

SOMETHING ABOUT THEM

Correspondent Traces the Public History of the Two Toronto Lawyers Now Coming

The Kind of Corporation Advocates Mr. McCoig Sees to Help Him—Their Record and Their Roorbaahs.

To the Editor of The Planet:

On Saturday evening, the 21st inst., two speakers from Toronto appear here on behalf of Mr. McCoig and it would perhaps not be out of place if a few facts in reference to these gentlemen's public career should be generally known.

Mr. T. C. Robinette, K. C., is the criminal lawyer who opposed E. F. Clarke, M. P., ("the people's Ned," and the representative of the laboring interests), at the last general election, in the interests of the trusts and corporations, and received a thorough licking, notwithstanding the facts that Centre Toronto is one of those three Toronto constituencies which the Dominion Government carved out in the hope of electing a Liberal member, and that the Conservatives had no organization whatever, and were opposed by the most thorough organization the Toronto Liberals ever possessed.

A feature of the campaign work on behalf of Mr. Robinette, and to which I desire to call attention, was the attempt by means of a "roorbaah" to gain two days before election to gain the whole Jewish vote of Centre Toronto for the government candidate. I have forgotten the exact words of the circular, but in substance it is as follows: "The Liberal policy is to give every man in Canada, without regard to race or creed, a chance to make Canada his home. On the other hand, the Conservatives believe in Canada for the Canadians, or in other words, Canada for the English, Irish, Scotch, French and Germans—no Jews are wanted by the Conservatives in Canada. Mr. T. C. Robinette is the advocate of the first policy, while Mr. E. F. Clarke is the supporter of the policy opposed to the Jews. For that reason every Jew should vote for the Liberal candidate."

It is needless to say that this pamphlet had not the desired effect as longed for by Mr. Robinette.

Should anyone be disposed to deny this he need only look at the Toronto News for either the day before or two days before the election, where he will find that a member of the Liberal headquarters admitted they were the authors of the "roorbaah."

Now, a few words in reference to Kennedy Dewar, K. C., who is the other speaker billed for Mr. McCoig. This gentleman was, until a short time ago, an officer of the Ontario Government—crown attorney for York County—and in that capacity he gave an exhibition of partisanship which can safely be said has never been witnessed in Canadian courts before.

It was during the well-known Callaghan case—a charge arising out of the Gagey-Stratton investigation. Your readers will remember the case well, but one fact it is well to bear in mind—Mr. Dewar in his capacity of crown prosecutor, refused to allow a Conservative to be placed on the jury, but every man who confessed to being a Conservative in politics was told to "stand aside." If we only had Joe Downey, of Guelph, here, how he would give an exposition of that affair and make Mr. Dewar take to the "tail timbers" on Saturday night. It can safely be said that never in the history of Canada has such a dirty attempt been made to introduce politics into that part of our government which, above all, should be absolutely free from political intrigue—and what was it done for? To save the Ontario Government and punish a man who had dared to oppose them.

Mr. Dewar, too, was defeated at the last general election. He opposed Claude McDermott in South Toronto, and the electors of that constituency, speaking in no uncertain tones, told him to "stand aside." On Mr. Dewar's behalf, as on Mr. Robinette's behalf, a "roorbaah" was circulated, which is only a sample of what politicians of this stripe will have done. Dewar, however, denies that he himself issued this pamphlet, but there can be no denying the fact that he stood or hoped to gain by it.

The circular was sent to the Organizers of South Toronto, asking how they could support Claude McDermott, a "Catholic Nick."

After events showed that this small piece of business, like Mr. Robinette's, had not the effect desired, and Mr. Dewar was badly beaten in a constituency which had been created for the purpose of electing a Liberal.

These public acts of the two speakers for Mr. McCoig are only indicative of what the rank and file of the Liberal party are asked to swallow, and it is, perhaps, well for all the people of Kent County to know that the political acts of many leading speakers on behalf of the Government are only a par with the doings of that aggregation.

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THE ADDRESS IN REPLY

The House of Commons Passes It in An Afternoon.

One of the Shortest Debates in the Speech On Record—Only E. M. MacDonald, George Parent, Hon. G. E. Foster, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and W. F. Maclean Take Part—Important Announcements and Delays of Blue Books.

