

The Advertiser

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A LAST WORD.

We think the duty of all good citizens of London in the present issue is plain, and that parents, Conservative or Liberal, cannot afford to send to Parliament a representative of the type of Mr. Essery. Is he to be a model for the growing boys of London? Are his persistent self-seeking and abuse to be rewarded by such honor? Party is a mere means to an end with him, and that end promotion of self. His defeat is already assured, but it is as much in the interests of Conservatives as Liberals that it should be effectual and complete. A large majority will squelch the man who has the Conservative party by the throat, and will purify local politics for years to come. London cannot afford to send such a representative to Toronto, and will not.

A desperate effort is being made by machine politicians to induce moderate Conservatives to vote against their convictions in his favor, but self-respect and a true party policy, dictate rather that our Conservative friends should join in bringing about his overwhelming defeat. If he is beaten by a large majority it will at once be seen that respectable Conservatives have joined in doing it, and the party effect and the victory would be lessened, not increased. It is good politics for all decent citizens to join hands to this end.

—Let everyone remember that the polls open at 9 a.m. tomorrow. Get there as soon after as you can.

—Washington Irving says: "A tart temper never mellows with age, and a sharp tongue is the only edge tool that grows keener with constant use." Have we not experienced this in London?

LONDON FIRST.

Noting the antipathy displayed against the London Asylum for the Insane and for its management by the Opposition pilgrims from Toronto, and the indignation that London merchants should sell goods for the use of the inmates, a patriotic Londoner must be forced to the conclusion that these critics are chiefly annoyed because they cannot have the asylum moved to Mr. Marter's home in Toronto. Mr. Hobbs will checkmate this centralizing tendency. His motto is "London First." More business for London, more employment for her people, more prosperity for all, are what he will work to secure. As Hon. Mr. Hardy suggested on Saturday night, let us give the Government a chance, let us give Mr. Hobbs a chance, let us give London a chance.

—The man who votes early tomorrow is the true patriot. He saves himself as well as his friends trouble, and he thwarts the would-be personator.

SIR OLIVER SAFE FOR FOUR YEARS.

No matter how the election of tomorrow results—and all the indications point to the election of Mr. Hobbs by a large majority—the Government of Sir Oliver Mowat is safe for another four years, anyway.

It now has support assured it to enable it to carry on the Government without the aid of the "doubtfuls," whereas Mr. Marter, whose candidate Mr. Essery says he is, has only 25 of the 94 members in the Legislature at his back.

It is folly, therefore, for any citizen to vote for Mr. Essery under the impression that if he were elected the Government would be upset.

The Government is safe for four years to come. London will serve her best interests by supporting the Administration through Mr. Hobbs, who will continue to work for the upbuilding of this fine city.

—Get out the vote. Bring your neighbor to the polls with you. Don't be frightened by eleventh-hour roorbacks. No charge which will be precipitated on the canvass today or tomorrow will be worthy of attention. If you want to know the truth on any controverted point, telephone to Mr. Hobbs' central committee rooms. Our cause cause is right. Victory is ours!

NEARLY EIGHT THOUSAND VOTERS.

The following is a comparative statement of the number of voters on the roll in the election in June last and in the election tomorrow:

	June last.	Tomorrow.
Ward 1.....	1,087	1,292
Ward 2.....	1,197	1,341
Ward 3.....	1,431	1,463
Ward 4.....	1,527	1,581
Ward 5.....	1,381	1,418
Ward 6.....	887	916
Totals.....	7,510	7,940

From this it will be seen that, after the list has been thoroughly purged, there is an addition of 430 voters when compared with the list of June last. Of this number 205 are added in No. 1 ward.

—The voters' list is all right. The friends of Mr. Hobbs are registered. Now let every registered vote be cast and counted.

—The first duty of every citizen tomorrow is to vote. Business first and pleasure afterward is the only rule to follow.

MR. HOBBS A SUCCESSFUL ENGLISHMAN.

An appeal is being made to the electors to vote against Mr. Hobbs tomorrow on the ground that he is a native-born Englishman.

This is an attack which we feel sure every Englishman and son of an Englishman will resent at the polls.

It is true that Mr. Hobbs was born in the beautiful county of Devon, in England, and received his early education there. Thousands of good Canadians, and hundreds of residents of this city, were born in that historic country, and this is probably the first occasion that it has been attempted to discriminate against a successful citizen of Canada merely because he was born on the soil of old England.

