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THE CAMPAIGN IN WEST KENT

The Provincial campaign upon which we are embarking is unique. It is not a fight this time between Grit and Tory.

It is a contest between the people of both political parties who are uniting in the high demand for the resuscitation of purity and integrity in public life and the unfortunate men who have, through long ease of power and laxity of moral stamina, allowed themselves to descend into a deplorable condition of moral leprosy, degrading not alone to themselves but to the people they represent and the good name of the Province they were chosen to serve.

Of the result of such a contest, with the Canadian electorate as the jury, there are few who have not faith enough to be assured. There is that in the sturdy Canadian manhood of to-day which bespeaks but one outcome. Yet let the earnest hope be expressed that throughout the champions of such a cause fight it worthily. Let every man, whether actively or passively interested in the struggle, remember its character and conduct himself in accordance therewith.

There is something inspiring about such political campaign as that on which we are embarking. The big men, the strong men, the honest men of all parties are on the one side—and we all must make our struggle worthy of this grand alliance. Remember that a clean cause and a clean candidate are worthy only of a clean campaign. It is a watchword that should be passed to every private in the ranks and zealously, religiously observed.

Here in West Kent let us all—Liberals and Conservatives alike—do our duty conscientiously, honestly, effectually.

We will never regret it.

THE TWO PARTIES IN ONTARIO.

Mr. J. S. Willison, life-long Liberal and biographer of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, writes as follows in the Toronto News. We use the article in full:

The Globe, with unctuous pharisaism declares that some of Mr. Ross' "unwise supporters have followed the long-continued Conservative example and descended to corrupt practices at elections," and that "as for administration there is on the Conservative side a combination of conspicuous incompetents." It is true that the Conservative record is disfigured by both electoral and administrative corruption, and it is just as true that the Conservative leaders have sometimes punished corruptionists with a severity which Liberals have never imitated. Not so many years ago a Conservative politician, who had served his party for nearly a lifetime, was expelled from Parliament under a Conservative Administration. Another Conservative member who had given like faithful service, and was exceptionally influential in the party management, was likewise expelled and sent to prison. A Minister off the Crown, who for many years had been the recognized leader of the party in Quebec, was also relieved of office, and forever excluded from the public councils. No doubt much more that should have been done was left undone, but at the least the Conservative leaders were not wholly defiant and contemptuous of public opinion, and their action contrasts well with that of the Liberal leaders in Ontario, in face of the Gurney charges and the surrounding operations of the party machine in the constituencies.

From West Elgin to Sault Ste. Marie an organized league of corruptionists have managed elections for the Government. In West Elgin imported workers were substituted for the local Liberals appointed as deputy-returning officers, and the ballot-boxes were burned in order to destroy the evidences of forgery and perjury which were contained in the records. It may be that the Government was not privy to this dastardly plot, and certainly the denials of Ministers were energetic and comprehensive. But the ballots were destroyed in the Parliament Buildings, no prosecutions were set on foot by the Attorney-General's Department, the methods of the central organization remain unchanged. It was under the direction of this organization, equipped with funds collected in the name of the Government, that perjured evidence was purchased in South Oxford that mysterious stranger, loaded with money, were sent into North Norfolk; that methods were employed in North Grey which ministers dare not have revealed; that a boatload of foreign toughs were shipped into Sault Ste. Marie and instructed to personate Canadian voters. The crimes at the Sault were perpetrated under the very eye of the Attorney-General, and his department has deliberately refused to prosecute the men reported by the judges for corrupt practices. For five or six years this infamous work has gone on in this Province, engineered, as has been said, by the central party organization, which draws its supplies from funds collected for the Government, and whose only object has been to maintain the Government's precarious hold on office, in face of this it is sheer impudence to

talk of the long-continued corruption of Conservatives, or to deny the Government's responsibility for the electoral crimes which have broken the spirit of the Liberal party, and disgraced the Province.

We should also have an end to the presumptuous and pharisaical assumption that in contrast with the Government the Conservatives in the Legislature are "a combination of conspicuous incompetents." The Ross Government as it appears after reconstruction, is far weaker than any administration which the Province has had since Confederation. Mr. Ross himself is admittedly strong on the platform, perhaps as strong as any man in the country, but in no other respect is he superior to Mr. Whitney. No one has ever said that Mr. Ross has exceptional business capacity or remarkable professional attainments. This is perhaps just as true of Mr. Whitney, and nothing is further from our purpose than to ascribe to the Opposition leader qualities and gifts which he does not possess. Only wild partisanship or sheer malignancy would deny Mr. Ross respectable attainments and an interesting personality. No one who has ever heard Mr. Ross speak will deny his persuasive power with popular audiences. So no one who will be candid can fairly argue that he outranks Mr. Whitney in any other particular. If he is a sound Canadian, so is Mr. Whitney. If he is a consistent Imperialist, so is his opponent. If he is free from petty race and creed prejudices, so is the Opposition leader. Indeed, all these are qualities common to the mass of Canadians, and upon such grounds no issue can now arise between the parties and their leader in this Province. In fact, these are the commonplaces of Canadian politics, although they are commonplaces which are very often used to the discredit of Mr. Whitney, and to give distinction to Mr. Ross in relations in which he is not at all distinguished beyond the mass of his fellow countrymen.

