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Yesterday's By-Elections.

LARGE CONSERVATIVE GAINS—SPLENDID VICTORY IN ST. JOHN.

Eight by elections for the House of Commons were held in different Provinces of the Dominion yesterday. Of these, four were in the Province of Quebec, viz. St. James Division and Hachelaga, Montreal, St. Hyacinthe and Montmagny; two in Ontario, East Bruce and East Lambton, one in St. John N. B., and one in West Queens P. E. I. With the exception of the two Ontario constituencies, the contested seats had all been previously held by Liberals. East Bruce remained Conservative, and increased the Conservative majority from 43 to 150. East Lambton also remained true to the Conservatives and the candidate was elected by about the same majority as at the general election, 221. St. John N. B., elected a Conservative with a majority of about 300, an extraordinary change from the general election, as will readily be seen, when the circumstances are noted. Our own riding of West Queens, was the one in which was centered the keenest interest of the electors of this Province, and although we have not succeeded in electing the Conservative standard-bearer, the Liberal majority has been cut down by about one half. This, in a by-election, with all the influences that two Governments could bring to bear, is a remarkable change and plainly indicates to the Government that at a general election the Conservatives are bound to win. The weather was extremely stormy and disagreeable all day; but the greatest activity was evident among the workers of both sides in the city and a large vote was polled. Mr. McLean, the Conservative Standard-bearer in West Queens has reason to feel proud of the splendid vote he polled yesterday. Although he was not elected the vote he polled shows the wonderful change taking place in public feelings in this riding, as well as in all parts of the Dominion and is a guarantee that when the next appeal is made to the people at a general election, he will surely be elected.

The following figures will serve to show the change that public feeling has undergone in West Queens since 1900. At the general election in 1900 Davies had a majority of 796. At the by-election in 1902 Mr. Fairbairn had a majority over Mr. McLean of 475. In yesterday's election, with Milton, Grandville and St. Catherine's to be heard from, Hazard's majority is 284. When the full returns are in, these figures may be slightly changed, probably in our favor; but in any case it will see that about 200 has been knocked off the Liberal majority of two years ago. This reduction has not been peculiar to the country, as distinct from the city; but is about equally distributed between town and country, as the figures for Charlottetown will show. In 1902 Fairbairn had a majority over McLean, in Charlottetown of 218. In yesterday's election Hazard's majority in Charlottetown was but 115. This shows that public opinion is fast turning against the Government in all directions. While it is somewhat disappointing not to have elected our candidate in West Queens, there is a great measure of satisfaction in knowing that despite all the influence of two Governments, and of the most inscrupulous party workers, we have struck Gritism a hard blow, and served notice on our friends the enemy that when we are next afforded an opportunity of meeting them at the ballot box we shall come out victorious. We congratulate Mr. McLean and the Conservative party in West Queens on the good work accomplished yesterday.

The Government received its hardest blow, in the election of yesterday, in the city of St. John, N. B. where the Conservative Candidate, Dr. Daniel, was elected by a majority bordering on three hundred. The magnitude of this victory will be appreciated when all the circumstances are taken into account. In the general election of 1900, Mr. Blair carried the constituency with a majority of 997 over Mr. Foster. Mr. Blair recently took office and consequently the seat became vacant. Mr. Emmerson, member for Westmorland, and former Premier of the Province, was taken into the Cabinet and appointed Minister of Railways and Liberal Leader in the Commons for New Brunswick. This is his first election in his new position, and is certainly most disastrous to

his prestige. The Liberal candidate in yesterday's election was Mr. McKeown, Solicitor General in the Tweedy Provincial Government. Mr. Emmerson, Minister of Railways, came to St. John, and promoted the candidature of Mr. McKeown. He stood on the same platform with him and asked the electorate to send Mr. McKeown to Ottawa to strengthen the hands of the Minister of Railways, the electorate of St. John have John!

given Mr. Emmerson their answer by electing the Conservative candidate with the splendid majority of 300. This means a turn over of about 1,200 votes since the general election of 1900. Well done St. John! So far as heard, the constituencies in the Province of Quebec, where elections were held yesterday, returned Liberals, with greatly reduced majorities, except Montmagny, where the Liberals' majority was anything larger than in 1900. In St. James' Division the Grit majority of 1641 in 1900 has been reduced to 738. In Hochelaga, a majority of 635, has been lowered to 300, and in St. Hyacinthe, which has been hitherto a thorough Grit hive, nearly always carried by acclamation, the Liberal managed to be elected by 195 majority, instead of 1,111 which was Bernier's majority in 1900. From the evidence furnished by all the by-elections yesterday, public opinion is fast turning against the Laurier Government, and a general appeal to the electorate will seal their doom. A splendid day's work was accomplished yesterday, and the notice to quit served on the Government is more than ample recompense for the trouble of contesting the elections, and cannot help stimulating and encouraging the Conservatives for the general election.