Away with such narrow provincialism! What every citizen of London, without regard to past political predilections, must acknowledge is that Mr. Hobbs is an Englishman of whom his fellow countrymen and fellow citizens of every class may feel proud. He arrived in London a poor English immigrant. He took the first job offering—on the Grand Trunk Railway—and he has never since ceased to work for the advancement of his adopted city. Is he to be defeated because he has been moderately successful as a business man, is constantly working to bring new industries to the city, and will be in a position to further aid in the advancement of the city as a supporter of the Government in power at Toronto?

We do not believe it. No intelligent citizen of London believes it. Mr. Hobbs will be elected by a large majority. Let every vote be polled.

ONTARIO'S SCHOOLS BEAT THE WORLD.

At the Chicago Columbian Exposition last year in competition with the world, Ontario was awarded first place for the best school system from the kindergarten to the university—in the words of the award, the ideal system.

Ontario was awarded first place for the best system of secondary education, of which the London Collegiate Institute is one of the highest types.

Ontario was awarded first place for the best system of trained teachers.

Ontario was awarded first place for the best text-books and the best system of preparing text-books.

Ontario beat the world. Italy, France, Great Britain and many States of the Union were arrayed against her.

Canada was not represented on the jury. Hon. Geo. W. Ross, Minister of Education for this Province, was asked to become one of the jurors, but declined, because Ontario was a competitor.

Well might the head of the school system in this Province exclaim in his recent address here:

"Our opponents say that we should have a chief superintendent of schools instead of a Minister; but a system conducted by a Minister that gave you such results you will not change quickly, no matter how it is administered. We have beaten the world; there is nothing else to beat. Like Alexander, we have conquered the world, and there is no other world to conquer, and we stand by that record, for we cannot fall."

—Mr. Essery in his last mayoralty campaign said he intended, if elected, to get a lot of things for London right off—including a new drill shed and new harbor works at Port Stanley. He has not done so.

CONSERVATIVES AND MR. ESSERY.

The newspaper advocate of Mr. Essery has become desperate. It says it will not endeavor to palliate the many defects of its candidate, but it calls upon its readers to support him as a reliable partisan. Now, what self-respecting Conservative can respond to this appeal after the manner in which Mr. Essery has denounced that party and its leaders in recent years, applying epithets to them even stronger than he has applied to the friends of Mr. Hobbs?

Within a very short time of the making of this appeal Mr. Essery denounced Mr. W. R. Meredith as a traitor, and he attacked Sir John Carling personally in these insulting terms:

"Mr. Carling is a bloated corruptionist who would load a steamer with beer and a band, and carry gentry around free and charge the expenditure to colonization loads."

In the City Hall a year or two since he assailed the Conservative party in these words:

"The Bible and Beer—if the Tories knew as much about the Bible as they know about beer it would be a God-send to the people."

And at Forest, Lambton county, less than a year ago he emphasized his contempt for the Conservatives of London in these words, which he has never withdrawn:

"I am still a member of the Liberal-Conservative party. They would like to get rid of me, but they cannot do so; I have got them where I want them, and they must put up with what I say, whether they like it or not."

What self-respecting Conservative can trust a man so utterly unstable as Mr. Essery has proved himself to be? Better, once and for all, to inform the little would-be autocrat by their votes that they have had enough of his domination and that they prefer to send a supporter of the Government to the Legislature whom they know where to find, than to vote for a professional supporter of the Opposition who may play them traitor in a month's time if his every whim and over-weening ambition are not gratified.

—Saturday night's great mass meeting in the Grand Opera House was a fitting windup to a campaign, in which Mr. Hobbs has had the best of it from the start. It is made apparent that tomorrow this independent city of London means to emerge from the cold shades of Opposition.

MR. HOBBS SHOULD BE ELECTED.

Because he is a supporter of a good Government, recently returned to power for another four years.

Because, ever since he arrived in London, a poor English immigrant lad, he has devoted his time and talents to the upbuilding of the city.

Because he has never proved recreant to any trust that his fellow citizens have reposed in him.

Because he has pledged himself to work constantly for the welfare of the people of London, and to aid in promoting all legislation that is for the benefit of the tolling masses.

Because as a supporter of the Government he will be better able to work for our interests as a city than would a member iting in Opposition.

Because he is a successful business man, a leader in promoting new industries in London, and therefore likely to be able to serve the city well as her representative.

MR. ESSERY SHOULD BE DEFEATED.

Because he cannot control his temper.

Because a man who cannot manage himself is not fitted to assist in managing others.

Because violent-tempered men are practically useless in a chamber where tact is a pre-requisite.

Because sitting in an Opposition of 27, in a House of 94, his influence in advancing the interests of the people of London would be nil.

Because he has been a failure in municipal life.

