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THE MACHINE IN THE MUNICIPALITIES.

The municipal elections in Westmorland and Queens, following those of York, have a certain political interest. In several parishes of Westmorland the Blair machine set out to turn out, or keep out, the conservatives.

It is a striking fact that this change seems to have become possible since the advent of Mr. Blair into the constituency as its representative. He and his friends gave the late contest a special party importance by holding a meeting at Cady's, in the parish of Johnston, a few days before the vote, and apparently for the purpose of securing the re-election of the two glib councillors for the parish.

At this political meeting, Councillors Leonard and Perry, were the first speakers after the chairman, and both appealed to the meeting for support to themselves and to the council as then constituted. Mr. Ferris, who is a member of the legislature, and of the Emmons government, followed, endorsing the course of the council in the past and also appealing for support for his friends.

A WAVERING GOVERNMENT.

A few days ago Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated that no offer of troops had been made to the mother country. He gave a number of excuses for inaction, and declared that even if the government desired to send a corps the thing could not be done without authority of parliament.

The people of Canada know well that the government had all the power that was necessary, and if the ministers desired to act they could find a way to do it. The people could read from the militia act themselves, and knew that the law did not forbid the despatch of troops beyond the bounds of Canada.

rest of the procession, but something has been accomplished if the government has made it clear to the home government that the Canadian people are as ready as the Australians to assist in the imperial movement.

The Sun expressed the opinion the other day that the influence which restrained the premier would probably be found to have come from his own province and from his own political friends. Mr. Tarte's personal organ, La Patrie, has spoken with heat and force, exactly in the tone which we expected it to adopt. La Patrie points out that "we are here in America," and have nothing to do with "European diplomacy."

"What have we to do with the affairs of Africa?" "What interests have we in the Transvaal?" "Why should we take the money and the blood of the ratepayers of this country to squander them in these far away regions?" "We put this question to all who are able to think and ponder?" This is plain speaking. It means that the dominant man in the Laurier ministry does not believe that Canada has any interest in the British empire.

Following the announcement that the government is taking action, La Patrie explains to its readers that the government is really not doing anything worth mentioning. It is explained that the premier has not offered a corps. Those who go are simply volunteers on their own account.

CANADA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

There was a time when a Canadian cabinet would not have met twice to decide what to do in the present emergency. The best we can now expect of the present collection of ministers is that they will settle their own present disagreement in such a way as to remove, so far as it may yet be done, the disgrace that some of them have fastened on this country. It is said that if the majority decide right Mr. Tarte may resign. This danger is not imminent, for Mr. Tarte is not a resigning kind of man. But if it should happen so the loss would, even to the liberal party, be less than the loss the party and the country would suffer if the rulers of this land should fall of their duty at this moment.

THURSDAY NIGHT'S TRIBUTE.

It is not often that a Canadian public man who with his party is out of office, receives a tribute of respect, esteem, and confidence so genuine, so hearty, and so spontaneous as that accorded on Thursday to Mr. Foster by his New Brunswick friends. The gathering included representative men from all parts of New Brunswick, while St. John contributed an attendance only limited by the capacity of the largest dining room in the province.

No man in Canadian public life has descended less upon fictitious means of advancement than Mr. Foster. He has not sought to make every man believe that he had a special and particular advocate in Mr. Foster. Those parts which please for the moment and mean nothing are not his. Mr. Foster

has not cultivated the method which in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's vocabulary is described as "sunny ways," but which might with equal propriety be called "shady ways." He has not tried to be magnetic, and was never an opportunist. He has made his way by hard work and honest work, and the qualities which his supporters admire in him are substantial qualities. His are the old Anglo-Saxon virtues of truth, courage, and uprightness in word and action. They go with an industry which has never faltered, and a capacity which is admitted by his opponents as well as his friends. The possession of such qualities retains for a statesman the support of his friends and the respect of his opponents as well when he is out of office as when he is a ruler of the people.

We have seen politicians who collapse and are of no more consequence when they lose office and patronage. While in power they can easily gather a certain class of people about them. They are attended by troops of contractors and contract brokers. Persons in the enjoyment of patronage, or in search of it are always prepared to minister to their vanity, or perhaps their cupidity. The folk who love to hover about an important personage like this company. But turn these ministers and their party out of office and they collapse. They leave to others the task of fighting for principle, and sink into obscurity, or else carry themselves into the nearest political market.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PLEBISCITE.

The temperance resolution adopted by the Free Baptist conference of this province forcibly condemns the duplicity and double dealing of the Laurier government in respect to the plebiscite. By a singular coincidence the great Montreal convention of the Canadian societies of Christian Endeavor dealt with the same question almost at the same time. The Christian Endeavor convention declared: "That we desire to put on record our strong disapproval of the action of the dominion government in refusing to act upon the vote of the people given in the recent plebiscite in favor of the prohibition of the liquor traffic, which vote was, in our opinion, of sufficient strength to justify advanced legislation of the kind desired by the friends of temperance."

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

Captain William Wilband Met a Sudden Death by Falling from a Ladder.

Captain William A. Wilband, proprietor of the Dorchester house, situated on Dorchester street, was the victim of an accident Wednesday, which resulted in his death a few hours afterwards. The accident occurred soon after 12 o'clock. Capt. Wilband was engaged in painting the front of the house. The ladder he was standing upon slipped sideways, and he was precipitated to the ground below. He is a man of two hundred weight, and his fall was a terrible one. His head struck on the concrete gutter, and he lay insensible. Doctors MacFarlane, Price and G. A. B. Addy were summoned, and did everything possible for the injured man, but his injuries were such that it was soon realized that he could not possibly recover, and while everything possible was done to alleviate his suffering, he died shortly after three o'clock.

