

THE POLITICS OF "DR." MABEE

Some Interesting Samples of his Campaign Literature as Merchandise.

What he Thought of Premier Ross and Why Mr. Whitney Refused to Encourage his Methods.

Charles R. Mabee, whom the Ontario Government is passing off as a "life-long Conservative" for the purpose of giving force to a violent attack upon Mr. Whitney, came from Cleveland, Ohio, in the early part of the year. At Cleveland Mr. Mabee had issued for the Presidential election campaign literature on both sides. His Democratic literature was a pamphlet of 192 pages, and was entitled "McKinley in the Witness-box," by Dr. C. R. Mabee. The campaign literature on the other side of the line, in "McKinley in the Witness-box" Mr. McKinley was represented as under examination in court. Here are extracts:

U. S.—Did you join the Church?

McK.—Because people wanted me to join.

U. S.—Had you experienced a change of heart, been born again, as they express it?

McK.—No, sir.

U. S.—Did not you say you had when you applied for membership?

McK.—I did.

U. S.—You are now and always have been a hypocrite?

McK.—Yes, sir.

McKINLEY A COWARD.

U. S.—Where were you when the war broke out?

McK.—At Poland.

U. S.—Did you offer your services to your country?

McK.—No.

U. S.—It is not a fact that a great amount of pressure had to be brought upon you to get you to enlist?

McK.—It is.

U. S.—Why was it that you broke down and turned on like a baby when you left for the front?

McK.—I was afraid I would never come back.

U. S.—How far in the rear of the army did you have your cooking establishment during this battle (Antietam)?

McK.—Three miles.

U. S.—Why did you set your cooking camp so far in the rear?

McK.—Because I wanted to be out of danger.

U. S.—Why was it you did not continue your position as company cook?

McK.—Because I was accused by my companions of selling portions of the commissary supplies and pocketing the money.

MABEE PRO-BRER.

The production after charging Mr. McKinley in this way with hypocrisy, cowardice and fraud proceeds to his position as President of the United States, with complicity in murder, and with the offence of favoring the British in the Boer war.

"By what right," he asks Mr. McKinley, "had Great Britain to interfere with the international affairs of an independent Government? Beyond the pretence of a doubtful England has no more right to interfere with the internal affairs of that Republic (the Transvaal) than we have to interfere with the internal affairs of England. The language of the treaties solemnly ratified by Great Britain show that the South African Republic is as free to control its internal affairs as the United States is to control its own affairs."

DICKERING IN CANADA.

Soon after the Presidential campaign Dr. C. R. Mabee came to Toronto with a campaign work in view. He presented himself to leading Conservatives, and offered to turn out material for use in the provincial elections, and to present for their consideration some sample efforts. A batch of stuff was duly forwarded for approval.

This stuff where not taken from current discussions betrayed ignorance of Ontario affairs, and was grossly unjust. It charged the Government with fraud in the management of the finances and the Ministers with making away with the public money. When the material was shown to Mr. Whitney he promptly declared that he would have nothing to do with it, and the offer to publish literature was rejected. Thereupon Mr. Mabee entered into negotiations with the Liberal side, and as a result the attack upon Mr. Whitney was brought out.

Organizer Smith promptly notified Liberal associations by circular to buy it and circulate it. Mr. Smith declared that Mabee was a Conservative, who had become disgusted with his party and its leader, and added that a couple of thousand of his productions circulated in each constituency would be "of service to us." In the pamphlet Mr. Mabee figured as a life-long Conservative, and he is made to appeal to Conservatives to refrain from voting or to vote against their party and its leader.

DID MABEE WRITE IT?

A portion of the pamphlet was not written by Mabee, but was supplied by Mabee. Here is a sentence that is his:

"Here in a Christian country, in a country dotted with school-houses and filled with churches, in the richest and

WASP WAISTS

Are not much in evidence among American women. The women of America are workers, and a weak waist handicaps a worker. But woman has a greater handicap than a weak waist. She may have a perfect form, beautiful and strong in all its lines, and yet be weak because her strength is undermined by disease peculiar to her sex.

