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A WEAK TICKET

Only four names were presented to the government convention in this city last evening. If such a thing had occurred in an opposition convention the ticket would have been described as "machine made."

Consider this ticket. Mayor Sears wants to be made postmaster, and makes no bones about it. "If," he writes in today's Sun, "I have sought for recognition from Ottawa, there is nothing to criticize in this. The recognition from Ottawa has not come. Why? Because a despairing party wanted to force Mayor Sears into heading its ticket in the provincial elections. It could not otherwise get a presentable head for the ticket, since Hon. Mr. McKenna refused to budge from the county, and no leading party man would offer himself for sacrifice. Therefore Mayor Sears, who in 1903 denounced and opposed McKenna, McKenna, Purdy, Lantulum and Skinner, and the government they supported, and who then denounced the interference of a federal minister in the provincial contest, had to be induced to swallow all of these without a wry face, and declare that he liked the dose. With an eye on the post office he has done so to the best of his ability.

Of the other members of the ticket everyone knows that Mr. Purdy has been forced into the field by a sense of party fealty, and strongly against his wishes. That is no secret. Mr. Skinner has once been defeated, and is known to look upon at least one member of his ticket with much disfavor. Mr. Lantulum is a politician who enjoys the game. The ticket as a whole is not strong. It is not to be compared in that respect with the opposition ticket. A weak ticket with a very poor cause ought to be overcome no matter how expert its friends may be in the use of the "resources of civilization."

IN KINGS COUNTY

The weakness of the government cause in Kings county is well known. Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Ora P. King are out of the running, and Mr. Sewell must face the issue with what help may be forthcoming.

In contrast to their plight, the strength of the opposition was shown at Hampton yesterday, when an exceptionally strong ticket was nominated by an enthusiastic convention. Mr. James A. Murray, late mayor of Sussex; Mr. George B. Jones, one of the most progressive and successful merchants in the county; and Mr. Fred M. Sprout, who was only 133 votes behind Hon. Dr. Pugsley himself in the last provincial elections, are the gentlemen who will redeem Kings.

It has been conceded by friends of the government in Kings county that if the opposition named a strong ticket the government chances would be poor. Even the most enthusiastic government supporter would not deny that the opposition outlook was much better than in 1903. But it was hoped that the party would name a weak ticket, and so play into the hands of the government. This the opposition have not done. The government party are now trying to stir up ill-feelings in the opposition ranks, and their zeal in this reveals the extent of their anxiety.

The opposition did a good day's work at Hampton yesterday, and have only to baste themselves in order to elect their men on the third of March. In Kings county, as elsewhere, the majority of the people feel that it is time for a change of government, and when the opposition presents for acceptance so strong a trio of representative men there should be no reasonable doubt of the result. Of course the government will use every means in its power to convince, persuade and coerce the electors; but, with the record of the administration before them, the people will not be disposed to regard either pledges, or bribes, or threats.

FOR AN HONEST VOTE

The Times on Wednesday pointed out how excellent an opportunity the Moral and Social Reform Association had in the present political campaign to prove its usefulness. A despatch from Fredericton last evening stated that a meeting of the executive would probably be held next week to consider what steps may be taken to prevent political corruption in the elections. It is suggested that organ-

ization may be effected in each constituency and represented at the polls, to protect against any and all illegal acts.

Curiously enough, the Sun this morning takes no note of this movement, and the government press generally is far from enthusiastic in the matter. This is regrettable. Premier Robinson is said to have expressed sympathy with the movement inaugurated at Sackville, and his organs should be not less eager to denounce corruption. Both parties should welcome any movement which has for its object the purification of the ballot and the expression of an unthought opinion by every man who goes to the polling booth.

AHEAD OF THE GAME

The Moncton Transcript gives a list of "candidates in the field or regularly nominated for the provincial general elections." Those named for the government are as follows:

Westmorland:—Robinson, Sweeney, Copp, Leger.
Restigouche:—Lablanc, Currie.
Gloucester:—Burns, Poirier, Young.
Northumberland:—Murray.
Kent:—A. Leger, Carter, Robichaud.
Albert:—Osman, Ryan.
Kings:—Sewell, McAllister, Wetmore.
St. John county:—McKeown, Lovell.
St. John city:—Purdy, Lantulum, Skinner.

Queens:—Farris, Carpenter.
Sunbury:—Peake, Smith.
York:—Allen, Burden.
Carleton:—Jones, Carvell, Upham.
Charlotte:—Byron, Magee, W. Todd.
Victoria:—Tweedale, Burgess.
Madawaska:—Clair.
It will be observed that the Transcript, which is Premier Robinson's personal organ, has not observed the formality of waiting for the results of the conventions in Westmorland, Restigouche, Gloucester, Northumberland, Kent, Kings, Sunbury, York, Carleton, Charlotte, Victoria, or Madawaska. If those counties should choose other candidates, what would the premier's organ say?

It is also to be noted that the Transcript endorses the Burns ticket instead of Mr. Turgeon's ticket in Gloucester, and claims it as "liberal."

As a matter of fact the only government candidates thus far nominated are those in St. John city and county, Albert and Queens. Why this wholesale anticipation by Mr. Robinson's eager organ?

