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UNFAIR ATTACKS

The best friend of the working man is he who establishes an industry which gives employment to men at fair wages, and who treats his employes in a fair and friendly way. Such a man is Mr. James Pender, the Liberal candidate in this city. The opposition party are concentrating their efforts to prevent the election of Mr. Pender, and are circulating statements concerning him which are utterly untrue. The attempt which is being made to create prejudice against him, by representing him as a man who has no sympathy with workmen, should have the effect of bringing him greater support, for the statement is false and the attack is unfair. Mr. Pender has lived many years in St. John, building up an industry that gives much employment, and is of great benefit to the city. He has enjoyed the respect and esteem of his employes, and no complaint has ever been made by them or by anyone for them of other than fair treatment. But now Mr. Pender is in politics, and his political foes, in their efforts to arouse prejudice against him and to compass his defeat, have stooped to methods of which they should be ashamed, and which will be resented by all fair-minded men.

THEY ARE WORRIED

The convincing reply of Dr. Pugsley at the mass meeting in the Nickel Theatre last week to the charges made against him by Mr. Hazen and Mr. Maxwell has not discouraged the scandal mongers. They say, in effect, that Dr. Pugsley was not telling the truth about it. The Standard thinks it a suspicious fact that the minister took the time at that meeting to reply at all. Note what it says: "It must be interesting to the Liberals of St. John to find themselves embarrassed with a candidate, who is obliged to devote three-quarters of his time at a public meeting explaining and excusing his own over-drafts from the Provincial treasury. What a position this is for a member of the Dominion cabinet and the head of one of the great spending departments of Canada!" The Standard knows perfectly well that, if Dr. Pugsley had not referred to the charges made, its largest type would have been brought out to announce that he was afraid to do so. But the minister was not afraid. He took up the challenge squarely at the very outset of his address, and showed to the complete satisfaction of the immense audience that the charges made were not well-founded. This was not what his opponents bargained for. They are now reduced to the thankless task of endeavoring to discredit the answer given to their unscrupulous assertions. Of course the purpose of this mode of warfare is to divert public attention from what the minister has done and is doing for the benefit of the winter port. It is realized by his political enemies that if the citizens cannot be prejudiced in some way against the minister his victory will be one of the greatest in the history of St. John campaigns. They have no hope of defeating him, and privately say so, but they hope to pull down his majority. There is one great local issue in this contest. It is the further development of the winter port. Which two of the candidates can do most to serve the city's interests in that direction? The government will be sustained. It is idle to talk of overcoming its enormous majority when the only question at issue is one of administration. That being so, the candidates who can do most for the port of St.

John are the Liberal candidates, one of whom is the minister of public works.

In an article commending the proposed new system of rural mail delivery the Shareholders says:—"At the present time the majority of cases to travel a considerable distance to obtain his letters and newspapers, and this in all weathers, while the vehicles which are employed to carry the mails from post office to post office almost pass his door. Under the new arrangement these mail carriers will virtually become distributors and will deposit in boxes specially designed for the purpose, whatever mail matter he may have for the individuals along his route. As regards those who reside on the cross roads not frequented by the mail carrier, provision is to be made by placing a row of boxes at the corners of these. In this way facilities will be furnished by the Government to farmers throughout the country residing at considerable distances from post-offices, which will relieve them from fruitless journeys to the post-office, and will, at the same time, secure to them the delivery of their mail without its having to lie for days awaiting chance calls. The new arrangement cannot fail to be a very great boon to the farming community."

Conservative writers and speakers tell us complacently about the seats they expect to capture from the Liberals. They are silent as to those which the Liberals will capture from the Conservatives. A majority figured out without taking into account is so one-sided a calculation as to be utterly absurd.

Dr. MacRae was not the first, nor even the second choice of his own party as their candidate. His nomination was received without enthusiasm, and by many members of the party with positive disfavor. This is a matter of common knowledge. It augurs his defeat by an overwhelming majority.

"I want St. John to be ready. I don't want it said that, because this port is not equipped, the freight (of the Grand Trunk Pacific) will have to go to Portland or Boston, and, ladies and gentlemen, I want to say that, God helping me, we shall be ready." (Hon. Dr. Pugsley's speech.)

The Liberals of this constituency should complete a more effective organization than they have ever had in the past, to roll up such a majority as will fitly answer the unfair campaign conducted against their candidate. Every man to his post. Let the victory be a rout.

In view of the fact that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has the greatest personal confidence in the minister of public works, the opposition rumor that he had called upon Dr. Pugsley to resign was exceptionally silly and ridiculous. It is, however, a part of this scandal campaign.

It is quite for a change, says the Standard. Quite so. The opposition should change its mode of attack and endeavor to prove that Canada is not prosperous under Liberal rule, or that the policy of the government is not progressive, or national in scope.

There are those who will say that Dr. Pugsley in opposition could do more for his constituency than Dr. MacRae could. Of course, the latter cannot be expected to assent to this view, but isn't there something in it?

The Standard affects to believe that the interests of St. John are to be sacrificed for those of Halifax. The best way to prevent that is to re-elect the minister of public works as the champion of St. John. What could Daniel and MacRae do?

