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UNITE ON FOLEY. While any chance yet existed that the

Dominion government might be defeated or that its great majority might be cut very close, the position of the parties in ment. this constituency was such that a fight at the polls was unavoidable and good party men under such conditions could not be expected to do anything else than give their support to their respective candidates. With the return of the government. however, by an immense majority, by a majority so great that it is equal to the full Conservative representation in the House, matters in this riding assume a very different complexion. The question of party politics is necessarily eliminated from the campaign and Liberals and Conservatives alike can now unite on a candidate acceptable to both parties and not unalterably allied to either. They can give their support to a man who will not be offensive to the government and yet who cannot be included unconditionally within the government ranks: a man, in fact, who will possess the good will of the government and yet whose aim it will be to serve the interests of the constituency rather than those of a party. Sir Wilfred Laurier's administration is so firmly established and possesses such an overwhelming majority that the partisan support of this constituency is a matter of no consequence to it. The Conservative opposition is now such an attenuated body that the capture of another constituency would in no possible respect help it out of the hole in which it finds itself. Accordingly, as for party purposes the constituency is not of importance either to the government or the Opposition, why should not the old line politicians withdraw their candidates and unite to elect Mr. Foley-the Independent Laur candidate? It seems to us that by so doing both parties would obtain credit for a desire to consult the best interests of the country and of the people at large. Mr. Foley would then go to Ottawa as the representatives of a united constituency and as one who is able not only to counsel the government as to the needs of the district in the special industry on which it depends, but would be able to give valuable advice on matters of legislation, between employer and employe, which are every day pressing more strenuously or solution. There is among the Conservatives a strong feeling against the continuance of Mr. MacNeill's canvass simply on ity, in the face of which all his efforts in the House for the benefit of the constituency would be useless. It is said that Mr. MacNeill himself agrees with this view of the matter and is desirous of retiring. If he did so and Mr. Galliher should insist on remaining in the field it would mean the election of Mr. Foley and it would mean that by reason of this obstinacy on the part of the Liberals they had not only lost the seat, but they had lost entirely, and deservedly so, the support of a very large class which under ordinary circumstances would go with them. It, however, Mr. Galliher retires, and also Mr. MacNeill, a satisfactory solution of the whole trouble has been ar: rived at without any prestige having been lost by either party or by either candidate. It is stated by some of the members of the Liberal party who professs to be in a position to speak for Mr. Galliher, that under no circumstances will he retire: that even if the party should be desirous of his withdrawal he will not accede. This, of course, is simply absurd. Mr. Galliher is the nominee of the Liberal party and has been nominated because of his straight Liberal principles and because of his undoubted allegiance to the party. If, then, it is to the advantage of the party that he withdraw he will certainly do so or place himself in the unenviable position of having forced himselt into the fight against the wishes and the best interests of his party. We do not amagine for a moment that Mr. Galliher would be guilty of any such impolitic act. He is too same to be afflicted with the idea that

expense of his party. There is abundant evidence from every part of the constituency that Mr. Foley's candidature is meeting with more and Canada, and his opinion as to what should more favor. As the days go by this sentiment will increase and there is little the old party candidates remain in the field Mr. Foley will be elected. His presence in the House would be of immense advantage to the constituency in every way. It will, we think, be conceded that all labor troubles should be avoided, that land, and when "his sisters and his cou adjusted without a resort to lockouts or sine and his aunts" were all provided for

sides this he has the advantage of being trict because he would, while there, learn parliamentary methods and become acquainted with the machinery of govern-

SURE OF ELECTION.

