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### M. Scott and Northwest Opinion.

Mr. Scott had an opportunity to give the west a chance to speak. He was the rightful successor to the Hon. Clifford Sifton as Minister of the Interior. He it was who would have been chosen to follow Sifton into the cabinet. Why, then, did he not succeed to the position? Why did the Government refuse the portfolio to Walter Scott? Could it have been that Walter Scott knew that he could not have been elected? The above is from an article in the Free Press attacking Mr. Scott's declaration that the Northwest people are satisfied with the educational clause in the Autonomy Bills. Since Mr. Scott's entry into Parliament five years ago he has made a remarkably good showing, and has many friends, not only in the Northwest, but in other provinces, who would be glad to see him in the cabinet. When, however, the Free Press states that Sir Wilfrid Laurier pursued an unnatural course in selecting Mr. Oliver, of Edmonton, instead of Mr. Scott, to succeed Mr. Sifton, it is making a statement which will not bear analysis. Mr. Scott himself was one of the first to declare that Mr. Frank Oliver was the logical and natural successor of Mr. Sifton in the Interior Department. Frank Oliver has been in public life more than twenty years. Prior to 1896 he was an invaluable member of the Northwest Assembly. In 1896, he entered Parliament, since which time he has been prominent and active as a champion of Northwest interests. In his opinion that Mr. Oliver should not have been chosen for the Interior portfolio, the Free Press entirely disagrees with Mr. Borden. Before his appointment, Mr. Borden, day after day in the House of Commons challenged the Government to appoint Mr. Oliver Minister of the Interior and open the Edmonton constituency. On March 31, Mr. Borden said:

"I think that Mr. Oliver would make a very good Minister of the Interior and I am inclined to press his claims. He is a good friend of mine personally, though I differ with him what politically, and I stand here to urge the claims of my honorable friend from Edmonton to this position. He is a gentleman of great persistence, and of great ability, and, as we all know, a gentleman of absolute and perfect independence upon all questions."

On the same day the Hon. G. E. Foster dared the Government to open any single constituency. "Give us," he said, "one single, solitary instance, and only one, of carrying out that policy which I described here the other day when I said that there remains for the Prime Minister to give one single solitary instance of allowing one portion at least of the people of the Northwest to pronounce upon the policy of this bill, which is so all-important to that country."

Col. Sam Hughes at the same time declared that the thing for the Government to do was to appoint Mr. Oliver Minister of the Interior and put him in the field in the Northwest to test the feeling of the country in that way.

Mr. Bennett (East Simcoe) ventured to say that everyone knew that the First Minister and his cabinet were afraid to take the bull by the horns, so to speak, and test popular opinion in any Northwest district. The Opposition at that time generally recognized that Mr. Oliver was the natural selection for the portfolio. Col. Hughes had previously declared that the whole Northwest was up in arms against the Autonomy Bills. The Roman Catholics, he said, would fight, and the Galicians would fight, against these measures, because the Galicians had come to Canada seeking freedom. The Government took Mr. Borden and his followers at their own word, appointed Mr. Oliver, and opened Edmonton. It was then found that the Opposition did not even dare to present their autonomy policy before the people of the Northwest. Col. Hughes did not appear in the Edmonton district to lead his Galician hosts in arms against the bills. On the contrary, it is alleged by the Opposition that it was useless for them to attempt to fight in Edmonton because of the presence there of Roman Catholics and Galicians.

In stating that Roman Catholics and Galicians constitute the majority in Edmonton, the Free Press is entirely in error. The city of Edmonton itself is a purely English and Protestant as is the city of London, and in the whole Edmonton constituency the Protestants outnumber the Catholics by three to one, and the English outnumber all others by a distinct majority. The financial vote in Edmonton last November was 5,061, composed of 2,335 English, as against 2,226 of all others, or an English majority of 609. The 2,226 of all others comprised 565 French, 256 German, 525 half-breeds and 780 Galicians. The half-breed polls gave Mr. Oliver 208 majority, the Galician polls 230 majority, the German polls 254 majority, the French polls 235 majority, and the English polls 916 majority. Mr. Oliver's English majority, therefore, practically equaled the majority contributed by all of the other elements combined.

Competent authorities agree that upon the school question issue the Government could at the present time carry any one of the Northwest constituencies. The refusal of a Conservative public meeting in Regina to pass condemnation upon the autonomy bills pretty clearly indicates the sentiment of West Assiniboia, which is Mr. Scott's constituency. The testimony of men like Dr. McLane, Dr. Bryce, Dr. Baird, Dr. Carmichael and scores of others who are in a position to give impartial testimony to the fact that there is absolutely no agitation in the Northwest against the autonomy bills, completely outweighs the wild declaration of Mr. Bennett, of Calgary, who has come all the way to London to express his indignation, instead of voicing it

either in his own home in Calgary or in Edmonton when the opportunity offered. As Mr. Scott pointed out at Thursday night's meeting, if the Conservatives are not satisfied with Edmonton's expression it is open to them to seek other tests of Northwest opinion. Mr. Haultain has it in his power to call seven local bye-elections in vacant constituencies scattered over the whole Northwest. He has had it in his power to call a meeting of the Legislature. The latter would be the really constitutional procedure. His demand for autonomy as framed in his draft bill had been approved by the Legislature, the natural course for him to pursue would be to call his Legislature and submit to it the Government's proposals. He has failed to do so, as he has failed to hold the seven bye-elections, for the reason that he knows, as Mr. Bennett also very well knows, that Northwest public opinion overwhelmingly approves not only the education clause, but the autonomy bill as a whole.