It may also be admitted that Mr. Dryden will be hard to replace as Minister of Agriculture, and, indeed, that here is the one serious objection to a change of Government. But in Mr. Creelman and Mr. James and the other permanent officers of the department, the Province is well served, and there is probably no great ground for apprehension that the interests of agriculture will suffer seriously through a term of Conservative administration. Beyond this no advantages lie with the Liberals in the Legislature. It cannot be seriously argued that Mr. Harcourt and Mr. McKay, and Mr. Latchford and Mr. Graham and Mr. Charlton cannot be replaced by Oppositionists. This is not said in any contemptuous spirit, for we think it altogether likely that any or all of these men have been, or will make, fair heads of departments. But there are a dozen men on the Opposition benches with equal gifts and attainments, and not a few men on the Liberal benches with equal claim to Cabinet positions. The only desire, however, is to get out of the public mind the notion that it is vital to this Province that its Government should continue to be in the hands of Liberals and to show as the facts plainly attest that except for Mr. Ross' gift of speech and Mr. Dryden's eminent usefulness in the Department of Agriculture, the Conservatives to-day are in as good, if not in a rather better position, to

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IT IS SAFE, THEREFORE, TO CALL MR. WHITNEY TO OFFICE AND IMPORTANT THAT HIS VICTORY SHOULD BE DECISIVE. It is inconceivable that the Government is stronger now than it was two and a half years ago. Much that has since happened has tended to its increasing discredit in public estimation. It is impossible that it can now come back from the country with a working majority and it will be thoroughly unfortunate if Mr. Whitney should come into power with a majority so small that he will be at the mercy of the needy and greedy spoils' faction which hangs upon the skirts of every party, and makes profit out of its necessities and exigencies. It is pretty well understood that Mr. Whitney has great natural power to resist this element, just as he is so blunt, so straightforward, and so lacking in the resources of a politician as to be unequal to the artifices and combinations which Mr. Ross and his counsellors successfully employ to the delight and wonder of the sporting element of the community, which always rejoices in a fine game consummately played.

SATCHEL OF THE SATELLITE

It's up to us. . . .
Now for work. . . .
Now for another redemption in West Kent. . . .
Wasn't that Conservative convention at Toronto great? . . .
There is an end to all things, even to a reign of corruption. . . .
It was real mean of Pinafore to spoil the evangelist's collection. . . .
Don't forget that The Planet is the paper with the big circulation. . . .
Consistency is all we ask in the Liberals. If in 1896, why not in 1904? . . .
Shirt Sleeve Brown won't let up. He'll fight to the last ditch and beyond. . . .
When it comes to musical productions, the children of Chatham take the lead. . . .
The money-making evangelist knocked the money-making musical production. . . .
I haven't heard that temperance Parrott backed up Constable Brown at Toronto. . . .
The beehive ballot boxes will honeycomb the Liberal vote in the coming provincial elections. . . .
The Reverend Constable Brown, of Blenheim, was a figure at the Toronto Liberal convention. . . .
Dissension in the Liberal ranks is a good thing. It will help along the needed housecleaning at Toronto. . . .
A little house cleaning is needed in the Parliament buildings at Toronto. Your chance to assist is coming. . . .
The United Front is the way the Liberal-Conservative party appears to the Ross-Stratton-Sullivan aggregation. . . .
There must have been a banquet at that Liberal convention in Toronto. I see that E. E. Parrott was attending. . . .
Even our opposition acknowledges that we lead in circulation. This just in passing for the benefit of our advertisers. . . .
I think that the people of Ontario will put the corruptionists down and out at the very first opportunity. Oh, for the opportunity. . . .
I have just learned that E. B. Arthur has been requested to act as accompanist for the Meister Singers.

ANOTHER SATURDAY OF UNUSUAL

Bargain Giving!

Another day of crowd-gathering prices—a most opportune time to buy fashionable attire—fall and winter merchandise of every description. Here is a list of goods and prices for Saturday that economical buyers would not care to overlook.

