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"I have always tried to stand for the people."—Hon. A. S. Hardy, Premier of Ontario.

"I stand for London first."—Col. F. B. Leys, Government Candidate for London.

The Grand Trunk Car Shops.

Down in Brantford the Conservative managers are trying to decrease Premier Hardy's majority by asserting that he did not make an effort to keep the Grand Trunk car shops in that city.

In London, the Premier is represented as a man who used every artifice and expedient to serve his city to prevent the Grand Trunk car shops from being brought here.

Both arguments are but the desperate tactics of political tricksters, and are akin with the barefaced attempt of the Opposition canvassers and orators to give the credit for the final negotiations to a Conservative, and not to ex-Major Little and his able associates. The President of the Grand Trunk Railway, while in Canada, gave Mr. Little due credit for his share in maintaining the prestige of London as a railway center, and the adroit manner in which he went about the negotiations and finally brought them to a successful conclusion.

Let it be said, however, in fairness to every one—to the Premier as well as to the railway authorities who have been somewhat severely berated in Brantford for the change—that no legislation could have been devised that would have made it wise for the G.T.R. management to keep their shops at Brantford. It was in the interests of the company to concentrate their shops here, the railway center of the West, and no one can blame them for doing so. We are glad that the city of London was so chosen, and we have welcomed the re-establishment of the shops here, and the advent of the model body of workmen that have come with them.

The British Ballot.

The ballot used in the Ontario elections is the British ballot. It was first made law in England. And the Liberal Government of Ontario immediately followed the good example set by the Government of Mr. Gladstone.

It is contended by some that the number placed on a ballot prevents the ballot from being secret, and that hotel-keepers and Dominion civil servants may have it known how they voted as a consequence.

Let us say that neither in this country nor in Great Britain, where the ballot is identical, can it prove a menace to any honest man. Its object is, indeed, to prevent such rascalities as those which were proved to have been perpetrated at the late Dominion election in this city and in other constituencies.

The Toronto Telegram, a Conservative journal, commenting on similar outrages at a previous Dominion election, asserted in the most positive terms that the British ballot, as maintained in Ontario, was an improvement upon the other system which was proposed as a substitute. Says this Conservative journal:

"It is out of the fullness of bitter experience that our faith in the superiority of the Ontario system is speaking. The numbered ballot provides a way by which bad votes can be judiciously subtracted from the total of a candidate who wins by fraud. When the ballots are not numbered, the votes of dead men, of absentees, of repeaters, pass choice of an honest majority out of his rights."

The British system, the British ballot, is the best. Ontario has done well to follow the Motherland in this respect.

Who Should Pay the Cost?

The Liberal Government of Ontario has expended over \$18,000,000 since 1872 upon hospitals, charities and asylums.

It has six large asylums for the insane, and an asylum for the idiotic, accommodating in all 5,712 patients, at a lower per capita cost than any asylum in the states or other province.

It has institutes for the deaf, dumb and blind, and grants aid to 113 charitable institutions. It leads the world in its care of the afflicted classes.

It pays for all this. If it chose to place the duty on the municipalities it might have had \$18,000,000 more of a surplus. But the people's taxes would have been that much higher.

In New York State every taxpayer pays a special rate for the care of the insane.

Do the people want to reverse the Government's policy? If so, they should elect Whitney's candidates. Mr. Whitney says his policy is the reverse of Premier Hardy's.

Hon. George W. Ross and West Middlesex.

Advices from West Middlesex tell of a wave of enthusiasm for his splendid candidate, the Hon. George W. Ross. The friends of the eloquent Minister of Education are putting their shoulders to the wheel. The Hon. George W. Ross has always had opponents who thought him too strong, too able, too useful to the Government, not to be opposed with virulence.

Yet Mr. Ross has never been defeated! It only remains for his supporters to rally with all their might and all their enthusiasm on the first day of March, to make this latest victory for Mr. Ross the greatest yet achieved.

