

POLITICAL POINTS.

Pithy Extracts from our Exchanges.

The Spirit of the Patriotic Press of Ontario

A National View.

It is needless to say that in such a case, a wrong is perpetrated; but against whom? Against the Reform party many will say. Against the country we contend. It is the country that has been prevented from giving the strength to the Reform party that it meant to give. That is where the wrong is done. For neither party considered as a party do we care a fig. For the country and its liberties we care a great deal; and it is because the whole system of gerrymandering strikes at the natural and constitutional rights of the people that we say it is a thing which no one should laugh at or chuckle over, but which every honest man should condemn. —[Montreal Star.

The Disputed Territory.

It may be of interest to know that while the contest is going on here over the question of the territory west of Lake Superior, the favorites on whom the privilege of stripping it of timber has been conferred by the Dominion Government are hard at work. If the territory is not secured now by turning out Sir John Macdonald, it will be worth many millions less to us five years hence. It is only fair, therefore, that Mr. Mowat should expect the Province to declare in favor of its own rights by a majority so sweeping as to force Sir John to resign at once, as Mr. Mackenzie did in 1878, when he found the popular verdict against him.

Enemies and Traitors.

Grip and some of our journals—and among them The World—have been bringing out the idea that the French Canadian Blues are enemies of Ontario and that they it is who are really the abusers of Sir John Macdonald in his refusal to ratify the boundary award and in disallowance of provincial acts. Let us grant that these French Canadians are jealous, and did "put up the job" what must we say of those Ontario members of parliament, those members of the Ontario legislature, and those Ontario journals that have been even warmer abusers of Sir John Macdonald in his raid on Ontario, than the French Canadians. Traitor is a hard name but it is the one that suits him best. Sir John would never have listened to suggestions from Quebec if he could count on the support of Ontario Conservatives. Every man from Quebec, no matter where he is, is solid for Quebec every time.—World.

Skippers in the Cheese.

The East Lambton Reformers have made an excellent choice of a candidate, in the person of Mr. J. H. Fairbanks of Petrolia, who is not only a man of splendid business abilities but above the average as a speaker. There was a freshness and originality about his speech at the convention rarely met with. He pointed out that Mr. Mackenzie had been absurdly charged with the depression existing at the close of his Administration, when, as a matter of fact, the wave of depression had set in before he took office. Our opponents had very courteously designated the Reform leaders, "Flies on the wheel." He showed us that a title not inappropriate to the present Government, viz: "Skippers in the cheese." (Laughter.) In many respects they resembled each other; indeed there was quite a family resemblance. (Laughter.) Their habits were similar. Skippers get blown into the current, and the cheese is the way the Tories get into power, and generally by some neglect on the part of the people. When skippers get in they don't want to leave. So it is with the Tories. (Laughter.) Indeed, the latter seem to think that they have a divine right to the position, and that the cheese is far better for their being there, although a good many people think differently. He knew of only one more unhappy sight than a skipper out of the cheese, and that was a Tory out of office. (Renewed laughter and applause.)

The Chief Rival.

By abstracting Liberal townships from adjacent ridings, in which it was desired to leave Conservative majorities, there are now, on the basis of the last election returns, the following Liberal majorities in these ridings:

Table with 2 columns: Constituency, Liberal Majority. Lists ridings like North Oxford, West Elgin, etc., with their respective Liberal majorities.

In these eight constituencies the Liberal majority is 5,500, equal to an average majority of 100 in 55 constituencies. At the last general election South Bruce was carried by 75 majority, Carleton 86, Cornwall 38, West Durham 42, East Elgin 49, West Elgin 112, Glenora 61, South Grenville 25, South Grey 81, Halton 18, East Hastings 20, North Huron 81, North Lambton 43, Leeds and Grenville 36, Lennox 50, Lincoln 44, London 64, East Middlesex 34, North Middlesex 8, West Middlesex 48, Monck 28, Muskoka 63, Niagara 2, North Norfolk 17, West Northumberland 88, East Northumberland 63, North Ontario 54, Peel 89, North Perth 83, South Perth 77, East Perth 25, Prescott 3, North Simcoe 50, South Waterloo 44, Welland 116, North Wellington 108, Centre Wellington 6, North Wentworth 106, South Wentworth 74, North York 10, East York 66. Some of these constituencies returned Reformers and some Conservatives. The arrangement of constituencies that have been on a tolerably fair basis, when such results as these were possible. The figures given above for the "Grit hives" show what has been done to substitute injustice for justice.

