

WHITNEY IN A PANIC.

The Government organs announce that the Provincial elections will be brought on early in June, the date mentioned being the 9th, and that Whitney will try to use all the means at his command to take the Opposition at a disadvantage, even to leaving important measures before the Legislature undisposed of in order to work against time.

Notwithstanding the boastfulness of the Whitney Administration, it is leaving as little as possible to the free judgment of the electors of the country, and is shirking many of the questions which have been pressing for solution, while it dangles before the public the old hook baited liberally with promises, laughing in its sleeve as it thinks how successful it was in the past at hoodwinking the gullible.

The Premier's scheme was to legislate himself back into power by the simple expedient of manufacturing eight or ten new Tory members, and gerrymandering a number of constituencies so as to render some Liberal seats insecure and to make other Tory seats safe. Any Liberals who were foolish enough to vote for Whitney last election in the belief that he was honest in his professions and would live up to his pledges may now sit down and revise their opinions and recall the story of the man who volunteered to turn the grindstone, only to find when the knife was sharpened that it was intended to cut his own throat. Whitney knows that the electors have found him out, and not even the crime perpetrated in the gerrymander makes him feel at ease. He does not even trust Toronto! The Spectator, in considering the party prospects, gives this excuse for the Premier's panic: "The multiplicity of Conservative nominees in Toronto has begun to assume a serious condition, and if all the men run who say they will be candidates, Toronto may be worse off with eight members than with four." How terrible the punishment of a guilty conscience!

A number of important measures are to be shunted aside—dodged—and left to be used as material in the campaign for purposes of promise. One of these is the Law Reform legislation advocated by Mr. MacKay, and which was stolen by the Government, but which it declined to deal with this session, perhaps because it dared not deal with it in the public interest in the face of an election. It will be used for political juggling, the Government being bound to nothing. Convict labor reform, which played such a large part in the last Provincial general election in Hamilton, the pledges then made being deliberately and contemptuously violated, will again be held up as a bait to the labor masses so heartily betrayed and scorned. It is hinted that the power matter will be similarly used as a "big thing" in the way of promise for the future to gull the overtrusting who have looked to Whitney as a Moses. "Civil service reform" is also said to be one of Whitney's election jokers, although the very word coming from the lips of such an abandoned and dishonored spoliator ought to call down on him the condemnation of every honest voter whose trust he has betrayed.

But it is not only by the gerrymander and by shirking great questions that he should deal with that the Premier hopes to evade the righteous wrath of honest Ontario and to defraud the electors out of their own. He has other resources. There has been abundant provision made for "the influence" upon which the party workers grow enthusiastic. The present Government did not increase the expenditure by about \$2,000,000 for nothing—never fear. The Ross expenditure was raised at Whitney and his lieutenants when in Opposition fairly begging the English language in their prodigality in the use of denunciations to describe the "extravagance." Yet in three years they have increased it by 45 per cent! And they have exercised much ingenuity in levying new taxes, besides profiting by the rich Ross' policy brought to the treasury. The additional subsidy of three-quarters of a million given to us by the Dominion is also open to the depollers in their effort to maintain themselves in power. These give hints of the cause of the party's insolent boastfulness.

And yet the Government is apprehensive. It is quite willing to defy the electoral will—if it could only be quite sure of the success of the plot. But it is all that bothers it. And if Toronto is not to be trusted in what shall Whitney place his trust?

RIDICULOUS HEROICS.

Mr. Ferguson, M. P. P., devoted a good deal of time on Friday night to abuse of Mr. C. N. Smith, M. P. P., for speaking of the Beck horse transportation matter, and fairly swelled with simulated indignation at the idea of its being mentioned, alleging that it had cost the Becks \$5,000 to exhibit, in addition to the amount appearing in the Public Accounts as paid for the transportation of Mrs. Beck's horses, none exhibiting but Mr. Beck and his wife. Mr. Ferguson only wastes wind, and makes himself ridiculous by assuming that air. Only horses sent by Mr. and Mrs. Beck were exhibited, says the Premier, and says Mr. Ferguson. With that knowledge before him, and with these items appearing in the Public Accounts, Mr. Smith

would have been derelict in his duties if he had not brought the matter up: Atlantic Transport Co., transportation of horses re International Horse Show, London, \$811 85; Beck, Mrs. Lillian V., transportation of horses re International Horse Show, 736 81; United States Express Co., transportation of horses re International Horse Show, 142 33. What was done with the rest of the money thus charged, the Government may explain, if it can, or will. If injustice has been done to Mr. Beck in the matter, the blame must lie at the door of the Government, which has not been as open and candid in the matter as might have been desired. It cannot shelter itself behind Mr. Smith, and it should be above trying to do so by using the name of a lady.