All Middlesex has a right to feel proud of the Hon. George W. Ross. As Middlesex farmer's son; as teacher in the public schools; as school inspector; as representative in the Dominion Parliament; as member of the Provincial Government and Minister of Education; as the acknowledged Gladstone of Ontario in eloquence; as a man of such indomitable pluck and civic fervor that he has been known to insist more than once on braving a winter night's storm even against medical advice, rather than disappoint an expectant audience—it is an honor to West Middlesex to be represented by such a man, as it is an honor to Middlesex to have produced a man who reflects so much prestige upon the county.

In proportion to the evident desire of opponents of the Ontario Government to weaken it by a dead-set against its most eloquent Minister, must be the determination of every friend of the Ontario Government, every supporter of the Hon. George W. Ross, to leave no single friendly vote unpollled on Tuesday next.

The Montreal Star, Conservative, referring to a recent election, said: "If the Province of Quebec had as good a government as that of Ontario, its people would be too happy to even dream of a change. The trouble with certain sections in the sister Province arises from the fact that they do not know when they are well off." Fewer charges are made against the Government of Ontario today than were made and overcome in the contest to which this Montreal Conservative paper so fittingly refers.

No Need of Bitterness.

Let no one be too much put out by any such premonitions of defeat as are indulged in by the opponents of Col. Leys, the Government candidate, such as reckless personalities. This is a sign that Col. Leys is succeeding. We would strongly repeat the advice we gave during the campaign in which Mr. Hobbs secured a majority of 803 votes. That advice was, to keep good-natured, to keep down bitterness, while working enthusiastically. Why should you be bitter, when you are on the eve of a signal victory both for Premier Hardy and for the Government candidate in London?

North Middlesex.

There is the most gratifying news from North Middlesex. Mr. Taylor, the representative of the riding in the late Legislature, has been in every part of the constituency, and has everywhere met with the strongest possible evidence that his majority will be larger than in the contest of 1894. Many influences then worked to his disadvantage have been overthrown, and electors then working against him are now giving him their aid. This is notably the case in Parkhill, the Williamses and Lobb. But in the other townships, also, the Government candidate will do well.

"We had five elections in the Province of Ontario while the Conservative party was in power at Ottawa. Did Mr. Whitney argue that while Sir John Macdonald was in power in the Dominion, Sir Oliver Mowat should be allowed to remain in power at Toronto? Quite the contrary."—[Hon. George W. Ross.]

Candidates Nominated.

List of Nominees for the Ontario Legislature.

