

ELECTION WEEK EXPERIENCES.

MAY 29TH.—Who am I going to vote for? Why the two Clarkes, of course. Who else? Thought I was an Equal Righter did you? So I am—and what's the matter with Meredith's platform? Isn't that Equal Rights enough? I've always voted Conservative. That Jesuit business was disgusting and at the time I said I'd never cast a ballot for any man that approved it. But Mowat is just as much under the control of the hierarchy as Sir John, and as my party has now come out squarely for Equal Rights in Provincial matters I see no reason for going back on it. Hurrah for the two Clarkes!

May 30th.—Mayor Clarke is bound to head the poll. Everybody says so. But H. E. is not so certain of election. He may get left. He comes out stronger on Equal Rights than Ned does anyhow. Wouldn't it be a good scheme to cast one vote for H. E. and get some Grit or Equal Righter to do the same on condition of my voting for one of his candidates. That would help H. E. and wouldn't hurt Ned. He's safe anyway.

May 31st.—Good, I've made a deal. Just met old man Kildogan. He's a red-hot Armour man, but don't take much stock in Bell. He will go H. E. Clarke if I go Armour.

June 1st.—Splendid sermon to-day on political situation from Dr. Hunter. Met several old friends—original Conservatives like myself—and talked over matters. Don't feel as enthusiastic about the Clarkes as I did. Some people seem to think they're not sincere and are only using this Equal Rights cry to get office. If I thought that—I don't know—I won't vote for Ned anyway. That Pavilion speech sickened me. As to H. E. I'll think about it. Must hear McCarthy to-morrow.

June 2nd.—Heard McCarthy. Of all the magnificent, forcible, convincing election speeches I ever listened to it was the grandest. It's no use. I won't vote for either of the Clarkes. They're trimmers, nothing else. Met Kildogan and called the deal off. Told him I was going to vote the straight Equal Rights ticket. Hurrah for Bell and Armour!

June 3rd.—Just met Ned Clarke. He is a real good fellow and no mistake. It'll go very hard to vote against him. I thought he was sure of election, but now a good many people seem to think that Armour will head the poll. He reminded me that I promised to support him early in the campaign. What can I do? I hate to go back on him. After all he will have to vote Equal Rights if he follows Meredith. I don't think it was exactly wise



THE MODERN PISTOL.

"Base is the slave that pays!"—Punch.

to put Equal Rights candidates in the field in Toronto when the Conservatives were ready to accept the whole platform. Wish I'd three votes. I've a notion to vote for Ned Clarke and Armour.

June 4th.—Come to think of it calmly and deliberately I won't allow personal considerations to influence me in the slightest. I can't support Ned Clarke. I don't think a promise given before I knew who was running ought to count. My mind is made up. I'll vote for Armour and H. E. Clarke.

June 5th.—9 a.m. It's no use. I never cast a Grit vote in my life, and Armour is a Grit. I've found out that lots of Grit Equal Righters are pledged to vote for Armour and Tait or Armour and McDougall. It's a dodge to elect three Grits. I won't be fooled that way. I'll give the good old Conservative party one more trial and if they don't stick to their pledges this time I'll never support them again. Here goes to put in a straight ballot for the two Clarkes.

—10.30 a.m. Oh pshaw! Was there ever anything so disgusting? They tell me at the polling booth that my name's not on the roll. So I have no vote after all, and all the bother and worry I've had over this wretched mixed up election goes for nothing. Confound politics anyhow! I don't care two cents who's elected.



ANTI-FAT.

JONES—"Been taking riding lessons, I see, Brown. It has reduced your weight somewhat."

BROWN—"Yes; I've fallen off a good deal since I began."

THE EQUAL RIGHTERS.

A DOLEFUL tale is ours to tell,
In vain we comfort seek,
No peal of triumph sounds from Bell,
Our Armour proved but weak.