SOUTH WENTWORTH.

Hamilton Regan, of Ancaster, has again been nominated by the Tories of South Wentworth as their candidate for Legislative honors in the coming local election. Like Mr. Wilson in the North Riding, Mr. Regan has been there before, and knows how it feels to be counted down and out, and is probably prepared for a repetition of that disagreeable experience. As compensation for his being a victim the second time, he no doubt hopes that he will have the patronage of the constituency to dispense for another term, and to a man of Mr. Regan's temperament, that means quite a lot. But he may even lose the patronage, for it is no dead sure thing that Mr. Whitney will sweep the Province. Mr. Regan got the position by unanimous vote. Had the party thought there was any chance of success there would have been competition for the job, but in the circumstances nobody else wanted it. Mr. Regan may not be a very strong man, but he has the party pretty well behind him, which Mr. Wilson has not got, and a determined effort will be made to elect him.

Mr. Dan Reed, the present member, and who will without doubt again be the Liberal candidate, has shown himself to be a worthy successor of former Liberal members for the riding. He has taken an active and intelligent interest in all questions affecting his constituents coming before the House and the Province and has been especially energetic in furthering the interests of the farmers. He is no dummy, either. He has developed into a good speaker, and when he does speak in the House he is listened to with attention as a man who knows what he is talking about. In the ordinary course of events there can be no doubt of his re-election. But his friends must take nothing for granted. Even the best of men will suffer defeat if their supporters do not rally round them and see that every vote is polled.

The South Wentworth Liberals cannot too soon get on a war footing. Much has to be done and done quickly. Whitney shows a desire to take the Liberals at a disadvantage by forcing the date of the elections as soon as possible. Get to work. Take no chances.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

When Whitney set about gerrymandering the Hurons, he dived into that old pigeon-hole in which the plans of Sir John's gerrymanders of that county were kept.

Now let the Liberals get a move on. Remember that thousands of voters who were deceived into hoping for things from Whitney are this time dealing with A MAN FOUND OUT.

It is said, up in London, that Adam Beck will not risk a fight with William Gray in the coming election, but will seek one of the "made" berths in Tory Toronto. Fie, Adam!

The British Postmaster-General is considering the issue of a mourning stamp with a black border, with the avowed object of selling them to the philatelists. That is turning popular fads to revenue account.

Montreal has just borrowed £1,000,000 realizing 97.25. That is a discount rate of nearly 3 per cent, although the rate of interest of the loan is 4 per cent. There is a hint there for borrowing municipalities to go slow.

People would place a greater degree of confidence in the Hydro Commission's report on producer gas engines if it did not so carefully conceal from them the plants reported on by inserting dashes where the names should be. Are the statements made such that it was deemed unsafe or unwise to mention the plants or their makers?

Whitney's work in carving up the County of Huron shows the ingenuity of the cowardly and unprincipled gerrymander. At the last elections the county cast 7,106 Liberal votes against 6,994 Tory votes. By carving out a narrow riding over 30 miles long Whitney manages to "hive" into it 3,007 Grits, and thus make two fairly safe Tory seats of the other mishapen constituencies!

The T. & N. O. R. receipts from freight and passengers during the year were \$779,237; operating expenses, \$645,412, leaving a balance on operations of \$133,825. This is not a large sum to realize on a road in which the Government has expended \$12,177,784. "Other sources" of revenue connected with it, however, brought in \$125,184. Indirectly the road ought to do a great work in opening up the north country.

