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END OF THE CAMPAIGN.

The campaign is practically over so far as argument goes. Those who thought it would be a mere formality, the Government going through the motions of being re-elected and Sir James Whitney directing the maneuvers from his comfortable chair in the Castle of Indolence, have been deceived. It has been no sham battle, but a good, live campaign, with keen and intelligent discussion of public questions.

This is desirable from the standpoint of good citizenship. No party should be able by sheer weight of numbers to stifle public discussion of the affairs of the Province. Yet some of the Conservative leaders have affected to treat Mr. Rowell as a negligible quantity or as an intruder, and some grave arrangements of Government policy as mere impertinences, underscoring of a reasoned answer. It may be doubted, however, whether the generality of Conservatives do not resent this attitude of their leaders and commend the splendid fight which Mr. Rowell has made, his cheerful performance of a high public duty laid upon him at the eleventh hour, at a juncture of Mr. Whitney's arbitrary choosing, and his solid, moderate line of argument.

The necessity of an increased strength of Opposition stands out clearly even to the eyes of Conservatives. The Government has been presuming on its preponderance to go to sleep. Most of the ministers have nothing to show for their stewardship. They are like so many dummies or tin-soldiers, who "stay put" where the Premier has put them.

And yet we are living now in critical times that call for alert and intelligent action. In our cities there is a large increase of mechanical industry, while agriculture is going through a transitional stage to a more intensive and scientific system of cultivation. But neither in town nor in country does the Government take occasion by the hand. Though the urban population increases, owing to the demands of the west upon our factories, there is no attempt these seven years to train the artisans, Education lags, and the department of agriculture for its part runs along as though no new conditions were calling for new measures. The times are moving, but the Government is deadwood.

It will be the best thing that can happen Ontario if Mr. Rowell's new broom can sweep out some of the cobwebs and caterpillars of the commonwealth. He should be encouraged and given a chance by at least a material reduction of the overgrown majority. We want a live Government in a young, growing country.

TAFT VERSUS ROOSEVELT.

Events in the United States seem to be shaping toward the re-emergence of Mr. Roosevelt as a Presidential candidate, or, rather, Mr. Roosevelt is accused of shaping events toward that end. He publicly denies that he is seeking the office, but his backers may make it appear that the office is seeking him, so strenuously that he cannot as a patriot put by the crown. The latest phase of the situation is a sharp divergence between Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt over the dominating issue in the Sherman anti-trust law an adequate remedy for the evils of monopoly, and points to the dissolution of the Standard Oil Company and of the tobacco trust by recent Supreme Court decisions. Mr. Roosevelt contemptuously replies that these concerns will merely change their clothes. Mr. Taft's belief that there will be a return to the old competitive conditions, as a result of the strict enforcement of the law, was expressed in a recent speech as follows:

"We did get along with competition; we can get along with it. We did get along without monopoly; we can get along without it. And the business conditions of the country must square themselves to that necessity."

To this Mr. Roosevelt retorts in the Outlook:

"These men believe that it is possible by strengthening the anti-trust law to restore business to the competitive conditions of the middle of the last century. Any such effort is doomed to end in failure and if

successful would be mischievous to the last degree."

Roosevelt's economic prophecy is the one most likely to be verified, in the long run. The tendency to concentration in industry seems to be irresistible. It is true the country got along in the era of unchecked competition, but at the cost of regularly recurring industrial crises. If combination cannot prevent these, it may do much to mitigate them. The principle of combination has been shockingly abused, but if it is here to stay, the duty of statesmen is to try to deprive it of its powers for evil and allow its powers for good full exercise. There are signs that the state will be obliged to co-operate with the new system, instead of seeking to destroy it. While the Roosevelt policy in this respect may be found inevitable, Taft has done more than Roosevelt to enforce the law as it stands on the statute book, which is the duty of the executive. The American people have been impressed by his fearless course, and may be disposed to allow him to pursue it to the end in order to test his theory.

BOUQUETS FROM HIS FRIENDS.

From the Toronto World (Con.)
Sir James Whitney has too many loyal slaves now. A few honestly frank and fearless freemen could do him no harm.

From the Hamilton Spectator (Con.)
All the brains in the country are not under the hat of Whitney.

From the Toronto Telegram (Con.)
Sleep for six years amid the possibilities of the Temiskaming country.

