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FRIDAY, FEB. 21.

WHAT ROSS COSTS US.

It was with surprise that the Public Accounts committee learned yesterday that Premier Ross had furnished no details of the \$1,848.17 which he has charged out of the public treasury as the charge for his recent excursion to England, says the Mail and Empire. The Conservative members hold that when so large a bill is presented for a holiday of this kind, details ought to be furnished. But the Government takes the ground that a Cabinet Minister can help himself to whatever sum he pleases for pleasure trips, and that the Legislature has no right to question the propriety of his conduct, or to expect details. It is clear that there must have been an account. The odd seventeen cents charged by Mr. Ross bears testimony to the care with which the books were kept. Mr. Ross did better than any of the other Ministers last year. His revenue was as follows:—

Salary.....	\$7,000.00
Seasonal indemnity.....	600.00
Travelling expenses.....	110.00
Cab hire.....	257.00
Our tickets.....	75.00
Excursion to England.....	1,848.17
Total.....	\$9,890.17

THE RESULT IN LISGAR.

Incomplete returns from Lisgar show that in a three-cornered fight the Liberal candidate has proved successful by about a thousand majority, with the Conservative nominee at the bottom of the polls, and likely to lose his deposit.

At this distance all the circumstances of a Conservative candidacy are not apparent, but it certainly looks as if the placing of a Tory standard-bearer in the field was a huge and foolish mistake.

Richardson, the Independent, was one of the few Liberals who proved himself man enough in the House to denounce the Laurierites for pledge breaking and deception of the people.

For this outspokenness he earned the hatred and resentment of Sifton in particular and the members of the Government in general, and the edict went forth that he must be crushed at any cost.

Under such circumstances it would have been the wiser plan for the Lisgar Conservatives to refrain from nominating a candidate, and had they done so, the result in all probability would have led to the defeat of the Reform nominee.

As it is, the result is a triumph for Siftonism and an indication to those Liberals who might be inclined to break over to the party traces, that if they do so they will have to fight against two parties instead of one.

SENATE REFORM.

James McMillen's elevation to the Senate set the seal of the Liberal party's disapproval on any movement to carry out its senate reform pledge, comments the Guelph Herald. The rejected of North Wellington typified the bitterest and most unreasoning opposition to the Red Chamber and its occupants. The Senate, in James' opinion, was merely an asylum of refuge, and its occupants were mummies, old women, or played out political hacks. The appointment of such a man to a seat in the upper chamber and his acceptance of it, are a plain declaration that the senate is all right so long as the mummies, old women and played out party hacks are Liberals.

The Dundas Banner has the courage to protest against the changed attitude of its party on the question of Senate reform. It says:—

"But is the senate forever to remain a part of our machinery of government? If the Liberals maintain it in its present shape and keep on making appointments to it, we may be sure that the Conservatives when they come into power, will not lift a finger to reform it, while the Liberals have urged that it be mended or ended."

It will be a pity if the reflection once cast on the Whigs in the old

land should be applied to the Liberals in the new, that, "As bees alighting cease to hum, so Whigs in office soon grow dumb." Why has the agitation for the reform of the Senate been allowed to die out? If the Senate needed reforming when the Tories were in office it needs reforming now, for it is the same old institution, and is carried on in the same old way, with this difference, that every Senator now costs the country \$1,500 a year instead of \$1,000. Our own opinion is that the Senate should be abolished. The Commons represents the popular will, and the popular will should have its way. The people have no voice in the appointment of those who sit in the Senate. Why should they pay for their services? The Senate is a fifth wheel to the Legislative coach and should be done away with."

Our contemporary's concern lest the reflection cast upon the Whigs in England should be applied to the Liberals in Canada is beautiful to behold. They made a mighty hum did the Liberals when they were in opposition. They hummed about taxation, expenditure, protection, railway subsidies, number of Cabinet Ministers, Senate reform and half a dozen other matters, but as soon as they settled into their places they ceased to hum and proceeded to enjoy the fruit of office.

GOLDWIN SMITH'S OPINION.

There are two oracles in Ontario, points out the Hamilton Spectator. These stand ready on all occasions to give out information to the common people. One of these is Principal Grant, of Kingston, and the other is Prof. Goldwin Smith, of Toronto.

The Kingston oracle always finds it convenient to make his information agree with the opinions of the powers that be. And the powers that be reward the Kingston oracle by diverting public money from its legitimate purposes and giving it to build up the Kingston oracle's private denominational school.

The Toronto oracle has no school to be subsidised—no axe to grind. He is wealthy, and cannot be influenced in his opinion by any hope of reward by the powers that be.

Hence it would appear that the Toronto oracle has the advantage over his Kingston rival, and his information will be generally accepted by the people as being honest, whatever else it may be. Moreover, the Toronto oracle's reputation for knowing a thing or two about constitutional law and practice is much higher than that of his Kingston rival, and when these two disagree upon a constitutional point the common people are apt to take Smith's opinion and not Grant's.

It happens that the Toronto oracle has been studying Mr. Ross' referendum scheme, and this is what he thinks about it:

The course proposed by the Ontario Government for the settlement of the question of prohibition is not proved to be constitutional by accumulating the testimonies of politicians and publicists in that direction; a tendency is not a law. The Legislature of Ontario has power to amend the constitution, and in exercise of that power it may, if it will, establish the referendum. This, however, it has not done, nor is the referendum at present a part of our constitution. The question, then, is whether the House can constitutionally evade an awkward issue, by devolving its legislative authority and responsibility on another body of its own choosing. What is now proposed is not a counterpart of the Dominion plebiscite, which was merely an informal test of opinion for the information of the Government; it is a supplementary act of legislation. The opinion of the Ottawa pundits would be of greater value if it appeared that they clearly saw that the powers of our legislatures were limited as well as defined by the British North America Act, unlike the sovereign power of the imperial parliament, which is circumscribed by no law. When the referendum is legally established, its conditions and the mode of taking it, will, no doubt, be duly regulated, as they are in the Swiss and Australian constitutions. In the present case, there is no rule but the fancy of the Government, which has awkwardly linked the partisan vote to be cast in a political election with the non-partisan vote to be afterwards cast on the question of prohibition. The question of constitutionality, to say the least, is doubtful, and in matters of great moment that which is doubtful ought not to be done.

The separation of the question of compensation from that of prohibition, practically inviting the people to vote for prohibition without compensation, and relegating compensation to the members of the Legislature, who would probably be afraid to do justice, is not honest; nor has Mr. Ross asserted that it is.

HOBSON'S ORATORY.
New York Sun.

Captain Hobson has an admirable voice for speaking. He uses too much of it. His right hand has done noble work for this nation in time of war. In time of peace it saws the air too much. And his left is like unto it. His conduct on his feet reminded one of the gentleman with a sandy goatee who goes among the county fairs of Vermont selling a composition which combines all the virtues of toilet soap and axle grease. At times one with the mental power of Isolating Captain Hobson, the orator, from the surroundings of the banquet hall might easily have believed that he was engaged in an effort to dispose advantageously of second-hand clothing.

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