Polling Day, Tuesday Next, From 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Constituency.	Liberal.	Conservative.	Other.
Algonquin	C. F. Hartman	J. Field	
Algoma	C. F. Hartman	J. Field	
Brant	D. Bur	C. H. Fisher	
Brantford	Geo. P. Graham	Geo. Elliott	
Brimley	R. E. Bowman	D. M. Jernyn	
Brudenell	A. Malcolm		
Cardwell	William Wright		
Carleton Place	G. Buchanan	A. E. Little	J. S. Macdonald
Dufferin	W. B. Lawson	Dr. John Barr	W. Dymally
Dundas	Dr. Mitchell	W. F. Whitely	
Durham	Dr. Mitchell	W. H. Reid	
Eglar	Dr. Mitchell	F. G. McDiarmid	
Essex	W. F. McKee	W. P. Killam	Joseph Martin
Glengarry	A. Auld		
Greenville	D. C. McKee	S. Gallagher	J. I. Haycock
Grey	J. Bouard	D. B. McDonald	D. M. McPherson
Halton	J. J. Clary	R. L. Joynt	
Hamilton	J. W. Holmes	Dr. D. Jamieson	J. W. Davis
Hamilton W.	J. T. Middleton	Leat. Col. Kerns	
Hastings	H. G. Beech	E. A. Colquhoun	
Hastings N.	R. Russell	John Stiles	
Huron	A. Hyslop	W. J. Allen	
Kent	J. T. Garrow	H. Elber	
King	T. T. Ferguson	A. M. Mason	
Lambton	Wm. Hart	Dr. E. H. Hall	
Lambton W.	L. F. Parlee	Dr. J. A. McLeay	P. D. McCallum
Lennox	J. M. Chubb	Dr. R. F. Preston	A. T. Gurd
Lincoln	R. C. Webster	Walter Beattie	
London	James Duran	Dr. Meacham	
Middlesex	Col. F. B. Leys	Adam Beck	C. H. Gould
Middlesex N.	W. H. Taylor	T. D. Hodgins	H. B. Ashplant
Middlesex W.	George W. Ross	G. B. Campbell	
Monk	Dr. Bridgeford	J. T. Galbraith	
Nipissing	W. A. Clouston	C. Lamarche	
Norfolk	P. G. Corcoran	G. E. Buck	
Northumberland	S. Clark	Dr. W. A. Willoughby	
Northumberland W.	J. Dryden	W. H. Hoyle	
Ontario	A. G. O'Keefe	B. Slater	
Ottawa	A. Patullo	R. Powell	
Oxford	Dr. McKay	E. N. Chambers	R. Towle
Perth	J. Smith	Joseph Edgars	Louis Kaufman
Peterborough	P. Brown	W. R. Beatty	
Peterborough W.	T. B. Blair	T. M. Wood	
Picton	A. Stratton	N. Montfort	Geo. Frame
Prince Edward	S. Sprague	W. J. Dempsey	J. C. J. C.
Renfrew	H. Barr	S. J. Dempsey	J. Boufield
Russell	W. M. Harvey	H. Rohlman	
Simcoe	D. Davidson	G. E. Langford	A. Currie
St. Catharines	A. Mulhern	Dr. H. Thompson	
Toronto	Dr. James Spence	Dr. R. A. Pyne	Amos Train
Toronto N.	Dr. E. H. Jones	J. J. Foy	John Bennett
Victoria	J. Austin	J. H. Marter	
Waterloo	J. P. Philp	S. J. Fox	
Welland	W. M. Gerns	H. G. Lackner	
Wellington	J. Craig	Dr. Connelley	James Park
Weston	R. Scott	Harry Horlop	James Anderson
Weston N.	J. Dickson	T. A. Wardell	James Tucker
York	W. Richardson	Sanford Evans	
York N.	E. J. Davis	W. J. Meyer	
		W. St. John	
		Lieut. Col. Waring	K. J. Stillwell

The Way to Figure It.

This is the way to figure it up, says the Dundas Banner. In order to carry the day and secure the reins of power, the Whitneys will have to carry every seat they now hold, or make up for every one they lose. They will also have to carry every Patron seat—and the majority of the Patron members are Liberals. And they will have to carry several seats held by the Liberal members. It cannot be done. On the other side, all that the Liberals have to do is to hold the seats they now hold, or an equal number, there being a majority of Liberals in the House over Conservatives and Patrons put together. Anyone who says that the Whitneys will hold all the seats they hold now, carry all the Patron seats and win some of the Liberal seats as well, does not know the rule of three.

East Middlesex.

The latest reports from East Middlesex are that Dr. McWilliam, the Government candidate, will be elected. The east riding was represented by Opposition members to its own disadvantage in several assemblies. At last general election, the Conservative would have been beaten had they put up a straight candidate. Instead of that they saved themselves by indulging the Patron nominee (Mr. Shore), and thus secured his election. On this occasion, the fight is a straight party one between Dr. McWilliam and Mr. Hodgins. Both are non-residents, but Dr. McWilliam lives close to the eastern section of the riding, has large property interests in East Middlesex, a big practice within its bounds, and hundreds of friends among all sections of the community. In every way, he has proved a model candidate, and he promises to be of much use in the Legislature. He is a man who could be relied on to do honor to any constituency in the halls of Parliament. A good speaker, a man of eminently genial temperament, of sturdy independence, yet kindly heart, Dr. McWilliam's friends are legion. They are not confined to the Liberal ranks. Many Conservatives have promised to vote for him on personal grounds, and his election will be assured; but on one condition—that the full Liberal vote is brought out. Let West London, London borough, Dorchester and Nissouri do let the stalwarts of Westminster—the banner Liberal township—also recognize their responsibility, and leave no vote unpollled. In past elections, the stay-at-homes have again and again defeated the Liberal candidate. Let the present contest be a commendable exception.