This civil service report seems to puzzle the Tory organs. The Toronto World introduces it with a big display

heading as a piece of "Laurier strategy to strengthen the Cabinet"; while the Mail and Empire, in its largest type, bulletins it "Exposures of misrule heavy blow to Liberals," and affects to believe that it has astounded Laurier. The simple truth would have caused our contemporaries much less trouble.

Mr. Ferguson, M. P. P., very maladroitnessly dangled the Technical College bait before his hearers at the Con. Club the other night. But it was not real fishing, of course—just a make-believe, you know. If he lived in Hamilton, he would try to get the college—no, then, you know, he was careful to mention he held out no hope; made no promises. He must have taken the crowd he addressed to be queer fish—very closely allied to suckers—to take that in.

Mayor Stewart has drawn the Spectator's attention to the fact that its Toronto correspondent failed to mention that his Worship spoke before the Municipal Committee in favor of the gravel pit bill. We hasten to give the Mayor full credit for all he may have done to assist in this good work, and express regret that his name was not mentioned in despatches.—Hamilton Spectator.

"Drill, ye warriors, drill!" It may be pretty hard to take the dose, but Stewart knows he has got you on the hip now, and you must not try to slight the service he demands of you. Praise him, yea, every hour praise him!

Rev. Canon Gody speaks out vigorously on the subject of old-age pensions. Like many other thoughtful men, he sees the difficulty which any such system would offer encouragement for the idler and the spendthrift, and he urges that care must be taken that it does not foster idleness and scamped work. No measure should be approved, that might have a tendency to provide the "greatest idleness for the greatest number." We need no honors by the provident and industrious to encourage unthrift.

Counting on the Tory orators who rave about expenditures for the building of the National Transcontinental Railway, and refer to them as evidences of extravagance, Hon. Mr. Paterson pointedly asks: What would the addition to the debt of the country be if the hon. gentleman ever carried out the Halifax platform and bought up and operated all the railways, telephones and telegraphs in the country? It would be about one thousand million dollars. Where would they get it? But there was hardly any need to dwell on the point; very little had been heard about that platform lately. Some hon. gentlemen, he believed, were not particularly enthusiastic about that platform.

Speaking to the Hamilton Tories on Friday night, Mr. Ferguson attempted to make much of the Montreal River pulp concession by which, he admitted, Ross had realized for the Province \$20,000 in cash, and imposed conditions for the building up of a great pulp and paper mill industry there. Ferguson omitted to tell that Ross provided that the price per cord for pulp wood cut should be fixed from time to time by the Government. This transaction was represented as a great case of graft, but the facts are that the terms proved so onerous that capitalists could not be induced to finance the scheme. They preferred Whitney's out-and-out deal of \$300,000 instead; there was more money in it for the concessionaires.

The Mail and Empire announces another "scandal." A settler, named Vinet, was, it says, enabled by pull to homestead a lot near Selkirk, Man., which was thickly covered by poplar, although the regulations provide that no quarter section containing 25 acres of merchantable timber should be available for homesteading. In spite of all the great headlines indicating graft, etc., which the Mail devotes to this story, it inadvertently admits to it this paragraph: "The effect of its efforts: 'Rev. Mr. DuMoulin, parish priest of St. George, wrote to Ottawa that not more than 20 acres were covered with timber.' Rev. Mr. DuMoulin's testimony was corroborated by others, and the settler got the homestead. What a 'scandal'!"

The Victoria Times takes the Vancouver News-Advertiser to task for its inconsistency in supporting the great National Transcontinental Railway, and at the same time complaining of the expense of building it. It says: "The News-Advertiser has never opposed the construction of that road. It admits it is a necessary work. Does it believe that any Government could build it without adding to the national debt? And does it contend that the asset the country will have after the line is built will not more than offset any increase there may be in the debt? This is a question which the Tory organs will steer very clear of."

A number of the railway rate laws of the several States are likely to go the way of those of Minnesota and North Carolina, on the ground that the penalties for offenses were invalid because of their severity, and that the acts under which they were authorized were made without regard to the justice of the case. There is no longer any doubt that the Federal law is higher than that of the States in these matters. Where there is conflict between the United States and State courts in these cases the former must prevail because there is a constitutional question involved, and the constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land "anything in any State constitution or law to the contrary notwithstanding."

