

Peddle's Defeat.

Meredith Raised the Non-Resident Cry Against the Labor Man

Because He Lived in the Village of London West!

An Important Point Now That Mr. Meredith is a Resident in and Paid Servant of Toronto.

When Mr. Peddle ran as a Labor candidate in this city in 1886 Mr. W. R. Meredith strongly objected to his candidature on the ground that, though he was a workman in the London furniture factory, he had his home in London West!

At the nomination in the City Hall on Dec. 21, 1886, we learn from the report of the meeting that Mr. Meredith spoke as follows:

He (Mr. Meredith) referred to the fact that his opponents had gone outside the city to select a candidate, and said this was the first time such a thing had been done in London.

A Voice—Didn't Sir John go to the Pacific slope?

Mr. Meredith—He did; but this is the first time London has had to go outside its limits for a candidate.

In reply to this allegation, Mr. Peddle said:

"Mr. Meredith has told you that this is the first time the people of London have had to go outside the city to secure a candidate. I say that I am a citizen of London because all my money has been spent in London ever since I have been here. I was an Englishman, but now am I a Canadian, and such I shall live and die."

At the ward meetings and in the private canvass Mr. Meredith and his friends urged strongly that Mr. Peddle should be defeated because he was not, as Mr. Meredith then was, a resident of the city. And Mr. Peddle was defeated by a small majority. Two years later (in 1888) Mr. Meredith found that he could make more money in Toronto than in London. He forgot the cry which he had raised in order to defeat the labor candidate, and he deserted London. Since then he has become the salaried officer of Toronto, and he now draws \$13,500 a year from our rival city as the chief guardian of its interests.

For London's Workers.

The Mowat Administration and the Industrial Classes.

The Government of Sir Oliver Mowat has passed the Mechanics' Lien Act, the Employers' Liability Act, the Factory Act, the Railway Accidents Act, the act for the relief of co-operative associations, the Creditors' Relief Act (which applies to wage earners), and the Franchise and Representation Act of 1885.

It collects valuable statistics on labor, wages and cost of living.

It passed the Masters' and Servants' Act, and the act to secure compensation to workmen for injuries.

It passed an act to secure to wives and children the benefits of life assurance, an act creating free grants and homesteads, an act providing for the establishment of free libraries and an act providing exemption from execution under the Free Grants and Homesteads Act.

It passed an act providing for the establishment of technical schools, an act regulating the closing of shops and the hours of labor therein for children and young persons, an act for the protection and reformation of neglected children, and an act to enforce order under the act respecting masters and servants.

It passed an act to secure to women and children the protection of the law in places of business other than factories, and the Manhood Suffrage Act.

It passed an act under which labor organizations may incorporate and register, the Woodman's Lien for Wages Act, the Registration of Manhood Suffrage Voters Act and the Conciliation and Arbitration Act of 1894 to settle disputes between employers and employees of labor.

It has exempted from taxation living incomes up to \$700 a year.

Its labor legislation is regarded as the most advanced and progressive of any self-governed country.

Its Record as to the Representation of the People.

It has established manhood suffrage for the Legislative Assembly.

It has provided the system of voting by ballot.

It has passed effective and advanced voters' list acts.

It has perfected the law relating to election trials.

It has consolidated and amended the election laws.

It has readjusted and equalized the representation throughout the Province.

It has provided for the registration of manhood suffrage voters in cities.

Ontario Labor Legislation.

Mr. A. W. Wright, secretary of the order of the Knights of Labor, Philadelphia, formerly of Toronto, and a well-known conservative campaign speaker, says: "While there is a good deal of legislation which we labor cranks think should be enacted, I am free to say that Ontario has not much to learn from any State in the Union in this respect, and is immeasurably in advance of most of them."

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TORONTO'S CANDIDATE FOR LONDON

Views of the Official Organ of Organized Labor in London.

Referring to the candidature for London of Mr. Meredith, corporation counsel of Toronto, the Industrial Banner, the official organ of organized labor in this city, says:

"There is nothing small about Toronto. She is not content with wanting four city members in the Ontario Legislature, but manages to pick candidates for a score of rural constituencies as well. She is now reaching out after rival cities, and London is expected to elect her able solicitor to swell the crowd. Toronto is no hog, she doesn't want the universe. Give her all the land and someone else can have the water. She is always willing to go halves so long as she gets the solid half. Great head! Some day she will have the right to elect the whole Legislature; she has only got to go ahead as she is doing, and 'Get there, Jacob,' is the word while other people pay the piper."