FOR PATRIOTS EVERYWHERE.
[St. Thomas Journal.]
The Advertiser quotes a London elec-

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Passengers from Skaguay bring news of the blockade of the Dyea trail by right of a detachment of United States troops, which wanted to go over the trail before them. It was feared at Dyea that trouble would arise over the affair.

MAILS DELAYED.
The delay in the receipt of the mail at Dawson is, according to passengers on the Danube, the cause of many mail bags being received since last fall, and business is consequently paralyzed in many instances.

The steamer Packham left Vancouver yesterday with 800 passengers and 500 tons of freight for the Yukon. The North Pacific left loaded with freight and passengers.

THE BEST CLARA NEVADA.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 23.—Passengers on the steamer City of Seattle, which has arrived here, say there is a report \$105,000 in gold dust, was on board the lost steamer Clara Nevada.

THE RELIEF PARTY.
Klondike Relief Expedition, Juneau, Alaska, Feb. 12.—Stanley W. Turner writes: "A few hours at this place enable me to write so that it can be mailed here instead of waiting until we arrive at Dyea. We sailed from Vancouver barracks Saturday, the 5th. We had on board 400 tons of supplies, including 100 horses and 75 dogs. Our passenger list numbered 300, exclusive of 82 men attached to the relief expedition. The trip up was very unpleasant, owing to constant rains, sickness and general lack of plenty of sea food. All, however, are in good spirits and anxious to reach the promised land."

The expedition will camp at the foot of Chilkoot Pass and await the pack train, which will join us about the 25th, having sailed from Seattle.

As all I can learn, there will not be sufficient steamships to carry one-half the people who desire to go to Alaska this year. Instead of 100,000, it will be nearer 200,000. A courier who recently arrived from Dawson states that after we are over the pass it will not be over 30 degrees. My judgment is that we will not move from Dyea until some time in March, as the indications are that the pack train and reindeer will not be ready to move much before then."

OLD COUNTRY GOLD HUNTERS.
Montreal, Feb. 23.—A large number of parties are here en route to the Klondike. Among them are J. C. Hoguard and wife, of Paris, France. Mr. Hoguard, who is a Scotchman, is going to the Klondike as the representative of a number of French capitalists. He will organize a party of twenty-five men, and will leave here on March 7.

Zealand; Allan Ramsay, Dunedin, New Zealand; J. K. Laess, Sussex, England; Lock Lees, Manchester, England, and Lieut. J. K. Laess, Sussex, England, where they will outfit, and join a big English party. The Stikkeen River route will be followed.

FROM MONTREAL.
Eighteen mechanics and machinists, many of them from out of town points, left by the P. R. yesterday for Dawson City. A French Canadian Klondike expedition leaves today for the Yukon country via the G. T. R. and the Seattle. It was organized by Messrs. Picotte and Joseph Desroches, who recently returned from Dawson City.

Mr. Picotte has three claims, one on 21 Dorado Creek and one on Bonanza Creek. He has taken \$100,000 from the 21 Dorado Creek claim. The party will number twenty-five men. One party will cross the Chilkoot Pass with one year's supplies.

GETTING SUPPLIES IN CANADA.
Ottawa, Feb. 22.—Mr. L. A. Phillips, the purchasing agent of the Alaska Exploration Company, in which the Klondike are interested, is in Montreal, and is making arrangements for shipment to the Klondike. It is estimated that the purchases will amount to nearly half a million dollars, and will be distributed among merchants in the provinces of Quebec and Ontario. Another in council has been passed, allowing the goods to go through in bond.

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3. VANCOUVER is the terminus of the C. P. railway, whose steamers will start from VANCOUVER in the spring.

4. All northbound steamers call at VANCOUVER.

5. Direct steamers to Yukon ports have now commenced to run from VANCOUVER.

6. VANCOUVER is the only Canadian port where passengers transfer direct from ocean steamers.

7. KLONDIKE is in CANADA. OUTFIT IN VANCOUVER, AND SAVE 20 PER CENT CUSTOMS DUTY.

W. GODFREY, President, Board of Trade Vancouver, B. C.