From the Ottawa Citizen (Con.)
The Premier allows his prejudices to warp his judgment.

THE OTTAWA MODUS VIVENDI.

Mr. Welch, Conservative M. P. for North Waterloo, admits that Messrs. Monk, Pelletier and Nantel are opposed to the expenditure of a cent for naval purposes, and says they are entitled to their views.

Constitutionally there was nothing wrong in the inclusion of Nationalists in the cabinet, and no question of constitutional usage will arise while the cabinet continues doing what it is doing now on the naval problem—i. e. doing nothing.

Morally there was a grievous wrong in the combination for office-holding purposes of two groups of men who had expressed diametrically opposite opinions upon a great public issue during the election campaign, but their position will not violate British principles and practice, except in the matter of honor, so long as they preserve an outward and public appearance of unity. Lord Melbourne put it with cynical truthfulness in his cabinet, "It doesn't matter what we say so long as we all say the same thing."

Today it is not open to Mr. Monk, Mr. Nantel or Mr. Pelletier to tell Quebec audiences, as they did before the election, that no duty rests upon this country to aid the mother country in time of war. Neither may Mr. Borden, Mr. Hughes or any of the English ministers now repeat the promise of Canadian aid to Great Britain. Until the members of the cabinet have united upon a course of action their lips are sealed. Either the Nationalists or the Conservatives in the ministry must renounce their ante-election views before a policy is framed, or they must resign. At present there is a modus vivendi—an agreement to say nothing and do nothing. This is, of course, eminently satisfactory to the Nationalists while it lasts.

A solid Middlesex for Rowell would be no surprise.

Correspondence, crowded out of this edition, will appear on Monday.

Unless the Opposition comes back stronger the Seven Sleepers will merely roll over and go to sleep again.

Mr. Rowell has fought a good fight, and kept the Liberal faith. He deserves to finish the course in first place.

The Minister of Education is a joke, and those who pretend to take him seriously are putting themselves in his class.

The Free Press says the Advertiser "makes the wholly false statement that there were half as many again of teachers in training seven years ago as now." The Advertiser's assertion is a fact. The number of candidates for the teaching profession has fallen off owing to the sudden and complete abolition of the model schools. Not so many young men and women can afford to spend a year at normal schools. The Government has confessed its error by reopening some of the model schools.

The Manchester Guardian says it comes as a shock to British Conservatives that Mr. Borden means to drop the naval policy of his predecessors without in the meantime substituting anything for it. British Conservatives will receive another shock if they attain office and try to negotiate a preferential trade agreement with the Canadian Government. They will find that the most blatant imperialism in this country does not express itself in deeds.

The Prime Minister of Alberta welcomes the following resolution by the Alberta Local Improvement Districts Association:

"That, in the opinion of this convention, it is desirable that all rural lands, whether situated in rural municipalities, local improvement districts, school districts, or hamlets, shall be assessed on land values only, and that all improvement whatsoever be exempt, and that a rebate per acre be allowed on all

cultivated land, the rate of rebate to be fixed by the municipality. Such a law would be bad for the spectator, but good for the cultivator. But Sir James Whitney can see only red revolution in a modest installment of it.

A POPULAR PLANK.
(Niagara Falls Review.)
One plank of the Liberal platform ought to appeal strongly to everyone, and that is the provincial control of telephones.

THE MOVEMENT OF WEAKNESS.

There must be a difference between bluster and courage. Note how Sir James weakened when Sir William Mackenzie asked for two million acres of land.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.
(Ottawa Free Press.)
The work of civil service reform proceeds apace. Glen Campbell, the defeated Conservative candidate in Dauphin, is to give the soft job at \$5,000 a year and expenses.

A SYSTEM WITHOUT AN ARGUMENT.
Sir James has no argument in favor of his system of municipal taxation, and with sublime faith in the docility of his followers he thinks he does not need any.

THOSE CAMPAIGN FUNDS.
(Ottawa Free Press.)
When the electors are ready to demand that all contributions to campaign funds shall be published they will be published. And when the electors come to realize the importance of such a proposal they will not be slow in making and backing up the demand.

GIVING OUT THE PLUMS.
(Windsor Record.)
Premier Borden is delaying any move to bring about civil service reform until he gets through with the distribution of plums.

