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THE PUBLIC CONSCIENCE

Whether the government or the opposition will win on Feb. 24 depends upon the attitude of the public mind toward graft in politics.

If the people have grown weary of graft and want a change they will defeat the government, as they did in Manitoba and British Columbia; and by this act warn future governments that graft will not be tolerated.

If the government is not defeated, it will mean that the people have postponed what they will be compelled by self-respect to do later, when other royal commissions have revealed new intrigues done by the whitewashers of Flemming.

Questions of platform and this or that proposed change or development of policy are secondary in the present contest. It is right and proper to talk about roads, crown lands, and the various departments of the public service, and of measures that might be introduced; but the people can have no sort of guarantee of satisfactory results if the men charged with administration are not to be trusted.

The pivot on which the elections will turn, therefore, is the public conscience. If it is so dulled as not to respond to the appeal of the higher politics, there is no chance for the opposition, and the reign of graft will continue. And just there is the unknown quantity in estimating the result of the contest.

It is clear that some Conservatives are supporting the Murray government because they are such bitter Conservative partisans that they refuse to see anything bad in their own party or anything good in the other party.

The elections of Feb. 24 are an appeal to the public conscience of New Brunswick. If it has been aroused by the shameful revelations of the last five years the government will be defeated.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY.

Read what is said of the opposition ticket in Charlotte county:—

"W. F. Todd, a former member of parliament and one of the most prominent men in southern New Brunswick, commanding a wide influence and a credit to any ticket."

"Burton Hill, of St. Stephen, an engineer of great ability, popular and trustworthy, and just the sort of man to make a good representative."

"Joseph Gaskill, of Grand Manan, has a large following all over the county and is known and respected by voters in all sections."

"Mayor Hugh R. Lawrence, of St. George, an engineer, a graduate of McGill University, a man of high standing and most acceptable to the electors in every quarter."

"This ticket, it may be said without fear of denial, will be regarded as one of the best ever placed in the field by any party in Charlotte county."

THE PUBLIC HEALTH

Dr. Roberts, in his address at the opposition convention, dealt with a matter which affects very closely the interests of all the people. This province ought to have a department of public health, amply equipped for all purposes.

Dr. Roberts pointed out very clearly that New Brunswick physicians are handicapped very greatly because such facilities as are needed are not found this side of Montreal or some American city.

Whether it be to save life or to investigate the cause of death, the province is not now on a par with other enlightened communities. Whoever is conversant with what is going on in the world today knows that great strides are being made in the work of combating disease, that more attention is being paid to vital statistics and the lessons they teach, and that because of the advance made in medicine and surgery and sanitary science the death rate is being reduced and the general level of health made higher.

Then there is the question of compulsory medical inspection. Dr. Roberts' contention that if we have compulsory attendance we should have compulsory protection of children by medical inspection is unanswerable. Every body knows that apart from the danger from infectious diseases there are many children suffering from some minor physical defect, which retards the progress of their studies, and which would be removed if medical inspection were provided.

Dr. Roberts, for ten years past, has been giving special study to the whole question of public health. He would be a most useful man in the legislature, the more so that the leader and members of the opposition party recognize the importance of improved legislation in the interests of public health.

Mr. W. E. Foster asks questions which Major Tilley and Mr. Grannan should answer. Where is the \$8,000,000 that was to come from Ottawa to build the Valley Railway bridges and give that railway access to St. John? Why did they vote for that additional \$10,000 bond issue without any guarantee that the interests of the province would be safeguarded?

Mr. John A. Sinclair is summarily dismissed by the Standard as "disgraced Conservative." Mr. Sinclair himself says that when he helped to place the Flemming government in power he never dreamed he would have to acknowledge he supported a mad who himself had party dragged the name of the province through the mire as it was never dragged before. Mr. Sinclair is not the only "disgraced Conservative."

The government party in York, headed by Mr. Pinder, of Southampton Railway notoriety, is having troubles of its own. Hon. H. F. McLeod, in a speech on Feb. 12, 1914, said that Mr. Pinder's independence had always asserted itself at a time when he was looking to serve some personal ends, and felt he could play the "independent" game to make things come his way.

Here we are again, face to face with an old friend. At Fairville, last evening, Hon. Mr. Baxter said: "As soon as conditions permitted work would be commenced on the new bridge at the falls to bring the Valley Railway to the West Side and over to the new harbor at Courtenay Bay." It was Premier Murray who was to resign if the Valley Railway did not come to St. John by the eastern route. Next!

The assertion that the opposition will not enforce the prohibitory law which comes into effect on May 1 is a deliberate falsehood, told to shield a government that is afraid of the people. What do honest temperance men think of this dishonesty, and of the attacks upon a man of the known record of Dr. Roberts in temperance work?

At an opposition meeting at Dipper Harbor last evening, the chairman was W. J. Dean, a former strong supporter of the government party, while one of the speakers was J. P. Mosher, who ran as a candidate of the government party in 1908.

Today Queens county will round out the list of opposition tickets, strong and able, in every constituency in the province.

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Look at that opposition ticket in Charlotte county. Isn't it a winner?

BY JOVE!

said a well educated man the other day when he was asked this question:—"Why, when you have a cold, a cough or bronchitis (troubles, you will note, of throat and chest) do you persist in pouring cough syrups, lung tonics and the like into your stomach, which is perfectly sound?"

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Believes British Have Taken 200 U-Boats

Columbia President Says He Knows There Are 85 Captured Oaes in One British Port

Pittsburgh, Feb. 10.—Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, who came here to speak at the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce tonight at the William Penn, was asked to give his views of the German submarine warfare, and how it could be subsided by the United States. He said: "The use of strongly guarded lanes for ships will defeat the German

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Secretary Gleason said that the organization did not plan to capture Phelan Hall, but to rescue it and hand it back to the real members of the Fourteenth street organization.

Deacon Dryden was a bitter foe of the demon rum. His clerk, Jimmy Jethro was, in secret, quite friendly with the horrid monster. Jimmy roomed above a store. One Sunday morning, after a session at poker, Jimmy started to descend the stairs, which abutted on the street. An overload of whisky caused him to fall down the sidewalk, just as the deacon passed on his way from church. "Why, James!" exclaimed the staid deacon. "What is the matter?" "N-nozen—nozen," lall stammered Jimmy. "At's the w-way I always come down

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