There are many items quoted in this ad, which you are doubtless familiar with and must recognize as being very cheap, but what we are very anxious to impress upon you is that items such as

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18 only ladies' coats in grieve, heavy and tweed mixtures; colors black, navy, grey and mixed effects, natty styles, medium lengths, sizes 32 to 44 inches, regular \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.50 and \$8.50, clearing Saturday at \$3.98.

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Smart up-to-date styles, long medium and short lengths, in plain cloths and natty mixtures, good range of styles and colors, sizes 4 to 16 years, worth regular \$4.50 to \$6.50, Saturday at \$3.98.

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Handsome styles, in fawn cloths and dark mixtures, heavy weights, full back, belted in, latest sleeve, sizes 32 to 42, matchless styles and values, at each \$10.00.

LADIES' FUR COATS—

Rich bright black Astrachan curl, guaranteed in wear, full 32 inches long, fine quilted satana linings, the best values we have ever shown, at each \$35.00.

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RUSSIAN LAMB COATS—

Rich glossy round curl, latest styles, rich satin linings, special each \$50.00.

RUSSIAN LAMB COATS—

No. 1 quality with rich sable collar and reverses, special each \$60.00.

\$12.50 FOX SCARF AT \$9.50—

Rich full furred natural red fox scarfs, with large head, tail and claws, also large muff to match, \$3.89.

usually sold at \$12.50 each, our special price \$9.50.

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Superior quality, rich dark brown shade, full shape, trimmed with large head and tail, also claws, regular \$14.00 values, at each \$10.00.

15c. EMBROIDERED COLLARS AT 5c. EACH—

25 dozen ladies' fine, white, Swiss embroidered turnovers, very pretty styles, regular 15c to 20c each; clearing Saturday, each, 5c.

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Hundreds of dozens of fine pure linen and Swiss and Irish lawn handkerchiefs, the prettiest styles we have ever shown, in hemstitched, embroidered, lace and insertion trimmed; clearing at fully One Third Less than Regular Prices.

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10 dozen Ladies' Black and Grey Curl Gauntlets, kid faced, wool lined; Saturday a pair 50c.

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\$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 Trimmed Hats at \$1.68—15 only, very pretty styles in good range of colors, prettily trimmed, regular up to \$4.00 each; clearing Saturday at \$1.68.

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9 only, very latest New York styles, rich quality trimmings, in fashionable shades, regular \$4.50 to \$6.00 each; clearing Saturday at \$2.68.

\$6.50 TO \$8.50 HATS AT \$3.89—

11 only, charming styles, a New York manufacturer's samples, beautifully trimmed with panne velvet, taffeta silk, fancy feathers, wings and ornaments, regular \$6.50 to \$8.50 each; clearing Saturday \$3.89.

\$1.75 and \$2.00 OUTING HATS \$1.19.

3 dozen latest New York styles in ladies' outing hats, trimmed in latest styles, worth \$1.75 to \$2.00 each; Saturday at \$1.19.

12 1-2c SHAKER FLANNELS AT 10c.

Full yard wide, fine heavy quality, in splendid range of fast color stripes, a good 12 1-2c shaker, Saturday a yard 10c.

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Made from pure thoroughly scoured yarns, fine soft finish, full double bed size, heavy weight, matchless values at a pair \$3.40, \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00.

HEAVY GREY WOOL BLANKETS—

Full size, at a pair \$2.00, \$2.40 and \$2.80.

SHAKER FLANNEL BLANKETS AT 88c PAIR—

Good heavy quality, soft fleecy finish, regular size, grey or white, Saturday a pair 88c.

11-4 SIZE FLANNELLETTE BLANKETS AT \$1.10 A PAIR—

50 pairs full 11-4 size, heavy quality, soft fleecy finish, colors white or grey, at a pair \$1.10.

HEAVY GREY FLANNEL AT 15c.

Full width, fine quality, plain and twill, in light and dark grey, regular 18c yard, Saturday 15c.

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The Meister Singers are not sowers, but they ought to reap a good audience in Chatham. There is no machine about the Meister Singers.

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The affairs of this city seemed to run themselves very well during the past two weeks.

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One grain of the active principle in Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will digest 3,000 grains of meat, eggs or other wholesome food, and this claim has been proven by actual experiment which anyone can perform for himself in the following manner: Cut hard-boiled eggs into very small pieces, as it would be if masticated, place the egg and two or three of the tablets in a bottle or jar containing warm water, heated to 98 degrees (the temperature of the body) and keep it at this temperature for three and one-half hours, at the end of which time the egg will be as completely digested as it would have been in the healthy stomach of a hungry boy.

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The merit and success of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are world-wide and they are sold at the moderate price of 50 cents for full-sized package in every drug store in the United States and Canada, as well as in Europe.

Prayer.
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