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WINNERS IN THE COMING ELECTIONS.

IN this issue of the BLUENOSE we publish two articles on the political situation, one of which by a Liberal gives the Liberal reasons why the Government should be returned, and the other by a Liberal-Conservative giving the Conservative reasons why the Liberals should be and are likely to be put out of power. In choosing the writers for these articles we endeavored to select men who while intimately acquainted with Canadian politics were at the same time able to give an honest opinion. Although the respective articles may appeal to those on the other side of politics as being tinged with partisanship, yet they may be taken as representative of the best opinion of both parties. Of course, a good deal is put into a small space, and therefore the articles are more statements than arguments, but the intelligent reader will be able to take these statements and weigh their importance. They give a comprehensive idea of the political arguments on both sides, and the man who is interested in politics but has not the time to follow things closely will find in them something to work upon, something from which to trace out the merits and demerits of the claims of the two parties. We make no further comments.

POLITICAL PROSPECTS.

THE political atmosphere in Canada is growing warmer day by day. As is usual, the campaign is causing more or less commercial disturbance, but the end is now not far distant, and when it comes the tide of commerce will again flow smoothly as of yore, no matter which party is returned to power. But just now the struggle is at its height and politics is the principal topic of conversation. Both parties are going to win, victory is perched upon the banner of each and a great tide is bearing each onward to overwhelm the other. If anybody has any doubts as to the possibility of both parties having an overwhelming victory, they have but to read the utterances of party leaders on both sides. If anybody doubts that both parties can be all that is good and pure and honest, possessing all the virtues under the sun and everything that is worthy of public confidence, while at the same time they are both all that is bad, being dishonest, corrupt and untrustworthy, they have but to read the utterances of party leaders and party organs. If anybody doubts that upon the election of both depends the whole commerce of the country—that unless both are returned to power progress will cease, trade decline, the country become bankrupt and the future be dark and hopeless, they have but to read the utterances of these leaders and organs. In short it is established beyond the shadow of a doubt that our whole future is dependent upon the election of both parties. If we would have our trade increased, our resources developed, our finances kept in a healthy condition, our railways and canals built and extended, new steamship lines established and old ones improved, winter ports just where we want them, it is absolutely necessary that both parties should be returned to power. This has been established by the leaders of the parties and the press; and what a pity it is that the electors of this great Canada of ours cannot place both in power on the 7th day of November next.

ABILITIES OF THE BLUENOSE PROVINCE.

A prophet is not without honor save in his own country." This proverb in all probability was familiar at the time of its sacred and historic utterance. It is familiar to-day and quite as true as familiar. At least if we may judge from what we see and hear about us, there is a great tendency to attach weight and virtue to the foreign as against the native—this both of men and things.

We feel that this lack of confidence is not warranted. Indeed we believe, on the contrary, that the people of Nova Scotia can afford to place the utmost confidence in their fellows as a body and in their work.

In the words of a BLUENOSE popular poet,

"The men are most almighty smart
"They raise in Nova Scotia."

Time and again we have had opportunity of observing this. The bracing air of our sea girt province has given them vigorous constitutions, and their ancestry has transmitted the strength of mind that belonged to a sturdy and hard headed race. This of course is speaking broadly; for it is possible to find men and women that are "unfit" in every faculty of mind and body. But it is true that, taken as a whole, the average Nova Scotian is a man of strong physique and able mind.

To prove the excellence of the best samples of Bluenose character, it is only necessary to recall the number of great men that Nova Scotia has given the world. There are and have been such born in this province, of Nova Scotian parents, whose careers in different professions and departments of activity have brought honor to them and their native land. Take such names as Howe, in politics; Sir Wm. Dawson, in science; Haliburton, in literature; Cunard, in business—these and countless others who have filled, or even now fill great places in the world of men.

And the ability of Nova Scotians is not confined to one class. In every kind of trade, business or profession, we find them, but too frequently we find them away from home. Go into the factories of the United States, and you find them there—foremen, superintending the productive industries that are rapidly making the United States the first commercial nation in the world. Go into the stores and offices and you find them there. They occupy many of the foremost positions in the chiefest profession, viz., that of teaching; many of the men of science, who also are assisting the United States to commercial supremacy, are Nova Scotians. And in all other professions and in every walk of life, you find among the leaders, men who hail from the Bluenose province.

Why are they there? Why are they not at home helping to make this country great? Why is not the productive power they possess being given to the land that gave them birth? The answer is simply that here there is no room for them. This county is too unappreciative.

Sam Slick always thought that nothing was quite equal to one of the "free and enlightened citizens" of his own country. He had confidence in them. So had every American. The confidence was well placed, and, succeeding in arousing enthusiasm in newly acquired citizens, the United States speedily got on the right path to success. We might do the same. If we would only place the confidence in our fellows that they deserve, believe in the possibilities of the province and lose no time getting to work, then the province