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Partisanship in Kings.

The old Tory party of this county would appear to be a thing of the past. Some of its members have joined the rum wing of the old Liberal party and some have gone in with the Moral Reform and Temperance Party. The Liberal party in this county has apparently degenerated into a 'bear garden. Love feasts are things of the past.' At Kentville there appears to be no disposition to confine the individual opinions of members of the party for other members behind closely tiled doors and walls. A leader of the party has in his generous mood at Aldershot been regaling his auditors as to his opinion of the gallant colonial of the 68th, and the senior member for Kings, it is hinted, did not escape his vigorous criticism. There is nothing of the swing of victory in all this. In fact it is most improper and undignified—although quite characteristic. To the partisan power is the one thing looked for, and it matters little what the price is. To those electors whose sympathies are with the Liberals but whose first thought is for their country and its interests, a 'liberal advancement,' a prospective defeat at this time will not appear so terrible a calamity. They have been closely watching the course of events at Ottawa and are pretty well convinced, many of them, that it would be to the advantage of their party to meet with an early defeat rather than to further suffer at the hands of the spoilers who are now in control.

As for ourselves we have no use for blind partisanship—a blindness that would cause a free-born elector to vote for a bootler, a grafter, a graft recipient, a drunkard, an immoralist—but a clean partisanship that will enable an elector to rise above party and vote for a man as his agent to represent him at either Halifax or Ottawa who like Caesar's wife is above reproach. How electors who believe in God and hope to meet Him in the great unknown beyond can vote for anything that comes along, so long as they are grit or Tory, is beyond our comprehension. How members of Christian churches in this land can lend themselves to the promotion of partisanship at the expense of all else is a knotty question to answer. Some argue that because these same people are not in jail therefore their conscience is clear in voting for them. We believe that the same blighting, withering curse will overtake not only the grafter, the spoiler, the vile immoralist, but also the blind partisan who seeks his own preterment and his own party's victory by upholding, encouraging and voting for representatives in parliament who in their own conscience they know to be enemies of truth and right. If a candidate is not a man of high character and high ability, under all circumstances, vote for him? Because it happens to belong to your party is a cowardly and treasonable reason.

So far as the Moral Reform party or their candidate in this county is concerned there will be no need for the formation of a branch of the Electoral Party League. Neither the party or its candidate, Mr. N. W. Eaton, will expend one dime improperly. They will not use one bottle of liquor, or one drink, for any purpose; they will not pay one dollar directly, or indirectly for the purchase of votes or for in any way to improperly influence any voter. In many counties branches of the Electoral Party League are being formed. This is where the old partisan electors are in deadly combat. Mr. Eaton is, and always has been, an out and out temperance advocate. He never drinks himself, and never asks anyone else to. His consistency on the temperance question is an open book, known and read by all men. He was the leader for years, in driving the rum traffic out of Canning, and law breakers will receive no mercy from him. This is why all the powers of the realm, element are seeking his defeat. Open bars, free rum, and lots of it, are encompassing with the opponents of the Reform Party. If the Reform Party use any money it will be in watching their enemies. Detectives are being employed and war to the knife will be waged against the spoilers of the home, and their dangerous, deadly, mocking camp followers, and adherents.

Smallpox at Aldershot.

The following despatch from Aldershot appeared in the Halifax Herald of yesterday: Smallpox broke out at camp to-day, and as a consequence a quarantine has been established on the 66th P. L. F. and a pest house opened. There is one case so far. Private F. Morine, of the 66th. The case is a mild one and no great danger is anticipated, although there is much uneasiness occasioned from the outbreak.

The military tattoo, the chief social event of the camp, has been cancelled. Much regret is felt because of the loss of this fine entertainment. The headquarters officers were 'at home' this afternoon. Last night the K. C. H. gave a splendid open air concert.

The writs for the general federal election have been issued. Nominations day will be on Monday, October 10th, with election a week later. When the date of the election was announced, in the Morning Chronicle, the writs were issued, it was generally understood that the election would take place before that time. The intervening weeks will be lively ones, we predict.

Restitution.

Mr. H. B. Ames, the energetic member for the St. Antoine division of Montreal, who has been exposing the land and timber steals, has proposed the policy of restitution. He says: 'Put a new set of men in control, with a mandate to recover for the people of Canada the lands and resources which through fraud or imposition have passed into the grafters' hands. Let restitution be your watchword in the next campaign and do not stay your hands until this has been accomplished.'

Mr. Ames tells us that the greater part of the timber of the North West has been captured by the Barrows-Fraser combination. The following are the holdings of this group:

T. A. Burrows, M. P., Sifton's brother-in-law	549
Imperial Pulp Co., which is Burrows over again	417
A. W. Fraser, president of the Ottawa Liberal Association, and candidate for Ottawa	250
A. W. Fraser, in his own name	128
Big River Lumber Co.	250
Total	1,586

Altogether the Barrows-Fraser combination has 1,586 square miles of timber, of which area 100 square miles are being worked.