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most fertile commonwealths in all his Majesty's colonial possessions in a country second to none in the world, we want a man for Premier that will be true to the distinctive principles of our Government."

This is obviously by Mabee, because it is an adaptation from the McKinley pamphlet, in which Mabee says:—

"Here in a Christian country, a country dotted with school-houses and filled with churches, a country second to none in the world, we find at the close of the nineteenth century the Chief Executive, participating in a Reign of Fraud and Conspiracy and employing the same low and devilish tactics as were used by Louis Napoleon and Nero centuries ago."—McKinley in the Witness-box, page 1, by Dr. C. R. Mabee.

But the principal parts of the slander were furnished. It is curious how the Liberal pamphlet follows in some places the language of the stuff offered to the Conservatives and rejected by them. A sample is here given in the Liberal pamphlet Mabee shouts:

"We want a Government of all the people, for all the people, and by all the people, and not only of Whitney, for Whitney, and by Whitney."

The rejected Conservative literature says:

"We want a Government of all the people, for all the people, and by all the people, not one of the machine, for the machine and by the machine."

The attack upon Mr. Whitney personally is vile and untruthful. Mr. Whitney is put in the witness-box as Mr. McKinley was, and is made to confess himself a scoundrel of the worst possible description. It is felt that the Ontario Government must be in some straits or it would not put such material out with its endorsement.

HOW MR. WHITNEY VIEWED IT.

Mr. W. S. Johnston, of W. S. Johnston and Co., printers, writes as follows on the subject of Mabee and his unsuccessful attempt to induce Mr. Whitney and the Conservatives to enter into his campaign scheme:—

"Sir,—I have read with considerable interest some of the references made in the daily papers to the latest political campaign pamphlet, issued by Charles R. Mabee, lately of the United States, and am simply amazed at the gullibility of some people and the colossal cheek and apparent brazen falsehoods exhibited in some of the statements made. I happen to know that Mr. Mabee several months ago tried very hard to induce some of the Conservative leaders in this city to adopt his Yankee style of warfare in the coming political campaign in Ontario, but singularly failed, and then

evidently turned his attention to other quarters.

"In the latter part of June last C. R. Mabee called at my office in a business way in reference to the publication of a political pamphlet, desiring an estimate of the cost of printing twenty thousand copies. We had some conversation, when I told him it would be impossible for me to figure correctly on the work before seeing the manuscript, and he decided upon the size, quality of stock, etc., to be used. He called the next day and produced some manuscript, and a design for the cover, which by the way, was pretty good outline of a Judge and jury, with a not too flattering likeness of Hon. G. W. Ross in the foreground, the title being 'Ross in the Witness-box.' At the same time he produced a copy of a pamphlet which he said had been issued by him in the States, bearing the title, 'McKinley in the Witness-box,' and his own imprint as author and publisher. In his endeavor to persuade me to assist him in its publication he stated that he had approached Mr. Whitney and several Conservatives in this city—not that Mr. Whitney had published him—and that he was disgusted at their apathy towards his literary production, and their failure to grasp a good thing when they saw it, but he had hopes yet if they adopting his eminent brain work as campaign literature, which he assured me, would knock Ross and the Grit party higher than Gilderoy's kite, and win the province for Whitney and the Conservatives.

"I confess I was not impressed with his Yankee literature, but I was desirous of being courteous, even at the expense of time necessary to do considerable figuring. I gave him an estimate on June 25th. His plan, as explained to me then, was to get the Conservative party to put up money enough to pay him handsomely, and produce the pamphlet for general distribution, or failing in that to raise the money by securing subscriptions from candidates throughout the province and in return supplying them with copies of 'Ross in the Witness-box.' But to raise the 'wind' in the latter way he had first to secure the sanction of Whitney and others, otherwise he could not have the confidence of the candidates. Whitney et al didn't bite, and Mabee couldn't do the 'wind' act before the candidates, but what astounded me is the exceeding gall of the man in resorting to affidavits and posing as a disgruntled Conservative.