A BLOW AT LONDON.

(Kingston Whig.)

This is the view of the Toronto Conservative press (the chief organ of the party) upon the educational institutions outside of it: "The Toronto World (Conservative) frantically calls for the defeat of Sir Oliver Mowat's government because it gave a charter to the Western University, of this city. Every higher educational advantage, it seems, should be concentrated in Toronto, and would be concentrated there if the newspaper advocates and officials of that city had their way. For this reason, if for no other, Londoners will see that a London man, who will not desert his city, is sent to the Legislature to support Sir Oliver Mowat in fairly treating all sections of the country, including the great west, of which London is the commercial, educational, industrial and railway capital."

Singular to say the leader of the Opposition has not intimated in any way that he is not in favor of the centralization advocated by his press. And so London, like Kingston, will not favor those who are not true to local interests.

Mr. Meredith and Mr. Hobbs are both able men, in their respective lines—one as lawyer, the other as wholesale merchant and manufacturer. Both are well liked personally, though Mr. Hobbs is perhaps more a man of the people. As to character, both are without reproach. But it is felt by many that a city capable of holding the second best yearly Exhibition on the continent might not unreasonably aspire to have one of its own citizens as its representative in the Provincial Legislature. Would it not be a fair compromise to send both Mr. Meredith and Mr. Hobbs to the Legislature?—Mr. Meredith for one of the four Toronto seats, and Mr. Hobbs for London? This would seem to be a natural division of honors, seeing that Mr. Meredith is a citizen of Toronto, and has been for six years, and is in receipt of \$13,500 from that metropolis as its city solicitor, while the firm of which Mr. Hobbs is member expends \$1,000 a week in wages in this city, and have every motive for taking as their motto, "London First."

NO PERSONATION.

Anyone who attempts to personate an elector at the voting on Tuesday next will find himself in jail very quickly.

Thanks to the Mowat Government, an act was passed at last session of the Legislature empowering each deputy returning officer to order the immediate arrest of anyone charged with personating an elector, who may be brought before the police magistrate for summary punishment.

Any person whose name is unknown may be detained until identified, and every poll clerk has the authority of a constable vested in him for this purpose; and every deputy returning officer may appoint such special constables as he deems necessary, who shall have power to act without taking any oath.

Anyone convicted of personation shall be liable to imprisonment for any period not less than six days or more than six months.

SCOTTISH COMMON SENSE.

Some talk was caused in the Free Church circles lately by the action of one of the committees in lending church money to a Roman Catholic named Lord Lovat. Matters were not mended by the rumor that his Lordship intended to build a monastery with the funds. The convener of the committee on finance explained the transaction in this way:

"In the first place it was not a new loan but an old one renewed. Secondly, it was, certain that although Lord Lovat was a Roman Catholic, he had no intention of using the money to build a monastery. And thirdly, if concern was to be felt for anybody's conscience, it ought by right to be for the conscience of Lord Lovat, because the interest on the loan was to be expended in the promotion of Free Church purposes."

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THE CITY POLLING PLACES.

Where the Electors of London Will Record Their Votes on Tuesday Next.

The List as Arranged by the Returning Officer in Accord With Precedent.

WARD ONE.

Subdivision No. 1—City Hall.

Subdivision No. 2—Joseph Reeves' house, 254 King street.

Subdivision No. 3—F. G. Rumball's office, 143 York street.

Subdivision No. 4—Veitch's store, corner Richmond and Bathurst streets.

Subdivision No. 5—House on southeast corner Bathurst and Talbot streets.

Subdivision No. 6—D. C. O'Hearn's house, 246 Richmond street.

Subdivision No. 7—Diprose's store, 101 Wellington street.

WARD NUMBER TWO.

Subdivision No. 1—John A. Graham's office, 58 Dundas street.

Subdivision No. 2—Percival's store, Queen's avenue.

Subdivision No. 3—Store (vacant), 569 Richmond street.

Subdivision No. 4—Tripp's livery, Richmond street.

Subdivision No. 5—Mr. Richardson's, 723 Richmond street.

Subdivision No. 6—Mrs. Seibert's house, Grosvenor street.

WARD NUMBER THREE.

Subdivision No. 1—A. McDonald's house, 346 Colborne street.

