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THE LAST WEEK

Whatever further is to be done to convince the electors that they will best advance the interests of Canada by voting for the Liberal candidates must be done this week. One week from today the issue will be decided.

There are invariably some voters who remain in doubt until the very end of the campaign. To these, and to all lovers of decency and fair play the attention of the Liberal workers should be directed. The fight is a keen and bitter one, and on that account the greater will be the satisfaction in the victory.

It is a foregone conclusion that the government will be sustained. No government is overturned by a mere scandal campaign and the cry for a change to whom and for what? These are serious questions. Looking over the Conservative standard bearer one fails to see that the candidates of the party are either more able or honest than the Liberals. There is no great national issue at stake. The campaign has been made by the opposition a campaign of scandal charges. The Mayes sensation, which has already been properly dissected here, will continue to do duty in other places, and it is by such methods the opposition hope to win. The Liberal party in St. John will not do justice to itself if it does not elect Pugsley and Pender by an overwhelming majority.

PARTY AND POLICY

What will be the general result of the elections? This is the question of questions in Canada for the ensuing week.

It should not be very difficult to tell what the result ought to be. If there were any sharp division between the two parties on lines of public policy there might be more reason to entertain doubts as to the general result of the appeal to the people. But there is no such division. Mr. Borden, if he were made premier, would not inaugurate a new policy with regard to the tariff of the country. He would not change the transportation policy. He would not put an end to immigration. He would not put an end to immigration. He would not put an end to immigration.

It is true that he declares that if in power he would give the country a better administration, but where is the proof? There has never yet been an absolutely pure administration, and until human nature has undergone a very great change there never will be. Whatever party is in power will find itself unable to live up to the lofty ideals set forth in its political platform. Mr. Borden would no sooner be in power than he would find himself confronted with problems which while in opposition he can afford to treat with lofty disregard, or dismiss with a wave of the hand. Nothing is more easy than to assert that the complicated affairs of a great and rapidly growing country can be conducted as methodically as those of a small merchant whose volume of trade does not vary more than a few dollars from year to year. But it is a tribute to the ability and integrity of our public men that during the past twelve years of enormous expansion there has been so little real cause for adverse criticism.

When the Liberals point to the fact that no direct charge has been made in parliament against any minister, the opposition think it a smart retort to say that so long as the ministers are out of jail their followers believe they must be all right. This is perhaps a reply, but it is not an answer. All sorts of charges have been insinuated and hinted at, but they have not been openly made nor proven. The opposition apparently think that as soon as a charge is hinted at the

people should believe it, but that is not fair play, and the Canadian people believe in a square deal. The failure of the opposition to prove their general charges has weakened their own case, and has caused a reaction in favor of the government. Nobody believes that the Conservatives would give any more honest government than the Liberals, and so long as that is the only issue the people will not subscribe to the doctrine that it is time for a change. It will be time enough for a change when a new and better policy is enunciated than that which has given Canada these twelve years of phenomenal progress. The people will give Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his government credit for what they have done, and send them back to complete the great work connected with the transportation system of the country which Sir Wilfrid has inaugurated.

HIGH SOUNDING WORDS

Mr. R. L. Borden has issued another manifesto, setting forth the aim of Conservative policy. He promises to do more for the farmers, the laboring men and the fishermen than is now being done for them, but does not by any declaration of policy tell us how he proposes to do it. He promises better immigration and transportation policies, but here again he speaks only in the most general terms. Any Liberal can cheerfully subscribe to this platform and say to Mr. Borden: "My dear sir, this is exactly what Sir Wilfrid Laurier is trying to do." And there is not a particle of evidence that Mr. Borden would be able to do it one whit better than Sir Wilfrid.

But Mr. Borden further says that he will give an honest administration, which he asserts the country does not now enjoy. He promises that if he comes into power he will choose a cabinet worthy of the highest ideals of the people, and truly representative of this great country.

