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The Campaign.

THE candidate who pays for a picture and complimentary sketch of himself in a local paper sometimes gets a cold brow-down. For instance in the last issue of the Montreal Sunday Sun there appeared a fine halftone portrait of an alleged independent candidate in the St. Lawrence division, one Geo. W. Parent, to wit., accompanied by a complimentary description of his qualifications. He described himself as possessed of "honesty, social qualities, integrity, and proverbial hospitality." Doubtless he wrote "hospitality" but the printer must have had the proverbial capital for independent candidates in his mind when he set up the matter.

Those who thought that the Hon. "Jim" O'Riordan was out of the ring must have been surprised to read of his re-nomination in North Oxford where he was enthusiastically received by a large audience. The minister of public works is well trusted for many fights. In North Oxford of course opposition to him is fruitless. There are to be many pretty fights on in various constituencies. In West Northumberland, Mr. McColl, the late member, has

against him Mr. Armour, a young man who strongly supported Mr. McColl last time. He is a son of the late Chief Justice Armour. It is said that his sister, Mrs. Hayter Reed, is going to enter the campaign in her brother's behalf and canvass for him. This, if true, will be a new feature in Canadian politics, though it is not an uncommon thing in Great Britain, where in the old days they say a duchess kissed a butcher for his vote. In Canada we have not got beyond the time-honored custom of the candidate kissing the babies. Another interesting contest is going to be that for the county of Montmorency in the province of Quebec. A Liberal has never been elected there at a general election but once since Confederation, and then, in 1887, Charles Laberge got in by just one majority. This time the Liberals have put up a son of Premier Parent, and confidently predict victory. On the other hand Mr. T. Chas. Casgrain, the Conservative candidate, who carried the seat at the last two elections by about 50 each time, is a man well liked and a shrewd clever lawyer who held office once in the