Subdivision No. 2—Joseph Darch's house, 510 King street.

Subdivision No. 3—Sid Reid's store, corner Simcoe and Burwell.

Subdivision No. 4—H. W. Babcock's house, corner William and Horton streets.

Subdivision No. 5—John Harper's house, 177 Colborne street.

Subdivision No. 6—Hugh Rose's house, 509 South street.

Subdivision No. 7—Henry Maudsley's house, 364 South street.

WARD NUMBER FOUR.

Subdivision No. 1—Thomas Gunning's house, 367 Queen's avenue.

Subdivision No. 2—Spencer Freeland's house, 503 Maitland street.

Subdivision No. 3—Wall's office, 629 Colborne street.

Subdivision No. 4—McCrimmon's store, 672 Maitland street.

Subdivision No. 5—John McConnell's shop, 498 Pall Mall street.

Subdivision No. 6—J. Malloch's house, 784 Colborne street.

WARD NUMBER FIVE.

Subdivision No. 1—W. H. Gould's house, 214 Colborne street.

Subdivision No. 2—Wm Winslow's house, 95 Oak street.

Subdivision No. 3—Eady's coal office, 696 Dundas street.

Subdivision No. 3b—East End Hall.

Subdivision No. 4—Wm. Hay's shoe store, 574 Adelaide street.

Subdivision No. 5—A. McDonald's shop, 881 Dufferin avenue.

Subdivision No. 3a is that part of subdivision No. 3 lying north of Dundas street. Subdivision No. 3b is south of Dundas street.

WARD NUMBER SIX.

Subdivision No. 1—Broomfield's store, Wellington road.

Subdivision No. 2—Brown's furniture store, 140 Westway road.

Subdivision No. 3—Mrs. Holborne's house, 22 Euclid avenue.

Subdivision No. 4—Trebilcock's Hall.

Subdivision No. 5—Kilborne's house, 12 Pipe Line road.

Why Was Mr. Jas. Carter's Letter Suppressed?

The following letter was sent to the London Free Press for publication as a matter of justice, but was refused publication:

"London, Ont., June 8, 1894.

"To the Editor of the Free Press: London, Ont., June 8, 1894.

"I notice in your issue of Saturday, June 3, a letter finding fault with Bro. T. S. Hobbs for not wearing the Sons of England regalia and marching to church with the order, and again this morning I notice you sneeringly refer to the matter. In view of what has appeared in your paper, in justice to Bro. Hobbs, I ask you to publish the facts as set forth here.

"Bro. Hobbs, being a member in good standing without office, could not wear the regalia of the order if he had wished, as none but officers of the order are allowed to do so.

"With reference to his not going in the church parade, I can only say that as he had not been a regular attendant at our lodge it would have been considered bad form for him to turn out on that occasion. If he had done so there is no doubt that his action would have been misconstrued.

"I am positive he was not in the lodge room on the occasion. Yours truly,

"JAMES CARTER, P.D.D.,
"Sons of England."

THE QUESTIONS THAT TELL.

"1. Is there a city constituency in Canada that sends a representative to the Legislature? Is there a paid agent of another city?"

"2. Is it right that London should select as its representative an officer of the city of Toronto?"

"3. Is Mr. Meredith, city solicitor of Toronto, having solemnly declared that in future the interests of that city would be his first consideration, in a position to be an independent representative of London?"

"4. Would Hamilton, Ottawa or Kingston go to Toronto for a representative in either the House of Commons or the Legislature?"

"5. Why should the progressive city of London alone advertise that it has no one within its bounds fit to represent it in the Legislature, and has to accept the candidature of a paid officer of Toronto?"

A Comparison as to Timber Sales.

Before Confederation, 1841 to 1867, 9,904 miles of timber lands were sold at 50 cents a mile, and 2,561 miles were sold at \$45.50 a mile of bonus, or \$116,771, or 12,465 miles in all.

The Sandfield Macdonald Government, 1867 to 1871, sold 635 miles of timber lands at \$200 per mile, or \$126,500.

The Blake Government, 1871, sold 5,031 miles of timber lands at \$117 per mile, or \$589,601.

The Dominion Government sold several thousands of miles of timber lands in the disputed territory in 1883-84 at only \$5 per mile.

The Mowat Government, 1873-94, sold 4,234 miles of timber lands at \$1,205 per mile, or \$5,101,627.