This sounds well. But who are the men around Mr. Borden whose ideals are so much more lofty than those of the Liberal leaders? Take New Brunswick, for example. Would the select Mr. Sumner, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Crockett, Mr. Mott, or any one of the Conservative candidates in this province as the ideal statesman? Who are these heaven-born law-givers whom Mr. Borden has concealed about his person, ready to leap full-fledged into the arena and strangle the whole brood of contractors and speculators? Let us have their names. Let us have an opportunity to look them over and examine their record. It has been the habit of opposition leaders from time immemorial to promise great reform. Mr. Borden deals in generalities. He is not one whit more honest and well-meaning than Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He offers nothing that Sir Wilfrid is not earnestly endeavoring to do for the good of the country. Before an opposition leader can hope to become the leader of a government he must offer something more substantial than the mere assertion: "I am holier than thou."

COWARDLY AND UNFAIR

"Still," says the Standard, "the head of the department of public works has not told the country what right Mr. McAvity has to that \$35,000." The head of the department of public works told Mr. Mayes in an official letter that matters in dispute between the latter and Mr. McAvity were of no concern to him. He was not in parliament in 1905. He had nothing to do with the Mayes contract. But Mr. McAvity says he will show in the courts what right he had to a share in the receipts from that contract. Why does the Standard assail the minister, who had nothing to do with the case? Its attack is merely a part of the settled policy of the Conservatives to use any means, however cowardly and unfair, to destroy the reputation of the minister.

Opposition papers quote portions of articles from the Montreal Star, in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier is criticised, but have no stomach for those which laudate Mr. Borden. The Times today prints the whole of a Star editorial, from which the Conservatives will not be able to extract any large amount of comfort.

Dr. Pugsley's proposals regarding the armory, the marine repair shops, and a park south of Sheffield street do not please the Standard, but the citizens appreciate the value of his policy.

And now Mr. George McAvity has been discovered to be an enemy of the workman. It is a dreadful thing to build up an industry in this town.

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WORTHY REPRESENTATIVES

A careful review of the situation in this constituency indicates the return of both Liberal candidates. The return of Hon. Dr. Pugsley was assured, because he is a member of the cabinet, and as such has done more for the benefit of this port than any of his predecessors in office, and because he has committed the government to a policy which he as minister of public works will direct for the future rapid equipment of this national port. His election, on this ground, was already assured, but the gross character of the attack made upon him in the Mayes affair has had the effect of bringing to him an even more general support, including that of many Conservatives who might otherwise have stood by their own party. With regard to Mr. Pender, who is new to politics, he has escaped the storm of slander that raged around the minister, and the only canvass that even the most ingenious of his opponents could bring themselves to use against him was the absurd assertion that he was an enemy of the workman. The humor of the situation, when a young lawyer or an employer of a few girls rises up to denounce as the enemy of workingmen one who gives profitable employment all the year round to a large number of skilled mechanics is not lost upon the electors, who will answer these critics by rolling up for Mr. Pender a large majority. Those who vote for Dr. Pugsley will also vote for Mr. Pender, in order to strengthen the minister's hands in his great work for the benefit of the port of St. John and the province of New Brunswick. Nor is this the only consideration. Mr. Pender is a practical business man, a manufacturer and exporter. He is familiar with industrial and commercial questions affecting the general welfare of the country. He can be depended on to give a good account of himself at Ottawa, especially in committee work, which is really the most important work that is done, and which calls for the constant exercise of business knowledge and clear judgment.

The electors of this constituency will send to parliament, in the persons of Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Pender, representatives who will reflect credit upon St. John and take their place among the most capable members of the house.

Dr. MacRae still gravitates between Muskeg and Muskeg, and other sections of the county, with occasional glimpses of the city's spires. He says he is having a pleasant time. That will be some compensation.

The battle waxed fierce in Kings county. Now if the Conservatives can enforce purity by the judicious use of rum and money it will be a fine example for the future.

Amherst greeted Hon. Dr. Pugsley with greater warmth on Saturday night because of the meanness of the attacks made upon him by his political enemies.

The Standard says that some liquor for Col. McLean's friends was seized at Gagetown. This cannot be the lot that went up river on the Dream yesterday.

Judging from the utterances of some of them, the clergymen of the city are not greatly enamored of the Mayes-Hazen method of purifying politics.

The Standard, which deprecates exaggeration, says that Borden will carry the dominion by a large majority. There's moderation for you.

