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Exit the pig.

London is Liberal.

The Colonel can rub along with 314 majority.

Yes, it is "Leys and London First" most decisively.

Those personal attacks on Col. Leys have had their answer.

The Normal School is a certainty now. Its opponents have been discomfited.

Hamilton is certainly a city in a hole. It did not know when it was well served.

Four years more of honest government is assured in the banner province of Ontario.

It will be observed that the large majority of the small majorities fall to Conservatives.

London certainly voted that in these piping times of prosperity it was no time for a change.

That fifth ward avalanche which the Opposition prophesied for Beck did not materialize.

That majority for Mr. Beck vanished the moment the independent citizens of London went to the ballot box.

Mr. Beattie ought now to go to Ottawa and attend to the duties which he has been industriously neglecting.

Dr. Montague is no longer a power in Haldimand. He worked tooth and nail to defeat Mr. Holmes, but failed.

Mr. George Campbell, of West Middlesex, will probably try a man of his size when next he asks for public approval.

In the Hardy-Ross Government both the Hardy and the Ross constituent elements have been handsomely sustained.

Now let us get down to the business of building up this magnificent Province of Ontario. We have had enough of political campaigning for some time.

Hon. George W. Ross has never been beaten as a candidate. And once more his banner waves successfully in West Middlesex. And he is just as hard to beat in a Government.

Well done, Dr. Dewart! You made the pluckiest fight of the campaign and deserved success. One more such campaign and North Toronto will be solidly Liberal. The recount may place it in the Liberal column.

Mr. Pirie, the versatile Dundas Banner man, was defeated in North Westworth. He deserved a better fate. We know of no man, however, who will take his defeat more good-naturedly.

If there had been half a dozen Liberal candidates in the field, Mr. Pattullo would have won in North Oxford. Mr. Pattullo is one of the ablest members in the Legislature. He has proved an able successor in the representation of this fine old riding to Sir Oliver Mowat.

Even the mayor's special constable expedient could not prevent the independent electors of London from supporting the worthy candidate of a worthy Government.

Mr. Rogers put up a big fight in South Toronto. He ran up against a majority of considerably over 2,000, polled for Mr. Howland at last general election, and reduced it to 335. Toronto is getting more sense, though rather slowly.

Mr. Thomas Beattie, M.P., longs for the day when his friends might get the opportunity to gerrymander Ontario for Provincial purposes, as they gerrymandered it for the Dominion. That day will not come, Mr. Beattie, in the next twelve years.

Mayhap some of our Conservative friends will claim today that the Government is defeated. Pay little attention to them. Let it be remembered that four years ago, on the morning after the election, they claimed that Mr. Meredith had carried the country. Yet when the Legislature met the following February the Liberal

Administration had a good working majority. History will repeat itself.

The latest returns give Hon. George W. Ross a majority of 192—the biggest ever given him in the riding. This is a fitting answer to the tirade of abuse and misrepresentation which has been heaped upon him by his political opponents.

It is rather noteworthy that as a result of this contest, third parties have almost entirely disappeared. In English-speaking communities these are never other than temporary, the electorate generally finding it a not difficult task to secure safe and progressive government by the agency of two great political parties, based on the British model.

The Government Is Sustained.

The general elections of the Province of Ontario, held yesterday, have resulted in the return of the Hardy-Ross Government to power by a working majority, which will grow.

As will be seen by our returns, the Government's majority is somewhat larger than was assured it on the morning after the general election of 1894. Before the new House meets in February next, the majority will, by recounts and other contingencies, be added to considerably. For example, in North Toronto and West Huron, the Conservative candidates have each but a majority of 1, while in East Elgin the Liberal has only 8 to overcome. We are not over-sanguine in the belief that all three constituencies will be represented by Liberals when the new Legislature convenes. Thus it will be unlike the usual good fortune of governments if the Administration, beginning now with a working majority, does not considerably increase its strength before the sitting of the Legislature.

