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FRASER IS OUT-TO WIN!

For malicious intent and deliberate falsehood—we speak plainly, and the occasion warrants it—the statement which appeared on the front page of yesterday's Banner with big head lines to the effect that John S. Fraser, the Liberal-Conservative candidate for West Kent, had announced his intention of withdrawing his candidacy owing to dissensions in his party, has never been equalled in the history of Canadian journalism.

The Banner—we have too high a respect for the many estimable citizens who are identified with its politics to longer designate it the Liberal organ—is apparently determined to severely test the resolution of this journal, and the political party with which it has the privilege of being identified, to conduct a clean and honorable campaign. To combat, day by day, the slanderous personal attacks, the outbreaks of vituperation and indecency, the malicious untruths, which have permeated its pages, and seek to maintain that dignity and decency which should surely characterize the conduct and campaigning of intelligent men is, in the parlance of the pointed, "not as easy as it looks."

But Mr. Fraser and the Liberal-Conservatives of West Kent will stand by their colors. If they win—and we have every confidence that they will—victory will be doubly glorified because it was honorably achieved; if, perchance, they lose, there remains the consciousness that their cause was just and the satisfaction that their fight was fair.

Regarding, then, the Banner's billboard frontpiece but little need be said. It is an untruth and the author knew it when he wrote and published it. It was his own conception and met his own views of conducting the journalistic campaign. It is quite beyond the "immature intellect of The Planet," at which he sneers. The tactics employed are having the inevitable result in discrediting the Banner with the public, antagonizing Liberal-Conservatives and thoroughly disgracing and angering the Liberals themselves.

The wish was doubtless father to the thought with this creative genius. As a matter of fact John S. Fraser is stronger in the constituency to-day than he ever was before—and is adding to that strength hourly. He has a vigorous, enthusiastic and spontaneously unanimous party behind him, and his straight-forward, manly enunciation of the principles upon which he seeks support have won for him the admiration and approval of the people of both political parties. His style of campaigning meets popular commendation.

And it is upon the issues of policy and the interests of the Province that the electors of Kent are appealed to by this journal to give their support to Messrs. Fraser and Davidson—not because we can rake out and resurrect some personal matter or even municipal vote of their opponents in the years gone by and build thereon a slander.

MR. PARDO TO SPEAK.

Posters have been issued from the local Liberal headquarters announcing a party meeting in Pain Court tomorrow evening, at which Mr. Pardo will speak. At last! We sincerely congratulate Mr. Pardo on the decision. It is the only manly and straight-forward course for an estimable gentleman—such as we believe him personally to be—to take. He has been accorded the support and endorsement of the electors of West Kent for eight years—for eight years he has been the representative of the people of this constituency in the Legislature. It is right and proper that he should render to them a full account of his stewardship ere asking again a renewal of that confidence at the polls. Mr. Pardo evidently did not see fit

to accept the offer of The Planet for the free use of its columns to render this report of his work to the people of Kent. He prefers to tell them personally from the platform. He is entitled to his own choice.

But Mr. Pardo should see to it that he is not crippled for time. There are other speakers announced and he must prevent their infringing to too great an extent upon the time of the meeting. It is from Mr. Pardo that the people are desirous of hearing. He has given no statement of his service to them in eight long years, and he will doubtless have considerable to say. He should be given ample opportunity to enumerate in detail all the good work he has been doing all these years for the constituency of West Kent and the benefits the people have derived from his efforts and representation of them.

Then again, his opponent, Mr. Fraser, has candidly, vigorously and honestly told the electors upon what grounds he asks their support and stated the principles which he will advocate in their interests. Mr. Pardo undoubtedly is determined to be equally honest and outspoken. He will be anxious to outline his views on the public questions and advance reasons in support of them. He will tell the people why he found it proper to support a school-book monopoly, why he acted with the Government in condoning the corrupt methods of the machine, why he lent his influence to robbing the municipalities of their just share of revenue from the taxation of railroads and other corporations, why he tolerated the insult to Ontario agriculture by the Provincial Minister operating in the State of Dakota, why he raised no protest against the gift of the people's estate in concessions of pulp wood to monopolies for practically no return—and a myriad other important matters which will appeal to him. Mr. Pardo's speech will be awaited with interest.

THE BELL APPOINTMENT.

The temporary appointment of Mr. Edwin Bell as Clerk of the Peace in connection with the preparation of the election poll-books furnishes in itself an adequate example of the methods which Ross and his colleagues are adopting in the vain hope to defeat the will of the people and retain the Government benches. The Planet has no reflections to cast upon Mr. Bell, whom it regards as a very estimable gentleman, but the system which, under the circumstances, made his temporary appointment possible is a most pernicious one.

