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We failed to get any "copy" from the Liberals this week, consequently only one political side is represented in this issue.

THE INDEPENDENT VOTERS

There are in Cardston as in every constituency in Canada, a large number of independent voters. These consist of two classes, those who have never allied themselves with either of the two great parties and those members of both parties who prefer the interests of their country to those of the party to which they nominally belong.

In Canada these independents vote at each election in what they think the best interests of their country but their influence is often negated by the fact that they vote against each other. Were they to vote effectively together the result would be the rotation in power of parties which works to such advantage in England.

The member of either party who conscientiously believes his party to be properly administering the affairs of the country, living up to the principles for which it stands and keeping its pledges to the people cannot be expected to do otherwise than support that party. There are however, many people who have little faith in either party. These can make their influence best felt by voting against a government in power which has departed from the straight and narrow way which should characterize the conduct of public as well as private affairs. By so doing they teach the politicians that the people must be respected.

The Laurier government has now been in power twelve years and its record has not by any means been beyond reproach. Their apologists are asking the people to overlook their shortcomings, however, because, they say the Conservatives were as bad when in office. The independent electors of the country, the men who hold the balance of power can either return the government or give Mr. R. L. Borden and his supporters a chance to make good their pledges of honest government, have the situation in their hands. If Mr. Borden does not live up to his promises in five years they will have their opportunity to relegate him again in the cool shades of opposition and give his opponents another chance, and so on until the politics of the country have been elevated to the plane which they should occupy.

By following this policy the independent electors of the country will show the politicians of both sides that they are not the masters but the servants of the people and that as servants they must discharge the duties entrusted to them in a right and proper manner. This is the duty of the independent electors of Cardston and of the Dominion.

Conservative workers are claiming that Mr. Borden will have a majority of 35 in Ontario at the least. Liberal workers say that this majority will not exceed 15. The Toronto Telegram publishes two estimates, one showing a Liberal majority over the Dominion of 23 and the other showing a like Conservative majority. But the gentle reader will know the result after the 26th.

MONDAY TELLS THE TALE

The nominations Monday brought forth nothing in the way of surprises, except the return of Mr. W. F. McLean, conservative member for South York, by acclamation. In all the other constituencies there are contests. In some the Liberals have no candidates and in others the Conservatives are in the same position. The Liberal weakness is in Ontario, where they are not contesting several seats, among them no less than three in Toronto. In Quebec there are a few seats in which independents are taking the place of conservatives.

The government goes to the country with a majority of 66, of which 43 comes from Quebec, seven from British Columbia, 16 from Nova Scotia, four from Manitoba, four from Saskatchewan and Alberta combined and three from New Brunswick. To offset this the conservatives have a majority of eight from Ontario, two from Prince Edward Island and one from the Yukon.

A Last Word

As we go to press election day is so near that before another issue the voting will be over, and it will be known for a certainty who is the member for this district. The fight has been short but strenuous, and all indications have gone to show that the Government candidate and his friends are badly frightened. Reports from all parts of the riding indicates that Mr. Magrath will have a large majority if the full vote is polled. It is up to every man who has a vote to get out and cast his ballot. There is no middle ground. One party or the other is more deserving of support than its opponents, and there must be a choice between the candidates, and no man should stay at home and say he does not care which wins out, as by so doing he is exhibiting a lack of patriotism and public spirit which detracts from his usefulness as a good citizen. Let there be a full vote and of the result there can be no question.

As a proof of the desperate straits to which the friends of the Government candidate have been reduced, look at the list of speakers who have been stumping the riding on behalf of each of them—

For Mr. Simmons:—

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O. D. Austin, of Lethbridge.
Senator DeVeber, of Lethbridge.
Hon. Walter Scott, of Regina, Sask.
J. W. Woolf, M. P. P., of Cardston.
J. M. Tanner, of Utah.

For Mr. Magrath:—

C. A. Magrath, the candidate.
W. C. Ives, of Lethbridge.
Mr. George, of Medicine Hat.
J. P. Low, of Cardston.

Did you ever notice that the platform upon which the Liberals are standing has more planks from Mr. Borden's Halifax platform, than it has from the Liberal platform on which they came into power in 1896?

What is the difference between Buffalo Bill and W. C. Simmons? Buffalo Bill has a good show, but Simmons has no show at all.

In the midst of our own election campaign, the election of a president of the United States is creating very little interest in Canada. Nevertheless there is a hot contest going on there, with both sides already counting their majority.

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Some Sound Advice

The docile party man should make room for the public-spirited and outspoken citizen who takes an intelligent interest in the wants of the community; and the community can bring this about by simply serving notice on the party managers that it will elect no other sort of man to Parliament. The party managers will follow the lead of the citizen who will stand as 'man.'

In many a constituency it would be better to reverse the party majority and get a good, honest, vigilant and efficient public man in Parliament. In this

respect neither party is the sole sinner. If the people were to insist upon clean candidates they would produce gaps in the ranks of both armies; but they would not change their relative positions. This would, however, change the standard of Parliament very greatly. They would lift it out of the mire.—Montreal Star.

The Vancouver Saturday Sun-set quotes with approval the arguments of the Prince Rupert Empire against the granting of a license in that city and properly observes that now, before any vested interests are created and before the traffic has gained even its first foothold is the time to start in and give "exclusion" of intoxicating liquors a fair open chance to prove itself a policy.

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