

CAMPAIGN NOTES.

R. J. Scott has shifted his ground considerably, or if he has not shifted he always stood on very different ground from what the majority of people thought.

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His programme at the beginning was believed to be—

1. A wide open town.
2. A lavish expenditure.
3. A wideawake sleeping partner in Mr. E. Hewitt.

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As to the first, Mr. Scott now says he is not in favor of a wide open town. Remarks he made in the beginning of the campaign certainly led many people to believe that he wished the reins of discipline and law relaxed. These remarks were probably due to Mr. Scott's ignorance of the west, which, by the way, is one of the reasons for not granting him the desire of his heart. They may have been due to a disingenuous desire to secure the support of a section of the community. Anyhow, they have wrought mischief and they have been repudiated and disowned. So far, so good. But the want of decisiveness in Mr. Scott's attitude does not induce confidence.

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As to the second point, a lavish expenditure, such as has hung a millstone around the neck of many promising towns, what could Mr. Scott's hearty applause of Mr. Hewitt's exuberant eloquence on this point mean if not approval? But the scene has changed, and Mr. Scott now stands where Mr. Lalonde has stood all the time.

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As to the third point, Mr. Scott has definitely thrown Hewitt over a course of conduct which, when hinted at in THE REVIEW two weeks ago, was greeted with derision by the Scott party. Now, there was a mine under Hewitt's feet which was likely to explode. That mine has been drowned out so far as Rossland is concerned by Mr. Hewitt's opponents, too generous to use it. But Mr. Scott takes the precise moment when the fuse was fizzing to throw over his side-partner. Bravo! Mr. Scott.

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Mr. Scott has throughout the campaign given evidence, colorable evidence, of being a man ready to be driven from pillar to post to gain the position he covets; a man full of explanations, refinements of meaning, who expresses himself differently at different times upon the same point, or, if not differently, at least so that people apprehend him differently.

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Two speakers for Mr. Scott on Wednesday night said the only reason they had for supporting Mr. Scott was on account of his experience. He explained at length on Wednesday how impossible it was for either a mayor or council to expend a dollar improperly. His experience must be very limited.

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Aspirants for billets under Scott, if elected mayor, remember the sad fate of Edward Hewitt.

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Mr. Hewitt's absence from the meeting on Wednesday, and Mr. Scott's very emphatic declaration that Mr. Hewitt was not speaking for him now, with the accent on the "now," was taken up by the public as meaning that Mr. Scott had thrown Mr. Hewitt over. There was plenty of proof that this was so. When Mr. Hewitt was called on to speak, cries of "Hewitt is dead," were heard all over the hall. Now, Mr. Hewitt says that his relations with Mr. Scott are the same as they have always been and that his voice will be heard in the affairs of the city as loud as ever. It is a very curious thing how Mr. Scott is always not saying one thing and meaning another, but meaning something different from what his audience thinks he is saying.

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The hotelkeepers have adopted a slate of aldermen—Reddin, Fraser, McPherson, Bell, Stack and Campbell.

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