It will be noted that a temporary appointment of this kind carries practically no personal obligations as to accuracy in the preparation of the poll-books. The officer has no oath to violate, has no office to forfeit. The lists are to be prepared privately and secretly and the clerks engaged in copying them and making them up, with comparative ease, disfranchise men entitled to vote or, for that matter, place names upon the list that have no right to be there. They can assure the temporary Clerk of the Peace that their work is properly done so that he may attach his certificate thereto.

For such duties then it was right to suppose that all question of bias or doubt would be allayed by the appointment of an impartial official removed from the active arena of politics.

The proper course, in the estimation of this journal, would have been to procure the services of his honor Judge Bell, Judge Woods or Police Magistrate Houston to perform the duties, or—and it would have been fully as satisfactory and unquestionable—to have the Clerks of the municipalities certify the various copies themselves and leave the matter of the preparation of the poll-books to the returning officer, Sheriff Gemmill.

But the Ross Government did none of these. Instead they appointed Mr. Bell, until two weeks ago the President of the Liberal Association and up to the present time one of the most active party workers in the present campaign.

As we stated before we would not—and could not—impugn the honesty and integrity of Mr. Bell, but the appointment furnishes a sample of Governmental machine methods, which, far from inspiring public confidence in the conduct of the campaign, is regrettable and malicious, and goes to show that no effort is being made by those in control to even "avoid the appearance of evil."

WHITNEY WILL WIN.

One of the most noticeable features of the present Ontario campaign, comments the Brantford Courier, is the contrast afforded between the confidence of the Conservatives and the half-hearted spirit of the Reformers. The latter evidently realize that this time they are playing a losing game and well they might. Ross, himself, realizing the condem-

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nation in store for his government should the dissolution of the last possible moment, and then kept himself in office beyond his term. Finally he was forced to take the field, but he does so with a sadly benighted standard and a lot of spiked guns.

No political army anywhere ever entered the fray under such degrading circumstances.

There is the handicap of the ballot-box stuffing.

There is the handicap of the ballot burning.

There is the handicap of the pluggers and paid personators in West Elgin and other ridings.

There is the handicap of untruths with regard to the alleged surplus.

There is the handicap of the excessive price of school books.

There is the handicap of concessions to party favorites.

There is the handicap of un-British conduct in the matter of the referendum.

There is the handicap of Minister of Agriculture Dryden booming Dakota at the expense of Ontario.

There is the handicap of gross abuses, which in countless directions have developed during over thirty years of power.

In Ontario during the Dominion contest, the Conservatives, despite the fact that they had two government forces arrayed against them, swept the province. They will repeat that achievement this time, and no men realize it more fully than Ross and his colleagues.

Whitney will win.

TWO EVILS.

Formerly the municipalities of Ontario retained for their own purposes all the revenue derived from liquor licenses, and this went to reduce the rate of assessment. But in an evil hour (for the municipalities) the Liberal party cast covetous eyes on these revenues, and the licenses henceforth became the spoil of party and were given out by the commissioners, who had to be of one political faith—friends of the government." To get a hotel license, one must work for the machine or keep quiet; he dare not stir very far in expression of political opinions.

Under the present system in Ontario a man engaged in the liquor business, a business as legitimate as any other, is actually denied political liberty. That is one evil.

In 1871, the Provincial revenue from liquor licenses was less than sixty thousand dollars—\$58,588. In his last budget speech, Mr. Ross stated that the revenue has increased to \$378,372. This increase represents the proportion of the Liberal government's steal from the municipalities. That is the other evil.

Under Whitney, after May 29th, both of these evils will be abolished.

Whitney Will Win!

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The machine and slander is not strong enough to down the People and Principles.

Temporary appointments for election purposes only is now the Government order.

Mayor Adam Beck has entered the field as Liberal Conservative candidate for London. He will win.

\$10.00 Round Trip to California Chicago & North-Western R'y from Chicago, May 27-June 8.

THE SWITZERLAND OF AMERICA. The above caption is highly appropriate to the region in the 'Highlands of Ontario,' known as 'The Lake of Bays' district.

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REGISTER REGISTER All persons who did not have a vote on January last and who are over 21 years of age who have lived three months in the city and twelve months in the province and who are British subjects must register to vote at the coming provincial election.

JINGLES AND JESTS. A November Farewell. Goodby, bullfrog, goodby, bee; You ails has been good to me.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. The plans and specifications of the new Baptist Church, to be built in Wallaceburg, may be seen at Mr. Jas. T. Saint's Furniture Store, from May 1st until May 14th, during which time sealed tenders for the contract will be received by the following building committee, viz., A. C. Baker, Jos. T. Saint, James Smith, James Quinnell, Jos. Howard.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. Whole or separate tenders for the erection and completion of a brick veneer residence for Mr. G. A. Sayer to be erected on Victoria Ave. City, will be received up to 12.00 o'clock, noon, Friday, May 9th.

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