The certainty of Chris Foley's election is daily becoming greater, and both of the old parties are in a panic over the tions. accessions which are being m de to the ranks of his supporters. Each, however, is cherishing the delusion that its candidate may go in between the other two. No greater mistake could be ma'e. The Labor candidate is sure of electi n, and is not troubling himself in the slightest particular over the result. He is the only Ottawa. The campaigns of Mr. Galliber hind the gun." and Mr. MacNeill are practically at an end, and they are simply awaiting election day to see what the people are going to do for them-or with them. Both Conservatives and Libera's are committing a grave error political'y; without a chance to win, they are keeping their candidates in the field and courting the host I ty of factory to all parties and to the governsentative of this mining district.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER.

of a lost cause, which apparently prompts true, as argued at the meeting that Sir Sir Charles Tupper at his great age, to Charles has already received too great undertake a journey of four thousand consideration at the hands of his political miles at this season of year. Ostensibly friends, and that his leadership has proved the aged leader is coming to British Co- a source of great weakness, still in his delumbia on a political mission. Possibly, clining years he might surely have exhowever, his visit at this time is more pected more kindly treatment. of a private nature. Sir Charles is the chairman of a mining company, and it is Charles Tupper's political career contains that he may have awakened to the tact that his usefulness is gone, as a political his downfall would have produced a very leader in Canada.

servative leader has already suffered, must party, may be due very largely to his pe mid indeed compared with the chilli-blundering and vanity. Let us, however, of the reception which awaits him here. Even his own party is uneasy. While these frailties, which after all may be it is conceded that Sir Charles Tupper caused by some physical defect in his nahas in the past rendered great service to his party, yet he is in a large measure responsible for the disaster, which, for the but himself or his family. He is out of in leading. The young Conservatives as the punishment meted out to him or chafed and fretted, but their loyalty to Wednesday by the Canadian people, was the old party overcame their scruples, and in all conscience quite severe enough. We, with a consideration rarely excelled for therefore, deplore the action of his supthe feelings of their old leader they re- porters here, though at the same time mained silent.

expected to continue. All the forcefulness, and energy of Sir Charles Tupper will be wasted if he attempts to force his opinions down the throats of the party in Yale-Cariboo. Assuredly, he cannot compel the party to enter into a contest which in their better judgment, they know neans the annualation of their torces m as district. Nova Scotia, his native province, has turned its back upon the Tuppers. Utterly heartsick and worn out by the Tupper family, and its methods, Nova Houston professes to be a Conservative Scotia has given an unmistakable verdict but unfortunately for himself he has on "not wanted." Discredited and deteated in his own county of Cape Breton, Sir Charles announces that he is In 1896, Mr. Houston worked and voted coming here to bolster up the lost cause. for Mr. Bostock, Liberal, against Mr. If the sound judgment of moderate men Mara, Conservative. hge Mr. MacNeill-who know the feeling In 1898, Mr. Houston supported Mr here, better than any of their leaders Fred Hume, Liberal, for Victoria, against prevails the Conservative candidate should Mr. Farwell, Conservative. be withdrawn. What end will be served In 1900, Mr. Houston contested Nelson this constituency is a field in which his by widening the existing breach between against Mr. Fletcher, Conservative and personal ambition is to be satisfied at the the Conservatives and the people-the won by the vote of the workingmen obvoters-of Yale-Cariboo. With all his ripen- toined under false pretences. ed political experience Sir Charles has

be done in Yale-Cariboo is absolutely worthless. We shall be greatly surprised doubt now that whether one or both of if the party here does more than courteously listen to their defeated leaderand then act for themselves. Tupperism in Canada was dealt its death blow on Wednesday. It has long stood for all that is venal and corrupt in the government is intensely desirous that public life. Nepotism stalked through the