Children of for CASTORIA

H. M. S. Psyche arrived in port shortly after noon on Tuesday. She left Halifax at nine o'clock Monday morning, encountered a good deal of fog and had to slow up considerably. It was the intention to visit Yarmouth and Digby, but owing to the Nova Scotia fog she came direct to St. John. In all probability she will visit the above named places on the return trip. The Psyche was built last year at Devonport. She is a modern thruster class cruiser, with a speed of 21 knots, her power being 7000 horse power. Her hull is quite long for a vessel of 2300 tons. She carries eight big quick-firing guns, besides maxim and other guns. Her crew consists of 213 men. She is officered as follows: Captain F. R. Kelly; 1st Lieut. Griffiths; navigator, Cole; lieutenants, Packer, Pickering and Howard; staff-surgeon, Brice; paymaster, Spiggs; engineers, Stewart and Evans.

GENERAL DEBILITY AND A "RUN-DOWN" STATE calls for a general tonic to the system. Such is The D. & L. Emulsion. Builds you up, increases your weight, gives health. Made by Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

FOSTER BANQUET.

A Highly Successful and Largely Attended Function, Thursday Night.

All Parts of the Province Represented by Leading Members of the Liberal Conservative Party.

Signs That Point to Victory at the Polls—Spirited, Eloquent and Patriotic Speeches—List of Those Present.

The banquet to the Hon. Geo. E. Foster at the Royal Hotel, Thursday evening, was one of the most flattering tributes to a public man by his political party that has ever been given in this province. The attendance was thoroughly representative, and the enthusiasm unbounded. About one hundred and forty gentlemen sat down, or enough to fill the large dining hall of the new Royal. An excellent orchestra played a programme of selections during the dinner and at intervals afterwards.

The banquet was the first that has been held in the new Royal, and Messrs. Baymond and Dyer, who presided at all previous events under their roof in the excellence of the menu and the service. The dining room was handsomely decorated and the tables admirably arranged. The menu card was a beautiful specimen of the printer's art, and reflected credit on the Globe job press. The bill of fare was as follows:

- Oysters on Salt Shell. Lemon. Boiled Chicken Halibut. Roast Turkey. Braised Brown Sauce. Compo of Peach and Fudge. Roast Saddle of Mutton. Timbale of Macaroni. Roast Partridge. Sauce. Plum Pudding. Apple Pie. Mince Pie. Grape Jelly. Custard. Coffee. Tea.

The toast of the Queen was duly honored, and in proposing the health of the Governor General, the chairman paid a tribute to his excellency, the sentiment of which was heartily applauded. The toast was drunk with mutual honors. The chairman observed that a number of letters and telegrams of regret had been received, among them the following from Sir Charles Tupper: "Regret very much previous engagements prevent pleasure of attending banquet to the man, to whom I belong, Hon. Mr. Foster, on 12th inst."

HON. MR. FOSTER. When he arose to speak, he was greeted with applause followed by three cheers, and then a grand ovation. It was some time before the enthusiasm subsided. His reply was a masterly review of Canadian political history for over thirty years, a triumphant vindication of the principles and policy of the liberal conservative party, and

creative political methods, which was loudly applauded. The speaker proposed the following resolution: "That the Liberal Conservative Party of Canada, coupled with the name of the member for Beauséjour."

The toast was most heartily honored. MR. BERGERON, after thanking the chairman and Dr. Stockton for their flattering references to his presence, said he could have been caused last evening he began to like St. John, but his visit was chiefly to do honor to a man he had known and admired for 15 years. He came to do honor to an illustrious politician, Hon. Mr. Foster, and to meet politicians who were not so plentiful. He came here to repeat what he had said in other places, that the province of New Brunswick is the most neglected in the Dominion. This statement was not flattery. It was the plain truth. Whether due to the want of education or to the want of interest, he did not know. He had seen the province often taken pleasure in the past in the province of New Brunswick, and he was glad to see it today. He was glad to see it today, and he was glad to see it today. He was glad to see it today, and he was glad to see it today.

In this connection Hon. Mr. Foster, after dwelling upon the close and closer growing relations and interdependence of the different portions of the Empire, said that today on the Grand Five States line and Transvaal border Boer bullets may be seeking the hearts of British soldiers; and he mentioned Canada's homes are made insecure and are attacked by a very act. (Cheers.) When Kitchener went up the Nile against the mad derelict and the gallant Givroux went side by side with him, with his two lines of steel, all Canada was proud for Canada was doing something toward the consolidation of the empire. (Cheers.) In the Canadian parliament last winter Sir Wilfrid Laurier with graceful periods and in emotional language delivered a message that was borne to Johannesburg—a message of sympathy from Canada to British subjects who were taxed without representation and oppressed. The speaker concluded the resolution, and the house rose. There was no cry and no tory—God Save the Queen, with a quaver and a feeling that was unmistakable. Today, when the sound of Boer guns and the flash of Boer swords aimed at British interests threaten the old motherland, it promptly. The New South Wales Congress marched through London yesterday. (Renewed cheering.) Why was there so great a demonstration in the streets of London? Because it was felt that British children were true to her, ready to prove it by their loyalty and patriotism of this country should be given its proper bent by the action of the government.

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