

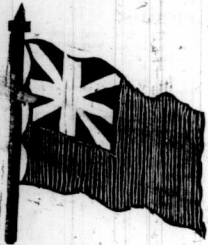
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DOMINION ELECTION

According to law, there will be a federal election inside of a year. How much inside of a year, no one can tell. But the man does not live who would be surprised if the electors were asked at an early day to poll their votes in connection with Dominion affairs. In fact, if one can judge by appearances, it must be either an immediate appeal or a total wreck of the Tory party of Canada. To the Tories, delays are now certainly dangerous. If things are what they seem, their only chance lies in a short, sharp and immediate campaign. This view of the situation is as much Tory as Liberal. In fact, it is the opinion of all thoughtful and reading men who keep their eye on political matters from day to day. And within a week this aspect has been endorsed by the government itself. The estimates, brought down a few days since in the house of commons, contain the item of \$200,000 for revising the voters' list at an early date. Furthermore the Halifax Herald, paid handsomely to sound the party note, in its issue of Saturday last makes the following significant remarks:

The Dominion lists will be revised this spring, and liberal-conservatives in every county and every polling section, should put forth diligent efforts to make the revision thorough and complete. Let the liberal-conservative be bristled in every section be so prepared that no unqualified person may have a fighting chance, and that no party shall be out of the fight by reason of non-registration.

We feel bound to admit that the Herald has given its party friends good advice. Our Liberal workers throughout the county should take heed and prepare for the registration of every vote likely to be thrown in favor of the condemnation of the bootlers and the re-establishment of economic government at Ottawa. This work should be commenced at once. No time should be lost. Let every Liberal appoint himself a committee of one with full power to canvass out new voters and present their names for registration. Again, the Tory workers should be watched. They are liable to give votes to dead men, and persons under age. In short they have done so in the past. They must not be allowed to repeat it in the future. Liberals, keep your eye on them. It will be noticed that a flag has been placed at the head of this article. That flag indicates that the

federal campaign has been opened and from this hour forth each and every Liberal in Lunenburg county is expected to do his best to rid Canada of its present reckless rulers and put in their place men having at least some slight regard for the people as a whole. For nearly 30 years the manufacturers, contractors, combiners and bootlers have ruled the roost. Now, let the people as a whole have a turn at the wheel.

THE NEW TORY POLICY

The last issue of the Argus contains an article which after the next dominion election might well be published as an explanatory appendix to the obituary of the Tory party in this county which certainly will be launched down the dusty avenues of oblivion, hoisted by their own petard. The Argus is the organ of the Tory party in this county and its utterances must be regarded as the voice of the whole party. The article in question announces the policy of the Tory party in this county for the next dominion election in the following words:

"To our friends, we say organize. Let Liberal Conservatives stand shoulder to shoulder, and when next we meet our opponents they will find that the use of Rum and Money is a factor in a campaign."

Here is the unqualified declaration that at the next contest the Tory party of this county shall make "rum and money" a factor in the campaign. Protection as a policy we presume has been discarded and all the other planks in the Tory platform have been bundled and the platform of "rum and money" substituted. This is certainly the most sublime exhibition of gall and impudence known to man since the creation of the world. It is wicked enough to originate such a vicious policy and clandestinely carry it into execution, but to announce officially in such a public manner, is enough to make the devils quake. We wish to give as much publicity to the new policy of the "rum and money" gang as possible, and we would ask the electors to bear in mind from now until the day of "rum and money" is now the policy of the Tory party in this county. Of course, we do not expect that all Tories will support this new policy. We shall certainly expect all respectable Tory electors to vote against their party at the next election. The man who will vote for the "rum and money" policy of the "rum and money" gang would need the ethics of a Danish Pirate, and inasmuch as most Tories of the county are good and respectable citizens we do not think we are a-tray when we say that they will all support the liberal party at the next contest and vote against the "rum and money" policy. There should not be over fifty Tory votes polled at the next dominion election, as we do not think more than that number could be found in the county to support the new "rum and money" policy. We had an idea that the next dominion election would be easily won by the liberals, but now with only the "rum and money" policy to fight against, the victory is ours beyond a doubt, and we should not be surprised that the "rum and money" gang finding themselves so weak will not even place a candidate in the field. On the trade understand how people might hoodlumly differ, but under the new order of things in the county we think all should see alike. From a party standpoint we are quite pleased with the new policy of the Tory party in this county, but in the interests of public morals we must record our strong disapproval of it. It is no wonder that life-

long supporters of the Tory party were disgusted when they read the new policy of their party in the Argus of last week. We trust date give fuller particulars of the new policy, and we trust that in the meantime the parents will take good care of their baby "rum and money" policy. Here we shall drop the darling infant of Toryism, lift it from its cradle for examination.

A FALSE CHARGE

In the Argus of last week there appears an article in which there are attempts to account for the defeat of the Tory candidates. It attributes their defeat to what is termed "the most unblushing and unscrupulous use of rum and money" by the liberal party. It does seem almost a waste of time and space to refute this contemptible falsehood. We think that the people of this county are too intelligent to place any credence whatever in the ridiculous and false charge. We pity the miserable spirit of the political whelps, who will so grossly insult their creator by sinking their intelligence beneath the ware of political partisanship and utter such absurd and false statements as has the Argus and many Tory heeled done in accounting for their defeat. We cannot believe that any Tory who makes the charge the Argus has made against the liberal party, sincerely believes of political soreheads who do not know how to accept defeat, and are willing to become their own slanderers, and dangle themselves before the public as falsifiers of the truth as a means. To say that Churchill and Sperry were elected with their large majorities by the use of "rum and money" is so palpably ridiculous that it is almost unnecessary to

ons that the statement carries its own refutation. Liquor and money in no way assisted in the election of the liberal candidates. The use of such means was not in the slightest degree encouraged or countenanced by the liberal party. If the Tory party think that their candidates were defeated by corrupt means, the courts are open to them, and they may there ventilate their imaginary grievances. If their charges are true it should be an easy matter to unseat the candidates elected. If they make no attempt at this, we shall consider as will all sensible people that their sweeping charges of corruption are simply infamous falsehoods and the persons who make such wholesale charges will stand before the public as villains and slanderers.

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