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A METHODIST VIEW.

Rev. Hugh Johnston on the Book of Scripture Readings.

Rev. Hugh Johnston, D.D., well-known and popular in this city, in a recent address said:

"I am disgusted with shams and dishonesties. And the biggest of all shams are those cries and stirrings up of religious animosity at election times. What is all this row over? The book of Selected Bible Readings for our public schools. Anybody who takes the trouble to go to the bottom facts will find, it seems to me, a useless and dishonest cry. Has the Bible been ordered out of the schools? No, you know it is left to the discretion of trustees and parents to say whether or not the Bible should be read in the schools. But there is a Government regulation in addition, which is imperative, that a selected portion of Scripture shall be read every day. The result is that a portion of the Word of God is read daily in 98 per cent of our schools, whereas before it was not read in half of them. Yet the wall is sent up that the Bible has been driven out of the public schools to make room for this book of authorized selections!

"This is not so. If the whole volume of the Bible be desired, well and good; any school can have it in addition to these Scripture Readings. What is there to complain of? 'Why, it is a mutilated Bible!' We have just shown that it is not intended to displace the Scriptures.

"It is to help inexperienced young teachers that suitable selections have been made for them as a part of the regular course of school instruction. Is the Bible I have read from this morning mutilated because in selecting my lessons I have had to omit all the rest of the Bible? Is the Book of Common Prayer a mutilated Bible because the lessons appointed to be read in the churches do not include the whole Scriptures? Where there are selections there must be omissions, but omission is not necessarily mutilation. Is it the character of these selections that is objected to? Then you impeach the loyalty, judgment and competency of the committee, made up from all the Protestant churches to co-operate in this work.

"The selections have been prepared with a view to the needs of children. They are fairly representative of every portion of the Scriptures, and are a complete and varied collection for devotional reading. The first time I ever saw a copy of these much-abused readings was in the home of our lamented father, Mr. Robert Walker. At family prayer he put it into my hands as a convenient form of the Bible, and said that he was using it in his family devotion. I was struck with the beauty, appropriateness and range of the selections. But the great trouble is, the book has the endorsement of Archbishop Lynch and the Roman Catholic clergy. Why don't we object to the doctrines of the Trinity, the divinity of Christ and personality of the Holy Ghost, because these also are endorsed by Roman Catholics?"

AMONG QUEBEC PROTESTANTS.

How Our Brethren in the Sister Province Get Along.

Rev. A. Dawson, a Presbyterian minister, who has just returned from the Province of Quebec, says: "We believe that the great majority of fair and honest-minded citizens in this Province of every race and creed, and side of politics, regret the attempt of certain parties to create a sectarian feeling and strife in the land, but in the Province of Quebec, where the Protestant population is far in the minority, this attempt is not only regarded as an unwise and unfortunate effort, but it is almost universally condemned by that minority. Having just returned from spending a month in the Province of Quebec, partly in Montreal, but chiefly in the counties of Huntingdon and Chateauguay, I was much surprised to hear so many Protestants express themselves so very strongly and decidedly on this matter. There seems to be only one opinion among them concerning the hitherto kind and fair treatment which they have ever received from their French Catholic fellow-citizens.

"Why, said they, 'should any sectarian strife or feeling be stirred up anywhere? We agree to differ from Catholics in our religious persuasion, and they agree to differ from us, but as citizens we agree to live together in peace and harmony, and in that spirit we live in this Province. Irrespective of race and creed, we live together on the best terms of civic friendship and good-will. We have equal rights with the majority, therefore let the Protestant majority in Ontario extend equal civil rights, and no more, to the Catholic minority, and let all live together as good and loyal citizens, and as good neighbors, in the spirit of harmony and good will.'

"While driving in the county of Huntingdon, through a close French Catholic settlement, a friend pointed out to me a comfortable homestead that had been occupied by a Protestant family for more than 60 years, and yet during all that period of time, of more than half a century, that family had lived on the best and most neighborly terms with their surrounding Catholic fellow-citizens, and this we were told, was only an instance of hundreds and thousands of a similar kind. In the town and district of Chateauguay, where the population is almost entirely French Catholics, there are two English Protestant merchants, who have large general stores, and both these merchants testified that they had always been on the most friendly terms with, and have always had an extensive trade from, their Catholic fellow-citizens. They were good and friendly citizens, and they had always lived in peace and harmony with them."



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