This result, satisfactory on the whole, has been attained, despite the most energetic campaign which the Conservative party has ever put up in this province. The Opposition apparently felt, in its hunger for power in the Province, that it was now or not for many a long day with them. They organized eighteen months ago. In the interval, as far as possible, they used every municipal organization of the province to promote their party fortunes. They have failed in the attack. Now that it is all over, the Government and its supporters will no doubt see many reasons why their majority is not larger than it is. These may be digested at leisure. Probably the Government suffered most from the fact that, honorable and uncorrupt though its career had been, it had been at the head of affairs in the province for a very long period.

Meantime, it is satisfactory to note that the Province of Ontario, now entering with the rest of the Dominion on an era of prosperity, seems guaranteed four years more of good and progressive government.

London Is Liberal.

The election in London yesterday was a great victory for Col. Leys, personally, and a strong indorsement of a Government which has done exceedingly good work for this Province.

We have had many keenly contested elections in London, but probably none of them were more earnestly fought than the one which ended so victoriously for the Liberals yesterday. For eighteen months the city Conservatives had been making preparations for the fight, and they engineered the last municipal elections so as to conduce as much as possible to their voting strength in this Provincial contest. It is true that Mayor Wilson, in making his canvass, and in his platform addresses, asked for liberal votes on personal and purely civic grounds. But it is a notorious fact that no sooner was he elected than his election was claimed to be a party one. The mayor gave this view indorsement by appearing at and participating in the Conservative party caucuses, and our contemporary, the Free Press, no later than Saturday last, asserted that the election of Dr. Wilson showed a great Conservative majority, and that it was to be taken as the pattern for the majority that Mr. Beck was certain to receive yesterday.

The people of London have given their answer to all this bravado. By the most decisive majority of 314, in by far the largest vote ever polled in a Parliamentary election, Col. Leys has been elected M. P. for London. It is a signal triumph, which has been fairly won, and is a fitting answer to the campaign of personal detraction adopted by his adversaries. Throughout the contest, the colonel took this style of warfare, pursued most assiduously against him, with characteristic good nature, being satisfied that the sober common-sense of the fellow-citizens

with whom he had gone in and out for nearly a third of a century, would supply the answer. It has come in an emphatic manner.

Both candidates worked hard personally to secure election, but the colonel's widespread popularity gave him an advantage over his comparatively unknown opponent.

London, we have no doubt, will be well served by Col. Leys in his capacity as M. P. P. His past experience in working for the advancement of this center of population will no doubt stand him in good stead in the Provincial arena. And as the supporter of a Government determined to continue, more industriously than ever, the work of judiciously administering and developing our splendid heritage he can also be trusted to give most excellent aid.

The Premiers Personal Victory.

In South Brant, a miserable and unfair attack on Premier Hardy was flung by the electors. Down there the Conservatives insisted on holding the Premier responsible for the removal of the G. T. R. car shops to London, though when the question was before the Legislature men of all sections of the community acknowledged that Mr. Hardy fought as hard as any representative could do in the service of his city, as was his bounden duty. But we all knew that London's admirable position as a railroad center was so strongly in evidence, and was so well put before the G. T. R. authorities by Mayor Little and the council of that day that not all the blamings of Premier Hardy could induce the company to change its programme. This cry was practically the only substantial objection made to Premier Hardy's candidature in South Brant. His majority proves what the electors thought.

The Middlesexes.

The triumphant return of Hon. George W. Ross in West Middlesex, and Mr. W. H. Taylor, in the north riding, is highly satisfactory to the friends of good government. Dr. McWilliam also made a splendid run in East Middlesex.

At this writing, the result in the east riding is in doubt, but we are hopeful that in the proceedings yet to be taken the riding will be found to have gone Liberal. The doctor made a model candidate, and in any future contest he will have a good majority.

The Solid West.

Two weeks ago, The Advertiser said that in the constituency in which it circulates more extensively—west of London—the indications were that there would be a Liberal sweep. So it has come about. Witness this record of the Liberal West.

