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AGAINST CORRUPTION

All Canada should take note of the movement in the county of Charlotte to eliminate the element of corruption from political campaigns.

An influential group of leading citizens of the county first took up the matter, under the auspices of the Ministerial Association, and decided to make an appeal to the parties to set their faces against bribery and the use of liquor in elections. This appeal was made on Thursday to the opposition party, which promptly endorsed the proposition and named a committee of twenty-five to meet a like number of representatives of the government party, which cannot afford to refuse. The next campaign in Charlotte may be a hot one, but it should be free from the influences which degrade a constituency.

A very significant feature of this Charlotte county movement is the activity of the leaders of the churches. There has been a certain degree of prejudice, perhaps quite natural, against ministers taking an active part in politics. That might be justified, where ministers took a strongly partisan attitude, since such a course would tend to lessen their influence as leaders in religious matters; but there can be no adverse criticism of ministers who as a body approach both political parties and appeal for honesty and purity in the conduct of an election. They are then within their own realm of effort for the moral uplifting of the community and the elevation of the standards of public and private life.

An active Kings county politician said to the Times a few days ago that the thing he most desired to see was an abandonment of the improper use of money in elections. It was not that his party could not get money, for in some way all parties are always able to raise funds; but the whole system is vicious and ought to be abandoned.

Down in Charlotte county they have shown the way and manifested the right spirit. In every county in the province the next provincial elections should be preceded by such an agreement between the party leaders.

HON. DR. PUGSEY

The long parliamentary recess may perhaps enable Dr. Pugsley to patch up a truce with his patronage committee. The affair of the West India commission has caused more heart-burnings than anything of like nature for years past. The appointment was not necessarily an item of St. John patronage, but since St. John was chosen the slight put upon the new-fledged and no doubt self-conscious committee, by failure to consult them at all in the matter, cannot be explained away in any satisfactory manner. To use a current phrase, they are "up in the air."

As time passes the conviction grows that Dr. Pugsley will not as a leader measure up to the hopes and anticipations of his ardent supporters. Not only in matters of patronage but in that of the Fairville speech, and his return to the same subject on other occasions, followed by silence when challenged in the house, he has not appeared to advantage. One discovers a note of disappointment in the tone of the independent press in its comment on the new minister. To disappoint both his friends and the less interested public in so short a period does not tend to encourage the belief that he will achieve greatness in the federal arena.

After all, it is a considerable distance, politically, from Fredericton to Ottawa. Dr. Pugsley has notable gifts as a public man, but if he excels in naivety he lacks in the shrewdness and far-seeing quality of some less prominent members of his present—or any former—party.

PROVINCIAL POLITICS

Is it to be Premier McKeown? The latest Liberal rumor sends Mr. Emmerson to the I. C. R., Premier Robinson to Ottawa, and Mr. McKeown to the provincial premiership. Perhaps if Mr. McKeown were made premier he might be willing to risk the chance of an election in St. John city, instead of the county. At present the attorney-general prefers to stand for the county, where, with a portfolio and an admittedly popular colleague,

and the support of a couple of governments, he might have some hope of election. There is, however, some force in the contention of leading government supporters in the city. They say that Mr. McKeown has the plum, and he ought to have the courage to fight for it in the city, where his party is in sore straits for candidates. His friend, Mr. Cochran, might be prevailed on to run in the city and set him free for the fray in the county. Premier Robinson delivered another cryptic utterance last evening on the date of the elections. In slang phrase it might be interpreted:—"Not yet, but soon." Mr. Lovell declared his hearty assent to Mr. Hazen's platform, but unwisely endeavored to credit the government with as good a policy. The premier again publicly abandoned the highway set. The net result of the county convention is to make the task of the city convention harder—which was needless.

LOAVES AND FISHES

In eleven years the present federal government has appointed fourteen members of the house of commons to the senate, and thirty members to other official positions. In the same period twenty-five members of the house were sent to the senate, and twenty-seven to other official positions. This forty-four members and for, or ninety-six in all, besides four senators who are made lieutenant-governors. It is not surprising, in view of the senate appointments, that senate reform was considered at the Liberal caucus on Thursday. More of the members of the house may be eager to assist in the reform by securing seats in the red chamber before Mr. Borden assumes the reins of power. There is said once to have been a Liberal tradition that a man should not sit in the house with a senate appointment in his pocket, but it has fallen into disfavor. The return brought down to parliament on Thursday is instructive, and for the Liberal member or ex-member it should be full of encouragement.

In Detroit the other day Brand Whitlock, the reform mayor of Toledo, expressed his views on forms of civic government. We quote:—"Speaking of municipal government, Whitlock said he favored abolishing wards and having a small board of aldermen elected by the people at large. He would have the department heads under the mayor and have civil service. 'I would have a non-partisan method of nomination and election,' said Whitlock, 'with the real Australian ballot system. Political machines are made possible because men vote the straight ticket.'"

The Sun invites the Times to show that \$400,000 worth of dredging should not be done in St. John harbor before it ventures to say that \$120,000,000 is a large sum for the estimates just submitted to parliament. There is, however, another way of looking at it. Suppose the \$400,000 were spent and St. John did not get \$400,000 worth of dredging?