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AN EDITOR'S TROUBLES.

A Discussion on the Fashions—The kind of Questions an Editor is Supposed to Answer.

"Is the gentleman who knows everything in" stammered a vision of golden hair and sea blue eyes, as she stood timidly beside the managing editor's desk yesterday afternoon.

"Everything about what?" asked the editor, clawing around under his desk for his shoes, and trying to hide his straggling feet under him. "Upon which particular branch do you seek information?"

"I don't exactly know what to do," pouted the strawberry lips. Pa says I can only have one dress this spring, and I don't know how to make it up. I thought the gentleman who answers questions could tell me."

"H'm!" muttered the managing editor. "He has gone up to Maine to find out why geese always walk in single file. An 'Anxious Inquirer' wants to know. What kind of a dress had you thought of getting?"

"That's what I want to know. I want something that will look well with terra cotta gloves."

"Yes, yes," murmured the editor. "Then you should get one of these green things with beads that turn all kinds of colours, and some fringe and fixings of that kind."

"Would you have it cut princess or wear it with a polonaise?" she inquired, looking at him searchingly.

"You—you might have it princess around the neck and a row of polonaises at the bottom," suggested the editor. "That's going to be very fashionable and a couple of hip pockets would set it off royally."

"I don't know," murmured the beauty. "I haven't seen any of that style. Do you know whether panniers are worn bouffant this season, or whether the skirt is tight?"

"Oh, certainly they are made with all the bouffants you can get on 'em. Some have even sixteen button bouffants, and there was a lady in here yesterday who had a pannier that came clean up to the neck. I should have it pretty bouffant if it was my dress."

"Well," stammered the blushing blossom, "would you box plait the skirt or shirr it?"

"Shirr it, by all means!" exclaimed the editor. "Shirr it, straight up and down, and fasten it with those loops of black tape."

"You mean frogs?" asked the beauty. "No, no. These big loops that slip over two buttons. That sets off the shirrs and gives a sort of tout to the ensemble," and the editor leaned back and smiled superior.

"Don't you think revers of a lighter shade would look pretty?" she enquired. "They'll do to finish up the back, but I wouldn't put 'em on the front," answered the editor savagely. "Revers are very well to trim a hat with, but they don't set off a dress front."

"How would you have the corsage?" "I wouldn't have any at all. You would look much better without one."

"Sir," she exclaimed, rising. "Oh, if you insist, you might have a small one, certainly not over three inches long, for short dresses are the style now."

"You—you don't seem to understand," she commenced. "Oh, don't!" he retorted. "That's what I'm here for. I think there is nothing so lamentable as to see a young lady dragging her corsage through the mud and dust. Still, if you want one, you should have it, so you can take it off when you go on the street and only wear it at home. They are hard to handle and not one woman in a hundred will kick her corsage gracefully."

"I—I am very much obliged to you," she murmured. "You are very good, I'm sure."

"Don't mention it," replied the editor politely. "I think when you get it shirred and reversed and polonaised and pringed, you'll like it very much. You might get a sash and some big buttons to put on behind, or if you'd like another style better, you might trim the whole front with bouffants and wear the pannier for a hat."

"Oh, thank you, sir!" exclaimed the blushing girl, as she scuttled down stairs.

"Swipes!" roared the managing editor with a complacent smile and a glance of approval at himself in the glass. "Swipes, you may tell the foreman to send me a proof of the Fashion Notes as soon as they come in. I have observed that a great many errors have crept in lately."

The fishing season has set in again, and anglers have taken the warpath. Fishing is a fine pastime, assuming that you are fortunate enough to catch any fish; otherwise it is one of the most melancholy and unsatisfying pursuits in the whole world. Among other things that fishing teaches are patience and perseverance. Nobody ever made any headway in trying to force the fish to take the hook; so that for impulsive or impatient people to go fishing is a hollow mockery. You must be calm and keep your eye on the line and wait.—[E.]

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Children's Summer Clothes.