Our Ottawa Letter.

LIBERALS STILL PLAYING WITH ELECTORS.

The Toronto News has been publishing a series of interviews touching on the question of tariff revision. Among prominent Conservatives from the Atlantic to the Pacific there is a unanimous call for the preservation and encouragement of Canadian industries by giving the "adequate protection." In the Liberal ranks nothing but discord is to be found. Some cry out for increased protection, others want free trade, many clamor for no change at all, and a fourth group will be satisfied with anything the Liberal party offers. The reason for this arbitrary lack of harmony among government supporters can be traced to the failure of Liberals, since 1895, to lend support to any fixed principle. Mr. Prefontaine was free to preach protection in Montreal, at the very moment that Mr. Fielding was assuring the electors of Yarmouth that the Liberals had headed their ship towards the open sea of free trade. It is not surprising, therefore, that the rank and file of the party have taken their cue from the leaders. Mr. Charles Marcell, M. P., Bonaventure, frankly states that he does not know that his constituents take a great interest in protection, and feels at liberty to rest his case there. And his answer may be taken as the most succinct received by the News. The Liberal party has appealed and will appeal to the country as opportunists pure and simple. A Liberal may be anything, if he has a chance of "fooling the people." Such mockery of public opinion should be resented by Canadians of all classes when the opportunity is afforded the people to say their say at the polls.

MR. SIFTON SAYING HIS SKIN.

The Hon. Clifford Sifton has shown his confidence in the strength of the cause he supports by deserting his present seat in Brandon, Manitoba, to accept the nomination in the new riding of Rainy River and Thunder Bay, Ontario. Like Sir Richard Cartwright, who has forsaken South Oxford, the Minister of the Interior sees the handwriting on the wall. In the Manitoba provincial elections Brandon returned two Conservatives. That, to Mr. Sifton, is an unpleasant circumstance. So a new field is to be grazed by the presence of the 1895-04 millionaire.

Mr. Sifton's jump from one province to another is unprecedented in Canadian politics. The Minister of the Interior is "Manitoba's Minister." To hold a seat in Ontario and represent Manitoba in the cabinet is what Mr. Sifton aspires to, a feat only possible under such a government as now holds sway in Canada.

There is an explanation to be offered in Mr. Sifton's behalf, however. In the election of 1900 he carried Brandon by an expenditure of \$75,000. Today Mr. Sifton would almost have to double that amount in order to win his election. To him, great as is the fortune he has amassed since his

entry into Dominion politics, the idea of spending from \$100,000 to \$150,000 in Brandon is abhorrent.

Rainy River and Thunder Bay looks cheaper and much more certain. The Hon. Clifford has, therefore, deputed his henchmen to arrange for his candidature there. The "leap for life" by Mr. Sifton shows how disturbed the leaders of the government are as to what the decision of the people will be when they are next appealed to.

THE CARTWRIGHT FAMILY'S GRAFT.

Mr. A. D. Cartwright has been appointed secretary of the Railway Commission at a salary of \$4,000 per annum. Of course he is a son of Sir Richard Cartwright. So far, so good. Mr. Cartwright makes the third son of Sir Richard to receive a government position. The others are Lieut.-Col. Cartwright of the Musketry School, Ottawa, salary \$2,800; and Inspector Cartwright, who resigned his position of Inspector of Mounted Police, salary \$1,200, in order to secure a more lucrative position, as yet unannounced. Then there are Cartwright nephews, cousins, etc., which are "reckoned by the dozen," who have been looked after by the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

The public will naturally feel shocked, that Sir Richard, who was once so vigorous in his denunciation of the Civil Service, is filling so many public offices with his family connections. But when it is remembered that Sir Richard, himself, entered the Laurier government as the occupant of an office which he declared was wholly unnecessary, and has since been drawing a salary of \$7,000 per annum, it is not so surprising that the Minister, having sinned in his own behalf, is now willing to put himself still deeper in the mire. Then, too, he is shortly to be placed on the shelf of ministerial "has-beens" and Canada, in the meantime, may expect to see many branches of the Cartwright family well placed.

MR. PREFONTAINE SHOWED UNDER.

