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"What can we reason but from what we know?" says the poet. That's what makes it so presumptuous for the Whittierite orators to reason about education.

Toronto Star: The Conservatives had 24 members in the last Ontario Legislature. Fifty are necessary to run a Government. The gaining of 26 seats is unheard of in Ontario.

As there are 200,000,000 acres in the Klondike, and the Yukon Canadian railway syndicate get only 3,750,000 for their work, it looks as if enterprising miners will have something more than "standing room only."

In a House of 94 members Mr. Whitney last year had only 24 straight supporters, including the P. A. S. Does any sane man really believe that the Opposition has the ghost of a show to overcome such a lead?

With Mr. St. John's pig and Mr. Hodgson's ram, the Opposition manager has a good start. Admission free; a continuous performance. Too bad the call with a cough of last campaign has grown into a healthy stirk.

The New York Sun attributes the decline of the New England cotton mill industry to the competition of the Southern States. To be logical, the New England States should put up a tariff wall against the South.

A surplus is so flatly opposed to Conservative principle that it is no wonder the Opposition try to make out that the Ontario surplus does not exist. But we draw interest of nearly a quarter of a million dollars on it, all the same.

Of the twenty constituencies in the western peninsula of this Province, only two were represented in the last Legislature by Conservatives. There is a probability of the people making them unanimously Liberal this time.

The Conservative agitation against a normal school in London is so widespread that it has even reached Quebec. The Montreal Gazette, the leading Conservative paper in that city, is the latest to condemn the erection of the building here.

Mr. Matheson, the Opposition orator, captures the prize for the most elegant trope of the campaign. He declared in this city on Monday night that an army of officials was "eating the life-blood out of the province." The colonel did not say whether the life-blood was being eaten with a fork or spoon.

Here is an excellent instance of Yankee ingenuity in "dodging the tariff": Some people in the United States, who have purchased a mineral spring in Canada, have decided to ship their produce in the form of ice and so evade payment of the duty of 24 cents per gallon, which the Dingley tariff calls for.

Nothing would please the Opposition leaders more than to see Canadian trade with the Yukon blocked this year by the United States authorities. It might give them a bogus cry against the Dominion Government. But our present rulers can be relied on to stand up for the rights of the country. The Yukon is in Canada; Canada is for the Canadians.

The revised statutes of Ontario contain upwards of 3,000 pages of laws devised in the best interests of the people, making Ontario the most progressive state in the world. But not two of these enactments were devised or inspired by Mr. Whitney. Still he believes that the time has come when he should be elevated to the position of leader of the Government in this great Province!

The Ontario correspondent of the Montreal Herald believes that one result of the elections on March 1 will be the gain by the Liberals of a number of seats now held by Conservatives. "The Liberal party," says this well-informed correspondent, "is waging a hot campaign, the veriest strongholds of the Opposition, and one of the surprises of March 1 will probably be the falling into line as supporters of the Government of several constituencies which have long been wedded stoutly to the Conservative party."

The electors of London will probably make note of the opinion expressed by the Mail and Empire, that the proposed new normal school is "one of the many bribes that are being offered by the Government to the electors of London." This means that if Mr. Whitney comes into power at the new normal school will certainly be abandoned.—[Brantford Exporter.]

In self-protection the voters of London will take no chances. They will refuse either to be represented in the Opposition by a man without influence or to take any risk in intrusting the welfare of the city to persons clearly antagonistic to its best interests.

On Monday the London Free Press made it a grave cause of complaint that Mr. Calvert, M. P. for West Middlesex, had come to the constituency to address a few meetings in support of the candidature of the Minister of Education. Our city contemporary, while condemning Mr. Calvert, has no word of criticism of the conduct of Mr. Beattie, M. P. for the city, who left his parliamentary duties in order that,

as in the Hobbs-Essery campaign, he might boss the election for the Conservatives in this city. It surely is a poor rule that does not work the same all around.