Because he cannot be trusted. Witness his pledge to let the people first vote on the proposed \$50,000 expenditure for water-works, and his broken promise of today, which will result in a large addition to next year's taxes. Witness also his solemn promise that while mayor he would allow no "junketing." Last year he spent over \$1,100 on trips for himself and the aldermen.

Because he is an inefficient manager. But for him the electric street railway would have been built this summer and fall, affording work at good wages for hundreds of city workmen.

Because it will be better for him to stay at home and earn money to pay his debt of honor to the Foresters, whom he forced into law, though poor workmen, and compelled to incur heavy costs which he refuses to pay, though years ago condemned to do so by the courts of the land.

—You can do nothing better for yourself, your ward, your city, your province, your country, than to go straight to the polls tomorrow and vote for Mr. Hobbs.

NOT A WORD IN DEFENSE.

Days have elapsed since first a statement of Mr. Essery's junketing trips at civic expense were published, but he has remained silent regarding the subject. He talks plenty about other matters of minor importance, but he opens not his mouth in regard to his junketings.

Mr. Essery solemnly pledged himself that there would be no junketings at the expense of the city when he took office as mayor, but last year he and his associates spent \$1,106 67 for civic junketings.

As will be seen, hundreds of dollars were spent on one trip. Why are the details not given? What was the money spent on?

Why has Mr. Essery not a word to say in reference to his broken pledges in this or any other regard? Is it reasonable to suppose that if he were elected M. P. P. for London, he would have any more regard for his pledges now made? Let us once more give the extraordinary list of expenditures, at public expense, for mayor and council junketings last year, as found in the city auditor's report:

Mayor's expenses to Toronto.....	\$ 12 75
Deputation to St. Thomas.....	16 65
Deputation to Toronto re Grad	
Trunk shops.....	23 20
Mayor's expenses to Ottawa.....	35 00
Deputation to Detroit re L. and	
P. S. R.....	37 85
Deputation to Toronto re L. and	
P. S. R.....	41 55
Deputation to Toronto.....	43 70
Mayor and solicitor to Ottawa....	58 50
A. O. Graydon, expenses to Montreal.....	61 30
Deputation to Montreal re car	
shops.....	79 50
Tickets, deputation to Ottawa....	192 40
Deputation to Ottawa.....	196 77
Deputation to Ottawa.....	272 50
Total.....	\$1,106 67

TALKING THROUGH HIS HAT.

(Winnipeg Free Press.)

Mr. Marter announces as a plank of his platform the abolition of separate schools in Ontario "if it can be done by constitutional means." He, of course, knows very well that it cannot be done by constitutional or any legal means in Ontario. We doubt very much his talking so glibly about it, if he were not perfectly well aware that he is merely uttering empty boasts. To abolish separate schools in Ontario, an act of the British Parliament amending the British North America Act would be necessary, and the British Parliament is not likely to rush to the disturbance of the federal partnership in obedience to the stump speeches of an irresponsible politician. An amendment to the B. N. A. Act can only come in response to an address from the Canadian House of Commons, or Canadian Parliament in full.

PROTESTANTISM NOT IN DANGER.

During the local campaign which is about to close, we have had men, who rarely go near a church, on the platform and in the canvas, appealing to the citizens of London to vote against the Government recently returned to power, on the ground that Sir Oliver Mowat and his followers cannot be trusted to preserve the rights of Protestants in this fair Province!

To the thousands of persons who know these strife fomenters, and who have noted their lives and records, this expedient is a subject of laughter. It does seem strange that men who are neither known for their piety nor for their good deeds should be able, even in the slightest degree, to influence their fellow citizens to decide this or any other election in an intelligent community like London on a narrow platform of sectarian bigotry. We are satisfied, however, that on the present occasion the appeal to bigotry will be in vain.

Yesterday, this journal had a representative in every Protestant congregation of any size in the community. If the mischief-making, self-seeking politicians have been telling the truth, then every clergyman was recreant to his duty, for not one word was heard of the outcry raised by the opponents of Mr. Hobbs in this contest. Instead of that, more than one sermon was preached emphasizing the view that mere professions were not enough to secure a man's safety, either in this world or in the next, and that the man who worked was infinitely preferable to the man who merely talked.

Think you, if there were any danger to Protestantism by sending a stalwart Protestant of Mr. Hobbs' stamp to support a man like Sir Oliver Mowat, that the preachers of London would not have warned their flocks of the fact? The imputation that they do not do their duty, that they are recreant to their trust, is a gratuitous insult which every church-going citizen should resent at the polls.

