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FRIDAY, MAY 16.

MR. PARDO'S LATEST ALLY.

Under a four-column big black head-line—another placard in the bill-board frontpiece series—the local "Liberal" organ yesterday presented its readers with a certificate of character for Hon. G. W. Ross, leader of the Provincial Liberal party. The testimonial to Mr. Ross' "marvellous ability and honesty" is from the pen of Henry Smyth!

Mr. Smyth also takes occasion to publicly ally himself with Mr. Pardo and enroll among the supporters of the Ross Government. He has long professed to have a claim against the Government and it may be that the settlement will now be forthcoming.

However that may be, it really matters little to the campaign. The display announcement of Mr. Smyth's views carries as little weight as did its predecessor recording the allegation of Mr. Fraser's resignation. It is a sad thing to have to say of any man reputed to possess ability and to have enjoyed exceptional opportunities, but it is true that the day when Mr. Smyth's "vote and influence" were quoted above par is long since gone.

That he is given a bombastic hurrah by the machine organ and received into the eager arms of the machine element, is only as true as the sterner, sadder fact that his enlistment will be a source of real regret and heart-burning to the stalwarts of honest, upright and conscientious Liberalism.

As far as the Liberal-Conservative party is concerned, it is not in the least jealous of Mr. Pardo on account of the acquisition of his latest ally.

IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE.

Says the Toronto News, Independent:

The strongest argument used by the Liberal party during the general elections in 1896 was that it was time for a change. The Conservative party had held office so long, it was contended, that it had come to believe that it was entitled to rule by divine right, and as a result grave and serious abuses of power had grown up. The members of the then Conservative Cabinet gave very convincing proof of the soundness of this contention by quarrelling among themselves like a lot of school children, and by washing their dirty linen in public. The result was that the Government was beaten at the polls, and badly beaten, as it richly deserved to be.

It's true the Liberals in 1896 went to the country with an alternative fiscal policy to that of the Conservatives. They advocated, and promised to adopt, a customs tariff for revenue only, to secure closer trade relations with the United States and to wipe out protection. The best proof that none of these promises had weight with the electors, and that the sole reason for the return of the Liberal party to power was the necessity for a change, is shown by the fact that in the subsequent general elections in 1900 the Liberal Government was returned to power, though it failed to redeem any one of its promises to change the fiscal policy of the country, and continued the policy of the former Conservative Administration. Electors of Canada said in 1896 that a change was necessary, and in 1900 they said that that change was a good one.

In the campaign which is now going on in this province Mr. Whitney's chief argument is that it is time for a change. He claims, as Mr. Laurier did in the general election campaign of 1896, that grave and serious abuses have grown up in the long term during which the Liberal Government has held office in Ontario. He has not as easy a chance for victory, because Mr. Ross and his colleagues will not act in the idiotic manner in which the Conservative leaders acted just prior to the Federal campaign in 1896.

But there is much in the contention that it is time for a change in Ontario. Abuses have grown up under the Lib-

eral tenure of power. No one can doubt from the evidence given in court during the contested bye-election cases in South Ontario, West Huron, West Elgin and North Waterloo that a machine worked by the Liberal party managers was used in those elections to make the return of Government candidates a certainty, when want of success might easily have meant the defeat of the Government. Of course the Administration has disclaimed any part in, and any responsibility for, the notorious frauds by which those elections were won. As a Government perhaps they are right in that claim, but did the Liberal party in Canada make any such admission when the Conservative organizers were guilty of just such frauds prior to the fall of the Conservative Administration in 1896? Mr. Ross and his colleagues can deny the responsibility until they are black in the face, but they are responsible to just the extent that the old Conservative Administration in Federal politics were responsible for similar frauds committed in its interests. The punishment which fitted the crime in that instance should apply equally in this.

No Government conducted along party lines is ever likely to be perfect, but a measure of perfection can be secured by compelling those in power to realize that they are responsible, not only for their own acts personally or as a Government, but for illegal acts done on their behalf and in their interests.

So, after all, perhaps it is time for a change, just as it was in the Federal arena in 1896.

FRASER FOR WEST KENT.

Says the Ridgeway Dominion:—The Banner-News launched the story that Mr. Fraser, Conservative candidate in West Kent, was about to retire from the field. Of course there was not the slightest foundation for the yarn, and more, no one believed it. There is no better type of candidate running on either side in the province than Mr. Fraser. He is thoroughly conversant with the political questions of the day, but is something more than a mere party politician. Mr. Fraser is for the people, and in a fair way, against the corporations. He is a man of original ideas, can be depended upon to do his own thinking and initiate legislation calculated to protect the plain people from the insidious attacks of the great corporations. Such men are needed in the legislature of this province, let them sit on which ever side of the House they will, for now is the time to resist any further encroachments by the combines and corporations upon the rights of the masses. The people of West Kent will make a mistake if they do not elect Mr. Fraser, a splendid type of the young, aggressive, well informed legislator, which we hope before long to see replace the mere party politician, the "Spartan" type of blind follower which Premier Ross eulogized in a memorable speech during the last legislative session.

A VOTE FOR FRASER.

Is a vote to kill the Ross machine.
A vote to have the truth known with regard to Ontario finances.
A vote to reduce the price of school books.
A vote to have the Factory Act properly enforced.
A vote to make a more effective expenditure on behalf of the agricultural interests.
A vote to free New Ontario from the grasp of a favored few.
A vote to have security given for

SCHOOL GIRLS.

'Tis a pretty age—that time in a girl's life when she has all the beauties of womanhood without the later lines of care and worry.