London city.

Middlesex West.

Middlesex North.

Elgin West.

Kent East.

Kent West.

Essex North.

Essex South.

Lambton East.

Lambton West.

In addition to this, the Liberals have carried both Oxford, both Norfolk, the three Bruces and two Brants, and have gained a seat in Perth. The loss sustained in Huron, we believe, will be but temporary.

Leaders Defeated.

Both parties lost able front bench men. Two painstaking Ministers were defeated—Hon. John Dryden in South Ontario and Hon. J. M. Gibson in Hamilton. Local causes had much to do with their defeat. They deserved better at the hands of the electorate. The Opposition leaders fared even worse. Five of Mr. Whitney's best known lieutenants are among the slain: Dr. Willoughby, in East Northumberland, Col. Kerns in Halton, Mr. Meacham in Lennox, Mr. Magwood in North Perth, and last, but by no means least, the gentleman of piggery fame—Mr. St. John, of West York.

Veteran Voters.

No Liberals are more enthusiastic than the veterans. Their memories stretch back to the days when to vote Liberal was an act that required courage and independence. Their own experience has taught them more forcibly than tradition that the Liberal party is due their emancipation from tyranny, so that Liberalism is to them synonymous with liberty, and has a deep and vital meaning. Among the many sturdy veterans who polled their votes yesterday for Col. Leys and honest government were several of remarkable age, including Mr. S. Rhycard, of the fourth ward, aged 81; Mr.

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RUSSIA'S LATEST PURCHASE.

London, March 2.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Nagasaki, Japan, hears that Russia has purchased a portion of Deer Island from Corea.

THE ANGLO-GERMAN LOAN.

Peik, March 1.—The Anglo-German loan contracts were signed yesterday. The interest was fixed at 4½ per cent. The price is 84. The final Kiao Chou treaty is not yet signed.

ARMY ESTIMATE ADOPTED.

London, March 1.—The House of Commons, without a division, has adopted the army estimates, covering the increase asked for by the government.

The Marquis of Salisbury, who has been suffering from a slight attack of influenza, is now recovering.

AUSTRALIAN HURRICANE.

Sydney, N. S. W., March 1.—A terrible hurricane has devastated New Caledonia, doing great damage to shipping.

The hurricane also swept over the French gunboat Loyalty and sank her. Adelaide, South Australia, March 1.—The French bark, President Felix Faure, Capt. Fossard, from Barry, on Nov. 15, for Port Pirie, has arrived here, and reported that during the storm on Feb. 2, her second mate and fifteen sailors were swept overboard.

IN WEST AFRICA.

Paris, March 1.—The minister for foreign affairs, M. Hanotaux, in the Chamber of Deputies, said the government must maintain reserve on the whole West African affair, subject to the negotiations between France and Great Britain. He could say the negotiations were actively proceeding, and, although, difficulties had arisen, there was every hope that a desirable arrangement would be reached in conformity with the interests of both countries.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

Secretary Curzon's Statement of the Situation in China and Corea.

London, March 1.—In the House of Commons today the parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, Mr. George N. Curzon, answering a question put by Sir Willis Ashmead Bartlett (Conservative) as to whether Russia had occupied Deer Island, said: "Russia was believed to be negotiating the island, where Japan already had a similar site. Mr. Curzon said nothing existed officially heard of Russian occupation of the island. Referring to Port Arthur, Mr. Curzon said no torts the government was not aware that any Russian land forces were at the place."

Sir Ellis Bartlett having brought up the Chinese question and the advance of Russia, Mr. Curzon, after some debate, said that British interests in the matter were "paramount but not exclusive." The British nation, he continued, would not be justified in regarding legitimate competitors with jealousy, but ought rather to use all efforts to keep in an age of competition what was won in an age of monopoly.

Mr. Curzon recapitulated the valuable concessions which China had voluntarily offered. So far as Russia was concerned her assurance was that the port she had secured as an outlet would be an open port like a treaty port.

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