

## The Planet

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## THE PREMIER'S VISIT.

Hon. G. W. Ross has come and gone. He has presented his case to the people of Kent—he is a clever man and did it well—and his utterances will bear a careful contemplation between now and election day.

We have been, perhaps, especially fortunate in the present campaign in that the electors have had visits from the leaders of both parties and received from each a personal pronouncement on his policy. The people are the jury and their verdict is final. And it is a verdict that, in their own interests and those of the glorious Province which is their heritage, demands a thoughtful logical consideration at their hands.

To the unprejudiced observer the contrasted manner in which these two men—the leaders of the twin political parties of our Province—were received and honored by their supporters and the people at large will prove a keen commentary on their individual worth. Mr. Whitney came upon his own merits and stood upon his own merits. His request for little ostentation was observed. There were no brass bands to create enthusiasm, no bombastic procession in which he must figure as the almighty "I," no paid display and personal exaltation and aggrandizement. Mr. Whitney prefers to be a man among men, meeting his fellow as a fellow, associating with the people as one of themselves, keeping in touch with their interests. He came and mingled with them and talked to them as man to man. Mr. Ross was received with an elaboration of mechanical splendor, exalted on a pyramid of commercial isolation and greatness. The monetary basis governed—bands, hackmen, decorators, et al, were paid the price and delivered the goods. The enthusiasm, which it was apparently taken for granted Mr. Ross could not create in himself, was detailed to the purchased coterie. The result was disappointing. Spectators were many. The people turned out, viewed and admired the spectacle, possibly wondered how much it all cost—but there their interest ceased. There was no ardor, no spontaneity, no enthusiasm.

Pursue the comparison further. Take the individuality of the two leaders as demonstrated in their addresses. Mr. Whitney is a fighter—strong, vigorous, fair, keen, definite—hitting hard and landing above the belt. When he dealt with a subject everyone knew exactly where he stood in reference to it and why the stand was taken. Mr. Ross is a shuffler—clever, astute, ready and deep. He submitted platitudes galore, many of excellent and all calculated to tickle the ears. He painted a glowing picture of what "I" have done, what "I" have discovered that the blunders, Hardy, Mowat and Macdonald, who preceded "me" had not wit enough or ability enough to probe, what "I" have built up and developed and what "I" intend to do if you will only give "me" a chance.

But Mr. Ross lacks Mr. Whitney's candor, honesty and straightforward way of dealing with every issue. He prefers the shuffle and the dodge. Analyze his speech last evening and say for yourselves whether we misjudge him. Take his reference to the pulp wood deals, which Mr. Whitney criticized so vigorously. What defence did he make? Mr. Ross spent over 15 minutes discussing that one matter. Did any elector in the large audience know when he finished exactly where he stood, and why Mr. Whitney's criticism was not thoroughly deserved? Mr. Ross told us they put up their pulp wood concessions at auction in Quebec, and their system was faulty in that it permitted the holding of the concessions for indefinite periods for speculative purposes, therefore—mark this—the selling of public concessions by action, instead of giving them out to a favored few as he (Ross) had done was a detriment to the country.

That shuffle wasn't even clever, Mr. Ross. Mr. Whitney never even mentioned Quebec or its system. What he said, Mr. Ross, and he said it quite plainly and definitely, was—"Mr. Ross disposes of his timber limits publicly to the highest bidder—right. Mr. Ross disposes of his pulp wood deals privately to preferred corporations and speculators—wrong. Why does not Mr. Ross dispose of his pulp wood deals as he does his timber limit concessions?"

Quite plain and definite, isn't it Mr. Ross? No shuffling or dodging there. A straight question that should have received a straight answer. Why did it not, Mr. Ross?

Take another instance. Mr. Ross takes up Mr. Whitney's criticism of the school system. What defence or explanation did he make in this matter? There is no ground for Mr. Whitney's criticisms, he says, because—and, mark this again—features in the educational system have received

enormous amounts at the Chicago and Paris expositions.

That shuffle was, perhaps, more ingenious, but still exhibited lamentable weakness. What Mr. Whitney said, Mr. Ross, and he said it, again, quite plainly and definitely, was—"Official figures show that over 95 per cent. of the people of Ontario begin and end their education in the public school. This being the case, the public school should not be made the mere stepping stone to the high school and university, which the vast majority never see. The public school should stand by itself, receive attention for itself, and be made a place where the 95 per cent. can secure a completed practical education for the life that awaits them."

Again, quite plain and definite, isn't it, Mr. Ross? No shuffling or dodging there? A straight policy that should have received straight dealing.

Why did it not, Mr. Ross? And so on with the "surplus" issue, the veteran land grants, the taxation of insurance companies, etc. One steady series of shuffles.

But, perhaps, the most serious and striking thing in his whole address was Mr. Ross' allusion to the West Elgin election frauds and the notorious ballot box operations of the machine in other constituencies. "Why dwell on these little things, these picaresque politics," he asked, "when larger, vaster issues of the present are before us? These are ancient history, they have passed away. Act in the living present."

And this astounding statement was made to the electors of West Kent by the Premier of the Province! The stealing, switching, and burning of ballots a "little thing;" the turning loose of a horde of professional black-legs to rob the people of their franchise a "little thing;" the defaming of the fair name of our Province a "little thing!" When the Premier has reached the plane where he can so describe the hideous election debauchery which has cursed Ontario and robbed her people, it is, in truth, time for a change. They are ancient history, bygones, he declares. Nothing of the kind. On the 29th inst. the people of Ontario will have their first opportunity to pass upon them. Mr. Ross instilled political corruption by Conservatives when in power at Ottawa. This is ancient history, in that the people have passed upon it. Mr. Ross knows the verdict in the one case; can he see the handwriting on the wall in the other?