In order that Dr. Pugsley's friends might know exactly what Mr. Kemp, M. P., said to the minister in his attack in the house a few days ago, the St. John Globe printed a full Hansard report of the speech, and in Dr. Pugsley's behalf ventured to add:—"Hon. Mr. Pugsley, no doubt, will reply, in due time." This was kind of the Globe.

The St. Martin's man who inadvertently remarked at the convention last night that the provincial government expected much from federal aid in the elections, merely stated what everybody has been thinking. Federal aid is the hope of the provincial government, whose record would inevitably lead to defeat.

Hon. Mr. Oliver said in parliament yesterday that there had been no definite propositions from either the New Brunswick or federal government relative to the proposed New Brunswick immigration scheme. Then why all the boasting of the provincial government press?

St. John today has the record for the largest number of ocean passengers that ever left a Canadian port. The fact is worthy of note in connection with the development of winter port traffic.

Dr. Pugsley has become a storm centre in the commons. His silence in regard to the challenge of the opposition, will be interpreted as more eloquent than speech.

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER

In spite of the fact that the word dyspepsia means literally bad cook, it will not be fair for many to lay the blame on the cook if they begin the Christmas Dinner with little appetite and end it with distress or nausea. It may not be fair for any to do that—let us hope so for the sake of the cook! The disease dyspepsia indicates a stomach, that is a weak stomach, rather than a bad one, and for a weak stomach there is nothing else equal to Hood's Sarsaparilla. It gives the stomach vigor and tone, cures dyspepsia, creates appetite, and makes eating the pleasure it should be.

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It's "Howdy, Mr. Oddiol, Just kindly step this way, And would you like to purchase Two shares of stock today?"

Then Uncle Sam was also Inclined to hold fast, And bargain with the bankers For prices over par. He did not take the trouble To have his bonds arranged To suit the modest buyer, But now all that is changed.

It's "Howdy, Mr. Smalflry, You look quite well, I see, And have you fifty dollars, You care to lend to me?"

—New York Sun.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

THE FIRST FAMILIES.

Oldest inhabitant: "Why, la, bless 'ee, miss, I can remember the place when me an' a seagull wuz the only people here!"

—Punch.

GAME FOR LUNATICS.

An ill-tempered old gentleman was watching the diabolical players in Kensington Gardens.

"And to think," he mused aloud, "that a month or so ago this sort of thing was only being done in our asylums!"

—Punch.

INDUCEMENTS TO HONESTY.

"Old Abrams took his son into der business as a partner so der boy couldn't steal so much old der old man's money."

"Vy can't he steal so much?"

"Now, when he steals a tollar he steals half off it from himself!"

—Judge.

A HOLLOW BOAST.

"I believe," said the Modern Wife to her friends, "in treating husbands humanely. Now I allow mine to carry a latchkey. It doesn't fit the door, but he gets a lot of innocent pleasure in boasting about it to his friends."

A CHOICE FOR THE LADY.

(Lippincott's.)

The following was related at a smoker recently, and it is not so bad, either: The narrator told of another little feed he once attended, where eight men, were sent home in one hack; and the driver simply rang the door bell and when a feminine voice called from an upper window, "Who is there?" The Jehu replied, "Missus, will you be so kind as to come down and pick out your baby?"

BILLIARDS DEFINED.

John Horgan, the champion pool player, told at a dinner in St. Louis a billiard story.

"Billiards is a tame amusement beside pool," Mr. Horgan began. "Two Hindoes were once discussing the game in Calcutta, and I think their side of it was pretty near the right one."

"What is this white man's game of billiards that I hear so much about?" said the first Hindoo.

"Don't you know?" said the second.

"No, Tell me."

"Well," said the second Hindoo "billiards is a very simple game. Two men armed with long sticks poke at a ball on a green cloth and one says 'D—' while the other says 'Hard lines.'"

Not so many years ago this was the case with St. John also, when her business in the winter season depended largely, if not entirely, upon the local trade. Many things have contributed to alter this past condition—first, let us hope for all time, "The world do move," some one has said, and an old Latin poet is credited with the remark that: "Time changes and we change with them."

Truly such a change St. John has experienced during the past ten or twelve years. Today it is the selected winter port of Canada, its harbor, safe in approach under any and all conditions of weather, being safeguarded by all the latest and best appliances known to science for the protection of life and property, and its harbor large, capacious and with facilities for shipping that are being added to almost continuously, as the demand requires. It is the winter depot in fact, for many ocean steamship lines, and some of the very latest and best types of marine architecture and engineering have made Saint John the Atlantic terminus of their maiden voyage—one of those steamships, by the way, the Empress of Ireland, having just reached Atlantic record on the eastward voyage.

This change, as indicated, has developed benefit in less pretensions quarters also. It gives employment to many hundreds of our good citizens, who, under the previous order of things, were idle the entire winter season, and could only hope for employment when "the mills hoisted in the spring."

We have changed, too, with the times. He would be a poor specimen who would not rejoice in the prevailing local prosperity. It is with us, let us hope, as a permanency. We see things as they are. We do not manifest any curiosity as to why or how they have developed. We do not ask ourselves, if it be the consequence, the legitimate result of local, public spirit and enterprise. Nor do we ask if the good times will continue, and what, if anything, can we do to ensure their continuance.

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