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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11.

The Attacks Upon Mr. Ross.

The Opposition is running this campaign on the assumption that Mr. Ross is a very bad man. It is silent on the platform or in the press about Mr. Ross as a statesman or administrator. It offers no criticism of his policy for the development of New Ontario, except that Gamey attacks his mining laws which Mr. Whitney and his followers supported. It has nothing to say against his forestry policy, his financial policy, or any prominent measure with which he and his Government have been identified, having even dropped its criticism of the So. relief bill. Mr. Ross' administrative record is completely vindicated when his opponents let it so severely alone. In the House, Mr. Whitney during his whole career, has done nothing but obstruct good measures which he is afterwards compelled by the logic of facts to accept.

The Ross Government's management of the affairs of the Province is unassailable and leaves the Opposition without a leg to stand on. Hence its attempt to find fault with nothing. They are employing all the resources of invention and invective. The Mail and Empire calls him "a danger to the youth of Ontario," "a purchaser of crime," "a deceiver and corrupter of the Province." Our local contemporary is running the Mail a close second. It roots among the musty records of an election trial in 1882 to show that Mr. Ross "nearly" escaped being disqualified, because a voter looked to him for payment of the price of a railway ticket sent to an absentee elector. Mr. Ross denied having made such a foolish promise and the judge leaned entirely in his favor. He is accused of procuring the appointment of Mr. J. B. Jackson to an office under the Dominion Government, whereas Sir Richard Cartwright took the full responsibility of that appointment upon himself. There is nothing too pious or too unprincipled to which his enemies will not stoop in pursuance of a deliberate policy of slander and defamation. The three or four election irregularities of which the Liberal party is accused, were mild in comparison with the frauds which were perpetrated in this Province, and in other parts of the Dominion, year after year, in the interests of a Conservative Government, without a word of reproach from those who are now hounding the Premier. He has done his best to set his party household in order and to banish corrupt influences, even to the extent of impairing the legitimate organization of the party in order that there might not be a loophole of suspicion. He cannot be held responsible for the misconduct of some agents of the Liberal party with more zeal than scruples, but he has resolved that even necessary party machinery shall be abandoned rather than run the risk of having some rascals attach themselves to it. Working for Mr. Whitney, if not now, at least a year ago in South Oxford, was the organizer who sent Freeborn to Manitoba to open a school for ballot-stuffers and switchers. If there is really a moral issue involved in this contest, those who are anxious to promote public morality can hardly vote for Mr. Whitney because of the company he keeps.

The Beaconsfield Centennial.

The hundredth anniversary of Beaconsfield's birth, which was celebrated last month, brought a flood of memorabilia, criticism and comment. Disraeli is called by his devotees the prophet of imperialism, but his ideal of imperialism did not make the British Empire what it is today. He accepted the grant of self-government to the colonies because he saw it to be inevitable, but he would have imposed conditions which might have put an intolerable strain on the bonds of sympathy and kinship which unite the mother country and the self-governing colonies as nothing else could. He said in 1872:

"But self-government, in my opinion, when it was conceded, ought to have been conceded as part of a great policy of imperial consolidation. It ought to have been accompanied with an imperial tariff, by securities for the people of England for the enjoyment of the unappropriated lands which belonged to the sovereign as their trustee, and by a military code which should have precisely defined the means and the responsibilities by which the colonies should be defended, and by which, if necessary, this country should call for aid from the colonies themselves. It ought, further, to have been accompanied by some representative council in the metropolis which would have brought the colonies into constant and continuous relations with the home Government."

Lord Minto, our late Governor-General, occasionally said a good thing, as, for instance, when he declared that Canada was no longer a plantation but a nation. Beaconsfield had the plantation idea of the colonies. He would have reserved their unappropriated lands exclusively for the purposes of the mother country. He would have governed the relations of the various members of the Empire, commercial, military, and constitutional, by hard and fast rules. An imperial tariff such as he had in mind would have been framed on plantation lines by regarding the colonies as a natural market for British manufactures. The policy of centralization proposed by Beacons-

field would for a time have produced an artificial unity, but friction would have been inevitable, because of the diversity of interests throughout the Empire, and the growth of a national spirit in the colonies. Canada would have chafed under a policy which deprived her of her fiscal freedom, and which made her participation in the military enterprises of the mother country a matter of contract or compulsion, instead of free-will. The genius of the Empire has been a decentralization which permitted the largest measure of freedom and autonomy to each portion, consistent with political union. Beaconsfield was guilty of a paradox when he spoke of granting self-government to the colonies upon conditions which would have fettered self-government. His imperialism was of the eighteenth century type, and found its field in Asia and the East, where his sympathies belonged. In fact, it has been said of him that he was an Orientalist rather than an Imperialist.

The Business Record.