been a most dismal failure in Eastern

strikes. If this be so who is more capable to advancing the political fortunes of as to the outcome of the election in Yaleof advising them intelligently than a himself, Sir Herbert, and the other male Cariboo. Population has largely increment who has been through labor agitations members of the family—and their hench since the election of par. Bostock in and has always used his influence on the man. The bolder spirits of the party- Since then we have had two provincial side of moderation and arbitration. In the rising young Conservatives—who pro- elections, and the election returns of June every labor dispute the position of the tested were quietly removed. They were last, are, therefore, the only data by employer is thoroughly well understood not wanted. There are wrecked political but the claims of the men are not always careers, strewn all over the older provso clear cut and definitely stated and that inces, of men who collided with the aspi-used at the time of the last election. for perfectly understandable reasons. In rations of the Tupper family. His vin- It should be borne in mind that the the House Mr. Foley would be of material dictiveness knows no bounds. He has assistance in so shaping legislation that "sown the wind and must reap the whirl- at the time of the June election. This the exact situation of labor in relation wind." No public man in Canada ever was so in Rossland, in Nelson, in Slocan to capital under all circumstances could be assailed either friend or foe, with the in Revelstoke, in Kamloops and in Cariarrived at. He understands the feeling of venom and uncharitableness of Sir Charles boo, and it probably influenced, to some the men and would be able, in a tithe of Tupper. Today for these reasons many of extent, the result in East and West Yale. the time that it would take a professional the best men within the ranks of his ln view of these facts it is astonishing man, to exactly define their position. Be own party rejoice at his downfall, and to find amateur politicians making vainthey believe that his defeat as bright glorious and empty predictions. Of course a practical miner and of knowing from with promise for the future. Surely then such wild prophecies are not unusual at personal experience the needs of the dis- it is the supremest folly for the party in such a time, but they are invariably based trict which he would represent. His ex- Ya'e-Cariboo to devote a single thought to on something more serious and substanperience in the House would give him an the idea of offering Sir Charles a seat- tal than haphazard conjecture. Mr. Foley immense advantage in dealing with any and it is even more absurd to allow him has the benefit of an effective organization further trouble which threatened tous dis- to spur the party on to a contest fraught tion, in touch with the voters, and in this with great uncertainty, if not crushing respect has admittedly a great advantage defeat.

THE MAN BEHIND THE VOTE.

tue strength and importance of the work-

By whose vote was Mr. Smith Curtis elected in the Rossland riding? By whom was Mr. John Hunston elected

in the Nelson riding? Green of Kaslo?

successful in Revelstoke? It is well known that the Labor vote one of the candidates who is meeting the elected every one of these men. To use the workingmen, the best friends the party people of the constituency and talling them a military phrase then can either of the ever had. The scales ought by this time what he purposes doing when he go s to old parties afford to ignore "the man be-

A FRANTIC DASH.

is to be deeply regretted, theretore, that Neill will hesitate before committing poat their meeting Friday evening the Con- litical suicide. servatives felt it necessary to express their Anyone, irrespective of party prejudice disapproval of Sir Charles Tupper's visit must admire the devotion to the interests to Yale-Cariboo at this time. It may be

To any young man the close of possible that he may wish to speed away many valuable lessons. Had Sir Charles from the scene of his crushing defeat, and served his country and his party, as he served himself and his family, pernaps different feeling in the Conservative mind. The humiliation which the veteran Con- His own defeat, and the wreck of the spread the broad mantle of ch ture, which makes it impossible for Sir Charles to consider the feelings of anyone second time, has befallen the Conservatives touch with his party-his egotism and his under his leadership. It has long been vanity compel him to live in the past and felt that the party had not a ghost of to feed upon his past achievements. He chance to win, if Sir Charles persisted should not, however, be punished for this, it is to be hoped that they will not al low themselves to be influenced and mistowever admirable in itself, cannot be guided by Sir Charles, and that the lash will not be used for the purpose of whipping into line the Conservatives who are opposed to sacrificing Mr. MacNeill is Yale-Cariboo. Let us temper the wind to the snorn lamb and let the wisdom of local leaders prevail.

AN ACROBATIC RECORD.

The Nelson Tribune, poses as a paragon of political virtue and steadfastness. Mr record. From a Conservative viewpoint it is interesting.

It would be difficult to find any other "Conservative" record like this in Canada. It is not surprising that Conservatives are disgusted with Houston, and his quasi support. He is doing the party incalcula ble harm-and any references to "life long Conservatives" from such a source can only provoke merriment on the part of those who know Mr. Houston and his record.

