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The Provincial Elections.

As will be seen by the figures published elsewhere in this issue of the HERALD, the general election for the Provincial Legislature held on Wednesday last, resulted in very materially reducing the Government's majority. In several constituencies the vote is so close that the exact standing of parties cannot be determined till declaration day. In any event the Government emerges from the fight shorn, to a great extent, of the strength it possessed in the last House. Less than fifty votes distributed in a half dozen constituencies would place the Conservatives in power. The general result, taking into account all the circumstances, and all the influences brought to bear, is certainly a most emphatic warning to the Government that it does not possess the confidence of the electorate. Had the people been allowed to freely exercise the privileges of the franchise, we feel sure the Government would have been overwhelmingly defeated. That the people were not left free; but that pressure was brought to bear wherever possible, was patent to the most casual observer. All the influence of the Dominion and Provincial Governments was exerted. The civil servants were forced to vote for the administration under threats of dismissal; open bribery was unblushingly practiced, and constituencies were flooded with liquor. That the Government, with all these influences in its favor, has been able only to barely save itself, shows how strong the feeling is against it; shows that the free and independent electors reject its promises and repudiate its methods. The opposition candidates throughout the Province laid bare to the people the ruinous condition to which the recklessness and extravagance of the present administration has brought our finances. The statements were so plain, so self evident, and the indictment of the Government so complete that no defence could be made. The only financial argument attempted by the Government candidates was that our claims at Ottawa were to be submitted to arbitration, and that a large amount of money would be obtained in consequence. In order to render this election kite effective, electors were asked to believe that our claims were much more likely to be granted to a Provincial administration in sympathy with the Government at Ottawa, rather than to one opposed to it. Now, as a matter of fact, the Dominion Government has not even consented to submit our claims to arbitration. Supposing such an arbitration did take place, and an award were made in our favor, how could the Dominion Government refuse to pay it, having agreed to the conditions? One of the most patent agencies of the Government, for the purpose of procuring votes, was the army of road supervisors. These gentlemen really constitute the Government secret service. From the time the writs were issued they were on the go night and day. They sneaked into the public meetings, no doubt, for the purpose of noting the trend of public feeling, and whenever any Grit was noticed to be a little shaky in his political faith, he was strengthened and encouraged by a nice little job on the road, for which he was likely paid five times as much as it was worth. There was a time in the history of this Province when the repairing of the roads and bridges was sold by public auction to the lowest bidder. Not so now. These public works are now utilized for the purchase of votes for the Government, and the supervisors are the agents of the Government for the effective operation of the scheme. The road machine is made to do its full share of duty in this arrangement, and during the campaign it could be seen on the move from place to place wherever it was suspected the brethren were

wavering a little. With all their nefarious plans, and with all the exertions of their agents the Government have not been able to secure more than from four to six of a majority, as against sixteen when they appealed to the people. So far as the present Provincial Government are concerned, the winning of elections has ceased to be a question of policy or popularity; it has been reduced to a question of how much it will cost. Surely it is time that some drastic means were taken to stem this tide of political demoralization among our people.

