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CONSERVATIVE SCHEMES FOR CARRYING ELECTIONS.

Before the Government of Sir John Macdonald dissolved Parliament in 1882 the constituencies were gerrymandered in a way to secure the election of the largest possible number of Conservative members. Electoral districts were carved up with great ingenuity to attain this end, many of which were made in form unlike anything in heaven or earth or in the waters under the earth. To "hive the Grits" was part of the scheme, as was shamelessly avowed in Parliament by the Prime Minister, and his purpose was carried out with a vengeance. Before the next dissolution came, the nent found it necessary to strengthso itself by some new device in addition to in favor the Liberal policy will be made in the coming elections. We can the unfair advantage possessed by the gerrymander, and a measure was carried through Parliament which empowered the Government to make up the voters' lists settlement of that splendid territory. through officers chosen for that work by in The Northwest would have had 1,500,000 terested supporters in the various of stituencies—by the member, if he wof loyal follower, or by the next candif' the the party or other trusty friend in beral.

constituency was represented by d very The voters' list scheme Wvernment satisfactorily for the ause party in one way, looked after onservative interest wy the officer

scheme made votes for the Government party, but the public criticism of it was so just that the Government did not dare to keep the machine in regular operation. The

last revision took place in 1889, and although the Government gave a pledge to Parliament last year that a new list should be made up before another election, the House is now dissolved and members must be chosen by voters on lists two years

Now what does this imply? First, that there are on the lists in the Province of Ontario alone about 25,000 dead men, and as many more in the other Provinces of the Dominion. Secondly, that there are not Secondly, that there are not less than 10,000 absentees in Ontario, and as many more in the other Provinces—men wish wed to the lieutenant-Governorship in New Brunswho have left the country or gone out of voting reach. Thirdly, that there are 55,000 young men in the Province of Onwho have had no chance to be put on the lists, and 116,000 in the whole Dominion. tario between the ages of 21 and 23 years It is often said that this is a young

men's country, that the future is theirs, sociations, soon deserted the best friends of and that the Dominion is what they will make it. Yet by the deliberate and treach were too much for him. He fell, and he rous act of the Government a number 30 has got pretty low when he tries to hide times greater than the whole popular mathematical the shortcomings of himself and his associclection is allowed to have no voice in deciding upon a matter of public policy on which the future of Canda pre-eminently depends. If there is spirit in our young men they will surely Mr. Mackenzie and badgered Sir eight of the part of Cantwright, demonstrated that the bar of public opinion. Where Mr. Mackenzie and badgered Sir Richard Cartwright, demonstrated that their criticism was honest. cannot do so by their votes on March 5 they can do it by earnest work between

they make up no mean part of the Con-servative majorities. Let us this time have an organization that will effectively prevent the marking of a ballot by a dead man or an absentee.

NORTH MIDDLESEX.

The Liberals of North Middlesex meet at Ailsa Craig on Monday next. It is understood that a strong man will be selected to oppose the Conservative candi-

We hear it stated that at the Tory convention on Saturday horses will be swapped while crossing the stream, and that Mr. Coughlin, the late member, will be dropped record of his present critics.

NOT BANDAGES, BUT PLUCK.

Holmes, the poet, writes: Re firm! One constant element in luck Is genuine, solid, old Teutonic pluck; See you tall shaft; it felt the earthquake

See you tall shaft; it felt the earthquakes thrill.
Clung to its base, and greets the sunrise still. A gem of advice. Canadians can well lay it to heart at the present time, when men interested in the perpetuation of gross abuses are trying to make them believe that it is not pluck and self-reliance, but Government tutelage that will make the Do-Canada, as one of the minion great. speakers said at the great meeting in Mr. Hyman's interest, can hold her own, if she is only given market enough in which to sell her products at the most profitable

To be cribbed, cabined and confined for the benefit of greedy combines would ruin any country.

All corruption is disloyalty. All sec tionalism is disloyalty. All but pure, straightforward and honorable conduct in the management of public affairs is disloyalty. If it is not disloyalty to a crown upon a cushion it is disloyalty to the commonwealth .-- [Prof. Goldwin Smith.

A PERSONAL COMBINE.

A correspondent remarks that one reason by so many able and ambitious Canadians leave London for the United States is that Mr. Carling and his family have so lor nonopolized the places of honor that obody else gets a chance. In Michig., according to the evidence of M Wm. Craigie, in the Hamilton Spect or, there are more than a dozen forme Canadians who are now members of the Michigan who are now members of the M Legislature. Generation or generation comes on the scene, by 1r. Carling continues to work his little personal combined for all it is worth.

MATOBA.