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these tables, though as food he occupies a rather more important place in France than the dog does in Germany. As a popular article of diet the dog is confined to some Oriental and aboriginal hills of fare, and the gastronomic appreciation of him is not likely to spread much further.

WHAT J. S. DID FOR HAMILTON.

GIVEN CREDIT FOR THE WORK DONE BY OTHERS

And Even the Tory Aldermen Are Laughing at His Expense, Over Gravel Pits.

The glory thrust upon Hon. John S. Hendrie for the work done in saving west end property from being damaged by gravel pits is an illustration of how hard up the Conservatives are for material to boom the stock of the member for West Hamilton. The paragraph given such prominent display in Mr. Hendrie's organ telling of how his efforts were appreciated caused those unfamiliar with the facts, and who recalled that Mr. Hendrie could not be got to attend a meeting last year in a west end school to discuss the matter, to wonder Mr. Hendrie, when the matter came up in Toronto, did nothing more than "be saved" by the representative of West Hamilton—speaking a word in favor of the bill. That was all the "good work" that can be credited to him. With an election approaching, the Conservatives thought to make capital out of it, and Trustee George Allan, a prominent Tory worker, circulated a petition. The names of Ald. Allan and City Solicitor Waddell were on it originally, but for some reason were scratched off, probably so as not to detract from Mr. Hendrie's glory. As a matter of fact, it was the Board of Works of last year that was responsible for the city securing power to regulate gravel pits. City Solicitor Waddell advised that the proper thing to do was to appeal to the Legislature for this power. Chairman Sweeney and his colleagues, who spent much time inspecting the gravel pits, were unanimous that they should be done, and last May Ald. McLaren, seconded by Ald. J. J. MacLennan, moved the resolution which secured the city what it was after. Even the Tory aldermen on last year's committee think a pretty poor show of gratitude to ignore their efforts in the matter, after their work to get the property owners what they were after, and trust the glory on Mr. Hendrie.

ON THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Evangelist Norman H. Camp delivered a very forceful address in the East Hamilton Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon on the Holy Spirit as a person, His place and power in life. He said the Holy Spirit came on Pentecost in fulfillment of prophecy and Jesus' promise. It was wrong to think of the Holy Spirit as an influence only. He was as much a person as Jesus and we should recognize Him as such by the work He does. He guides, comforts, sanctifies, convicts sinners. We cannot grieve an influence, but we can grieve and quench the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will not witness with our spirits if we allow evil to come in. He should not have a critical spirit but exercise an influence, and as His place is to abide in those who believe in Jesus, and while many feel His cause they do not recognize the Spirit's place in their lives and service. The link that connects with the Holy Spirit is faith, but that connection is often broken. Mr. Harry Richardson rendered a solo.

CAXTON CHAPTER

Preparing For Candy Booth at Feast of Blossoms.

The monthly meeting of the Caxton Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, was held on Saturday, March 28th, at the residence of Mrs. R. G. Sutherland, the Regent, who was in the chair. There was a large attendance of members. Mrs. Orr Callaghan, Mrs. J. C. Ramsay, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Potts, Miss Tinsley and Miss Nesbitt were proposed and accepted as members.

The Regent read the Governor-General's appeal to the women of Canada to celebrate the 30th birthday of Canada by the nationalization of the battlefields of Quebec. Many of the members offered to take cards to raise funds to assist in this worthy object.

Some time was spent making arrangements in connection with the candy booth for the coming Feast of Blossoms. Many valuable suggestions offered by Mrs. Barber, who was unable to be present, were adopted. Donations of candy boxes have been received from Mesdames Duffield and Greening and several members of the chapter.

Mrs. Baker read a selection from "David Copperfield," which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

ENDED FATALLY.

Wiarman Man Was Struck With Large Board.

Wiarman, Ont., March 30.—William McMaster, a well-known and respected resident, died early this morning as the result of injuries received a week ago in the flooring factory, where he had been employed for nearly two years. While he was operating a double rip saw a large board shot back from the saw with great force, striking the unfortunate man in the abdomen. Mr. McMaster was 52 years of age, and leaves a widow and family.