In the House of Commons, night before last, Mr. George Taylor, the Opposition whip, was neatly tripped up by the Minister of Militia. The Conservative Mahdi professed great concern as to the site for a drill shed at Gananogue, which he had heard had been bought by the Government. Hon. Dr. Borden said that was true, and that the site had cost \$2,500. It was the lot of land which one George Taylor had recommended to be purchased by the former Government for \$6,000! This little expose was greatly enjoyed by the Liberals, while the member for South Leeds became redder in countenance than he has been for many a long day.

The recent census of Germany shows no increase in the population since 1885. This is by no means an ill omen for the fatherland. If a country, already well filled, can continue to increase its capital and wealth, stationary population is more a blessing than an evil, since a larger share of that wealth, under proper economic conditions, should fall to each citizen. It is when population increases faster than production that misery and poverty are inevitable. No one can deny that Germany is advancing industrially, if not numerically. However, in a country like Canada, sparsely settled, but with boundless potentiality of riches, the great consideration is population. It is now beginning to come our way.

Throughout the Province.

There are 94 constituencies in the Provincial Legislature. In 92 of these constituencies, the Liberals have candidates in the field. As for the remaining two constituencies, the Liberals have not thought it well to put candidates in the field in opposition to Mr. Joseph Haycock, the Patron leader, in Frontenac, nor against Mr. Arch Currie, the Patron whip, in West Simcoe.

Throughout the Province, Liberals and independent lovers of good government everywhere are hard at work. The enthusiasm grows from day to day. The heather is on fire. The Government of Ontario, on the first day of March, will win one of its most signal victories. Doubtless the casualties of war may make some changes on both sides of the column, but the general result will show Premier Hardy with a splendid working majority. "Push the old chariot along."

London First.

Col. Leys' motto is "London First." Mr. Beck's motto is "Beck First." In his speech on Monday night, Mr. Beck referred to himself and his race horses 131 times, but he said not a word, good, bad or indifferent, on public questions.

At Lambeth.

Hon. George W. Ross will address the electors of Westminster and Delaware in Lambeth on Saturday evening next. The honorable gentleman's services have been in great demand in the present campaign, but he very kindly comes to Lambeth to meet many old friends on the evening named. Every elector in the district who can make it convenient should attend.

East Middlesex.

It is questionable if there is a more generally acceptable candidate in all the 94 constituencies of Ontario than Dr. McWilliam, the Liberal nominee for East Middlesex, and we doubt if any new candidate has more rapidly advanced in public favor. Modest and unassuming, generous and charitable, born near the heart of the riding, and having a substantial interest in it, there is every reason to believe he will represent the constituency with credit at Toronto during the next four years. Dr. McWilliam is developing capably as a speaker. He wins friends both on the platform and in his private canvass. Yet all his friends should remember that a good organization in each polling subdivision is quite as important as good speaking—in fact, is indispensable, if the majority is to be what it should be with such a candidate.

Good Management Pays.

The Toronto exhibition lost money last year. The Western Fair, under the Presidency of Col. Leys, had the most prosperous year ever vouchsafed to it, and not only pays off an old score, but has something to the good. Score again for London and good management.

Saturday Afternoon's Meeting.

Many readers of The Advertiser in Middlesex county will no doubt take the opportunity of coming to London on Saturday next, in order that they may attend the mass meeting of electors for the east riding, to be held in the Grand Opera House at 2 p.m. The principal speaker will be Hon. Richard Harcourt, Provincial Treasurer, one of the ablest of the younger generation of Ontario statesmen. Mr. Harcourt is an attractive public speaker. Dr. McWilliam, the Liberal candidate, Mr. John Gilson and others, will also speak. It will be well for electors to get to the meeting at as early an hour as possible.

West Middlesex.

We are glad to hear that West Middlesex is bestirring itself actively in behalf of its splendid representative, Hon. George W. Ross, the Minister of Education. No constituency could have a member better fitted to carry its renown throughout the land. Hon. George W. Ross is a very able man, a great fighter and the best all-round public speaker in the broad Dominion. The gift of eloquence is a great gift, and one which the member for West Middlesex has always employed for high and statesmanlike ends. Our information is that Mr. Ross will this time have a larger majority than at any previous election. He has taken the precaution to poll every available vote. Several influences against him at the last election are now either for him or quiet. Let every Liberal, every friend of good government, keep steadily at work in West Middlesex for the short time remaining and make the victory the biggest on record.