BEFORE THE ELECTION.
(Hon. F. D. Monk, July 18, 1911.)
Our ministers are engaged in placing our country under the domination of the British admiralty.

THOUGHT HE'D REACHED CANADA.
(Ottawa Free Press.)
Eph Jackson was a Louisiana coon who had never been north of St. Louis. He went broke on the race track, but saw a future in being where the dogs were and decided to go to the Canadian tracks.

He had no money, but somebody told him he could go all the way by water and all the way by land.

Eph struck a rowboat on the river front and started off in the darkness. He had bucked five-mile currents for seven hours when somebody sang out:

"Hello, Eph! How about you?"
"Yes," replied the man who yelled back: "Who all is you who knows me way up in Canada?"

WHAT DETAINED HIM.
(Yonker's Statesman.)
"You seem to be later this morning," said the manager.
"Yes," replied the meek-looking man, "my wife seems to add a few more buttons to the back of her waist every day."

CONSOLATION.
(Birmingham Age-Herald.)
"So you are a member of the 'Nine'?"
"Yes. They look just like me, too."

"Oh, well, I wouldn't worry. Some children when they get older are the children of the way they did when they were babies."

PUZZLED.
(Washington Herald.)
"How about this fare?" demanded the stranger in New York.
"I have the fare charged you, sir," declared the cabman.
"I know you haven't and why haven't you? What sort of a deep game are you up to? Answer me, now."

MISREPRESENTATION.
(You've spoiled the sale of my new novel.)
"What's the matter?"
"You reviewed my book under the heading 'Recent Books,' and the printer made it read 'Recent Books,' instead."

GIVE AND TAKE.
(Woman's Home Companion.)
Howell—"Does he take things philosophically?"
"Yes," but he doesn't part with them philosophically."

THE MOST POPULAR POISON.
(Washington Star.)
"It is incorrect to say that a man 'suicided,'" replied the editor.
"That's so," replied the writer, "and besides, it's out of date. The thing to say is that a man cyanided."

POPULAR FISS.
(Judge.)
B. F. writes, asking if there really are legitimate fiss. Yes, indeed. A few that occur to us are the following:

"She is not at home."
"It happened to a friend of mine."
"Sorry, but I've got an engagement."
"We missed you awfully."

IN SOCIETY.
(Baltimore American.)
"How is it your society friend loves so to go to grand opera when she is so deaf?"
"Why, she sees all the latest styles in evening costumes and knows just what is the best each of her friends can afford."

HIDDEN.
(Judge.)
Full many a rose is born
To bloom and blush unseen,
And prove its truest virtue
Hidden from summer sun, I ween.

POPULATION OF INDIA.
(New York Sun.)
The final revision of the census for British India shows a total of 315,132,437, or about 100,000 more than the provisional figures given out last March. There are 161,235,110 males, and 153,896,427 females within the Indian dominions.

King George, simultaneously with the English census, counts have been made in the French and Portuguese settlements. In the French territory there are 232,373 inhabitants, and 684,930 people live under the Portuguese flag. Those figures give a total of 315,019,346 persons living within the confines of India and Burmah at the present time as against 295,166,039 ten years ago.

DISLIKES HIS SURGE.
(Milwaukee Sentinel.)
While riding on a trolley car
One thing gets on my nerve—
To be a large, fat man
While going round a curve.

KINCARDINE ACCIDENT.
(Special to The Advertiser.)
Kincardine, Dec. 8.—The salt works have been temporarily closed down as a result of the pump shafting breaking yesterday. It will be some time before the break can be repaired, as the shaft is more than 900 feet long.

A FEW LINES OF MOST ANYTHING

Robert W. Chambers defines genius as one per cent inspiration and ninety-nine per cent perspiration.

Strathroy continues to have trouble with the town clock. The citizens simply refuse to wait a moment while the time-teller catches up.

It's a strange thing how the council voted the city hall bylaw through when practically the whole business population was against it.

Forest, Ont., has "boosterites," and Editor Pettibone may be expected to land a string of industries most any day.

Has anyone seen a robin yet?

There is one person who will never believe the McNamara boys guilty—their mother.

Another "last O. Henry story" is printed this month, bringing the count up to 74.

Quite a Spill.
(Winfield, Kas., Courier.)
On reaching a bridge they ran against the railing on east side of north approach, buggy turned a somersault, throwing Mrs. Dowler and contents down the river bank.