To My Political Friends in the Second Electoral District of King's County

GENTLEMEN,—I avail myself of this opportunity to return to you my sincere and heartfelt thanks for your support, your courtesy and extreme kindness to me during the recent election contest. The fight, as you are all aware, was against serious odds. Our opponents had secured a large majority of the votes of the district at the previous election; they had in their favor, all the influence of the Dominion and Provincial Governments, while the time between the issue of the writs and election was altogether too short to permit of a thorough canvass of the district. Notwithstanding these disadvantages, public opinion against the Government was so strong, and the peoples' cause, which we advocated, so commended itself to the electors that we would have been elected, if the most corrupt and scandalous methods of securing votes had not been adopted by our opponents. The supervisors and other party workers were giving jobs on the roads to every one suspected of weakening in his allegiance to the Government; money was lavishly spent and liquor flowed freely. Not was this all. My opponent thought fit to have recourse to a most sneaky, contemptible method of canvass, in the hope of arousing religious prejudice against me in certain quarters. This is something no gentleman; no honorable man would be guilty of. Rotten, indeed, must be the cause that requires to be buoyed up by such tactics, and doubly rotten must be the creature capable of having recourse to them. No one but a conscienceless nonentity could be guilty of it. We feel sure that no one more heartily despises and execrates the creature guilty of such means, than the very persons whose support he thus hoped to secure. In this nefarious business he was assisted by a certain political mortar-mixer from St. Peter's. Nothing better could have been expected from this political leech, who has spent his whole life maligning his neighbors and otherwise doing the dirty work of his political bosses. After a lifetime of such unhalloved conduct, he is now evidently heartily despised by his masters. It will not be long till he "shall go down to the vile dust from which he sprang; unwept, unhonored and unsung." Despite all these influences; despite the power of the governments, of boodle, of liquor, and of slander, I reduced my opponents former majority by seventy votes and I have the satisfaction of knowing that I received the support of the free and independent electors. The opposition candidates conducted a clean and honorable campaign. So far as I am concerned, I said or did nothing during the contest that I regret; nothing that I shall ever be afraid to hear of again. It will be a pleasure to me to meet at any time, any one or all of those with whom I came in contact during the campaign. I again thank you, esteemed friends, for your support and your kindness to me, and although we did not succeed this time, I feel confident the day is not far distant when matters shall be reversed; when right and justice shall triumph over deception, injustice and slander. In anticipation of this, I shall hold myself in readiness to fight for the cause of right, whenever you may ask me. In the meantime I beg to subscribe myself,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES McISAAC.

The Supreme Court met at Georgetown, on Friday last, disposed of the short docket and adjourned.

The overwhelming majority secured by Mr. Hackett in the first district of Prince County, is a splendid vindication of that gentleman, in view of the persecution with which his political enemies have followed him for the past year. The first district of Prince has done nobly.

St. John Sun: The Conservatives of Prince Edward Island evidently made a gallant fight against terrible odds, but it was almost too much to expect that they would defeat an administration which carried intimidation and bribery to an extent hitherto unknown in the Island province, and which had at its service the full campaign machinery of the federal government.

Montreal Star: The determined and plucky fight of the P. E. Island Conservatives, though unsuccessful, may have its beneficial effect on the local Conservatives of other provinces. In Ontario, where in all probability the next provincial general election will take place, Mr. Whitney is entering into the fight with great vigor, and Premier Hardy, who has not the magic of Sir Oliver's name to conjure with, is being warned of the danger of defeat. The Goderich Signal—a loyal Liberal sheet, plainly tells its leader that "there is a big fight before the Liberal party, and that if other constituencies are like the Hurons, the Liberals should be mending fences instead of grinning."

Montreal Gazette: One of the ideas Mr. Peters, the Liberal Premier of Prince Edward Island, is credited with entertaining, is that of a Maritime Province union. One of the provincial papers says that he intended, if sustained in the elections, to devote his attention to bringing this about. There is some sentiment in favor of the project, and the New Brunswick Legislature has put on record a resolution in its favor. It is hardly to be hoped, however, that Mr. Peters' promised efforts will be effective, for a time at least. The provinces will have to feel the effects of their extravagance somewhat more sharply before they will be inclined as a whole to surrender any of their costly little apparent independence.

ELECTION RESULTS.

Table with columns for Constituency, Party, Candidate, and Votes. Includes sections for Charlottetown and County, and Kings County.

Fourth District: M. McKinnon, 316 Aiken, 313 Prowse, 438 McKinnon, 404. Majority for M. McKinnon, 3.

Fifth District: D. Gordon, 346 Jamieson, 173 A. J. McDonald, 478 P. Peters, 280. Majority for Gordon, 173.

Correspondence.

Disgraceful Tactics of the Liberal Party in the First District of Queens.

To the Editor of the Herald: DEAR SIR,—The election is over, and Mr. Warburton is again elected, while Mr. Sinclair's seat is yet doubtful. As a sample of the election tactics pursued by the Liberal party, I mention that at the DeSable poll, held at Dixon's Mill, the returning officer, Mr. Robert Ince, who provided the materials, one on which to swear Protestant voters, the other on the back of which was clumsily pasted a strip of white paper in the form of a cross, was specially used in the Catholic voters. When a Catholic voter entered the polling booth Messrs. Warburton and Sinclair's representatives would order them to be sworn on the Testament bearing the form of the cross, which command the returning officer readily obeyed, being careful to present to the voter the side of the Testament on which the sign of the cross was pasted, and thus the Catholic voter was compelled to record his vote.