Western Ontario in the Fray.

A correspondent asks us to give our candid opinion as to the prospects of the Liberal party in Western Ontario in the elections which take place on March 1. Our opinion, after hearing from discreet correspondents in all parts of the Peninsula, is that West, East and South of London, there will be almost, if not entirely, a clean sweep for the Liberals. In the Legislature just dissolved the Liberals held every constituency west of London, except the two Lambtons, where the Conservatives and P. A. S. are pooling their issues, managed to capture. On this occasion, though the Conservative managers in this city have once more arranged it that the P. A. S. shall be given the clear field against the Liberal nominees in Lambton, our information is that both ridings will return to Liberal principles, and destroy the combination of Messrs. Marter, Beattie, Rume and their associates craftily hoped to carry through without exposure. In North Essex, the Conservatives are backing Mr. Wintermute, a disgruntled Liberal-Patron, but the prospects are not bright. Mr. McKee, the late member, will have a bigger majority than in 1894. South Essex will hold the Liberal by a large majority. Opposition is offered by Mr. Auld, not because it is hoped to wipe out his majority of 1,064, but in order to prevent election by acclamation. In East Kent, a similar condition of affairs holds good. Mr. Mason cannot hope to defeat so able and upright a representative as Mr. Ferguson. Dr. Hall has entered the field against Mr. Pardo in West Kent, and though he may reduce Mr. Pardo's majority of 515 somewhat, the Conservatives privately acknowledge that there is no hope of success in this riding either. To the prospects in West, East and North Middlesex we refer elsewhere. It need surprise no one if the Liberals make a clean sweep here also. The most determined effort of all is to defeat the Minister of Education. The Conservative managers recognize in Hon. George W. Ross one of the ablest men in Canada, and they would give a good deal if they could either discredit or defeat him. However, if all do their duty, the majority for Mr. Ross will be the largest ever given him. The Elgins are now divided politically. Mr. McNish holds the West for the Liberals, and Mr. Brower the East for the Conservatives. Both constituencies promise to go Liberal on March 1. Mr. McNish had a majority of 174 at last election. He has ably represented the constituency, and deserves 300 now. In East Elgin, Dr. McIntyre promises to be a winner. He is popular and he presents to the electors a good cause. North of London, there are exciting contests in the three Hurons—all now held by Liberals. The Conservatives would like to break this solid aggregation. They cannot do it if the Liberal vote is brought out. In the last Legislature, the three ridings of Bruce were represented by two Patrons and a Liberal. The indications now are that all three will go Liberal. Mr. Bowman is a strong candidate in the north riding; Mr. Trux, cannot be beaten there, and in Center Bruce Mr. A. Malcolm should be able to pull out a majority. In Oxford, the banner Liberal county of the West, the Conservatives have been at their wits' end to devise some kind of opposition that would prevent Dr. McKay and Mr. Andrew Pattullo from being elected by acclamation. But no matter what the manipulations the result will be Liberal victories. In Perth, the representation in the late Legislature was Conservative and Patron. Both seats now promise to go to the Liberals.

Our correspondent will see from this brief summary that the Liberals and the independent electors of Western Ontario who are tired of the vacillating, uncertain and uncandid Opposition, have it in their power, by united effort, to give a powerful impetus to the sweep of victory which has set in for Administration that has so faithfully guarded the interests of the Province.

An Outside View.

