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THE REAL ISSUES OBSCURED.

The government may score triumphs in all four bye elections today, but it will not be on their general record. In three of the four constituencies involved, the great majority of the electors are Roman Catholics, and they have been urged that in supporting the government at this time, they are delivering their co-religionists in Manitoba from the oppression of Protestant fanatics. In Haldimand the government candidate is a minister holding an important portfolio, and he is not opposed by a Liberal. The government are bound to carry Haldimand if it takes half of Mr. Foster's last loan to do it. Outside of Dr. Montague, the cabinet members from Ontario are men of very small calibre, and they need his assistance very badly on the floors of parliament. We say therefore, that there can be no square verdict today in any of the four constituencies on the real issue now before the Canadian electors—the trade question, whether we shall be further pillaged by the monopolists and manufacturers, or whether the tariff shall be reduced to a basis sufficient only for carrying on the public services of the country. We venture to say that the tariff has scarcely been mentioned by the government speakers in these bye elections. The government have appealed to the religious prejudices of the people; they have invoked the aid of a powerful church, and if they win today, we shall be treated to a grand glorification over the wonderful popularity of the National Policy. The government will seek to demonstrate that high taxes are just what the people want; that all the gross corruption of the past few years is condoned, and that the electors have once more endorsed the maladministration and rascality of the Tory regime.

SCANDALOUS JOURNALISM.

The Tory organ Monday evening outdid itself in the frolic with which it attacked Hon. Mr. Blair, and its readers must have concluded that the editor was suffering from a severe attack of jim jams. This style of journalism is peculiarly suited to the mind, if you can call it such, which controls the up town organs. Indeed the editor revels in it as a crow at its carrion feast. No doubt the organ feels very sore at the Attorney General and would go any length to stab him. Two events which occurred in recent years probably rankle in the breast of the editor. In the first place the local government patronage which he enjoyed to the extent of some \$3,000 or \$4,000 a year, from 1883 to 1887 was withdrawn, and secondly a very near relative of the editor was relieved of an office he held under the government. Since those events the organ has teemed with the most brutal assaults on Mr. Blair, but it will take more than the testimony of its editor to convince the public that the Premier of this province is a liar, a perjurer, and a thief.

But Mr. Blair is not the only gentleman who has come under the organ's lash. Hon. Mr. Foster, upon whom it is fawning now, was made the victim of the most scandalous attacks in its columns in years past. Even his social relations were held up to public execration, and the most persistent attempts were made by the organ to ruin the personal character of the Finance Minister. It is said that death looms a shining mark, and it would seem that the pen of the slanderer seeks out what is best and most respected for its attacks. While all men do not agree with either Mr. Blair or Mr. Foster in their political careers, there is no individual outside the Tory organ's office who is prepared to attack the personal character of either gentleman. Mr. Blair lived in Fredericton from his birth up to within three years ago, and his fellow citizens know, and the public of New Brunswick know, that no stain rests on either his personal or political reputation. His greatest fault has been that at one time in his career he had the misfortune to be supported by the Tory organ, but we believe that he feels some degree of satisfaction in the recollection that at no time did he ever admit the editor of the slender sheet into his confidence.

THE BYE ELECTIONS.

The Dominion bye elections are taking place to-day in Antigonish, Vercheres, Haldimand and Quebec West, and considerable interest attaches to the result. Probably the telegraph offices will be able this evening to furnish the returns to the public. The candidates are: Antigonish, McEwen Liberal; Chisholm, Conservative; Vercheres, Geoffroy, Liberal; Bisillon, Conservative; Haldimand, Montague, Conservative, and McCarthy, McCarthys; Quebec West, Dobbell, Independent; McCreery, Conservative.

All the constituencies except Vercheres have recently been held by Conservatives. In the general election of 1891, Sir John Thompson carried Antigonish with a majority of 227 over McGillivray; Montague had 78 over Colter in Haldimand. McCreery was elected in Quebec West by a large majority, and on his expulsion from parliament the seat was won by Hearn, since deceased. In 1891 the Liberal majority in Vercheres was 168.