Perhaps They're Right.
(Blenheim News-Tribune.)
So far the education department has made of affairs, the lax administration of the attorney-general's department, and the inaction of the Ontario government in the development of New Ontario were presented with telling effect, and many Conservatives must have had their idol shattered.

Jerusalem Jimmy on the Job.
(Alisa Craig Banner.)
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Luckily smoke was noticed before the fire had gained much headway and the efforts of Jerusalem Jimmy, Hec and Mr. Webb were rewarded by success, but before the walls, corner and ceiling had been badly disfigured by the flames.

The Champion Dehorner.
(Alisa Craig Banner.)
Peter A. Dewar, V. S. dehorned a number of cattle for Mr. B. Jenkins and Alex. Currie at lightning speed one day last week.

MISSION HOUSES BURNED BY REBELS

Letters From Sian-Fu Province Tell of the Grave Peril of Americans.

Pekin, Dec. 8.—The first direct and unceasing news received from Sian-Fu since the recent outbreak there was brought here today by messenger. It consists of letters to the British and American legations, and a number of reports. The letters say that eight thousand Manchus were slain by the Chinese, and that there was much looting and burning of mission houses in the province were destroyed, and eight foreigners, some of them children, were killed. Four of the dead were American.

According to the letters, most of the foreigners in the Province of Shen-Si, of which Sian-Fu is the capital, numbered 75, 17 of them being Americans.

"We apparently are safe now," says one of the letters, "but the lawless are in the majority. The Chinese are escaping down the Han River, but the road is dangerous. The Kan-Su missionaries may have a hard time. Twenty-two of them, including children, are Americans. Money cannot be sent them, as all the mails have been stopped and the banks were robbed and burned."

The letter is signed V. J. Plymire, of the Christian and Missionary Alliance at Taohow, province of Kan-Su. It is dated Nov. 25.

GERMAN ELECTIONS

Decree Dissolving Reichstag Issued and Polling Will Be Held Jan. 12.

[Canadian Press.]
Leipzig, Saxony, Dec. 8.—Reports which have leaked out regarding the progress of the election trial now taking place before the imperial court, in which the English ship-broker, Max Schultz, and four German associates, who were arrested at Hamburg on March 18, are accused of attempting to procure information regarding German naval secrets, say that it has been established by local talent and about \$105 was taken at the door.

Mr. Walter Keilmann has bought the butter factory at Berville from Robert Hewitt.

KINCARDINE WATER SUPPLY IS SHORT

Fear That Filter Pipes Have Become Clogged With Sand.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Kincardine, Dec. 8.—The water and light committee was called together before introducing the speakers, to learn the cause of a possible scarcity of water.

The lake has been lowering so much recently that the filtering drains are not keeping a sufficient supply in the tanks. All the commissioners were present. James Watson and W. Welsh were absent. Regarding the filtering drains, but the engineer and other members opposed this plan. It was decided to open the filter drains to see if they are filled with sand. Another meeting will be called as soon as this is known.

A very successful tea was served in the opera house to raise funds to help to make the Old Boys' Reunion entertaining and successful. Music was supplied by local talent, and about \$105 was taken at the door.

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MITCHELL MASONS

W. C. Stringer Is Worshipful Master of Tudor Lodge for 1912.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Mitchell, Dec. 8.—At the regular meeting of Tudor Masonic Lodge, officers for the coming year were elected as follows: W. M., W. C. Stringer; I. P. M., F. Porterfield; S. W., J. A. MacDonald; J. W., E. C. Johnstone; chaplain, J. D. Brown; secretary, A. J. Howes; treasurer, William Elliott; Tyler, Robert Smith; auditors, J. D. Morrow and F. May.

Mrs. Wm. B. B. has received word of the death of her sister, Mrs. H. G. Livingstone, in Oakland, Cal. Mrs. Wm. Potts, of Fullerton, is a brother of the deceased.

Mrs. (Dr.) Armstrong on Wednesday attended the funeral of her mother, who died on Sunday last in Toronto. This is the second death in the family in a few weeks. A sister died also in Toronto a few weeks ago.

Miss Squire, of Glenora, is a guest of Mr. J. W. P. West, Ward.

At a meeting of the high school board, accounts amounting to \$187 were passed, and a prize of \$100 offered for the best collection of plants and seeds made by the students.

