

CHEER FOR MR. WHITNEY

Ottawa Gives Evidence of Sweeping Conservative Victory.

Opposition Leader Received An Ovation From Fully 4,000 People On Saturday Night—Expended the Fallacy of Mr. Ross' Denial of the Previous Evening—Climaxed the Coalition Evils of the Premier As Well.

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—The mass meeting in the Russell Theatre Saturday evening, addressed by J. P. Whitney, was a rousing success. The theatre, which holds about 2,500 was packed to the doors. The Liberals who were cheered by the sanguine utterances of Premier Ross the previous evening experienced a chilly sensation when they heard Mr. Whitney's reply backed up by fact after fact. It was a great manifestation of the popularity of the Conservative principles.

P. D. Ross, one of the candidates, made a trenchant arraignment of the Ross Government, and justified his own departure from the position of an independent critic to that of an opponent of the Ross Government. In the last twenty years, he said, both parties had made overtures to him and he could have had political favors from either. "It was not for party favors or hunger for office," said Mr. Ross, "but, thank God, it was for British blood that will not tolerate political corruption and chicanery from any set of political bosses." The Government deserved to be ousted for any one of five reasons: Ross maintained despite a minority of the popular vote; rule maintained by electoral corruption; electoral fraud encouraged by failure to prosecute the criminals; dishonor to the principles of constitutional Government, and maintenance in power of legislators with financial interests in the legislation. Extensive plenary had been carried on in a systematic manner by an organization in Toronto under the wing of the Ontario Government. There had been prosecutions, but under the Liberal Crown Attorneys, prosecution is far from punishment.

"The administration," said Candidate Ross, "hung on by the finger nails through all the discreditable circumstances merely for the sake of office and salary. And the people of Ontario will not tolerate a political swindler maintained by party swindling." In conclusion Mr. Ross said Liberals could do no greater honor to the Liberal cause than by turning Conservatives for this campaign.

Dennis Murphy, Mr. Ross' running mate, also made a characteristic speech and dealt at some length with the tactics of the Ontario Government to keep in power.

Fattened On Crime.
A feature of Mr. Whitney's speech was the reading of the telegram received to the Helon Mine. It created a sensation. From all over the audience cries of "Shame, shame!" were heard. But what told most was the plain, outspoken manner in which he denigrated the Conservative platform and gave the lie direct to different statements made the previous night by Premier Ross. The Premier had challenged anyone to show where an officer of the Government had been responsible for any corruption. In reply to this, Mr. Whitney instanced North Waterloo, where there had been no convictions or punishments, though the crime had been proven.

"And ever since the West Elgin horror," said Mr. Whitney, "the distinguished capitalist who was here last night has fattened on the results of crime, thus held office and eaten his daily bread from the money of a position he held by reason of crimes against the ballot boxes, for which he dare not prosecute one human being."

Mr. Whitney caused some surprise by announcing that on some platforms Premier Ross had stated that "there was no wrongdoing in West Elgin," and that the confession of MacInnis was secured by deception. The confession, he said, had been drawn by Aylesworth, the go-between between Gurney and Stratton, and had been approved by Harcourt and had been seen by Ross before being signed.

Mr. Whitney created another deep impression when he said that three offers of coalition had been made to him, and that the men who conveyed the messages to him, on two occasions were present in the theatre while he was speaking, and that they were Liberals. On the previous evening Premier Ross had said that "Mr. Gibson was not authorized to make any arrangement that would bind him (Ross)."

Cannot Be Found.
"The man does not live, nor the shackles do not exist that could bind him," said Mr. Whitney. "I never said anything about binding. I merely told what happened and he doesn't deny it."

The meeting closed with wildly enthusiastic cheers for Whitney and the candidates.

Mr. Joynt Withdraws.
Fredericton, Jan. 23.—R. E. Joynt has withdrawn from the contest in Greenville, not only leaving Mr. Ferguson as the Conservative candidate, but also turning in to actively support his erstwhile rival. This ensures a Conservative victory in the riding.

Mr. Joynt has also issued a circular letter addressed to the Conservatives of the riding, asking them to vote for Mr. Ferguson, the nominee of the convention.

"TRICK BALLOT BOX."

How Gus Porter, M.P., Created a Sensation in Port Perry.

Port Perry, Jan. 23.—On Saturday evening E. Gus Porter spoke here in the interests of Charles Calder, Conservative candidate, in South Ontario. With a ballot box he held a

poll. To the audience voted for Calder, and eight for Dryden, but when the ballots were counted it was found that 14 were marked for Calder and four for Dryden. He had used a "trick" ballot box. John Mott, P.M., the biggest liberal in Port Perry, arose and said that Mr. Porter could not switch his ballot. Porter agreed to try. Not voted twice for Dryden and put his ballots in the box. They came out for Calder. The episode has created a sensation in Port Perry.