WILL MAC NEILL BE SACRIFICED?

With practically no organization both any dispute which may arise between em- Sir Laarles devoted the rest of his time | the Conservatives and Liberals are at sea

since the election of air. Bostock in 1896. which to judge. The lists for the present labor vote swept this district everywhere

over either of his opponents.

Yet it appears from the result of their meeting that Mr. MacNeill's alleged friends are determined to sacrifice in a vain effort to win against Mr. Foley. It is almost incredible that Mr. MacNeill ingmen's vote in Yale-Cariboo a little re- should consent to be offered on the party flection will prompt a few pertinent ques- altar-and it is beheved that he is a most unwilling sacrifice. Wnat advantage can rossibly accrue to either the Conservative party, or to Mr. MacNeill, in torcing a contest? Most assuredly, it is a step fraught with great danger-and if not dis-What vote carried to victory Mr. Robert astrous now, disaster is certain to follow at some future time. The Conservatives By whose vote was Mr. Thomas Taylor should not ignore the lessons of Wednesday. It is not a day too soon to change the old tactics of antagonizing without cause, leaders, unless it is their intention to wipe the party out of existence by repeated blunders in political strategy, in an effort to outdo the British generals in The frantic, though forlorn dash of Sir the early days of the Transvaal war. Con-Charles Tupper across the continent recalls sider the sacrifice! Mr. MacNeill is an the historical remark, slightly changed, of ambitious young man, but his career will Marshal Saint-Arnaud at Balaclava, who be forever blighted if he is shorts ghted witnessed the ill fated cavalry charge of erough to be used by designing politicians, the Light Brigade. "It is magnificent, but who may wish thus to put him out of the labor element when by wthdrawing it is not politics." The old chieftain may their own way. T ey may "jolly" Mr. their nominees they would ensure the have his faults, yet his faithful adherence MacNeill along with imaginary predictions, election of a member who would be satist to the sinking ship and his futile efforts but it is now up to him to either make his to remain a factor in Canadian politics peace with the people, or to take his ment, and who would be an ideal repre- must to some extent command the respect stand squarely against them and oppose and sympathy, even of his opponents. It Mr. Foley. Many pelieve that Mr. Mac-

COMING MINING REVIVAL.

The existing governments in Canada Great Britain and the United States were each strongly sustained at the late elections, by large majorities of the electorate. and this is going to play an important part in benefiting the material cond tion of the people of the countries named, and instance was in favor of the governments

South Africa. Such actions as sending soldiers to help the Mother Coun'ry in the country, its loyalty and devotion to imperial institutions, and its patrioti m, bet ter than volumes of the most fervid utterances. It has knitted Canada and the thing that has ever occurred. Canadians ure by the peop'e of Great B i'ain.

the present time.

continue to give the people a commonsense government. It has behind it the conservative and, at the same time, the most progressive elements in the United States.

In each country a change would have

instance would have endeavo ed, had out that it would serve the interests they been elected, to put into effect the whole Southern British Columbia and changes of policy that would have disturbed business affairs to a very large extent, and which would have caused a mining district and supply him with an more or less serious busi e s, financial curate and reliable news in regard to the and industrial depress on. As the realt development of the entirt Kootenays. of this fear of a change, business has languished some during the several months which preceded the elections. Large deals were put off with the excuse that the desire was not to close them until the

Now, however, there is already a marked change for the better. A majority of the investors in Canada, Great Britain and the United States see that each country has returned the governmen s which will ensure a period of several years during ties for investment.

McKinley is elected, and t e fear of an indifferent to it, who e on'y desire is to unstable currency and revolutionary legis obtain a seat in the house for the purpose lation removed, are reedy to invest, and of fighting on general grounds the governwill put considerable mny into our ment of the day, and who would treat mines, if any credence can be placed in this district as simply a convenient aid in the late reports which are coming for his political ambition, until he was abe New York and other American centres of to establish himself in some Eastern con-

Many of the moneyed men of Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa, now that the Dominion elections are over, and matters pontical settled, are again inquiring for mining properties. They promi e now to make larger investments than ever in British Columbia mines.