Bradstreet's business failure record for 1904 has been published. It shows 23 per cent more failures in Canada in 1904 than in 1903, and liabilities 20 per cent larger, but both in number and liabilities they fall far behind 1901 and preceding years. It is a curious circumstance that the bulk of the increase in failures last year was in Quebec—\$44, compared with only 370 in 1903. In Ontario there were fewer failures in 1904 than in 1903 and the liabilities were \$562,000 less. Despite the growth of the country and the greater number of businesses, the failures last year were less numerous than in any year from 1882 to 1901 inclusive. The record since 1880 has been:

	Number.	Assets.	Liabilities.
1904	1,177	\$4,136,815	\$1,048,299
1903	956	3,852,197	832,362
1902	1,092	3,597,220	832,658
1901	1,370	5,196,951	1,155,837
1900	1,332	4,244,932	1,078,276
1899	1,285	4,507,608	1,077,891
1898	1,427	4,985,722	9,644,100
1897	1,907	5,191,647	13,147,939
1896	2,179	6,724,355	16,208,460
1895	1,923	6,299,177	15,735,559
1894	1,873	11,947,253	23,865,283
1893	1,781	7,385,892	15,890,494
1892	1,882	4,848,095	11,603,210
1891	1,846	6,014,000	14,884,000
1890	1,626	6,746,000	12,482,000

There is nothing in these figures to indicate a recession of the wave of prosperity which has been mounting for the last seven or eight years. The feeling in commercial circles is hopeful and the outlook is bright.

Anything to down Ross is the Opposition's policy.

London Liberals tonight will enable Mr. Beck to see his finish.

The Government offers a record and the Opposition doesn't even offer a prospectus.

It will be noticed that the city council showed a spirit of fair play as soon as Mr. Beck disapproved.

The Provincial Opposition says it will "sweep the west." Didn't we hear something to the same effect from the Dominion Opposition?

Mr. Whitney at Napanee declared that he would banish liquor off the face of the earth if he had the power; but he shouldn't try banishing it after legal hours.

Mr. Whitney has voted against nearly every good measure. The Government has brought down in 20 years, and now asks that he be given the power to frame measures.

The story that two factions or two members of the Liberal party are fighting over the nomination is a Free Press yarn. The Liberals will find a candidate without scouring the country for one, and will back him up unitedly.

The Stratford Beacon celebrated its 50th anniversary on Dec. 23. It has seen Stratford grow from small beginnings, and it has fully shared the growth and contributed to it as well. The present publisher, Mr. Wm. M. O'Brien, acquired the Beacon in 1891, and re-established the daily, which is now one of the best and most flourishing in the Province. In the anniversary number is a well-written sketch, in a reminiscence vein, by Mr. William Buckingham, who published the Beacon from 1863 to 1873, and who still lives in Stratford.

"Who's Who" for 1905 has arrived fresh from the presses of Adam & Charles Black, London. It is recognized throughout the English-speaking world as the standard publication of this kind. Every biography is submitted for personal inspection before publication, and the number of biographies is growing every year. The work is indispensable to all who wish to know who's who the world over. Two companion volumes are the Englishwoman's Year Book of 1905, a record of the manifold activities of women throughout the British Empire, and the Who's Who Year Book, containing a mine of statistical information as to the mother country and the colonies.

Easy Enough.

[Judge.] Bank Teller—You will have to be identified, ma'am.
Lady—My friend here will identify me.
Bank Teller—But I don't know her, you know.
Lady—Oh, well, I'll introduce you.

Russia's Crowned Sor.
[London Express.]

One cannot help feeling intense pity for this poor mannikin who sits trembling on the throne of the great Peter. It is not his fault that he is a czar and it is not his fault that his people are down-trodden, disloyal and rebellious; neither is it his fault that the empire which is issued in his name contains no ray of hope for the future. He is merely the puppet moving its arms, its legs and its head at the will of the grand dukes who pull the strings behind the throne. Even if he were to assert himself now, we believe that, as has often been the case before, he would be suppressed by his rulers.

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without mercy. It is a pitiful spectacle. More than that, for all that, though the man may be willing himself, he is bound and gagged, and perhaps more a serf than the meanest moujik in the whole of his vast empire.

Little Human Weaknesses.

[Sam Kiser.] The world's indeed a queer old place, and there are many funny things pertaining to the human race. Maud's baby likes it when she sings, although her voice is something that suggests the wailing of a cat.

She, being blessed with beauty, sighs and proudly views her babe where he lies. Among his downy pillows lies, "Ah, yes," she says, "he looks like me!" And pride is in her tones, although his face looks like a chunk of dough.

Most Deadly of Insults.

[Cleveland Leader.] Fweddle—That creature actually told me to mind my own business, y'know.
Cordly—The impudent wretch! Fweddle—Positively insulting. As if to insinuate, don't y'know, that I was in business.

Tallest Building in the World.

[Detroit News.] The tallest skyscraper in the world is that in New York, into which the Daily Times has just moved. The structure is 476 feet high and contains 31 stories.

The total weight of the building is nearly 83,000,000 pounds—structural iron, 3,000,000 pounds; brick, 19,000,000 pounds; cement and mixed mortar, 14,000,000; terra cotta, 5,000,000; rubble masonry, exclusive of 2,000,000 pounds of cement, 15,000,000; sand, 2,500,000. The foundations were laid in June, 1902.

Une Page D'Amour.