And now it is said that the prohibition commissioners do not agree on a report of their labors, and that Rev. Dr. McLeod has drawn up a minority report, which we have reason to assume will recommend "immediate prohibition." This was what Mr. Foster voted for in parliament during his "moment of weakness."

It is announced that Hon. J. C. Patterson, ex-Minister of Militia, has gone to California and will not take his seat in Parliament this session. In June he assumes the governorship of Manitoba. Patterson knows a good thing when he sees it, and had no intention of going down with the Ottawa ship.

If young Tupper carries Antigonish, he will be the biggest tool in the Ottawa Tory paddles. He can quit work every morning then, and get his job back at night.

A VERY LIVELY TILT.

In the Nomination Proceedings at Vercheres.

Between Mr. Ouimet, Minister of Public Works, and Mr. Tarte, M. P.

The celebrated Mr. Tarte, M. P. for L'Islet, and Hon. J. A. Ouimet met at the Vercheres nomination and had a lively time. The Star reports say: Mr. Ouimet traced the origin of the Manitoba school trouble to the settlement of the Jesuit Estates question by the late Mr. Mercer. As far as he was concerned no personal consideration would stop him in pursuing the end which the government had now before it. No question of personal interest, of salary, or anything else would affect the line of conduct which they had to follow.

"If you condemn by your vote, separate schools," he went on, "and the cause we support, God have mercy on that cause, and God have pity on us in the future of confederation." The Conservative party, Orangemen and all, were unanimous. All Mr. Ouimet's colleagues had signed the order-in-council. The defection of Dalton McCarthy would not prevent the Conservative party from carrying the traditions which had been its strength and glory in the past. He continued: "I beg you to believe that what I say is said in all sincerity. Come and give a vote in the presence of God, in the presence of your conscience."

At this point a chorus of "Oh, oh!" came from the crowd which had been listening quietly hitherto.

"We have come to that," said Mr. Ouimet, "that a man cannot name the Divinity without being put under suspicion. Are we not respectable people? Have we not the right to be respected, and to have our words received with at least that degree of confidence that you give to our opponents? You should at least abstain from hurling insults at your adversaries, and receiving their remarks with a sardonic smile (a voice "whats that?"). He concluded shortly afterwards.

Mr. Ouimet was followed by J. I. Tarte, who, as usual, was prepared with a valise full of books and records. These he referred to from time to time to the great edification of his hearers. He commenced by accusing Mr. Ouimet of exaggeration and attempting to deceive the crowd. When politicians descended to such artifices, they would be treated as they deserved. Mr. Ouimet had said, practically, God have pity on them if they did not pronounce in favor of Mr. Bisillon. Mr. Bisillon, and no other, was the savior of his country, and so on; but such inflated talk would not be taken seriously.

"We come to accuse the government," continued Mr. Tarte, "the government which pretends to be able to enter into the Holy of Holies. Does it or does it not?" "Yes, yes," shouted the crowd.

Mr. Tarte next referred to the McGreery and Wellington bridge scandals. The McGreerys had robbed the country of a million dollars. If a man stole a sheep he would get ten years in the penitentiary. McGreery escaped with a nominal punishment. Sir Hector Langevin had escaped by means of the scandalous evidence prepared for him by Sir Alexander Lacoste and Sir John Abbott. Prison air had proved bad for McGreery, and he had been released with all the honors of war. The minister had spoken of dignity and national honor; Thomas McGreery was at present the Conservative candidate in Quebec West.

Mr. Ouimet—"He is not the candidate of the government." Mr. Tarte—"What? Then who is the government candidate? Has the government got a majority of sixty votes in the house, and is it yet unable to find a candidate in Quebec West? However, say you as he is not your candidate, I shall withdraw the statement."

"Another liar," said Mr. Bisillon. "Mr. Bisillon," said Mr. Tarte, turning to that gentleman, "you are not a gentleman. You see," he continued, turning to the electors, "the kind of candidates they send to oppose Mr. Geoffroy. However, gentlemen, Mr. Bisillon is a young man, and will perhaps improve."