The Halifax (N. S.) Chronicle gives the following outside view of the situation in Ontario at the present, and the prospects of the election on March 1: "In view of the fact that the Conservative provincial party in Ontario are without a capable leader and without a policy, they are making quite a noise and are proud of it. It is time for a change. This is a very good political cry if it has some justification in the record of government, but it has no potency or force if the records of a government are pure and progressive. The local Conservatives tried that cry in Nova Scotia last year, but the elec-

tion of this province were not caught by it, and there is no danger that the electors of Ontario will be caught by it and will be so short-sighted as to dismiss a Government composed of experienced and tried statesmen and select a party whose leaders have no larger issues to present than 'big game' and petty patronage."

North Middlesex.

The friends of Mr. Taylor, who so ably represented North Middlesex in the last Legislature, are determined to return him by a larger majority than that polled for him at last election. They recognize in Mr. Hodgins, the Conservative nominee, a candidate that is not to be despised, but they do not forget that the gentleman who ran against Mr. Taylor in 1894 was strong in respects which are denied Mr. Hodgins. Our information is that the Liberal vote will be larger in Lobo, Parkhill, McGillivray and other sections of the riding than at last election. Indeed, only an unwise feeling of over-security can prevent a decisive sweep for the Liberal nominee. The organization should be so perfected that not a Liberal vote should remain unpolled in the riding. Now that the rule, one man one vote holds good, and the outside vote has been abolished, this should be comparatively easy if all lend a hand.

That \$1,000.

How Mr. A. P. Campbell Had to Leave the Public Service.

The Brother of the Opposition Candidate in West Middlesex as a Partisan Official.

Untruthful Reports Circulated to Aid Mr. Geo. B. Campbell in His Candidature.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: Last fall an item appeared in the London Free Press stating that Mr. A. P. Campbell, of Appin, having resigned his position in the postoffice department at Ottawa, the government thought so much of his efficient services that they gave him a gratuity of \$1,000 and granted him three months' leave of absence without pay. And the item wound up by saying that the government had appointed another to the position. These statements were widely read, and excited no little pride in West Middlesex. The item was inserted about the same time in the Glencoe Transcript, with the announcement that Mr. Geo. B. Campbell was to oppose Hon. George W. Ross at the next election. This was significant, and viewed in the light of the present, we may reasonably infer that the statements were made for a double purpose (1) to let Mr. A. P. Campbell come down as easily as possible against the Liberal party at the coming election. They are made to do no harm, and there is no better time to put the electors in possession of the facts. Having ample reason to doubt the accuracy of the Free Press item, and wishing to get at the truth, I wrote to the postmaster-general asking for particulars, and received the following official reply, which puts a totally different face on the matter: "Ottawa, Nov. 10, 1897. 'Dear Sir:—In reply to your inquiry as to the amount paid to A. P. Campbell, formerly a clerk in the postoffice department, on the occasion of his departure from the service, and also asking why he was so paid, I beg to state that Mr. Campbell was appointed on Aug. 1, 1888, and was retained on Oct. 1, 1897, having served nine years; that the civil service superannuation act entitles a clerk who has served for less than ten years to be paid on compulsory retirement the sum of one month's pay for each year's service at the rate of his salary at the time he was retired, which in Mr. Campbell's case, being the amount of nine months' salary, to which he was entitled under the provisions of the act, and which the government were obliged to pay or have recovered from them by action in the exchequer court. This amount of \$425 was paid to him on the 1st of October, 1897, and the legal rights to the benefits secured by this act, which creates a binding contract between the government and the clerks, and no government can lawfully withhold from any officer, retired or not, the act securing to him. Yours faithfully, W. MULLOCK, 'D. B. McCOLL, Esq., Appin, Ont.' From the above it will be seen (1) That A. P. Campbell did not resign a position worth \$500; (2) that he did not receive a gratuity of \$1,000, or any other sum, but only \$425, which was entitled by law; and (3) that no other appointment was made; (4) that the only leave of absence he had from the present government was for a few days to attend the funeral of his uncle, the late Senator Ferguson, at Toronto. The late government, however, was very indulgent, and gave him leave, with pay, for four months at one time; and at another time, June 8 to 28, 1896. And on June 23, he played his part so well back in North Bkford that it cost him his place, worth \$500 a year. D. B. McCOLL, Appin, Feb. 14, 1898.

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