See Trial Begins Tuesday.

Toronto, Jan. 23.—The Soo trial will commence on Tuesday, but in order that the voting rights of witnesses will not be interfered with only the testimony of those living within 10 miles of the Soo will be heard, and on Wednesday, election day, no session of the court will be held.

For a National Convention.

Montreal, Jan. 23.—At a gathering of French Conservatives, held yesterday at Jacques Cartier Club, a resolution was adopted endorsing R. L. Borden's leadership, and also the idea of a national convention.

Drowns Herself in the River.

Montreal, Jan. 23.—A dramatic suicide occurred Friday evening at Cote St. Paul, the victim of her own rashness being Philomena Massie, a 16-year-old girl. The girl lived with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. P. Massie, at Turcotte Village. She wanted to go to a party to meet some friends whom her parents considered not quite the best sort for a young girl. Her parents insisted on keeping her at home, but she went and was upbraided by her mother when she returned. "You will never correct me again," exclaimed the headstrong child, "for I will die." She ran by her mother and made for the canal bank, and without hesitation threw herself through a small opening into the icy water. The body has not been found.

Cotton Merger Before Parliament.

Montreal, Jan. 23.—George E. Amyot of Quebec and Ald. Clearkin and P. B. Mathys of this city, representing \$800,000 worth of Dominion Cotton stock, have been to Ottawa protesting to Sir Wilfrid Laurier against the cotton merger.

They say that the Premier made good promises and that the matter will come before Parliament. They declare they were not consulted in the deal and that their property has been handed over to an unknown corporation. An appraisal by the American Appraisal Company of the assets of the Dominion Cotton Company, and an inspection of the books of the company since 1895 will be requested from the directors.

France's New Cabinet.

Paris, Jan. 23.—The formation of a new Cabinet under the presidency of M. Rouvier is well under way. Following a lengthy conference with President Loubet, M. Rouvier entered an automobile and spent Saturday conversing with those whom he hopes to enlist in the Ministry. Those with whom he had interviews included M. Deleasse, who, it is certain, will retain the portfolio of Foreign Affairs in the new Cabinet. As the result of the conference between M. Rouvier and his associates, it was decided to continue for Premier Combes' policy.

SACHEL OF THE SATELLITE

Clancy conquers.

Whitney will win Wednesday.

A vote for Clancy is a vote for yourself.

A vote for McCoig is a vote for the Machine.

A vote for Clancy is a vote for your own best interests.

Was the Pulverizer one of that litter Mr. Dewar referred to.

Even rats desert a sinking ship. The barnacles are getting away, too.

Archie McCoig is sticking close to The Planet in this world at any rate.

Where are the Blakes and the Mills, the old time Liberals, in this contest?

Archie said that joint meeting in Chatham Township was a mistake. He ought to know.

The Newsjivitch issued its election forecast Saturday. Regarding Ross it says, "His hour has come."

The Planet has been called many awful names but H. H. Dewar's dirty epithet was the limit.

"Mr. Graham or Mr. Vance or any one else connected with the Liberal organization,"—H. H. Dewar.

"If there hadn't been any bye-election, we wouldn't have used the Minnie M."—Barnacle Robinette.

Archie says The Planet won't be published in Heaven. Archie is right. You don't carry coals to Newcastle.

Thirty-two years in the saddle and the War Horse goes to the bone-yard on Wednesday next. — Windsor Standard.

"We like to go back into ancient history."—Barnacle Robinette. Yes, the present is too painful and the future too blank.

I don't blame the people for hissing when Dewar called this G. H. J. by the name of the Banner. I was highly incensed myself.

Archie put on his overcoat in the middle of the speaking. Was he afraid of Mr. Robinette, or was it the noticeable frost?

And to think of confounding this Great Home Journal with that Mr. Ther Seigels' Almanac affair up street. 'Twas the unkindest cut of all.

Was it the convention at Toronto which whitewashed Ross or the convention at Chatham which nominated McCoig that changed Archie's views?

Robinette doesn't do so badly in defending criminals. He has made a life-work of it, you know. But they say he charges mighty big fees for his services.

Mr. Dewar must have been aware of the Hon. G. P. Graham's visit here for the Toronto lawyer said that it seemed fashionable now to tell untruths on the public platform.

The band was handing out notes on the Grit's behalf Saturday night. They weren't the same kind of notes with the green label that the machine will hand out Wednesday.