### Stoning the Prophets.

When a man who grows up, gets his education and conducts his business right amongst us, rises to a position of eminence, the loyal citizen, in such a case, glories in the success of his neighbor, is proud of his advancement, and of the credit his attainments in literature, science or politics shed upon the place of his nativity. Yet there are always some minds, small and envious, which look upon a neighbor's preferment as an offense. In the case of Charles S. Hymon, there were enough voters in London above that small and envious spirit to again and again elect him to the House of Commons. It is true that his election has every time been opposed with a bitterness referable partly to that spirit of envy, partly to the fact that he was the first to wrest his native city from age-long Tory domination. Even now some find it hard to realize that the days when London was a Conservative pocket-borough are finally past. Hence, when this son of London, who, if he had been a nobody, would have held the seat for five years, comes back to his native city for confirmation of the honors the Prime Minister of Canada has thought him fit to wear, and for a further mandate from his own people for the service he has been called on to undertake for his country, no unenvied trick is omitted to deprive him and his native city of the honor and benefit. What means all this cry of Provincial Rights which the Tory party is step-fathering with such a show of zeal? It is simply another catch-cri to disparage Laurier, who keeps them out of power at Ottawa, to beat Hymon, who robbed them of a constituency they thought devoted of heaven to Tory purposes. No Liberal will fail to see through the motives of this campaign, a contest which many fair-minded Conservatives deplore, or will be fatuous enough to intrust the care of Provincial Rights to the lifelong enemies of such rights.

### The Battle of Tsu Shimu.

The absolute and overwhelming defeat of the Russian armada in the Straits of Korea is still of too recent occurrence to be fully grasped. So stupendous has been the Russian disaster that it stuns the imagination of the world. It requires the perspective of time to supply an adequate conception of the historic nature of such an event. In seeking a parallel amongst the great sea fights, the mind at once reverts to Trafalgar. The two conflicts have several points in common. Nelson's victory shattered Napoleon's sea forces, confining his operations to the land and dissipating all danger of the much-feared invasion of England. The defeat of the Baltic fleet has virtually annihilated the Czar's sea power, at least, as regard the present conflict, and the great menace that hung over the Japanese, the severing of communications between Japan and the Asiatic mainland, has been removed. That Togo, like Nelson, was keenly alive to the supreme importance of destroying the enemy's naval power, was shown in the message sent his captains: "The destiny of our empire depends upon this action," practically a duplication of the British hero's famous signal.

In other respects, however, the battle of Tsu Shimu, so named by the Japanese admiral, stands unique, and easily the greatest amongst the great sea fights in the world's history. In point of tonnage and armament used, in the weight and cost of the projectiles, in the number of vessels of all types engaged, in the stupendous financial loss, and in the numbers of officers and men killed or taken prisoners, the struggle in the Straits of Korea stands alone. A rough and conservative estimate of losses sustained by the Russians in sunk or captured vessels places the value of the warships in the vicinity of \$100,000,000, while the number of men who perished or surrendered will be close to 10,000.

The contest gives food for thought along another line. It was practically the first great engagement between modern battleships. Dewey at Manila battered up a few helpless hulks, while Schley and Sampson at Santiago encountered a badly demoralized and poorly led fleet. Togo himself has said that the battle of the Yalu, in which he destroyed the Chinese fleet, was scarcely a fair test of the modern battleship destructive qualities. On the other hand, in the Korean Straits, both admirals brought into the conflict the very latest of modern fighting machines. We know that almost of the entire Russian battleship section of Rojestvensky's fleet was destroyed or captured and that the work of destruction was accomplished with great rapidity. This would indicate the use of the torpedo or the submarine, and it may be that the navies of the world may have to greatly modify their present policy of construction.

Most of Russia's fleet has been converted into submarines.

Is it possible that Mr. Gray is bluffing on a pair of kings—King Edward and King Billy?

The report that the Russian war chest is depleted probably means that the French bankers refuse to cough up.

Foreign critics of Russia are puzzled to know the difference between zemsky sobor and zemsky drunk.

Hear the Big Three at the Princess Rink Monday night—Fielding, Paterson and Hymon.

How would it do to mobilize Billy Gray and rush him up to the Northwest to lead that rebellion?

Bennett, of Calgary, is a corporation lawyer, who spends much of his time fighting legislation asked for by western miners. He is good company for a strike-breaking candidate.

The choice of a site for the new departmental block at Ottawa has been postponed until Mr. Hymon's return. Mr. Hymon will be returned on the 13th inst.

The wheat crop in the Northwest is looking great. The people there are more concerned about it than about raising a crop of agitators. They leave that to Toronto.

Mr. Haultain admits that the bye-election in London, no matter what the result, will make no difference in the policy of the Government. But it will make a big difference to London, whether it is represented by Mr. Hymon or a man who can never fill Mr. Hymon's shoes.

**Bennett's Balderdash.**  
[Hamilton Times.]  
Bennett, the Tory-hired orator, who couldn't get together a hundred in the Northwest to listen to his drivel, at London, threatened to deliver a lecture to the Tories don't have their way about the autonomy bills. Rev. Dr. Bryce says the Northwest is well pleased with the conditions, and that the property people will prefer Dr. Bryce's opinion to that of the Tory hireling.

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Mr. Coleman was having a summer house erected upon his farm, and had intended to use part of the property cultivated, not imagining that there was anything more valuable than farm products to be obtained from the ground. Luckily he holds not only the deeds of complete ownership of the property, but had purchased the "claim," which carries all other rights. The scrip, as is well known, is issued by the Government to military veterans, and full information can be obtained from B. H. Bennett, General Agent, 2 East King street, Toronto, Ont.

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