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SATURDAY, MAY 10.

WHAT MR. PARDO SAID—AND DID NOT SAY.

Mr. Pardo has spoken—and refrained from speaking. His platform effort at the Court last night must have been a signal disappointment to his loyal friends who had throughout, with tenacious faithfulness, clung to the conviction that he could and would present a vigorous defense to the accusations that his eight years of parliamentary life as the representative for West Kent had been practically wasted, that he had no account of his stewardship to present to the people, that he could present no valid reasons for again seeking their suffrages.

Mr. Pardo's silence on these matters was as striking as it was strange. There was every opportunity and encouragement for plain, honest speaking. In his own words, Mr. Pardo never felt better in his life, he was accorded a hearty reception by the audience and given a very attentive hearing.

But the man who has enjoyed the confidence and support of the people of this constituency for eight long years practically admitted that there was nothing in the record of them which entitled him to ask a renewal of support and allegiance. He had nothing to tell the people who elected him—"nothing accomplished, nothing done."

Mr. Pardo evidently felt his position. His plain speech showed it. "I must apologise to you all, but I want my friends to come out and vote for me on the 29th," he said, "not for myself but for the Ross Government, if for nothing else."

Here, again, Mr. Pardo showed the weakness of his position. If he cannot stand on his own merits, he only makes matters worse when he endeavors to bolster himself with the discredited and machine-manipulated organization, of which Ross is the head. Although he takes refuge behind it he does not attempt to justify one plank in its platform, does not advance a single argument to defend its course upon any one of the acts on which it is assailed and criticised by Mr. Whitney and the people, has no word to offer concerning the "policy" of a Government to which he has been giving an unquestioning and faithful mechanical support for the term of eight years.

Mr. Pardo has spoken. "He has come before the electors of Kent and presented his plea for support. It is, briefly—"I want to get in again." No more, no less.

What do the electors think of the strength of his "argument," or the deserving character of the record that is, apparently, so unfortunate and damaging that he does not attempt to ask support thereon?

How does it compare with Mr. Fraser's manly and straight-forward enunciation of vigorous and progressive principles?

Who is the better man to represent West Kent?

MONSIEUR GAUTHIER AND THE RACE CRY.

Monsieur Gauthier, an eloquent and decidedly excitable French-Canadian lawyer from the Province of Quebec, has been imported, under the patronage of Messrs. Pardo and McKee, into the constituencies of West Kent and North Essex to conduct the Liberal election campaign among the sturdy French-Canadian farmers of these constituencies.

Monsieur Gauthier has been credited with the attempt to mislead and humbug the farmers of Essex by the introduction of the most aggravated form of the race cry. Speaking in French last night he assured his compatriots in West Kent that he had been misrepresented, at the same time admitting that race and creed matters had formed the basis of some of his remarks. Monsieur Gauthier is

entitled to his explanation, but it was scarcely consistent with his address last night. He is unquestionably an exceptionally clever speaker, capable of strong oratorical effects, very excitable and vigorous. He is astute, and combines a delicacy of insinuation with his lawyer's glib tongue. His statements to the effect that the Liberal-Conservative party was the enemy of their French-Canadian race, that the party press sneered at them, and the acute insinuation that the question of creed would be unjustly biased in other hands than those of Laurier's provincial governmental supporters, are not the utterances of a man who has regard for the truth or is willing to recognize the intelligence of his audience.

Such methods, however, do not succeed. The idea that a ready-tongued lawyer can be imported from Quebec—or any place else, for that matter—to humbug and mislead the intelligent French-Canadian farmers of this county by attempts to introduce race or creed issues into the arena of Provincial politics, where they have no place, is altogether mistaken. It is an insult to the intelligence of his audience—an insult undeserved—and one which will be emphatically avenged by the people themselves at the polls.

BRAVE CANADIANS.

In another column will be found an interesting letter from Trooper Kendall, the brave Maple City youth who was wounded in the Hart's river fight, March 31st, which is reproduced through the courtesy of his deservedly proud parents.

The many reports by mail which are now coming to hand, give a more lucid account of the battle in which the Canadians so greatly distinguished themselves, and apart from the feeling of pride and gratification that our boys fought so splendidly and died with never a thought of surrender, there is the additional satisfaction of knowing that the most severe losses were sustained in holding positions the relinquishment of which would in all probability have meant the destruction of the whole force. The two troops which were practically annihilated were on the extreme rear guard and they heroically sacrificed themselves to prevent the Boers closing in on the wagon train before it could reach the main body and laguer. Every man who died gave up his life to gain invaluable time which was utilized in getting the transport into compact formation where the main body was able to resist the Boer attack and repulse it with heavy losses. It is plain that if our men had not been the bravest of the brave the Boers would undoubtedly have added another disaster to the ghastly list of similar incidents. The story of the fight in a few words is that the rear guard troops, under Lieut. Bruce Carruthers, held their ground until practically all were killed or wounded to give the column time to concentrate in a defensive position, with its transport and then the rest of the Canadians with the British troops who were with them put up a fight that

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