No, Maude, dear: it is not absolutely necessary that your pompadour should be ratified.

FARMERS' GYM. EXHIBITION.

Br. Barton is arranging a special programme for April 10th and 11th in the gymnasium. Some of the features will be fence rail gymnastics, hay mow tumbling, fun in the farm house, tests of strength by the village blacksmith and many other stunts.

POOR DE SAGAN

Not Getting Much Encouragement From the Goulds.

New York, March 30.—Some little progress was made to-day in the French-American wooing, when the Prince de Sagan left the Waldorf, took luncheon with Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Morse at the St. Regis and spent the afternoon there in company with Mme. Gould.

Whether the lovers considered returning to Europe at once or staying on a few days more in the hope that a final appeal to George Gould would be successful could not be learned. The report that they would be married within a month in America if George Gould consented, and in Europe if he did not, however, was confirmed. At six o'clock the whole party, consisting of the Prince de Sagan, Mme. Gould, Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Morse and friends, then drove to the Hotel Gotham in three of the Morges' machines, where they had dinner.

The prince seemed unaffected by a cable dispatch which came from Europe today, saying that the Marquis de Castellane, father of the Count de Boni, had called him a reckless prodigal, already \$6,000,000 in debt, and adding that the door of every honest man in France was shut against him. The prince's attitude toward the Castellanes is, however, well known.

"Bon!" he says, "is insignificant. Lock me in a room with him and his three brothers and it would be the end of me. I would ask for it to be opened."

It was said to-day that the unsympathetic attitude of her family is causing Mme. Gould much distress. Not only is George Gould reported to have absolutely refused to consent to the marriage, but Helen Gould, at whose house Mme. Gould is stopping, has also indicated her displeasure so strongly that the relations between the two sisters have become quite formal. Partly as a result of this family opposition, the prince has seen Mme. Gould only three times since his arrival in America.

The ill-success of the prince's visit from all points of view has disgusted both, and it would be no surprise to the friends of either to hear that one or other returns to Europe within a very few days.

CLOSE OF EXHIBIT.

Camera Club Pictures Enjoyed by Large Crowd.

The Camera Club exhibit closed on Saturday evening. The attendance throughout the day was large, and the visitors appreciated the fine pictures. The coming year for the club looks promising, and next year's exhibit, judging from the enthusiasm shown this year, will surpass all previous efforts. The members of the club anticipate a most enjoyable outing on Victoria Day, May 25, to Credit Park.

The presentation of prizes for this year's exhibit will take place next Monday evening. Many new members have joined the club, and any others wishing to join should see Mr. Sinclair G. Richardson, Bank of Hamilton chambers, room 702.

FIRE AT PIER.

New York Firemen Hurt in Fighting the Flames.

New York, March 30.—Fire on the Joy Line pier in East River and an adjoining pier early to-day resulted in the injury of several firemen and caused a loss of \$150,000, and for a time seriously threatened the steamer Edgemont and the scaffolding of the new Manhattan bridge.

The steamer was removed to a place of safety in the harbor and a big battery of fire boats protected the bridge from danger.

Of the loss, \$100,000 falls upon the Joy Line and \$50,000 upon the Terry & Tench Co., contractors, who are at work on the new Manhattan bridge. Their headquarters were located on the pier next to the Joy pier, and much stock and valuable machinery was damaged.

The fire started along the piles under the flooring of the pier, and fed by the coating of pitch which covered the heavy timber, made rapid headway. The difficulty of the firemen was greatly increased by the fact of the pier being covered with asphalt, and the fire fighters were obliged to work from small boats in the river until the fire boats arrived. Even then there was a hard fight before the flames were subdued. Both piers were destroyed.

Wiarman Man Was Struck With Large Board.

Wiarman, Ont., March 30.—William McMaster, a well-known and respected resident, died early this morning as the result of injuries received a week ago in the flooring factory, where he had been employed for nearly two years. While he was operating a double rip saw a large board shot back from the saw with great force, striking the unfortunate man in the abdomen. Mr. McMaster was 52 years of age, and leaves a widow and family.

No, Maude, dear: it is not absolutely necessary that your pompadour should be ratified.