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—One of the shortest debates on the speech from the throne on record terminated at 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The participants in the discussion were E. M. MacDonald and George Parent, the mover and the seconder of the address, Hon. G. E. Foster, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and W. F. Maclean. The debate covered a somewhat wide range considering the material of the speech. Mr. Foster attacked the Government in various features of its policy. In his reply Sir Wilfrid displayed all his old-time cunning in debate and in a speech of 25 minutes managed to put a very respectable face on his Government's record. W. F. Maclean laid down some new lines of policy.

Delays of Blue Books.

The wind-up of the proceedings of the House yesterday was made the occasion of several more or less important announcements and a deluge of blue books and returns. Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated that he would to-day give the House the information asked for by the members for South York in regard to the vacancy on the Railway Commission.

The appointment, it is learned, will go to Justice Killam of the Supreme Court. Judge Killam will remain on the Supreme Court till the middle of next month.

Sir Wilfrid moved that Charles Macell, member for Bonaventure, be appointed chairman of the committee of the whole, and this was carried.

Mr. Foster wanted to know when the Auditor-General's report would be ready. He was reminded by the Premier that the Auditor-General was allowed 14 days after the opening of Parliament in which to present his report.

First Reading Moved.

W. F. Maclean moved the first reading of his bill to amend the Railway Act. The bill relates to reduced passenger fares, the admission of independent telephone companies to railway stations on equitable terms, bringing express companies under the jurisdiction of the Railway Commission, and affirming majority rule in all cases before the Railway Commission.

More Pay For Police.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier gives notice of the following increases in pay of the Northwest Mounted Police: Commissioner of Police \$8,000 per annum, assistant commissioners \$2,000, superintendent \$1,800, inspectors \$1,400, surgeons and assistant surgeons \$1,800, veterinary surgeons \$1,400, four staff sergeants \$3 per day each, other staff sergeants \$1.75, other non-coms. \$1.25, constables \$2, special constables and scouts \$4.50, burglars, under 18 years, 50c, working pay to artisans 75c, with extra pay and allowances to the police in the Yukon and unorganized territories.

WHITNEY AT RENFREW.

Laure Party Government When Its Ideals Are High, But Ross Government Has Fallen.

Renfrew, Jan. 17.—J. F. Whitney addressed a crowded meeting here last night in the interests of T. W. McGarry, who is for the second time contesting the riding with Hon. Frank Latchford, this time with splendid prospects of success. Mr. Whitney was accorded an enthusiastic reception. For over an hour and a half the Opposition leader, who was in fine fettle, addressed the gathering, which crowded to overflowing the largest hall in town. At the start Mr. Whitney spoke on the benefits and advantages of party Government. Ontario, he said, owed much to both parties, but the Liberal party had reason to be grateful to was the one of by-gone years, which politically and morally alike was far above the Government of Premier Ross. It behooved every voter who has the fair name of the Province at heart to vote with the Conservative party to oust the present machine-made aggregation. Dealing with the policy of the Conservative party, Mr. Whitney took up agriculture and education. Assistance in horse breeding and the establishment of half a dozen agricultural schools would, amongst other matters, occupy the early attention of the Opposition leader and his party if placed in power.

PREMIER ROSS AT GUELPH.

Hugh Guthrie, M.P., Missed For His Reference to Mr. Downey.

Guelph, Jan. 17.—Hon. Geo. W. Ross addressed a mass meeting at the Royal Opera House last night in the interests of A. W. Tyson, the Liberal candidate. It was a very stormy meeting, the speakers being frequently interrupted by adverse criticisms from the audience, which numbered nearly 1,500 people. The speakers were Mr. Ross, Hugh Guthrie, M.P., and the candidate, Mr. Tyson spoke briefly, dealing principally with his connection with the Winter Fair and the farming interests. Mr. Guthrie's speech was marked by prolonged hisses and voices of dissent, and several times he was called upon to sit down. These actions on the part of members of the audience arose out of Mr. Guthrie's attacks upon Mr. Downey. Mr. Ross defended his Government against the attacks of Mr. Whitney and the Conservative party. His speech was largely along the lines of his previous campaign efforts. Mr. Ross did not touch upon

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LIBEL AND SLANDER.

Ottawa Barrister Sues The Globe and Now Frank Latchford For \$25,000.