Whitney wants to help the farmers by establishing more agricultural colleges. Mr. Cochran says Whitney is an "extremist." Ross wants to hang onto his job four years longer. Mr. Cochran says Ross is a "statesman."

T. C. Robinette concluded with an eloquent appeal to his hearers "to bear the illa we have rather than fly to others that we know not of." That reminds me of the man who shot himself rather than take his chances of being killed in battle.

Archie McCoig had a copy of The Planet at both his meetings in the Opera House. Archie likes to carry around a good paper. You never see a copy of the B. Mistake sticking out of his pocket. It might queer him.

Barnacle Robinette suggests that Mr. Whitney would amend the Ten Commandments, to read, "Thou art permitted to abuse your neighbor day and night." If so it would be for the accommodation of Toronto barnacles who come here to abuse Kent's Own Jim.

Barnacle Robinette tried to make out that Whitney opposed the payment of the Soo workmen, but as every one present knew that Whitney was the first to suggest it, the bluff only served to place Mr. R. in the same category as Hon. G. Past the Truth Graham.

THE SOUP.

Liberal young lady addressing Planet Pict—You'll say that McCoig is going to get in, won't you? Planet Pict—Ah, that all depends on what you mean by getting in.

Mr. Robinette wants to know why McGregor wasn't called to testify in the Gamey investigation. McGregor wasn't called, my dear barnacle, because the commissioners paid by the Ontario Government refused to admit his evidence.

"A man's most noble friend the horse is the last object of their slander and vituperation," said H. H. Dewar with tears in his voice. They have been comparing the decrepit Government to a warhorse. If I have assailed I apologize to the horse.

WORTHY SUPPORTER.

At a meeting in Exeter, Rev. Mr. McLennan, the Liberal candidate, advised his Liberal friends not to be hoodwinked by the Tories, but to vote for a yellow dog if in support of the party. Truly, Mr. McLennan is a worthy supporter of the Ross machine.

THE STING IS IN THE TAIL.

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Barnacle Dewar compared the Ross Government to a tight rope walker—a very apt comparison.

"Mr. Whitney's record is down in black and white,"—Barnacle Robinette. Mr. Ross' record is all black.

Barnacle Dewar: "Sometimes it is fashionable to tell untruths on the public platform."—He knows Go Past the Truth Graham.

The Germans are going to resent the insults the Ross hireling, W. T. R. Preston, cast upon them in his letter to "Dear Aubrey."

Mr. Robinette tried to imitate my muse, but his poetry was as lame as his argument. That is he degenerated into an imitation of the Newsjivitch.

The stories Saturday night like the Ross warhorse, were unique, but the arguments which, also like the warhorse, were rather lame.

"I see those men (the barnacles at the Toronto convention) out working," T. C. Robinette. Naturally—they want to cling a little while longer to the ship of state.

The Commissioners had no interest in this matter—the Gamey investigation. T. C. Robinette. How much did the Ross Government, supposed to be on trial, pay them for their services?

In consequence of the Soo guarantee the debts were paid.—T. C. Robinette. Especially that \$400,000 of Combes and Bowman, who had Ross by the throat.

Barnacle Dewar admitted that the Conservatives had duplicated all the good points of the Ross policy. Then what's he kicking about. He still has exclusive possession of all the bad points, which are far more numerous.

So the popgun Newsjivitch has at last discovered that W. T. R. Preston, whom Ross appointed immigration agent at \$3,500 per annum, east a "wonton slur" on the Germans. Next thing it will apologize for "Hon." Go Past-the-Truth Graham's insult to the Irish.

A REASON.

Be patient with the short-tempered Rossites. Remember all the dirty things they have had to swallow the last few months.—Brantford Courier.

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the Ross machine.—St. Thomas Times.

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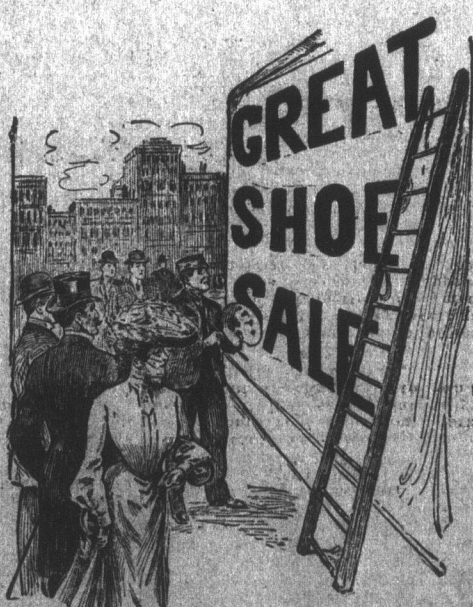
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