The group has captured this timber for speculative purposes. Thus, one berth which was got from the Government in Mr. Fraser's name for \$500 has been offered for sale at half a million. The profit on this deal will be \$499,500. A second berth cost \$7,000. This also is held at \$500,000 by the Barrows office. A third berth which cost \$5,000 was sold by Burrows to the actual operator, Mr. Cowan, of Prince Albert, for \$80,000 cash. In this transaction the politicians who are high in favor with the Ottawa Government made \$74,000 without turning a hand. The 1,586 square miles will, when sold, make many fortunes. In the land business the same state of affairs has been discovered. Adamson, M. P., got the Saskatchewan Valley land for \$1 an acre and sold it for \$8, making for himself and partners \$1,750,000. Similarly Hittelcock and McGregor, friends of Sifton, and campaigners for that politician, secured the irrigation concession of 350,000 acres in Alberta, and disposed of it to a company in London, along with a grazing lease which had cost nothing, for \$840,000. Messrs. Wilson, Resor and Philip, all of the Sifton cult, were granted 29,307 acres of Indian land. They sold immediately to United States lumbermen for \$101,930, making \$91,812 on the deal. The land sales by the Ottawa Government contribute to private wealth. So do the land purchases. A site for terminals was required for the Grand Trunk Pacific at Winnipeg. It was bought for \$222,500 from a politician who had just paid \$29,000 for it. Here was a profit of \$193,500 on this transaction. Land for the Carolina was purchased in Halifax. It was purchased for \$45,100 from a middleman who had paid \$18,588 for it. Here was a profit of \$26,512. This middleman system is not restricted to land operations. It appertains to everything. One of the Deputy Ministers has declared that \$200,000 a year is lost by the fact that the orders for supplies go to politicians or middlemen instead of to the regular merchant.

This thing must be stopped. But it will not do to be content with merely preventing robbery in future. Something more than that is needed, and restitution seems to be imperative. Restitution is called for, that the people may have what is their own. As a matter of justice the property of the money dishonestly or cunningly taken should be returned to the right owners. Restitution is needed, not only that the people may have what is theirs, but as a warning. If the grafters are forced to disgorge, neither these men nor any others will be eager to repeat the experience we have had during the past few years.

Kentville.

The commission is rapidly giving shape to the approaching Nova Scotia Horticultural Exhibition, to be held at Kentville, on the 7th, 8th and 9th October.

In all lines of fruit, grains, vegetables, domestic and educational exhibits, the prospect is there will be the largest and most varied display and in quality the best ever seen in Canada.

The season has been most favorable for growth and maturing of all farm products. Every person interested in our fruit and agricultural industry, should not fail to attend this exhibition for what can be seen, and also the educational facilities afforded.

Persons interested in the raising of poultry will have an excellent opportunity to see a large variety of birds, and Mr. Landry, the best poultry authority in the country, is expected to be present and can give valuable pointers in respect to this growing and important industry.

The large horse parade, comprising different classes of horses, will be spectacular and interesting to all horsemen.

'There is rejoicing in the Conservative press,' says the Toronto Globe, 'because the leading workers were not shown in court to have been connected with the Colchester bribery.' That the Conservative press has gone into raptures over this feature of the case we do not believe. But this much is certain—if the leading workers had been connected with the wrongdoing, the best would have been brought out. What chance would there be in presenting Bayne alone when the arrest of leading workers would have been a far better party and advantage?

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A special meeting of the Board of governors of Acadia University was held on Tues day to consider the appointment of a professor to the vacant chair of English language and literature. The choice of the Board was Mr. Roy Elliott Bates, M.A., of Oxford, England.

Mr. Bates is a former resident of Wolfville and has many friends and dignitaries here. At Acadia he won the Governor General's Medal and was awarded B. A., in 1894, with first honours in English. The following year he spent at Harvard, and in the autumn of 1905 he proceeded to Oxford as Acadia's first Rhodes scholar. He had a distinguished career at Oxford, specializing in English, taking the degree of M. A., this spring, standing second in the exhibition for the degree.

During the summer Mr. Bates has been travelling on the continent. He has signified his willingness to accept the position, and will be on hand to take up his work at the beginning of the College year.

Capt. Ralph Macdonald and son Clyde, of Boston, Mass., who are spending a short time in Nova Scotia, are visiting in town, guests at the home of the former's niece, Mrs. B. O. Davison, Summer street.



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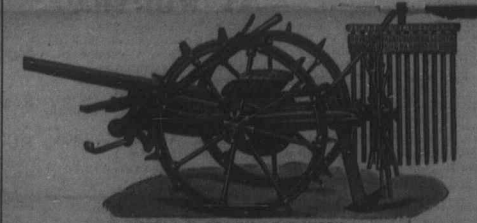
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