

The Daily Planet

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THE BANNER'S KNIFE.

A few days ago The Planet published an article, which has since been quite generally commended, in which it was pointed out that, since there is a vacancy in the Senate caused through the death of the late Senator Casgrain, and since no Senator has been appointed for West Kent, since the time of the late Senator Northwood, and as there are men in this county worthy of the honor and deserving of it, it is only right and proper that this present vacancy should be filled by a man from this constituency. Mr. N. H. Stevens' name has been prominently associated with the position, by many of the most influential Liberal workers and politicians, and The Planet submitted his name as that of a man who would do great honor to the office.

Since the publishing of the article, the Banner, the local Liberal organ, has found out that there is a vacancy in the Senate. They have also found out—they read it in The Planet—that there are Kent Liberals worthy of the new appointment.

"Scooped" on what should have been their own story—if they had been awake to what is going on in their own party—they become sore, and their soreness is not lessened by the caustic inquiries from their Liberal friends as to when The Banner is going to "get next" to what is going on around them.

Goaded to desperation, the Banner editor realizes that it is practically up to him to say something, or continue to be ridiculed. The first thing which strikes him is, who will he boost for the position. The Planet has mentioned Mr. N. H. Stevens. It would never do to follow in The Planet's footsteps, but, of course, he must go far enough to agree that the appointment should come to West Kent.

The result is a hurriedly-written "editorial." Yes, the appointment must come to West Kent. No names are directly mentioned in the Banner's editorial—they talk all around the subject, in what they no doubt intended to be vague generalities. It is not hard, however for the person reading between the lines to discover the identity of the local candidate whom they are paving the way to support, and in their selection The Planet leaves to be respectfully disagree with them. We are surprised at the Banner assuming such an attitude, for we would have gladly welcomed their assistance in forwarding the candidature of Mr. N. H. Stevens. We are at a loss to know what Mr. Stevens has done, that he should not receive the hearty support and co-operation of that paper, in an attempt to secure something of which he is so highly deserving. In what respect is the Banner's candidate better fitted to capably and honorably represent Kent in the Senate than is Mr. N. H. Stevens?

Let the Banner cease secretly working in the dark, and let them have the moral courage to come out in a straight-forward, honest manner, and name the man whom they have undertaken to boost for the position, and The Planet will be willing to leave it with the people whether the man they name, or Mr. N. H. Stevens, would make the more intelligent and creditable representative of West Kent in the Senate.

McCOIG IS CAUGHT.

The Banner, last evening, resurrected an old, cast-off cartoon from the Toronto News, of A. B. McCoig, and printed it on their front page with the following comment:

"The artist has caught the popular and genial member from West Kent, busy at his desk in the House."

This is indeed an important capture! And the Banner evidently thinks it rare enough to be so important that they should make a splurge over it.

Just think of it! The "artist" was quick and clever enough not only to "catch him in the House," but to also catch him "BUSY at his desk." No doubt Mr. McCoig was smooth enough to get away, and we presume he will be astute enough to see that it doesn't happen again. The incident, however, should be a lesson to him to be more careful, and guard against being thus surprised unawares.

Later on the Banner says, "Mr. McCoig is a faithful attendant."

The Banner evidently does not know of the time when McCoig asked a question in the Legislature, and for three consecutive days he was not present to receive his answer, although the Minister had it ready for him. If the Banner will only take the trouble to investigate this, they will find out that upon the

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third day referred to, Mr. Whitney, the Prime Minister, roundly scolded this same McCoig for his negligence in not attending regularly, the sessions of the House, particularly when matters were coming up in which he (McCoig) should be especially interested. They will also find that upon this occasion the Leader of the Liberal Opposition was forced to apologize for the repeated absence from the House of the Banner's "faithful attendant"—A. B. McCoig.

The Planet protested vigorously against the proposed action of A. B. McCoig, in proclaiming in the Legislature that Chatham is likely to experience another contagious disease outbreak. Mr. McCoig's contention in this respect is a direct libel on the city. There is not a healthier city than Chatham in the whole province, in spite of Mr. McCoig to the contrary. Press reports credit McCoig with spilling his Grand Stand spiel re small-pox, on the floor of the House. To use the Banner's pet phrase, The Planet's "Kicks were useless." This, of course, cannot be undone, but it is hoped that when McCoig realizes how his action is roundly condemned by the people of this city, he may change his tactics and in future speak well of the city instead of enrolling himself among the "knockers."

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