Legislature, at its last The Manitol Legislature, at its last session, voted animously in favor of uncestricted procity with the United restricted approcity with the evidence States. the Liberal policy will be made appoint the coning of the appoint that the Manitobans favor a proper system of taxation and land man-

THE FARMERS AROUSED. At the Frontenac county Liberal Con-

vention, three farmers who have hitherto roted for the Conservatives, assailed the resent Ottawa authorities for their re-

Mowat and every member of his Cabinet intend to do. All patriotic Canadians will applaud them.

DEBT-MAKING.

What hypocrisy it is for members of the Dominion Government to denounce Mr. Mercier, Premier of Quebec, for spending the money of the people too freely. It is clearly a case of the pot calling

"black bottom" to the pan. A financial

genius who aided in bringing about the high craze that has done so much damage to Canada, and when he found the beginning of the end approaching quietly retired to a wick, used to tell us that it was a shame and a disgrace that Mr. Mackenzie should spend \$23,000,000 in managing the affairs of the country. Sir Leonard Tilley took ment on the strength of his lectures on temperance, and, no doubt through his asthe movement in the House. The flesh pots of the Government at the last ales by attacking Mr. Mercier. The criticism was honest? By no means. They are not, as they promised, satisfied with collecting \$23,000,000 a year to pay the cost of government, though they said they can do it by earnest work between award the close of polling day.

As for the dead men and the absentees, experience in past elections has shown that will be care to large when spent by Mr. Mackenzie. The annual expenditure has gone up with leaps and bounds until now it has reached the enormous sum of \$36,000,000 a year. In addition to this the national debt has been added to till it has attained colossal proportions, being at present close on \$300,000,000. And that, too, in the face of a guarantee by Sir Charles Tupper, less than ten years ago, that by the present year the debt would be reduced to \$100,000,000. Perhaps a 200 per cent. difference is not much to a man date, no matter who that individual Tupper, but the experience fitly forewith the gigantic promising capacity of a shadows what we may expect from this veracious Nova Scotian before the present campaign ends. No matter what the short-comings of the Quebec Premier, he will have to get up early if he is to beat the

THE YOUNG MEN.
What impudence for Sir John Macdonald

o appeal to the young men of the country to help him out of the hole into which he has been landed by his maladministration. He has decreed that the elections shall take place on the lists compiled three years ago, by which 100,000 young men of the Dominion, between the ages of 21 and 23, are left without votes. They are indeed uncture they must stand idly by, while 50,000 dead men are entitled to vote! The Tory leader should appeal to the departed spirits for aid. The young men whose mpanions have been robbed of their birthright, if they respect themselves, will

GOOD REASONS FOR TREMBLING. GOOD REASONS FOR HEMBLING.
"I fairly tremble," said a prominent
Conservative to-day, "when I think of the
possibility of the Grits winning this election. If ever they get the chance to redistribute the constituencies we shall be
out of office for the next twenty years."—
[Ottawa correspondence of the Mail.

The Liberals will indeed take good care

of the redistribution. The rascalities of the redistribution of 1882 will be remedied beyond doubt. We believe this "prominent Jonservative" knew what he was talkag about when he trembled at the fate owhe men who perpetuated the infamous corrymander. Fortunately for the cause of to study these questions they would ascer-tain that they pay nearly all the taxes. The landlord may pay the taxes on the house he rents to the laborer, but he includes the tax in the price of the rent. The merchant good government the popular uprising against the high tax Administration is now so strong that neither gerrymanders nor stuffed voters' lists can save it.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL. -Sir John Macdonald holds 29 constitu-

pays taxes, but he charges it up in the price of the goods which he sells to the laborer. Therefore do not be deceived because the tax collector does not call on you in person, for he gets into your pocket in some way, and gets nearly all the taxes collected. ncies by average majorities of less than 40.

-A Toronto Tory paper starts the story Milton Champion.

In crder to swell the revenue returns by small as well as large contributions, collectors of customs are instructed to nose among all foreign mails and grab everything on which duty, however small in amount, can be charged on any excuse. About ten days ago a Miltonian had to pay 5 cents each for duty on several English magazines which had been sent to him by mail and were taken from the bags at Hamilton, and last week we paid 6 cents for duty on Vick's seed annual before we could get it forwarded to Milton from Burlington, where it was held. While vigilance among public officials is commendable, and it is proper that customs officers should keep a sharp lookout for dutiable articles generally, the taking of magazines, pamphlets and other articles of small value from the mails and putting those to whom they are sent to as much trouble as they are worth before they are released is a picayune business, even though it may be authorized by law. that the Liberals will distribute Yankee gold to secure success. This is an old lodge. It is generally set on foot at the time when the Coon Skin Boyds of the Tory party are sent out on the warpath with their wallets filled with corruption funds.