The government had asked for a gain of a hundred votes in order to turn the Liberal majority in the county. That was an insidious aim. They had commenced by disfranchising the county; now they wanted to dishonor the electors. They wanted to buy their votes.

A voice—"They have not money enough." Mr. Tarte next accused the government of having voted \$2,500,000 for the promoters of the Hudson Bay railway, which was merely a scheme to put money in the hands of the friends of the government, in order to enable them to subscribe to the election fund. What would the citizens say if their municipal council acted in such a manner?

Mr. Ouimet explained that the Hudson Bay subsidy would have to be approved by the representatives of the people, in parliament, before it could be paid. Mr. Tarte—"Yes; but the government counts upon its sixty votes majority. The contractors have already gone to work."

Mr. Ouimet—"You know more than I do." Mr. Tarte—"Yes; I know more than you do," and the crowd applauded.

Mr. Ouimet—"I say he knows more about it, because the contractors are friends of his."

AROUND THE WORLD.

The News of the World in Brief—The Cream of our Exchanges.

Lady Thompson has bought a house in Toronto and taken up her residence there.

Benjamin Moran, a well known resident of Dorchester, dropped dead Saturday morning.

John M. Keith, a native of Kings county, has been elected mayor of Missoula, Montana.

Hon. Mr. Laurier arrived in Ottawa Monday for the session, in excellent health and spirits.

Winnipeggers enjoyed cricket, football, tennis, baseball and golf as their good Friday sports.

In the Wisconsin assembly Monday night, the woman suffrage bill was killed by a vote of 49 to 33.

James Duffy jumped from the Brooklyn Bridge Saturday afternoon, struck the water below and did not resurface.

It is said at Winnipeg that Premier Greenway will very shortly dissolve the Manitoba legislature on the school question.

The highway bridge across the Magdalen river, near St. George, Charlotte Co., was carried away by the flood last week.

A. L. Slipp, the well known horseman of Toronto, has sold his livery business and will move to Eastport and take charge of the McCall park.

Col. Beattie and "three men" of the British expedition marching on Chitral, India, were killed and two officers and seventeen men wounded in an attack on some hill villages.

A man and Pierre Cole residing at Chateau Bocher, Que., in attempting to cover up his sugar on Saturday last, fell into a pot of boiling syrup, and is not expected to recover.

Near Bayboro, North Carolina, a negro burned his infant son to death. She put it into the fire-place on the red-hot coals and he was not taken out until it was dead. The woman is now in jail.

The Montreal Star notes the return to that city of Northumberland county of Hon. Peter Mitchell, where he has been conducting his campaign. He is confident of success at the next election.

The managers of the St. John bucket shop have been released from custody and the gambling place will not reopen. The police authorities of St. John deserve commendation for closing up the place.

Harold Frederic, the London correspondent of a New York paper, predicts the probable defeat of the Imperial government on the local option bill, which will be taken up in a plenary session. Parliament re-assembles on Monday next.

It is understood that the negotiations between the Newfoundland delegates and the Dominion cabinet committee, looking to confederation, will result in an early agreement on the main points submitted. The delegates left yesterday for home.

August D. Gillet, who has been in Massachusetts, Halifax, N. S., is under arrest at Boston, charged with the murder of Alice, the eight year old daughter of Geo. W. Sterling. The mutilated remains were found buried in a cellar, and bear the marks of a terrible outrage.

Mr. Edmund McDougall of Charlottetown, accidentally dropped a lamp on a hot stove. It exploded, and in an instant the woman's clothes were on fire. She rushed to the barn where her husband was, but before she had reached him she had been consumed. Her husband was taken to the hospital, and his wife was found dead.

Mrs. Augustin Fleiger, of Chatham, sister of Geo. V. McInerney, M. P. for Kent, had a fit of coughing Friday morning and summoned her grandson to her assistance. He gave her a drink of water and went to a neighbor's to get a woman to come to the house, and when he returned she was dead.