The citizens of St. John should answer the slander campaign by showing under the candidates of the scandal-mongers.

Aside from party rancor, what citizen would prefer Dr. MacRae to Dr. Pugsley as a representative in parliament?

The Young Liberals will hold a rally on the west side tomorrow evening.

This is the last week of the campaign. Make it tell for the good of St. John.

The government will be sustained. Keep St. John in line.

Support Pugsley and Pender and the greater St. John.

SPARE LEAVES.

Not a sound of the old leaves uttered as they swirl and swoop and flutter from the branches to the gutter. From their glory to their shame. As they die before their fellow leaves have shed their red and yellow. Ere the autumn's fashions mellow into flame.

Yet I catch my spirit trying To interpret their repining Of the breathless from the west— "We have garnered London's leanness With a tiny spot of greenness. We have touched man's scordid meanness With God's best."

So these leaves of nightly musing For a stem my heart are using Till they have by the cold-burning Of the traffic rushing by: Yet perchance their shadow, waving Over the leafless city paving, Yield the hope some soul is craving For the life they die.

—A. W., in London Daily News.

COULDN'T ANSWER THAT ONE.

"How true that old saying is about a child asking questions that a man cannot answer," remarked Poppleigh.

"What's the trouble now?" queried his friend Singleton.

"This morning," replied Poppleigh, "my little boy asked me why men were sent to Congress and I couldn't tell him."—Chicago Daily News.

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"I have an automobile, a yacht and an airship."

"Well, you seem to have every means for getting on. She's yours, my boy."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION.

Little Brother (at performance of Uncle Tom's Cabin, as Eliza crosses the loo): "What's de purps chasin' her for, Mickey, an' where's she gittin' now?"

Mickey Mulberry (distracted with questions—A. W. told her to take a week to each island.)—Judge.

NOT A WIRE.

"My wife sent me a message by wireless. 'Don't that expensive?'"

"Depends on the method; she used a 5-cent stamp."—Philadelphia Times.

A FRESH START.

Dyer—"Well, I see Palling is on his feet again."

Bye—"Yes, he was obliged to sell his auto."—Puck.

FREE FOR 1,000 WEEKS.

Jimson—"Where's your wife; haven't seen her often lately?"

Bye—"Oh, I sent her away on a little vacation."

Jimson—"So? Where'd she go?"

Bye—"To the thousand Isles."

Jimson—"Stay long!"

Bye—"Yes; I told her to take a week to each island."—Judge.

WANTING SEASON.

Cooler breezes now remind us
That we must leave behind us
Old and the disagreeable
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

TOO MUCH OPPOSITION.

"Pimmie, does your mother still object to my coming to see you?"

"Yes, dear; she does."

"Good! So does mine. She says that if I marry you she'll cut me off with a will."

"Oh, but that's altogether different! Perhaps Jack-in-view of everything—and because we're both so young—well, don't you see?"—Judge.

A FRACTION.

He called his wife his better half.

At the funeral, where he went.

The neighbors whispered, with a laugh, That she was 25 per cent.

OUT OF DATE.

Waiter—"Did you order beer a la mode, Sir?"

Guest (impatiently)—"Yes; what's the matter? Are you waiting for the styles to change?"—Philadelphia Press.

WARM ONE.

Misses to Maid—"Bridget, what a large fire you left in the kitchen last night when you went to bed."

Bridget—"Yes, mum; did you think I should take it with me?"

NO LEGISLATION NEEDED.

Foreign Visitor—"Mrs. Viderra, can a woman marry her deceased husband's brother in this country?"

Mrs. Viderra—"Yes, she can if she chooses, but she seldom does. She generally knows him too well."

HOPELESS CASE.

Lawyer—"Yes, I can procure a divorce for you on the ground of incompatibility. If it can be shown that the differences between you are fundamental and irreconcilable."

Fair Client—"Well, they are. He rots for the Cubes, and I've got no use for any club but the Sox."

THE INGLENOOK

PHILOSOPHER OF

KENNEBECAS BAY

Another shadow falls at my feet: it is that of a stalwart young man whose countenance is frank and intelligent and

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