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CONSERVATIVE ORGANIZATION.

Undoubtedly the Conservative party in Canada needs a better organization. An opposition party in the country, and the opposition in all the provinces, usually does. The same may be said generally of government parties, though not to the same extent, as the ministry serves part of the purpose of a central party organization. The Conservative convention which is expected to meet this year, will be expected to take up the question of preparing and setting in operation machinery for the better performance of the work the Conservative party has to do in Canada. This work includes the instruction of the electors through the regular press, by special literature, and by the platform, a stimulation of greater general interest in public matters and the encouragement of effective local organization to attend to affairs of the party in the constituencies, including the registration of other work that the opposition party in the House of Commons is the most democratic of bodies. There is no control except such as the influence of the leader imposes, or comes from the caucus where all meet as equals. When a leader or a parliamentary ring desires to be absolute the caucus is discouraged. It was the complaint of some Conservatives in the last days of Sir John Macdonald's administration that he never called a function of the electors through the registration of its in operation in the last term the Conservative members adopted the practice of weekly caucuses or conferences, where the providence of the encouragement of effective local organization. Undoubtedly the Conservative party in Canada cies, including the registration of voters. It must not be forgotten that three-fifths of the constituencies are represented by Liberals, so that even if the whole burden

An effective general and local organization for these purposes is much required in the Conservative party. It needs a central body, competent organizers and a capable staff to attend to routine matters. It requires a work of instruction, not so much at campaign time, when the people are not in a mood for dispassionate inquiry, as at the period when their indement is more

so far as the members of this party are concerned. They even go so far as to suppose that some mechanical device can be brought into being whereby every man who is prominent in the party, but whose views and conduct do not meet with the approval of all, shall either be changed to universal satisfaction, or shall give way to others who fill this requirement, or that the dissatisfied shall meet with sudden and complete conversion. We submit, with proper deference, that these things are impossible. Organization can do much to instruct the people, to awaken their interest, and to make effective at the polls the desires and aspirations of the multitude. But it would not be likely to convert Mr. Monk to the Dreadnought policy or cause the majority of Conservatives to declare against it. No organization can efface the individuality of members of a voluntary party in a free country. If that were the purpose and result of organization, it would be the duty of the party to remain unorganized.

A general Conservative convention should accomplish much for such party organization as is meet for a body of honest men with individual opinions, who have strong conviction in common. It would formulate so far as that is possible, the general view of the party throughout the country. It would concentrate the enthusiasm of the whole, show the members their own strength, infuse greater energy into the workers, call more laborers into the field, and inspire all with courage

position party in the Commons has been too much in the hands of the older members, survivors of the period when the Conservatives were in power. It is alleged that younger members are suppressed or effaced in some way, and do not have their proper influence. The only names mentioned in this connection, are those of Mr. Haggart, an ex-minister, and Mr. Taylor, the party whip. It is hard to see much basis for any reflection of this kind. Few members on the opposition side occupy the time of the House less than Mr. Haggart, who takes great pride in the clever speeches of the younger members. The position which Mr. Taylor holds is one of internal economy and has no particular relation to party policy. It is his duty to keep track of the members so that they may be on hand at division term, to arrange pairs with the whip of the other party, and with his assistants to attend to various matters of routine. These duties require experience, and Mr. Taylor has been diligent and faithful in them. He has announced his readiness to pass them over to some younger men.

younger men.

But surely there is no effacement of the men who came in since the change of government. Mr. Borden belongs to this group. So does Mr. Monk, who has led the French speaking members. During the last parliament on member took a more active and prominent part in the proceedings than Mr. Ames, then a new member. The late Dr. Stockton, then in parliament for the first time, at once took a front place among the Conservative members. All others who had a disnosition to time, at once took a front place among the Conservative members. All others who had a disposition to
make themselves useful, found sufficient opportunity, and
exercised influence in proportion to their personal power
to win it. In the present parliament such new members as Mr. Doherty of Montreal, Mr. Crothers of Elgin,
Mr. Meighen of Manitoba, Mr. McGrath of Alberta, and
Mr. Burrell of British Columbia, are a great deal more
in evidence than most of the "old guard." Dr. Daniel
and Mr. Crocket of this province are among the junior and Mr. Crocket of this province are among the junior members, and they have found no reason to complain

be forgotten that three-fifths of the constituencies are represented by Liberals, so that even if the whole burden of the party machinery were thrown upon the sitting member, it would leave this proportion of the ridings unprovided for. Among these proper services are many that require expenditure of money as well as time. Every patriotic party has men in it who are willing to assist in all proper ways, but they sometimes require to be called into action and to have competent direction. It would also be a great advantage to have candidates selected for the campaign at a much earlier period in the parliamentary term than is the usual custom. In the parliamentary term than is the usual custom. In the campaign in their ridings.