-The Toronto World heads Sir John's address to his constituents, "The Old Man's Appeal. A Patriotic Farewell Address to the Canadian People." Probably. nem that has done so much to keep back in the course of nature, this may be the Old Man's farewell address, as the World heads it. But those who are working for reciinhabitants, instead of 150,000, under a procity remember that they and their sons have interests to look forward to after Sir John Macdonald has disappeared, as he shortly must, from the scene.

‡‡‡ —Professor Goldwin Smith had a weighty condemnation of the Tupper missionary enterprise in a letter to the Mail yesterday

Conservative interest wy the officer at the public costi. Conservative who had the work into officer himself as names were put on k to him, and where far as they were he he was readily helped they were not kagers. In the case of by the party or had no interest in putliberals, the the list, and generally he ting them, far as he found them on some did so of If a new man came into the former if a young man came of age and district the other necessary qualifications powernment officer did not know him f was a Liberal, nor did he want to ow him, and it was only through his own to that of his party's organization that he became enfranchised at all. It was also at aggravating cost of time and money.

But the Government machine was also expensive, and the first lists cost the Treasury a round \$500,000. Another 8500,000 at least was spent by parties in "helping" the Government officer to do his duty—often in compelling him to do it. The scheme made votes for the Government and noney mand and votes for the Government officer to do his duty—often in compelling him to do it. The scheme made votes for the Government to do. All patriotic Canadians left, and the heart of his participation of the country member of his Cabinet intend to do. All patriotic Canadians is doubted by no human being. He says:

"Another breach of the wich the people, if they had not been to trade with the States. "They are comming, and they will sweep the combine Government out of power. By polling their full vote, the will sweep the combine Government out of power. By polling their full vote, the will sweep the combine Government out of power. By polling their full vote, the will sweep the combine Government out of power. By polling their full vote, the will sweep the combine Government out of power. By polling their full vote, the polling their full vote, the will sweep the combine Government out of power. By polling their full vote, the will along their full vote, the polling that the Cabinet full vote. The same value of the same value of the same v He says:
"Another breach of the rules ours. The real motive for Sir Charles Tup-per's patriotic disregard of official restraints is doubted by no human being. He comes to help in falsifying the national verdict on the subject of reciprocity, and to keep his confederates in power by debauching Nova Scotia as he debauched it before, with money or promises of money from the public purse.

This to him and his friends and organs does not appear to be disloyal. His coming is a loud warning to good citizens that they are fighting, not only against monopoly, but against corruption."

OTHER NEWSPAPERS. GET WHAT YOU EARN.

Hamilton Times.

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There is some use in voting. It is worth while for each man to see to it that he gets what he earns. For the last twelve years a great part of the earnings of Canadians has gone into a few large fortunes. This is not as it should be. The man who has got \$1,000,000 dollars has not put forth 1,000 times the effort of brain or music that has been put forth by the man who got only \$1,000. Toryism unjustly distributes the products of labor, and a vote for Liberal candidates is a vote to remove that injustice.

DON'T PULL TOGETHER.

Peterboro Examiner.

A Hamilton Government organ in one A Hamilton Government organ in one paragraph upholds, lauds, magnifies and glorifies the "N. P." as the only thing that will save the country, and in the next calls upon the city council to provide work for the unemployed. What about the "N. P." making everybody rich and giving constant work at the highest wages? If, by everybody is meant the monopolist manufacturer, protected to the eyes, the red parlor politician, and the boodler, then the N. P. has made everybody rich—still the mechanic, the laborer and the farmer would like to see where his wealth comes in.

HIT OFF BY PUNCH.

Toronto Mail.

The State document of a few days ago which indicated a desire on the part of the Government to secure a return to the treaty of 1854 with "modifications" and "extensions" is strikingly suggestive of a Russian State paper dealing with Polish affairs, the purpose of which canfounded the statesmen and diplomats of Europe. Punch hit off the perplexity of the bewildered nationalities with a cartoon which represented England, France and Austria in conference upon the Russian programme and attributed to them these comments:

Russian programme these comments:

England—"It seems to mean, Eh? N'm!"
France—"I think it means, Eh? Ha!"
Austria—"I suspect it means, Eh? Hof"
Chorus—"And we don't know what it mean

WORKINGMEN PAY TAXES.

Workman and Farmer.

It is no unusual thing to hear workingmen say that the reason that they take no active part in the discussions on taxation and other important questions is "that they have to pay no taxes." Yet, if they were

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