[Pall Mall Gazette.] But, no, you could not love me, could you? You were free? I have no charm of youth.
And what, in such a world as this, is truth?
That keeps my heart still young, my eyes still clear.
To look into your own and feel no fear.
Of what you find there? For I know, in truth,
That I could love you. So, put by all ruth;
Love me—and leave me; I will shed no tear.

But after you are gone, I'll bar the door
Of my shut heart, and feed my listless thought.
On all the lingering echoes that have caught
Your voice's charm, your footfall on the floor.
Yes, that I never hear you, see you, more,
My life is yours, for by one sweet bargain bought.

Two Christmas Presents.

[New York Press.] "Oh, let me show you what a beautiful New Year's present my dear, good, darling of an old husband gave me yesterday," said the happy wife to some intimates who called. "There! What do you think of that for a seal-skin cloak? It cost \$1,800."

"Perfectly lovely!" all exclaimed in chorus, while Miss Curiosity asked: "And what did you give him?"
"Oh, the loveliest little penwiper you ever saw."

The Real Owner.

[Exchange.] It is interesting to reflect that all this time the rightful owner of Manchuria is neither Japan nor Russia, but China.

O! Had We Some Isle.

[Tom Moore.] O! had we some bright little isle of our own.
In a blue summer ocean, far off and alone,
Where a leaf never dies in the still blooming bowers,
And the bee hushes on through a whole year of flowers.

Where the sun loves to pause
With so fond a delay,
That the night only draws
A thin veil over the day.

Where simply to feel that we breathe,
Is worth the best joy that life elsewhere can give.

There, with souls ever ardent and pure as the flame,
We should love as they loved in the first golden time.
The glow of the sunshine, the balm of the air,
Would steal to our hearts and make all summer there.

With affection as free
From decline as the howers,
And with hope, like the bee,
Living always on flowers.

Our life should resemble a long day of light,
And our death come on holy and calm as the night.

Where Her Cheek Rested.
[Philadelphia Press.]

Tom—If I was going to call on a nice girl I think I'd get dressed in my best. Why don't you wear that new coat of yours?
Dick—Oh, the cloth is too rough and scratchy! I'm engaged to this girl, you know.

Looking Ahead.
[Life.]

Algy—I takes three generations to make a gentleman, you know.
"What a chap you are for looking ahead."

VERY PLEASANT AFFAIR
[Life.]

Sunday School Entertained—Prizes Awarded—Parading Presentation.

The Christmas entertainment given last evening to the children of the Church of St. John the Evangelist was

a most enjoyable one. Mr. Clarke, of Toronto, gave the full programme, which consisted of a series of ventriloquial performances, which were well rendered. During intermission prizes were presented to the scholars according to class standing. Previous to the entertainment, the rector, Rev. W. T. Hill, presented Mr. Harry Ashby, who is severing his connection with the school, with a handsome silver watch, on behalf of the officers and teachers. Mr. Ashby responded in a feeling manner.

BORDEN ASKED TO REMAIN HEAD

Conservative Caucus Refuses to Accept Resignation.

FOSTER IS TEMPORARY LEADER

Late Leader Urged to Reconsider Situation and Meeting Adjourns to Await Decision.

Ottawa, Jan. 10.—Conservative senators and members met tonight to discuss the question of the leadership of the party. Senator DeBoucherville presided.

A letter from R. L. Borden, resigning the leadership, was submitted to the caucus. The letter was as follows: "To the Conservative members of the Senate and the House of Commons, assembled in caucus.—Four years ago you bestowed upon me the highest mark of your confidence, when you required me to undertake the arduous duty and grave responsibility of leading the party in the House of Commons. To the best of my ability I have endeavored ever since to justify that confidence and gratefully acknowledge how much you have done to strengthen my hands, and I am deeply sensible that without your loyal and generous aid, freely accorded on all occasions, my task would have been infinitely more onerous.

"We still firmly believe that the policy which we advocated, and the principles which we upheld in the recent contest were truly in the best interests of Canada, and although we may regret temporary defeat, yet we do not for one moment regret the stand which we took upon the great questions of the day.

"Under the conditions which have ensued it is necessary that you shall choose another leader. My resignation has already been given informally. I now place it in your hands, with every assurance of my hearty co-operation in the ranks of the party. Let me add that the happy remembrance of your loyal support and comradeship will always abide with me. Faithfully yours.—(Signed)—R. L. Borden.

Halifax, Jan. 7, 1905.

It was at once moved by Hon. John Haggart, and seconded by Dr. Roche, that the caucus decide to accept the resignation, and that Mr. Borden be requested to attend an adjourned meeting of caucus, to hear his supporters' reasons to retain his services.

The resolution was carried unanimously. A telegram acquainting him with the decision of the caucus was then forwarded to Mr. Borden.

As Mr. Foster is senior party councillor, the duties of temporary leader will fall upon him. John Haggart, who has been the junior of Mr. Foster as party councillor.

Refusing Speaker of the Commons, N. A. Belcourt, gave a farewell reception this evening to the staff of the House of Commons, and to the members of the press gallery.

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