From the above it will readily be seen that the results of the elections will bring much benefit to the mining industry of the province, and even the most pessimistic begin to realize that we are on the eve of the greatest mining revival that has ever been seen in this province.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The existence of a mining bureau, which in regard to the progress of the mining are at their wits' ends, at the present industry in the Kootenays, a d in which capital in the Old World as well as on will be, before long, a rate between them this continent would repose confidence, as to which can draw down its flag first est of the mining industry of British Colfacts, has long been look d upon as a labor element of which Mr. Folcy is the media. This wil be so for the reas n necessity. The lack of such an instituthat the result of the balloting in each tion has undoubtedly retarded the development of the district because capital had either of the old line parties for the selecwhich were carrying out policies more in no responsible body on which to rely tion of a candidate agreeable to both, and keeping with the national stirit than for the information which it required as the retirement for that purpose of the were their opponents who were trying to an inducement to invest in properties present men in the field is, of course, im-In Canada the government which was not a little mon y which would othersustained has run the affairs of the coun- wise have come here, has been diverted try on business-like principles and in such to the Australian colonies and to South a way as to develop its resources, to Africa where much better systems of build up its industries, and to bring out acquainting the world, with the value of the better qualities of the citizens. It their mine al rescurces, exist. The peohas done much to fister the siprit of im- ple of the Kootenay district have at perial sm, not only by words but by length been aroused, however, to the necdeeds, such as sending contingents to essity of systematizing a legitimate advertising of their resources and as is only proper the initiative in this respect hour of need shows the true s, ivit of the la been taken by the Rossland camp. The chamber of mines, which was organized during the present week, will, if it is properly conducted, and we have no coubt, j dging by the officers who have been selected to direct its operations, Mother Country closer together than any tat , wil be properly conducted, will supply the need which has for so long campaign itself has convinced them of and British companions in arms in time of been a crying one in this district. At this lack in him of that force of characwar will become partners in bu iness en- the organization meeting, which was held tor and energy required in the representaterprises in time of peace. From the on Tuesday last, a majority of the reputterances of the British press, it is evi- resentative mining men of the camp were dent that the sustaining of the govern- present and they gave their unqualified ment by a majority of the people of support and promise of financial assist-Canada is viewed with the keenest pleas- ance to the movement. Mr. J. B. Mc- by the nominating convention in Reve. Arthur was e ected president of the oc- stoke, and they are awaiting with some The elections in Great Bri ain sustained gargation and in explaining the objects anxiety the arrival of Hon. Cifford Sifton, the government there. The investing class which it was intended to serve, he made whose advice they will eagerly seek By to a very large extent in Gr at B itain a number of very pertinent remarks. He his advice they will undoubtedly be approved of the course of the government said: "The time has arrived when some in the matter of the two alleged Dutch central organization ought to be estabrepublics, and is both plessed and lished which would obtain all data in in Canada, they will do wise in de erring gratified to see the administration sus regard to the development of the mines to his opinion. Mr. Sifton comes here, tained. The government is a stable one, the installation of mining machinery for and has behind it a large majority of the the use of the mines in all of the various v ctory in the constituency in which the people who believe that the pol cy which camps of the district of Southern British made the country g eat through so many Columbia, and also to obtain week by and the generalship he displayed in Brancenturies is the proper one to pursue at week the shipment of one from each of don will be employed to the advantage the mines in these camps—their estimated of the party in Yale-Cariboo. Our opinion In the United States the party which value, the smelters or miles to which the was the more friend'y to O na's and ore was shipped for treatment, and this information should be tabulated by the pansion and the gold standard, and its cial centres of London, Berlin and Paris. sensible policy was sustained by its being and also handed to the Associated and returned to power for another four years. Ganatian Press associations for publica-It is a business administration which will tion in the newspapers of the United States and Canada. In this way the product of the mines would be placed weekly before the investing public as the result of the mining operations in these