Instead of being opposed to the Government recently returned to power for another four years, we are satisfied that the large majority of the clergy of London and their congregations trust Sir Oliver and his Administration to give equal rights to all, as they have done in the past. This view is not confined to Londoners. It is shared in not only by religious leaders of Liberal proclivities, but by so strong Conservatives as Rev. John Potts, D.D., secretary of education of the Methodist Church of Canada, and Principal Grant, of Kingston, who, in June last, recorded his conviction in the now celebrated phrase, "Ontario cannot afford to dismiss Sir Oliver Mowat."

The fact is that sectarian opposition to Mr. Hobbs in this campaign comes from amateur religionists and professional agitators alone, and they are few in number. We do not lose sight of the danger of their appeals to the passions rather than to the good sense of men. All must recognize that they may succeed in bamboozling some people with their half truths and whole lies, but surely no reflecting man will be misled by them.

—A Hindu creditor adopts a curious expedient to compel a debtor to pay him his debts. He simply sends a notice to his debtor that unless the "little bill" be settled by tomorrow at noon, he will come over and sit "Dharma" at the debtor's door. This involves an oath on the part of the creditor that, having once sat down, he will never rise again until the debt is paid. If he die there the debtor is responsible. How difficult it would be for one man to get near his door if the Foresters of London were to adopt the Hindu method of collecting just debts!

Hobbs and Englishmen.

Ottawa Dictation Resented Most Effectively.

Mainly Letter by the District Deputy for London.

To the Editor of the ADVERTISER:

An obscure sheet in Ottawa publishes an advertisement of Mr. Essery, attempting to make Englishmen believe that it is their duty to support him in tomorrow's election. Now, Mr. Thomas S. Hobbs is a respected member of the Sons of England order, and fully as much entitled to the support of members of the order as anyone else. Our order is a non-political one, and no newspaper has a right to advocate the defeat of any of its members. No newspaper has a right to call itself our official organ, for we have none such. Indeed, I think the Englishmen of London and the sons of Englishmen have too much sense to take stock in the depreciation of Mr. Hobbs by papers in Ottawa or any other city which is a rival of London. They know what Mr. Hobbs has done to advance the interests of the city, to supply the workers with employment, and to help his brethren and every other class in the community in time of need. With that knowledge, the Englishmen of London can be safely left to act in the independent course they always pursue without the dictation of any outside intermeddlers. Yours truly,

RICHARD W. BAY,
District Deputy of the Sons of England,
London.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM.

One More Blunder.
To the Editor of the ADVERTISER:
The Free Press is blundering again. He has me down as foreman at the asylum. I beg to inform you and your numerous readers that I hold no such position. I am simply farmers' assistant. I have very little to do with the management. I receive my orders from the managers and execute the same. DUGALD CAMPBELL

John H. Chapman & Co

We are not overloaded. We are not cramped with unwise buying of unsalable goods. Our stock is first in variety, highest in quality and lowest in price.

For the Boys.

The new Tweeds are all pure wool, and will be found very neat in pattern and dressy in appearance. They sell fast at 30c, 35c, 40c and 50c. Don't buy shoddy stuff when you can get reliable goods as cheap.

Those Navy Serges

Will be found very serviceable, as they are fast dye and all wool, at 35c, 38c, 45c, 50c. Cut to measure free of charge.

They Laughed

So they say, when they read about our Lamb skin Flannel Sheets at \$1 per pair, but when they see them they get two or three pairs, and so would you. Another case just received.

Wool Blankets

That we sell them cheap goes without saying, that we sell large quantities of them is the result. Consult your pocketbook and save cash in any of these lines.

Blankets per pair at \$1 75	Blankets per pair at \$3 25
Blankets per pair at 2 25	Blankets per pair at 3 75
Blankets per pair at 2 75	Blankets per pair at 4 00
Blankets per pair at 2 90	Blankets per pair at 4 50

For size, quality and value, every line a leader.

Wool Flannels

Navy blue at 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 38c.
Gray at 12½c, 13½c, 15c, 18c, 20c, 22c, 25c.
White Opera and Saxony at 25c, 30c, 33c and 38c.
Flannelettes at 5c, 6c, 8c, 10c, 12½c, 15c.
Check Shirtings, 5c, 7c, 9c, 10c, 12c.
Wool Shirtings, 20c, 25c, 28c, 30c, 35c and 38c.

Towels, Toweling, Table Linen, Table Napkins, Fringed Napkins, Tray Cloths, Side Board Drapes, Cloths, Table Covers, Chenille Covers, etc., etc., in variety.

By no possibility shall it be said that any buying here shall pay more than the same goods bought for anywhere else, but on the contrary, as possible, shall people buy here cheaper than anywhere else.

CHAPMAN

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