The eastern question again threatens Europe with trouble. The cables from London yesterday were of a somewhat gloomy and alarming character. War, however, can surely be averted by an ultimatum from the greater powers.

The business of providing boys and girls with prurient literature is one that should not be permitted to exist in St. John. There are already too many inducements to impropriety and vice. The children must be protected.

The termination of the C. P. R. strike has been expected for some time. It would have been better if the agreement now reached had been accepted at an earlier stage. The loss has fallen most heavily upon the men.

Trouble is brewing for Mr. H. B. Ames. The Montreal Star says:—"It has been decided by Mr. Henry Dalby to oppose Mr. H. B. Ames in St. Antoine division as an independent candidate."

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ST. JOHN'S INTERESTS

"Within two years," said Sir Wilfrid Laurier in a recent speech, "we shall see this line (the Grand Trunk Pacific) running up traffic to new empires of the north." Conservative speakers seek to convey the impression that a much longer period must elapse before any freight originating on the Grand Trunk Pacific will come this way. Sir Wilfrid Laurier would not make the statement quoted unless he had good grounds for doing so. The minister of public works has expressed the same views. This is not idle talk. The work of construction is going forward rapidly. Therefore the port of St. John cannot too soon be equipped for handling traffic to be brought this way, whether the time be two or four years. Terminal facilities cannot be provided in a day. The necessary dredging cannot be accomplished in a week or a month, or a year. In this tidal harbor the work to be done will require time as well as money. Dr. Pugsley has stated his determination, so far as he as a minister of the crown is able, to have Courtenay Bay equipped for Grand Trunk Pacific business by the time the business is available. What he has already done is the best evidence of good faith, as well as of his ability to influence his colleagues in favor of the work to be done. As this paper pointed out the other day, he has already committed the government to a truly national policy with regard to St. John, and for that he deserves the undivided support of the citizens for himself and Mr. Pender in this campaign.

The Montreal Witness says:—"There is a marked improvement in industrial and mercantile affairs throughout Canada and the United States, and there is a hopeful note in all the reports from the leading financial and manufacturing centres east argues well for general revival of business."

OCTOBER

Month of a thousand falling leaves—Fountain wheels that will not rest—Years are the days I love the best. When the leaves are all gone away, Freedom to loss itself in space, Yearning the winds to keep pace.

Month of a thousand mystic dreams—Tinged by the leaves of red and gold—What is the magic spell you hold—Is the charm less than what it seems? Ah, 'tis a secret passing strange—We are so seldom—so seldom—When Roscoe Gilmore Stott, in Lippincott's.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

"Yes," said Mrs. Malabrop, "my boy is doing splendidly at school. He is one of them elementary schools, and his teacher says he is doing fine. He has even up to them they tell me, and is head of his class in geography, knows his letters by sight, and can spell like one of those darning needles down to Washington."

EASY TO BELIEVE.

It requires but little faith for a man to believe he is made of dust after he has asked for credit and found his name is "dud."

TEST OF BREEDING.

"Do you know that lady?" "Kindly present me, I know by her vacant stare she must be a lady of high breeding."

A FOUR PUPIL.

The colored boy was up in the children's court for the fifth time on charges of chicken stealing. This time the magistrate decided to appeal to the boy's father.

BETTER STILL.

Mrs. Bloodgood—"But the Neurovack the bill marks of ancient lineage." Mrs. Wisely—"True; but they have the dollar mark of modern success."

IT ALL DEPENDS.

"Do you believe in bleeding patients?" queried the young physician. "Their bank account," replied the old doctor.

DIFFERENTIATION.

As nearly as can be differentiated, a job is where a man does most of the work and somebody else gets most of the position is where a man gets most of the work and somebody else does most of the work.—Puck

CHEER UP!

Lightnings will be flashin', Hurricanes will howl; If you can't sing on the life-road, Don't help the thunder growl.—Atlanta Constitution

A BUDDING PHILOLOGIST.

Bobby, aged five, saw a cow grazing in his mother's flower garden and exclaimed "Soat sca!" "The cow didn't seem to be much intimidated, and calmly ate on. Three-year-old Mary, dancing with excitement, exclaimed: "Tell him to 'scow.' Wobble, tell him to 'scow.'"—Delineator

MRS. TOM THUMB AT THE PALACE TONIGHT ONLY.

Without a doubt the biggest and most novel attraction in town today is Mrs. Gen. Tom Thumb and her company of jilliputians, who are to present their unique entertainment at the Palace (City hall, Carleton) this evening. This will, without doubt, be the last appearance of these wonderful little people in St. John, and every man, woman and child who can possibly do so should avail themselves of this last opportunity of seeing and hearing those noted little people, who have made themselves famous throughout the entire world with the same programme which they are to present at the Palace this evening. It will be remembered that these tiny people could not present their entire entertainment during the exhibition owing to the lack of stage facilities. The full programme will be given this evening, including the world famous little play, entitled "The Enchanted Statue," a screaming comedy in one act. The programme will commence at 8:15 sharp, and will include a big special bill of moving pictures and a new illustrated song. Read the Palace advert. in this issue. 10-5-t.

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