$16,000 in cash into the Province. All the speakers paid high tribute to the excellence of the work done in the institution, as exemplified by the exhibition given at the closing exercises. The large and beautiful Convocation Hall was beautifully and appropriately decorated for the occasion. The names of this year's graduating class are: L. A. Richard, Stanford, P. Q.; P. V. McCarvell, Kinross, P. E. Island; E. W. Wallace, Brighton, Mass.; C. P. McCarthy, Sea Cow Pond, P. E. I.; F. M. O'Neill, Fredericton, N. B.; J. E.

Bourival, Three Rivers, P. Q.; E. L. Villeneuve, Yamachiche, P. Q.; B. J. Murdoch, Chatham, N. B.; A. Arsenault, Mt. Carmel, P. E. I.; J. E. Gillis, Miscouche, P. E. I.; Thomas Thibault, Desmonts, P. Q. The Alumni prize essay was won by P. V. McCarvell, and the Valedictory was delivered by Chester P. McCarthy.

The Diplomas and special prizes were won as under:

(1) Diploma in Book-keeping awarded to Jean C. Gagnon and Aeneas B. MacDonald.
(2) Medal for Religious Instruction presented by his Lordship Bishop McDonald: won by A. J. Arsenault.

(3) Medal for Essay presented by the Alumni Association: won by P. V. McCarvell.
(4) Blake Medal for Philosophy: won by A. J. Arsenault.

(5) Special prize for Chemistry presented by his Honor Lieut. Gov. McKinnon: won by J. J. Steele.
(6) Gold Piece for Philosophy presented by Peter Cameron Richmond: won by W. J. Grant.

(7) Gold Piece for Higher Mathematics presented by "a friend": won by Joseph J. Steele.
(8) Gold Piece for Senior Latin presented by Dr. F. X. Morrison: won by W. J. Grant.

(9) Gold Piece for Rhetoric Equally merited by Huntley MacDonald and W. J. Grant—drawn by H. McDonald.
(10) Special Prize for Sr. English presented by his Honor Judge Fitzgerald: won by J. J. Steele.

(11) Gold Piece for French presented by J. McQuaid, won by Hugh Cavanagh.

After the closing exercises, the annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held in the college library, when the reports for the past year were presented and the officers for the ensuing year were elected. In the evening at 7.30, the Alumni banquet was held in the college dining room. After the substantial portion of the affair had been disposed of a very interesting programme of speeches, songs, etc., was entered upon and well carried out. At the close all joined in singing Auld Lang Syne, and God Save the King. Following are the officers of the Alumni for this year: President, Dr. Conroy; Vice President, Rev. P. C. Gauthier, D. D., Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Joseph Gallant; Assistant Secretary, Rev. J. B. McIntyre; Directors, Rev. J. J. McDonald; Rev. P. D. McGuigan, Rev. Dr. Gregory J. McLellan; Messrs. James McIsaac; C. Gavin Duffy and D. O. M. Reddin.

LOCAL & OTHER ITEMS

Mr. James Frederick Curtis, of the Customs Department, died at his home in this city early yesterday morning. He had been ill for nearly two years.

Rev. R. J. McDonald, of Pease's Station, ecclesiastical student in the Grand Seminary, Quebec, will be ordained priest in the Basilica, Quebec, on Sunday next, 14th inst., and is expected to sing his first high mass in his native parish church of St. Teresa, on Sunday, June 28th.

When a seaboard car, which apparently had come from Galveston, was opened in the U. P. yards at San Francisco Monday night, 16 Chinese were suffocating on a load of steel. The car had been ten days on the road. The Chinamen had a little water and some cheese left, but were very weak.

Two thousand employees of the American Waltham Watch Company's factory at Waltham, Mass., have been notified that the works will be shut down on June 28th until August 4th. The factory has been running on short time for several months due to dull business.

The finding of an upturned sail boat in Squid Cove, near Canoe, N. S., tells another tale of the loss of life. A young man, Thomas Doland, about twenty years of age, unmarried, whose family is living on the island, heard cries, and going in the direction of the sound, found an upturned boat. The body has not yet been recovered.

On Sunday afternoon last, his Lordship Bishop McDonald, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Dunstan's Cathedral to one hundred and five candidates, forty-seven boys and fifty-eight girls. The sermon was preached by Rev. Bernard D. McDonald, D. D., and the exercises closed with solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, his Lordship officiating, assisted by Rev. Dr. McDonald and Rev. Joseph Gallant.

Lorne Baker lost his life and Arthur Hicoman and several others narrowly escaped at Hamilton, Manitoba, yesterday. An old building used for the purpose of testing a new chemical engine was set on fire. An alarm was given and a team, drawing the engine and firemen was coming up Main Street at top speed when one of the cylinders exploded. Baker, the engineer, was standing on the rear step board operating the cylinder which was blown yards away, killing him instantly. Hicoman was also assisting on the rear platform. He had two fingers blown off, his arm broken and hands badly out. The others were uninjured.

The thermometer went as high as 95 in the shade at Moncton, N. B., yesterday. In sunny spots several thermometers registered as high as 103.

The Minneapolis Tribune, of Monday June 1st, has an eight page illustrated supplement, entirely devoted to the history and description of the magnificent new pro-cathedral of which the corner stone had been laid on the previous day by Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul, assisted and surrounded by a galaxy of distinguished prelates and hundreds of priests. A full description of the solemn and imposing ceremonies is given. The magnificent colossal edifice to cost \$750,000 is to be granite. The pastor of this church, with its immense congregation, and who has charge of this great work is Rev. Thomas E. Cullen, formerly of this city. His many friends here will be pained to learn of the high place he has taken among the clergy of his adopted diocese and of the esteem in which he is held by his archbishop and the confidence reposed in him, by placing him over such an important charge.

BORN.

At Cable Head East, on the 5th inst., to Henry B. and Mrs. McDonald, a son.
At Morrell, on June 2nd, to Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Phelan, a son—Thomas Ambrose.

DIED.

At Cable Head East, on May 31st ult., Basil Augustine, dearly beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Augustine O'Harely, aged two months. The sorrowing parents have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.
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