In no section of Canada is Hon. Raymond Prefontaine better known than in Montreal. As mayor of that great city for four years Mr. Prefontaine introduced a system of civic government which rivalled that of Tammany Hall. Two years ago the reform party succeeded in forcing Mr. Prefontaine out of civic life. But the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, like Tammany, declined to remain in the shade. Unable to personally control the Montreal civic vote, he put in nomination Mr. Dandrand. The electors, however, have not forgotten that, with Mr. Prefontaine and his associates disappeared poor public services, municipal deficits and a gang of grafters who grew fat on city taxes. Accordingly Mr. Prefontaine's candidature was snuffed under by his reform opponent, Mayor Laporte, by a majority of 12,401 (the largest ever received by Montreal's chief magistrate) and incidentally lost his deposit. The incident is of interest to all Canada. Mr. Prefontaine, despite the protests of leading Liberal journals in Montreal and his bad civic record, was given a place in the Dominion cabinet. The people of Montreal, who know him like a book, expressed their disapproval of him in a manner which permits no question. Yet at this very moment Sir Wilfrid Laurier is considering the advisability of handing over to Mr. Prefontaine the management of the Canadian canal system with all its patronage. This immense power will be wielded together with that of the Marine and Fisheries department. The situation shows how the interests of Canada are made subservient to the claims of the political boss. That Mr. Prefontaine is a member of the government is a matter quite serious enough, but to give him further fling would be nothing short of criminal.

AMERICANS THREATEN OUR FACTORIES.

The government decided to encourage the manufacture of binder twine by paying a bounty of three eighths of a cent a pound on all twine manufactured in Canada of Manila fibre. The whole people will be taxed for the benefit of the manufacturer, and little good will accrue to the industry. Without straight protection the Canadian factories have been placed at the mercy of their American competitors. The United States cordage trust shipped 14,695,890 pounds of binder twine, valued at \$1,810,238, to Canada last year, while our manufacturers did not sell a pound of binder twine across the border. Taking advantage of the helplessness of the Canadian binder twine producers, the United States monopoly threatened to undersell and close every Canadian factory, if the owners manufactured more than 25 per cent. of the amount of twine actually sold in Canada, and those who had money invested in the industry in this country were compelled to submit to the terms. Proof has been offered to the government that such an arrangement exists, but Sir Wilfrid Laurier declines to hold an inquiry and rectify the injustice by excluding American binder twine. The Premier is evidently under the thumb of the foreigners. Before the Liberals came to power binder twine could be purchased at a lower price by the farmer than at present, and many more hands were engaged in manufacturing it in Canada. The policy of "Canada for the Americans" however, has resulted in a state of affairs which should make Canadians insist upon consideration of our rights.

MILITIA EXPENDITURE WASTED.

The appointment of a Canadian officer to the command of the militia is not going to make the force a useful one. To-day our defensive units are

in very bad shape and the money spent on them is practically wasted.

Colonel Thompson, the Liberal member for Haldimand, called the attention of Parliament to the disgraceful condition of Canadian battalions. A report from Lord D'Alton told on the subject was suppressed by the government, but one of its own supporters had the courage to place the matter before the Commons. Colonel Thompson characterized the militia as a shadow of a skeleton. In another year, if present conditions prevail, the rural corps will be utterly disorganized. In one company in camp at Niagara there were three officers and six non-commissioned officers to command two privates. The cost of the militia department last year, exclusive of the money spent for the maintenance of the Halifax garrison was \$2,060,978. In 1898 the militia cost \$1,190,718, and the force was efficient in every respect. With an additional expenditure of a million dollars the military force of the country, under Liberal rule, has been reduced to a farce. The Minister of Militia has evidently neglected his duty and has shown a most pronounced lack of ability in administering the affairs of his department. The charges in this instance were made by a strong Liberal, who is thoroughly familiar with the militia. It is a most regrettable thing that such a valuable service should suffer from dry rot, and immediate reform is one of the things most needed in the militia department.

OUR UNBENEFICIAL GOVERNMENT.

The Laurier government is truly a wonderful business contrivance. It has increased Canada's expenditures \$25,000,000 in seven years. Of this amount millions have been thrown away. More millions have been called for because of the reckless manner in which the business of the great spending departments has been conducted. Money is no object to the existing cabinet, so long as the people can be led. Estimates are submitted to parliament and ministers officially announce that certain undertakings will cost so much. Another session is called and the original estimates are found to be entirely inadequate to defray the expenditures. The great Liberal party is thereupon commanded to produce more money, and the injunction is obeyed to the letter. The Opposition may protest, but its voice is ignored. So great an evil has this unbusinesslike method of doing things become, that there is no keeping track of the wasteful extravagance of the party in power. Here are a few examples which show how absolutely ignorant the ministers are of the expenditures they endorse:

Table with 2 columns: Estimate, Cost. Items include Dredge Fielding, Port Colborne Harb., Improvements, Sorel wharf, St. Joseph's wharf, Hillsboro Bridge.