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An effective general and local organization for these is much required in the Commons, there must first be an organization. Meanwhile there is nothing to reorganize. It is hard to conceive of any machinery regarding. It is hard to conceive of any machinery that be an organization. Meanwhile there is nothing to reorganize. It is hard to conceive of any machinery that be deflective. The many that bed which would be effective and not impair the liberty of the members. The nearest approach to a working organization is the system under which certain members are selected by their fellows to make special study of different departments of the public service. These may lead in criticism of these departments. They are active in the investigation of the appropriate accounts. They propose many questions. And while there is nothing exclusive in their position, it is important that they should be diligent and effective. This informal division of labor has aways prevailed, and it

But it is plain that much more than this is involved in the call which some Conservative and Independent journals are sending up for a reorganization of the government proposes to have established. The allowance of three and a half per cent, a year subthe opposition party. Certain of these writers seem to think that organization can cause all difference of opinion within the party on all questions to disappear. They have a vague idea that the party can be organized into the acceptance of a formal creed which will be a finely statement on all public issue. the opposition party. Certain of tall difference of opin-think that organization can cause all difference of cause all difference organization can cause all difference organization can

throughout the country. It would concentrate the enthusiasm of the whole, show the members their own strength, infuse greater energy into the workers, call more laborers into the field, and inspire all with courage and determination. Also it should be an occasion of consultation, counsel, and exposition. If any have ground for protest he should be free to make his statement. He who has suggestions to offer, or who desires expression of party opinion on a policy or programme, would get a hearing, and a pronouncement from a representative assembly of his party. It is pretty certain that one general result would be a discovery that the party is in very general accord on all questions within the domain of practical politics.

Connected with the Conservative organization is the question of leadership. So far as we have seen, no Conservative journal has suggested a change. The Montreal Star, which has been a free critic of the Conservatives, makes an emphatic declaration in favor of Mr. Borden which one notices is based on the opinion that he fights the government too politicity, when he ought to use stronger language. Mr. Foster has sometimes been accused of using too strong language and of overaggressiveness. It is true that each has his own way of doing his work, but Mr. Foster has always been ready to make good any of his charges, and Mr. Borden's courtesy has not always mitigated the severity of his accusations.

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Mrs. Black Orpington:—"Well, my lear, what can you expect? Why she ays eggs for the trade!"—The Tat-

The Specialist.

To a Cighr.
Whene'er we would our cares forget, We find you tried and true. We love you very much, and yet We make a butt of you.—Judge,

THE EDITOR'S MAIL

to the Editor of The Standard:
Sir:—My attention has been draw
o an editorial article in The Stan
lard of March 14, entitled "Immigr
ion to New Brunswick." in which grafication is expressed at "the recoittion by a leading British journal
he fact that New Brunswick shou
he reckoned with as a field for emigr
ion."

and, in all of which emphasis was ilid on the excellent opportunities New brunswick offered to settlers. In fairness to our efforts to attract he attention of the British public to ne claims of the provinces of the iominion, irespective of situation, you ill oblige me by giving prominence of this communication.

IN THE COURTS

PROBATE COURT

THE EDITOR.

THE FINAL WAR

Burglar Bill (to wealthy grocer):— Now, then, out of it, and do this lit-le lot up into a parcel. I never was o hand at that kind of thing!"—Comic Servant:—"Come quick, sir. me is in a fit!" Husband:—"Just like her

Married Author:—"My dear boy, I cannot buy you a trumpet. You would disturb me too much with it." Boy:—"But I would only play it when you were asleep, papa!"—Comic Cuts.



Biarritz.

I know of a shore by the wa Biscay,
Where sea gods are frisky And subject to fits;
Where Aeolus oft turns the giving breeze on
The sea and the season
At bright Biarritz;
Where fair are the fields wi fiedglings of Flora
And rosy the hue of the herald
And warm are the skies as a deepest blushes
At crushes.

be reckoned with as a field for emig tton."

While it is true that other provinc have been given prominence by L dom journals, not especially devot to Canadian interests, to such an tent that "Eastern Canada was in diger of effacement," I may be permitt to point out that this has certainly noten the case with "Canada," whi has both "recognized the advantag of New Brunswick for British settlers and shown itself "anxious that the shall be made known where the kno ledge will do the most good." For istance, we have quite recently publised illustrated interviews with bo Mr. Bowder and Mrs. Close, and als an article entitled "The New Hom land," in all of which emphasis we aid on the excellent opportunities Ne Brunswick offered to settlers.

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At tennis.

At tennis.

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