But here and there even among school girls appear pale and drawn faces.

Pale blood is at the bottom of the trouble and Scott's Emulsion can cure it.

Scott's Emulsion brings back the beauty to pale girls because it is blood food.

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A vote to ensure every possible effort on behalf of cheaper transportation.

A vote to condemn ballot box stuffing, ballot switching and personation.

A vote to make the public school system more effective on behalf of the children of the workingmen.

A vote to give the Province the benefit of a new administration after the countless abuses which have grown up during a Reform occupancy of office for over thirty years.

Can you afford to withhold such a vote?

READ THE RECORD.

Read the history of the machine. Ask yourself if this conspiracy against private judgment and public liberty ought to be permitted to continue.

The ballot is the share which the citizen has in the government of his own country.

It is the guarantee of his civil rights, the protection of his liberty. Well has it been said that

"The crowning fact,
"The kindest act,
"Of freedom is the freeman's vote."

The ballot is the instrument through which the people govern themselves. It expresses the well-considered judgment of the community and determines what the future of the country shall be.

"It shapes the Senate" and makes or mars "the common weal."
Shall this ballot be cast by the citizen to whom it belongs, or by the paid agent of the machine?

Shall the country be ruled by the machine or by the people?

Shall the destiny be dictated by the machine or by the voter?

The Empire has fought for a free franchise in Africa.

Are we unworthy of a like franchise in Ontario?

The British constitution has given us self-government.

Are we willing to surrender it to the agency that insists upon polling our votes?—Mail and Empire.

Whitney Will Win!

A POSER.

Hamilton Spectator.
If Ross is so much superior to the late Mr. Hardy, as the Toronto Globe claims he is, how was it that he was passed over when Sir Oliver Mowat gave up the job, and an inferior man made premier?

THE MACHINE NEEDS OIL.

London News.
There appears to be some trouble over securing a Liberal candidate for Cardwell. The executive of the Reform Association don't want Lincoln Hutton, the nominee of the convention, but he declines to step out when told.

TWO DEAD DUCKS.

Toronto Telegram.
Dryden and Gibson are said to be the two cabinet members whose election is looked upon as doubtful, even within the quiet precincts of the parliament buildings, where thirty years of systematic housecleaning has left scarcely a trace of Toryism.

GRASPING THE SWING OF VICTORY.
Ottawa Citizen.

The so-called independent papers are commencing to go strong Tory in this contest. That is a sure sign that they think Mr. Whitney will be the next Premier of Ontario. The journalistic independence consists in never being again the government—provincial or federal.

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20 Doz. Ladies' Straw Sailors, fine straw, silk bands, plain or rustic, black or white, regular value up to 50c each, special Saturday at 25c.

Special Sale of Ladies' Hose at 10c pair—Ladies' plain knit, full fashioned hose, seamless, spliced feet, fast black dye, sizes 8-1-2, 9 and 9-1-2, Saturday a pair 10c.

Ladies' Egyptian Cotton Hose at 20c. Pair—15 Doz. Pair Fine Mace Cotton Hose, superior quality, full fashioned, spliced heels and toes, seamless double soles, Hermsdorf, black dye, sizes 8-1-2, 9 and 9-1-2, worth 25c a pair, special at 10c.

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Ladies' Vests—Half or long sleeves, elastic rib, knit, fine, soft quality, lace trimmed yoke, special at each 10c, 12-1-2c, 15c, and 20c.

Dress Goods—1 pc. each, navy and black Serge, superior all wool quality, 54 in. wide, bright, smooth finish, best dyes, no better value in town, at 75c a yard, Special Saturday 48c.

10 pos. Figured Black Mohair—Rich bright silky quality, new designs, 44 in. wide, regular value, 55c to 85c, per yard, Saturday 48c.

Art Muslins, at 5c a yard—10 pos art muslins, fine quality, wide widths, splendid range of patterns and colors, fast dyes, regular value, up to 8c a yard, Saturday 5c.

Guaranteed Kid Gloves—From the best French makes, latest styles in black and fashionable shades, every pair warranted, the best your money can buy at a pair \$1.50, \$1.25, and \$1.00.

\$18.00 Tailor Made Suits, for \$3.90—16 only (samples) Ladies' Fine Tailored Suits, up to date styles in chevrons, serges, broadcloths and homespuns, pure wool qualities, superior workmanship and finish, colors black, navy, cadet, grey and brown, sizes 32 to 40, regular prices \$10.00 to \$18.00 each, clearing, Saturday, your pick 65c.

Ladies' Print Wrappers at 75c.—Good strong quality, pretty patterns and dyes, stylishly made, full skirt, sizes 32 to 42 in. special at 75c.

Ladies' Flounced Wrappers, at 98c.—Your pick of ten dozen handsome print wrappers, new patterns, fast colors, made with fitted waist lining, ruffles on shoulders, full deep flounce on skirt, sizes 32 to 44 in. special at each 98c.

40 pieces heavy 32 inch prints at 10c a yard, extra good quality print, new patterns, indigo blue, lilac, black and white and red grounds, warranted dyes, good 12-1-2c values, special at per yard 10c.

French foulards, lovely new designs and colorings, superior quality, rich silky finish, large range of styles, special per yard 25c.

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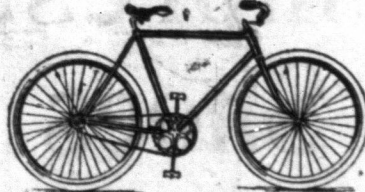
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