In six items, it will be seen, the government required \$3,439,000 to complete works which were originally intended to cost only \$1,325,000. Dozens of other cases of the same kind might be cited, but the above is sufficient to indicate the incapacity of the present regime.

DIED.

- At Ashton, Lot 42, on the 9th inst. James Herbert, infant son of James and Margaret Russell, aged five months. At St. Teresa's on the tenth inst. Agnes Jay aged 30 years. May her soul rest in peace. At Avondale on Thursday last the 11th inst., after three days illness Annette Murphy, beloved daughter of Patrick Murphy, Esq., Avondale, in the 25th year of her age. May her soul rest in peace. At the residence of Dr. Conroy on Sunday, 14th inst., Faustina Maria Conroy, aged 13 years, only child of George and Virginia Conroy, of Cleveland, Ohio. May her soul rest in peace. At Souris on the 7th inst., in the 53rd year of her age, fortified by the last Sacraments. Mrs. James Dauphy. May her soul rest in peace. At Brae, Lot 9, on Jan. 26, 1904, Mrs. Alexander Macdonald, in her 57th year. She leaves to mourn a husband, six daughters and six sons and a large circle of relatives and friends. Suddenly at Sea Coast Pond, on January 29th, Patrick Morrissey, R. I. P. At Morningside, on the 4th inst., Bridget Kelly, relict of the late James Coyle, aged 75 years. R. I. P. At Red House, King's County, on the 3rd inst., Philip Wheel r, in the 97th year of his age, leaving to mourn seven daughters and three sons. He was a native of St. John's, Newfoundland, and followed the sea for the greater part of his life. He later resided with his daughter and son at Red House. In his last illness he devoutly received the Sacraments for the dying and departed this life fortified by all the rites of the holy Church. His interment took place at Rollo Bay on the 5th. May his soul rest in peace.

Farm for Sale.

The Farm of one hundred and thirty-three and a half acres of land, formerly owned and occupied by the late Alexander Ryland, at Brother's Road, Lot 65, is now offered for private sale on easy terms. Ninety acres are cleared and in a good state of cultivation, and the balance is covered with a heavy growth of hard and soft wood. It is but one mile and a half from Peake's Station, and is convenient to churches and schools. For particulars apply on the premises, or to PETER BYRNE, Byrnes Road, Feb. 10th, 1904—41 A. A. McLean, K. C. & Donald McKinnon, Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Brown's Block, Charlottetown.

And Still They Come.

Crowds to the right of us, Crowds to the left of us, Crowds all around us, For Bargains they clamored. Bravely our clerks worked and well, Tho' oft'times they wished Bargain Sales were in---Well What is the use though? they wondered, Ours did not start the row, Ours hadn't to, nohow And w're going to do or die--- Die, or serve this twice six hundred.

Every day the crowds attending our Great Bargain Sale are getting larger and larger. Saturday evening the store was thronged with delighted buyers who evidently knew THEY WERE IN THE RIGHT SHOP. And no wonder when they secure here stylish new Dress Goods, purchased last autumn, in Tweeds, Chevoits, Fancy Mixtures, Black Fancys, Colored Silks, Colored Silk Velvet and Velveteens, besides fancy Velvets for Cushions and Fancy Work—all at HALF-PRICE. Then all our SILK WAISTS, including that elegant lot we opened a few days before the sale began are selling at 67 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR. Besides all our SKIRTS, including 75 new ones, in the Spring Styles and no two alike. Ladies say they are the dressiest skirts ever shown here, and a decided Bargain; these also go at 1-3 off; also all

Ladies' Cloth Jackets

In stock, while a few of the largest sizes we will clear at HALF-PRICE. All

Trimmed Millinery Half Price,

And still a nice lot of those FURS in Collars, Muffs, etc., which we will clear at HALF-PRICE. Other Furs 1-3 off. These are only a few of the many Bargains we are offering.

The Ladies Have Voted.

Our Big Sale an unqualified success, and we wish to announce to them that our store is still brimful of Bargains in every Department which we will continue during stock-taking only. In addition we have placed on our Centre Counter hundreds of

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Dress Goods

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