

SOME PRESS COMMENTS

In the "Toronto World" of April 13th, 1908, appears the following:

"An American Rhodes scholar is reported to have declared that what astonished him most at Oxford was to find some thousands of young men, every one of whom would rather lose a game than win it by unfair means. It is this loyalty to the rules of the game, whether in sport, or business or politics, that makes a great nation, and the quality is rarer on the American continent than it ought to be.' In the long run, it gains the respect and confidence of the public. The jockey, that does not ride straight, the athlete, who fails to do his best always, the politician, who trusts to manoeuvres instead of principles, cannot expect a sustained career.

"Premier Whitney started in 1905 with as strong a following as any leader could desire. It was the opinion of many that its overwhelming strength was a weakness. At all events, its strength was such as to eliminate any temptation to do those things, which had wrecked the preceding Government, or in any way to fall away from the ideal of 'playing the game.'

"Yet Premier Whitney, whether from confident integrity, or force of circumstance, or submission to influence, did some things in this last week or two, and one or two things in the last days of the session that are not according to the rules of the game as he interpreted them, or as he would interpret them if he was umpiring his opponent's play.

"If a Liberal Government had done things parallel to the 'readjustment' of some of the changes adopted in the redistribution measure, Hon. Mr. Whitney, as Opposition leader, would have stormed the skies in protest. Take a last instance: If any Liberal had lifted a township out of one riding into another, as has been done in the Lanarks, what would Premier Whitney have said?

"The change in South Lanark is effected by placing Beckwith in North Lanark and North Sherbrooke in South Lanark.