Mr. McArthur outlined in considerable meant retrogression for a time, at least. more detail the work which would be The opponents of the government in each accomplished by the chamber and pointed

would thus familiarize the English vestor with the various portions of one

It is impossible to disregard the importarce and usefulness of such a body properly and energeticaly conducted, to the whole province and it ce tainly de. serves the stronge t support of every cit. izen and of every mi ing investor in this important district of British Columbia.

THE SITUATION.

Persistent rumors are being circulated that one of the defeated leaders of the they favored to power, and feel that there Conservative party will eventually be selected to contest the riding of Yaletani which there will be no r.d cal change in boo, and that Mr. A. H. MacNeill will the existing policies, and are therefore retire for the purpose of giving this genready to make investments. This is par- tleman, whoever he may be, whether Hon icularly the case with mining investments. George E. Foster, Sir Charles Tupper or Deals which have hung fire for months some other, an opportunity of again anwill now be closed. In another clumn pealing to the electorate. These rumors will be found an account of one deal for have not so far received any denial, and a British Columbia mining property in it is not altogether unlike y that there volving \$150,000, whi h was closed in may be at least a modicum of truth in London three days after the Ca adian them. We think, however, that the Conelections were over. London never took a servative party here will hesitate before deeper interest in the mining affairs of taking a step which is bound to be absothis province than it does at pre ent. Ca- lutely disastrous to any chances they may blegrams received from there in the past possibly have of carrying the constituence few days speak enthrs asticuly of the It is not likely that the electors of this good feeling that prevais there for the cistrict are going to pass by one of ther mines of this section. T. e lugr mining own men, interested equally with themoperators there are now convened that serves in the progress and development of this section offers exceptions opportunithe country, in order to rehabilitate politically a man who is utterly unacquaint-The Americ n invest re, to, now that ed with the country, and who is entirely

> Even should the local party here attempt to hand over the riding to a man rejected in his own home, where he is known and appraised at his true value, it is scarcely credible that the electors would coincide with their decision. We think that there would be a majority found within their own ranks to raise the standard of revolt. If a Conservative candidate is to be elected from this constituency, Mr. MacNeill, the nominee of the convention, and a gentleman who is thoroughly well known and highly esteemed on personal and public grounds, is he one whom the peope will elect.

The hopelessness of Mr. MacNeill's canvass, however, is daily becoming more assured, as is also that of Mr. Galliher, the nominee of the Liberal party. Both would keep the outside w.rld informed the old party fa tio s in the constituency moment, and the likelihood is that there r-presenative from this constituency, and we know of no man at present who could take his place. As one having Liberal leanings he could not but be acceptable to the government, and as a man of keen maintain a course in the house which could not fail to be satisfactory to the Conservatives. A lifetime of fidelity to labor principles is ample assurance that he would stand throughout his career on

the platform on which he was elected. A ready the local leaders of the Liberal por y see that, while Mr. Goliher is a gentieman possessed of many admirable personal quaiti s, he is not the man who should represent this constituency. His tive from a new and progressive district like this. They are looking about for some means of escaping from the pred cament in which they have been placed guided, and as Mr. Sifton is one of the ablest and shrewdest of the public men too, with the prestige of having won a biggest contest of the elections took place, it, and it is shared by an immense number of good members of the Lber | party, that Mr. Sifton's influence will result in the withdrawal of Mr. Galliher and the acceptance of Mr. Chris Foley.

Speculation as to Speakers

Ottawa, Nov. 14.-The government has not yet taken up the question of speakers for the house of commons and senate. Two names which seem to meet vor are Hon. Mr. Power of Halifax, for the senate, and Hon. L. P. Broder, M.P. for Rouville, Que., and deputy speaker in the last parliament for the house of commons.

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