SCURRILOGY WOULD NOT DO.

"Somewhere near the time I gave Mabee the estimate referred to, I noticed that Mr. Whitney was at the Grosvenor. I called to see him, and in our conversation I asked him what he knew about Mabee and his political literature. Whitney didn't particularly tell me what he knew about Mabee, but at once gave me to understand that Mabee had approached him about putting out something of the form of a pamphlet after the style of one he had issued in the States, but that he (Mr. Whitney) declined to have anything to do with it, that he wanted literature of a more elevating character, and the election, so far as he and the Conservative party were concerned, conducted on higher lines, free from personalities and falsehood.

"Mr. Whitney's explanation, his flat refusal to sanction anything of the kind submitted by Mabee, together with what has transpired since, have convinced me that Mabee came over here from the States in search of the Ontario 'machine,' but struck the wrong party, and didn't succeed until he fell in with my old and esteemed friend, Alex. Smith, whom I see by the press, endorses his literary literature, revised, of course, with Ross out of the witness box, as 'very attractive, and a useful book to be distributed among the people generally.'"

"Alas, what is our country coming to! Men of noble mind may try to elevate the standard of political morality, but they have a lot to counteract in the demoralizing and degrading influences found at work in our present day and generation."

Prophesy Made of the Automobile.

Some of the tribes of India have a marriage custom which calls for the presence of a cow and a calf at the ceremony. The principals and the priest drive a cow and a calf into the water, and there the bride and groom, as well as the clergyman, clutch the cow's tail, while the officiating personage pours water upon it from a glass vessel and utters a religious formula. The couple are now united in wedlock, and the priest for his part in the ceremony claims the animals, and also receives any sum in money which the groom thinks is necessary to propitiate the idols.

Value of Trees and Shrubs.

Cut away the trees, shrubs and vines from around the well arranged country home, and you cut a big slice from the selling price, says Rural New Yorker. Add such things to the treeless house, and you make it worth more and also easier of sale. Why should the farmer scorn such things when they have a direct bearing on the selling value of his property?

It Was Something Nice.

"Is your wife dangerously ill?" asked the druggist as he filled a prescription for colored man who looked rather sober faced.

"Taint illness, sah," was the reply. "She dun met up wid a circumstance—fell off de roof of de house an' struck on a stone heap an' got what de doctah calls combustion of de brain."

The Volcano.

"A volcano," said the teacher in a Long Island school, "is a mountain, and has a crater or deep hole in the centre, from which it throws up or emits smoke, fine stones and lava. Now, children, can you tell me what is a volcano?"

"Yes, teacher," said one of the boys. "A volcano is a sick mountain."

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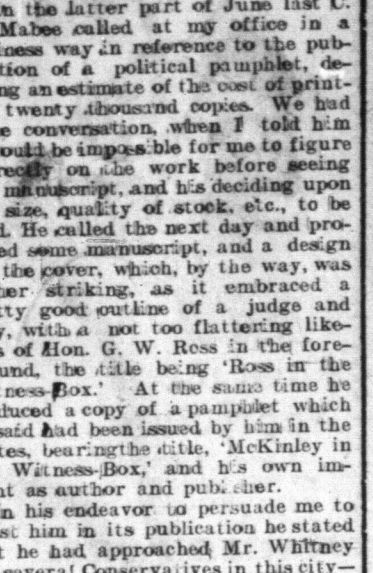
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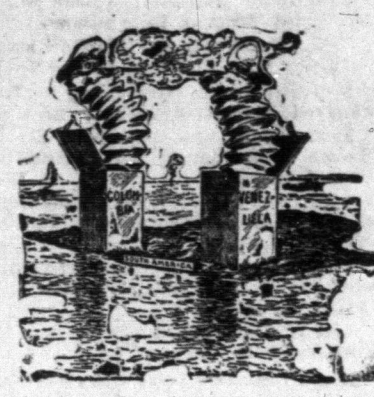
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