A correspondent for Farm and Field writes: "I have just seen a wardrobe in preparation for a little girl of four years, which is so cheap and so pretty and contains such useful, sensible clothing, that I can do no better than to describe it."

First of all, there is a gray flannel, or cold damp days. It is made quite simple—a long, tight-fitting waist with full skirted shirt; a broad sash of Scotch plaid worsted goods, with revers of the same down the fronts; cuffs and collars are all the trimmings. The prominent color in the goods is cardinal, and their are cardinal stockings and hair-ribbons to be worn with it, and some large pearls, with cardinal polka-dots, to be worn over the very large plaid collar. Another dark dress is a turkey calico. It has a deep yoke long waist, and full-gathered ruffle. The ruffle has a vine worked above the hem in white tidy cotton, briar stitch edges the collar, yoke and ruffles on the sleeves and the bias band, which heads the ruffle. There were two cardinal figured percales on a white ground. One had two narrow ruffles headed by a border of cardinal and white in a Greek key pattern. The yoke was simulated (a close fitting sack pattern being used), and there was a cunning little pocket. The other cardinal and white percale was cut to open in the front. It had one seam down the middle of the back, which shaped the dress into the figure, and three narrow ruffles on the skirt, each having a row of briar stitching in red cotton, and the bias band which served as a heading for the top one, and was also continued up the front to the throat was trimmed with the same. The half-long sleeves had two little ruffles and the bias piece above them, and were all trimmed the same way.

A blue Chambray gingham cut with close-fitting sack had on each side the front three narrow tucks, and down the centre was a row of inserting made of feather braid. This was worn on the goods, not inserted; a ruffle, five inches deep, with three tucks above the hem, had a row of inserting for the heading. The sleeves were also trimmed with it, and there was a deep collar made of the feather-edged braid to be worn with it.

Another dress was of unbleached cheese cloth worked in double herring-bone stitch with red cotton. It was cut in sack shape and buttoned behind. Three scant, straight ruffles, two inches wide, were worked with red, and a double row for a heading to the top one. A long V was outlined in the front with it, and it was put on around the back in the shape of a square collar; a very narrow ruffle around the back in the shape of the square collar, also very narrow ruffle around the throat, edged also with the cotton, and two on the sleeves, with a belt and extending only from seam to seam, completed this charming little dress.

A dark calico was laid in three box plaits were stitched down within five inches of the bottom, which was finished with a pretty border.

The best dress of was of darned net, to be worn over pink, blue or scarlet slips, made of undressed cambric.

For wraps, there were two sacks. One was of white Shaker flannel, at sixty-five cents a yard, thirty-six inches wide, and one yard made the sack. It was pinked in the edge and worked above in a little vine with cardinal and gold colored silk. The other was of heavy gray flannel, cut long enough to cover the gait, and fitted in the back with one seam. It had a large collar, pockets and cuffs worked with black split zephyr.

A wardrobe for an older sister is in process of making. I will describe it in another paper.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

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A Young Tailor Heard From.

Oven Sound, May 22nd 1882.

To the Editor of THE SIGNAL.

Dear Sir,—I am not writing you as a correspondent, but merely to give you a boy's idea of the beauties of the rocky shores and blue waters of the Georgian Bay, particularly that of Colpey's, into which I pass in and out on my daily route from Owen Sound and intermediate points. I have been appointed and am acting as clerk or purser, on the propeller "Josephine Kidd," at present engaged on much the same route as the unfortunate Jane Miller. Though young at the business, I think I can weather it, having lots to do with freight and passengers to and from the ports along our route. Colpey's Bay is considered the best sheltered bay in these waters, being about two miles wide and ten miles long, protected at the mouth by three noted large islands, The Bay, Whitecloud and Griffiths, each containing water to the depth of one to three hundred fathoms. The shores are very picturesque and grand with high and bright rock. If I was up in the sketching business I would not be at a loss for scenes here. I often times think of my schoolmates in Goderich and my home, but there is something exciting in my calling that take away my lonesome feelings. We are doing a large freight trade, and expect it to increase at the season advances particularly with excursions off the G. T. R. from Harton, our present port of stopping. You must not think me boastful or presumptuous in taking this liberty. Yours with respect. A. M. HUMBER.

An orator saying that he had "a very mixed audience," was asked how it happened. "Oh," said he, "I stirred it up with my eloquence."

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