MINARD'S LINIMENT RELIEVES NEURALGIA.

OLD WHITNEY SUPPORTER THROWS HIM OVER

Government's Policy Not Progressive, Says Ex-President of Conservative Assn.

Whitney, Dec. 8.—Hon. W. L. M. King captivated a large Whitley audience last night by a masterly criticism of the policy of stagnation and bluster of the Whitney Government, and a fair presentation of the platform of the new Liberal leader.

The meeting was in the interests of the Liberal candidate, Mr. W. E. L. Sinclair, who also delivered a splendid address, touching upon many of the questions before the electors of the day.

Something of a bomb was exploded in the meeting when the chairman, Mr. L. T. Barclay, read the following letter, written by Mr. John Neill, ex-president of the Whitney Conservative Association, with to inform his friends and acquaintances that I am not a supporter of the present policy of stagnation and blustering followed by the Hon. J. P. Whitney. I am and always have been a Conservative, but until the Whitney Government adopted a more progressive and up-to-date policy I shall refuse to vote for a supporter of the Whitney Administration.

The importance of a strong Opposition in the Legislature was made much of in Mr. King's lucid style, and having been a university classmate of Mr. Sinclair, he strongly urged the strengthening of the Opposition by the return of Mr. Sinclair to represent this riding.

Sir James Whitney's contradictory statements regarding bilingual schools, the bungling which the education department has made of affairs, the lax administration of the attorney-general's department, and the inaction of the Ontario government in the development of New Ontario were presented with telling effect, and many Conservatives must have had their idol shattered.

Where Whitney Failed.
Dr. Macdonald dealt with the administration of Sir James Whitney under two heads—education, and the administration of justice. In both these departments, the Government had shown itself lamentably weak and incompetent, and deserved the censure of all right thinking men. He spoke out strongly on bilingual schools, and took the ground that it was the duty of the Government to see that every student was given the very best possible English education. Anything short of that was little less than a crime. He paid a tribute to the worth and ability of Mr. Newton W. Rowell, declaring that he would show his ability to further good legislation if once given an opportunity.

Dr. Henderson dealt with the Liberal policy in extenso. He took plank after plank, and demonstrated that all were in the best interests of the province, and would eventually triumph.

Mr. Pardee delivered one of his famous fighting speeches, showing up the inconsistencies of the Government on all the great questions at issue.

Dr. C. O. Fairbank occupied the chair. With him were J. H. Fairbank, ex-M. P. for the Province, Dr. Henderson, Dr. Colter, Sarnia; ex-Mayor Geddes, Sarnia; Ald. Riley, I. Green, Sarnia; Dr. McAlpine, Dr. Calder, Mr. Walker, others.

A special train was run from Sarnia bringing a couple of hundred enthusiasts. Continued on Page Fifteen.

TEMPERANCE MEETING HELD AT LISTOWEL

The Local Option Conditions Narrated by Able Speakers.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Listowel, Dec. 8.—The local option campaign is now in full swing. The first shot was fired in McDonald's Hall at a big meeting of the temperance and candidate in North Oxford. Addressing Mr. Graham was Mr. E. W. Neasebitt, M. P., who came up from Ottawa, Ontario, last evening, and was here to make his last appeal to his constituents to support Mr. Rowell on Monday next.

Both Mr. Neasebitt and Mr. Graham were in fine fighting trim, and those present became quite enthusiastic at the time. Mr. Neasebitt referred to a rumor which had gained currency here that the brewers and distillers of the Province were pouring money into this riding to defeat Mr. Rowell. Mr. Neasebitt stated that he did not believe the story, and added that he had more faith in the people of Oxford than to think that, even were it true, it would make any difference in the way they would vote.

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A CABINET OF INCAPABLES, SAYS DR. MACDONALD OF WHITNEY

The Premier Blusters About His Courage, But Does Nothing to Dispose of Questions Vital to the Province—Fine Liberal Rally at Petrolia for Dr. Henderson.

Petrolia, Dec. 8.—The parting shot in the election campaign in West Lambton was fired tonight in this town, and it should create much damage to the candidature of Hon. W. J. Hanna. The Whitney Government was given a severe arraignment by Dr. J. A. Macdonald, of the Globe; Dr. Henderson, the Liberal candidate, and Mr. F. Pardee, M. P. for West Lambton.