Never in the history of elections in P. E. Island was such a gross violation of the laws of decency and honor committed as was done to Catholic electors as was offered to them by Messrs. Warburton and Sinclair's representatives at DeSable Poll on the 21st inst. It is only just to say that every fair-minded, intelligent Protestant at the poll, whether Liberal or Liberal-Conservative, was indignant and disgusted at the mean, cowardly, contemptible conduct of Messrs. Warburton and Sinclair's representatives in wantonly and shamelessly insulting their Catholic neighbors, many of whom are among the strongest supporters of the Liberal party in the First District. But this little clique of boodlers, who so closely followed in Mr. Warburton's wake through the campaign, have not the faintest trace of the feeling of gentlemen in their nature and are strangers to the common courtesies and amenities of life, when they carried out their cowardly, insulting programme. I would not do Mr. Warburton or Mr. Sinclair the injustice of accusing them of instructing their representatives to pursue such disgraceful tactics as I have referred to, but out of respect for the feelings and conscientious convictions of their Catholic supporters they should repudiate the mean, cowardly, contemptible conduct of their representatives. Neither would I accuse the returning officer, Mr. Ince, of lending himself to a little clique of boodlers to wantonly and openly insult his Catholic neighbors, but, in justice to himself, he should explain how he provided him with the two Testaments and instructed him as to the manner in which he was to swear Catholic voters. The public are anxious to know who composed the new election Bible used by the Liberals at the DeSable poll, as there may be a great demand for it at future elections. In the meantime, all who were a party to the shameful and disgraceful tactics referred to, should wash their hands clear of it and let the odium and disgrace fall on the cowardly heads of the guilty hypocrites. Truly the great "liberal wave" is casting some ugly looking carrion on the fair shores of P. E. Island. Can it be that this is the outcome of the teachings and principles of the so called Liberal party, tutored by the High Chief of Political Jugglery, the great Frederick Peters, [3 shades of Coles and Wheelers, O tempora, O Mores, Are we living in the enlightened 19th century?]

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Speech

Of A. C. McDonald, M. P., on the motion of branch railways, delivered in the House of Commons on 28th, 1897. (From Hansard.) In case it might be taken for granted that my silence meant the approval of the Government's plan for the extension of the Prince Edward Railway, I think it my duty to myself and the province which I come, to say that I am opposed to any such grant, particularly in view of the fact that for all seasons in this Parliament I support the party I supported the construction of certain branch lines in the province of Prince Edward Island. After a year of years of insistence and patience, I succeeded in getting the approval of the policy I advocate to commit themselves to the construction of certain lines of railway that province which would entail an expenditure of about one million on the Dominion. The Conservative party, when it went out of power committed to that expenditure, a rate of about \$250,000 a year, three branches were completed, only was the Conservative party united to that expenditure, but my friend the Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Sir Louis Davies) and my friends from Prince County (Mr. and Mrs. Perry) expressed their opinion in support of the construction of certain branch lines in the province which would entail a large expenditure than that which I and other men advocated. I think, therefore, it shows on the part of the hon. gentleman who has a seat in the Cabinet the representative of Prince Edward Island, a great lack of interest in the province, or a very small amount of influence on his part with his colleagues in the Government, that while the Government are committed to the expenditure of millions of dollars throughout the length and breadth of this country, the claim of Prince Edward Island should be entirely overlooked. We have the various railway subsidies which the Government have bestowed, in not one of which Prince Edward Island has any interest, it is to be expended on the length and breadth of this Dominion, with the exception of Prince Edward Island, at \$7,000,000. That is the total which will have paid in railway subsidies since the various lines to which they are granted are completed. Government are committed to an expenditure of between three and four million dollars on the Cape Breton Pass. They are committed to an expenditure on the Drummond Pass for nine months of this year to \$157,500, and which may be required for nine months if the Government could have their own way, as intimated to us by the Minister of Finance, we are further committed to an expenditure for rolling stock in connection with this same line amounting to \$100,000. And the Government asked parliament for a vote of \$18,000 and \$19,000 to pay for the purchase of rolling stock in connection with this same line amounting to \$100,000. And the Government asked parliament for a vote of \$18,000 and \$19,000 to pay for the purchase of rolling stock in connection with this same line amounting to \$100,000. And the Government asked parliament for a vote of \$18,000 and \$19,000 to pay for the purchase of rolling stock in connection with this same line amounting to \$100,000. Besides this they committed themselves to an annual

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