A WEAK PRETENCE

Coun. Campbell is talked of in government circles as a member of the government ticket. Mr. Campbell is a good conservative, and was a delegate to the last conservative convention here. This doesn't square with the theory of running the election on party lines.—*Charlton World.*
Add to this the fact that the Moncton Transcript, one of the loudest shouters for federal party lines, accepts a government ticket in Gloucester that is not wholly made up of liberals, and the hollowness of the government pretensions is made clear. The government will crack the federal whip wherever there is a chance of success, and ignore party lines where a point may be gained. This is so well understood that the people are not deceived. The question they are really called upon to deal with is remote from Ottawa, and relates solely to the better government of the province of New Brunswick.

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"I say to the electors, Liberals and Conservatives alike, if you return the opposition to power we will endeavor to govern the country in the interest of the tax-payers and not in the interest of any political party in this country.—Mr. Hazen at Moncton.

The opposition convention in Kings county yesterday appointed a committee of five to meet a like committee from the government party to take steps to prevent the use of money in the elections. In all constituencies the opposition are willing to trust the people.

Hon. Mr. McKenna declared last night that he felt rather lonely, not being on the city ticket. He failed to state why he was unwilling to head that ticket. The reason will be clear when the ticket goes to its fate on March 3rd.

The Sun this morning says that Mr. Lantulum has seldom made a more appropriate speech than that of last evening. One appropriate remark was then recorded: "He did not expect an easy fight." No one will dispute the statement.

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No matter what the question is, Nobody else is right. Because the knowledge is always in the man who knows it all. And often when we hear him talk, "This thought we have in mind. The world, no doubt, could blithely get along without his kind."

Of all the tiresome folks we know, The cranks, both great and small, We find would give the candy to The man who knows it all. For he alone of all the fools Is singular in this: He never, never will find out How great an ass he is.

IN LIGHTER VEIN
BROKE THE RECORD.
Fanning—"So the family in the flat next yours has a phonograph, eh? How many records have they?"
"Well, no," replied her hostess as she toyed with her diamond studded fan, "I can't say as I do, although I can't see why some men wear them so low that they get all frazzled around the bottom."

NOT SO VERY HARD.
"I suppose," said the casual acquaintance the day after the wedding, "it was hard to lose your daughter."

"No," replied the bride's father. "It did seem as if it was going to be hard at one time, but she landed this fellow just as we were beginning to lose hope."

FRAZZLED THEM.
"Do you believe in the higher pantheism?" asked Mrs. Oldcastle.
"Well, no," replied her hostess as she toyed with her diamond studded fan, "I can't say as I do, although I can't see why some men wear them so low that they get all frazzled around the bottom."

ORATORICAL COMPETENCY.
Bourke Cochrane was about to make a political speech. "Mr. Chairman," he said, with some show of embarrassment, "before I turn loose, please tell me which side I favor tonight." Given the proper hint, he waxed eloquent.

EQUAL TO THE CASE
(London Tatler).
An exceptionally pretty girl with an English flag lieutenant at her side was standing on a chair on the pier watching the racing. On a chair behind were two Frenchmen. The lady turned around and said in French, "I hope I do not obstruct your view."

"Mademoiselle," quickly replied one of the men, "I much prefer the obstruction to the view."

LAMENTABLE CONSEQUENCES
(Harper's Weekly).
Surgeons everywhere will be interested in the following truthful tale which was published in the *Jenkinson Times-Chronicle* of December 18:
Mr. Godshall of Doylestown was thrown from his wagon by being struck by the trolley opposite Bosler's mill on Friday morning last. The body was torn from the running gear, but fortunately he was not hurt. His products were strewn about the roads.

PEOPLE OF NOTE



Rear Adm. Newton E. Mason

Rear Admiral Newton Elphinstone Mason, of the United States Navy, was born at Moncton, New Brunswick, N. B., on October 14, 1850. He received his early training at the Sussex College and then at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, England, where he was admitted to the Naval Academy in 1865, whence he graduated with honors in 1869. Admiral Mason married Miss Dora E. Hancock in 1894. His professional specialty for many years has been in studying the ordnance plans for the navy, and since 1904 he has been the chief of the ordnance bureau, with headquarters in Washington, where he makes quarters in Washington, where he makes quarters in Washington. He was awarded a Santiago medal in 1908, being present at the destruction of the Spanish ships under Admiral Cervera.

LIBERALS ARE
UP IN REVOLT

Good Liberals Sick of Local Misrule.—Rev. John Perry Prominent Carleton County Liberal Will Vote Opposition.

Woodstock, N. B., Jan. 30.—As verifying the truth of the claim that many Liberals will support the opposition candidates in this county at the coming election the following statement of Rev. John Perry to your correspondent will be received with interest. He said: "I am eighty-four years of age and have never cast anything but a Liberal ballot. I hope to cast another Liberal ballot before I die, but in the election on Tuesday, March 3rd, I will not only use my influence for the opposition candidates but will vote for Smith, Flemming, Munro and good government."

Mr. Flemming arrived yesterday from the Moncton meeting and arrangements will be made to hold several meetings. The people of Carleton County will have a meeting on Thursday, Feb. 6th, Forester the next day and Bristol the following. The people of Carleton County will have a meeting to hear Mr. Flemming and Mr. Jones. The opposition candidate is willing but the solicitor-general will likely sidestep such a discussion as the premier has already done.

Weddings and funerals are significant events for the professional thief. To pick a pocket at a funeral would be to court immediate disaster, but many of them think if a purse stolen at a wedding contains gold it portends the best luck for the thief during the ensuing six months.

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