"Little things," indeed! "Picaresque politics!" What do the people think of it? Is not one of the most momentous issues that confronts the electors to-day the preserving and protecting of an honest ballot; the demand for integrity, honesty and uprightness in public affairs; the conserving of our good name as a Province and as a people?

God grant the day may never come in Ontario—in Canada—when our people will, with Premier Ross, look upon these matters as "little things," as "picaresque politics."

No, Mr. Ross, had you done nothing else, had you said nothing else; had you identified yourself with nothing else deserving of condemnation, this one statement—an appalling exhibition of your ideals of a people's good name and a government's honor—should banish you as a representative of public opinion to an oblivion proving perpetual.

## Poor Pardo!

## Whitney Will Win!

The funeral cortege was well handled and quite imbued with appropriate solemnity.

Mr. Ross says school books only cost 10-15 cents per pupil. How is that, parents of Kent?

No wonder the procession was silent and decorous. Undertakers' processions usually are.

Pardo appears to be ashamed of his record. "He has sense enough to hold his tongue," says Dr. Landerkin.

Really Ross has enough bad omens to run up against without placing his processions in charge of the undertaker.

Maybe the local Liberals were remembering Ross when they engaged the undertaker to look after his procession.

When Ross alluded to the "fitting reception with which we were greeted," was he thinking of the undertaker's able efforts?

John Lee didn't spare words in roasting George Johns. How these Liberals love one another and what a united front they do present!

Surely it was made evident by the street streamers yesterday that the Grits had several strings on the Telephone Company—and their poles.

When President Kerr said that the local Liberals felt they had urgent need of Mr. Ross' visit, he spoke the truth. They know what they're up against.

It could hardly have been reliable to the late member for West Kent to hear the various speakers, one by one, accounting for and apologizing for Pardo's silence.

It is time for some of us men to stand aside.—T. L. Pardo in his speech last night.

That's the point, Mr. Pardo. And the people take just the same view of it as yourself.

The people of West Kent, whom he has represented for eight long years, have asked Mr. Pardo for an account of his stewardship. Mr. Pardo declines to give it and Senator Landerkin says he "has sense enough to hold his tongue." There may be something in that, all right.

Dr. Landerkin expressed himself as puzzled to know what the Tories meant by the Grit machine. He should seek information from that stalwart Liberal organizer, Preston, who seemed to be so assured of its literal and able-bodied existence that he telegraphed his ardent embraces, "Bug the Machine."

Mr. Ross undertook to dictate to the people of Kent a certificate of character for Mr. Pardo. Little hard on the discerning powers of the people, isn't it? Also shabby estimate of Pardo to take it for granted his neighbors and constituents hadn't discovered any of these things for themselves.

Pardo is not a talking man, he is an acting one.—Senator Landerkin.

So? Then what has he done for the people of Kent during those eight years? The senator is a talking man, why didn't he tell us of at least one or two acts accomplished by the acting man? A voting automaton machine acts when the button is pressed, doesn't it?

John Lee doesn't apparently think much of this great home journal's comment upon yesterday's street parade or Walt Piggott's hat. Never mind, John, as Ross says, these are little matters. We're quite willing to let them pass. We are right with you, however, when you pointed out that Mr. Whitney was a man who commanded admiration for his conscientious and courageous convictions.

A few days ago when this great home journal announced the fact that George Johns had expressed his intention of being a candidate in East Kent the Banner hoisted about "lively imaginations" and "dirty political tactics." Suppose, after their utterances at the meeting last night on the subject, the "Liberal" organ will have a heart-to-heart talk with President Kerr and Candidate Lee.

Before the cosmopolitan gathering of his campaign and to the large and representative throng of the people of West Kent, who had assembled last evening, Mr. Pardo gave the following detailed account of his eight years' stewardship and enumerated the following deeds done and measures advocated by him in the interests of his constituents and this fine county:—

There were hundreds in Mr. Whitney's audience on Tuesday night who were anxious to know something on the subject of prohibition, but not a word did they hear. This is one of the "issues" of the campaign that Mr. Whitney is carefully avoiding, and prohibitionists are noting the fact, to his discredit.—Banner of May 2, following Mr. Whitney's visit.

Wonder how many of those hundreds anxious to hear something on the subject of prohibition took in Mr. Ross' meeting last night. And how they viewed the Premier's silence. It must be painful for the Banner tonight to call the attention of its readers to the fact that "this is one of the issues of the campaign that he is carefully avoiding, and prohibitionists are noting the fact to his discredit."

## The Reason.

"There is a very intimate nervous connection between the brain and the stomach," said the scientific man.

"That explains it," answered the humble person who is willing to learn.

"What?"

"The reason why nearly every political alliance or financial deal has to be discussed at a banquet."

## Joke Was Evident.

"No wonder they say the British are slow in seeing a joke."

"Why so?"

"I told the chap from London that we never ate a rabbit stew without finding a hare in it, and he is going home and write a paper entitled 'Neatness Needed in American Kitchens!'"

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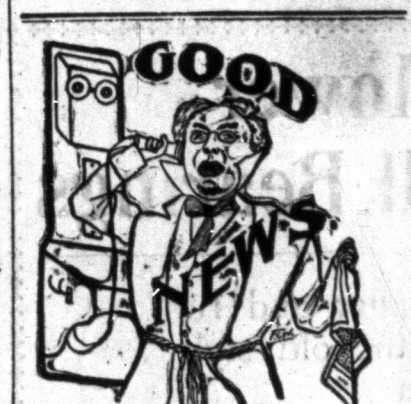
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