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—A writ for \$25,000 damages for slander was issued yesterday against Hon. Frank Latchford by J. U. Vincent, an Ottawa French-Canadian barrister. The action arises out of the utterances attributed to the Hon. Mr. Latchford last week at his Dublin meeting in South Renfrew. It will be remembered that Mr. Latchford was credited by The Toronto Globe with having said that A. E. Thompson, Ottawa, organizer for McGarry, the Conservative candidate in South Renfrew, had driven through the riding with a Libera banner and had offered a Libera to change his allegiance. Thompson's answer was \$25,000 writ for slander against Hon. Mr. Latchford and an action for a similar amount against The Globe for libel. Then The Globe amended its report to read that Thompson had driven with an Ottawa barrister, who had made the offer.

On Saturday Mr. Vincent learned that he was the only Ottawa lawyer who had driven in the riding with Thompson. He immediately got the necessary legal machinery in motion and yesterday a writ was issued against Hon. Mr. Latchford. The formal notice claiming \$25,000 damages for libel was sent The Globe last night.

As Liberal Labor Men Nominations.

Toronto, Jan. 17.—The Liberals of South Toronto last night decided to place in nomination for the Local House John J. Hunter, a prominent labor man, and member of Typographical Union, No. 91. The convention was held in Broadway Hall and was chiefly remarkable in that the assembly was almost entirely composed of the rank and file of the party, those who have been usually considered leaders being conspicuous by their absence.

Liberal Worker Prosecuted.

London, Jan. 17.—The trial of Martin Quinn charged with perjury and impersonation in the recent Dominion election in this city, began yesterday. The trial was not concluded.

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BOTH SCHOOLS NOW CLOSED.

Bishop O'Connor Rebuked Those Who Opposed Separate Schools.

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BIG MEETING CHEERS CLANCY

A Splendid Gathering at Chatham Centre to Greet the People's Candidate

Capital Addresses by Messrs. Langigan, Pike and Clancy—Opposition Failed to Come

The town hall at Chatham Centre was crowded to the doors last evening on the occasion of the meeting in the interests of the people's candidate, James Clancy, and the cause of good clean and progressive government. There was lots of enthusiasm and Mr. Clancy was repeatedly cheered.

Although opposition speakers were specially invited and every effort was made by the local representatives to secure their presence, they failed, as usual, to materialize. The Hon. J. M. McKernan presided and the meeting throughout was of a most encouraging character.

Mr. Langigan, a bright and progressive young farmer, was the first speaker and made a capital address, incidentally replying to the utterances of Mr. Walker, who had spoken at a previous meeting in the interests of Mr. McCoig and Rossian.

J. M. Pike followed in an earnest and eloquent address, untroubled by nearly a plague from the large audience. He spoke of the great moral issue of political purity and the sinfulness of the respective candidates in the causes they represented. Mr. Pike went into the school book question so vital to every parent and the Temesaminque railway scandal. He reviewed the Rossian platform in its entirety, demonstrating its inconsistency and insincerity, and closed with a powerful appeal to the people to unite in the interests of the good name of their province. Mr. Pike's address was a magnificent effort and he was enthusiastically applauded at its close.

James Clancy, of the people, and for the people, got a grand reception. In his own quiet, earnest and convincing manner he talked for half an hour, detailing the progressive and advanced policy he was supporting, and the duty that now devolved on the electors, irrespective of party to speak out for Ontario's sake.

The customary hearty cheers closed a most successful meeting.

CLANCY RALLY AT COATSWORTH

McCoig Meeting Went With the People's Representative—Stanworth Scores Parrott

Gundy Attempted the Blain Ad. Fake But the Audience Stormed Him Down.

A well attended meeting was held at Coatsworth last night. Though called nominally in Mr. McCoig's interests, the meeting was decidedly in favor of Mr. Clancy, and Ward Stanworth, who was present from Chatham, was more than able to cope with Messrs. E. E. Parrott, W. E. Gundy and Geo. Stephens, who appeared for Mr. McCoig.

E. E. Parrott opened the meeting with a thirty minute speech. He rehearsed the old, slender, and touched on the prohibition question. Ward Stanworth, who followed, referred to the Maybee pamphlet, and how it was distributed by the Ross partisans in West Kent. He went into the Gagey charges and the crime of the Minnie M. Mr. Parrott described as originally a Conservative, who ran as an independent, opposing the Ross government in East Kent, tried to become a temperance candidate on one or two occasions, and finally has now become an out and out Rossian.

Mr. Parrott interrupted, when Mr. Stanworth termed him a Conserva-

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