

He will actually know the subject in which each voter is interested. If anything turns up in the house, or if a blue-book is issued on this question it is immediately mailed, possibly even with a brief note. A friend for life is made.

The children, too, are not forgotten. There are maps, attractive Canadian atlases, etc., issued by the various departments. The wise members frank these to the children in their riding with their compliments. A couple of years ago a paragraph was inserted in a Hamilton paper to the effect that the department of the interior had issued a new Canadian atlas which could be obtained by writing to the city's member. T. J. Stewart, member for West Hamilton was simply deluged with requests. In three days he got over three thousand letters. It was a physical impossibility to begin to wade through his correspondence. He finally in desperation simply turned over his whole mail to the Department of Interior officials, who sorted out anything of a private character.

One handicap of the member at Ottawa is the length of time he is away from his constituency. A rival candidate is camped on the ground twelve months in the year. One Ontario member who represents a traditionally close riding, and nurses it for that reason with particular care, was greeted with the chance remark by a constituent who was visiting in Ottawa: "Oh, you are only a summer visitor now in our town." It set him thinking. His wife and family were at the capital. He actually sent them back home and re-opened his residence, while he decided in future to spend as many week-ends as possible in his home town. He was not going to be regarded as a stranger. He went further. His son was attending school in a preparatory college; he took him out and sent him back to his home collegiate. That's politics for you.

It is strange what petty things will defeat a member. When Hon. Nelson Monteith, minister of agriculture in Whitney's cabinet, was defeated despite the overwhelming Conservative sweep, all Ontario marvelled. The cause has since been analyzed as Monteith's silk hat. As cabinet minister he had taken to fashionable headgear. Foolishly he wore it back to the tea-meetings and township fairs of Perth. His hard-headed fellow farmers