Herbert M. King, a well known Halifax livery stable keeper, died Saturday an hour or two after being stricken with paralysis. He was about 38 years of age and leaves an estate worth \$10,000. Deceased was a brother of W. Andrew King, who a few years ago was elected a member of the R. B. C. I. in Fredericton.

Alex. Wilkie, confidential clerk for the commission firm of W.D. Matthews & Co., Toronto, has disappeared, and is being hunted by the police. He acted as book-keeper and cashier, and had absolute control of the firm's accounts. The examination of his books has not been completed, but the police has received a statement to the effect that the embezzlements will exceed \$40,000. Of late Wilkie had been living high, spending at the rate of \$7,000 or \$8,000 a year.

The Truro News reports a peculiar fatal accident at Belmont, near that town. William Percival, aged 17 years, was searching beneath a barn floor for eggs Thursday evening. He had removed a plank in the floor, and supported it with a chair. He seems to have placed his head under the plank in his search, and the support in some way having been knocked out, the plank came down, pinning him by the neck, and he suffocated.

A C. P. E. engineer at Winnipeg named Farr was arrested Sunday charged with attempting to fire his own home in which his wife and four children were asleep. It has since developed that he had recently insured his wife's life for \$10,000, and was engaged to marry a milliner, the wife of a recently deceased tradesman. The sensation caused by these disclosures was heightened Monday when it was learned that Farr had escaped from the officers of the law. He has not yet been recaptured.

The mutilated body of Miss Minnie Williams was on Friday found in the library of the Emmanuel Baptist church, San Francisco, and on Saturday the nude body of Miss Blanche Lamont was found in the tower of the same edifice. The victims were about twenty-one years of age and are described as being pretty, modest brunettes. W. H. T. Durant, a young medical student and a prominent member of the church in which the dreadful deeds were committed, is under arrest suspected of both crimes.

These who had heard of Sir Roderick Cameron, of New York, on Friday, was robbed of \$10,000 in drafts, and of jewels and valuables at the Victoria station, London, while en route to France. She was in her father's company and the jewels were in a tin box, which she put down at her feet for a moment. A tap on her shoulder caused her to look around during that interval the thief snatched the box and made good his escape. The confederate who had attracted Miss Cameron's attention made off with her escape also.

The story of a terrible battle for life comes from Catalina, Nid. Five men, Joseph White, James Eady, John White, Stephen Eady and Edward Eady, went out shooting in a boat. A squall upset it, but the men righted it. Time after time this occurred, until the men could do nothing more than cling to the upturned craft, which was three miles out in Trinity Bay. One after another succumbed to the cold and seas that were constantly breaking over them, until but one remained, Joseph White. He was rescued more dead than alive, but will recover.

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MR. SIFTON IN HALDIMAND.

He Relates his Side of the School Question.

Attorney General Sifton, of Manitoba, made his first speech at Hagarville, Haldimand, Thursday night, and he went extensively into the school matter. He sketched the schools' condition prior to 1890, claiming that in the Catholic schools the Catholic church was absolute and the state had no right to inspect or regulate. He alleged these schools were run in a go-as-you-please manner. He referred to the illiteracy of certain people in such school districts. Conington, Mr. Sifton said that no greater harm could be done to the Roman Catholic population of Manitoba than to enforce the remedial order and restore the former conditions. It was for them that the government of Manitoba had endeavored to enforce the act and remove the stigma of illiteracy that formerly hung over them. Let them not think there was an attempt to oppress the Catholic minority. Outside of a few centres the great bulk of the Catholic people desire to be alone, so that they might secure the advantage of the public schools. After three years the reports showed that out of the ninety-one separate schools prior to 1890, twenty-four had been disbanded, and the children now attended the public schools, while others had accepted the public school system. In newly formed districts, where the Catholics had full control, they elected at least one Protestant trustee, in one case the only English Protestant in the district being chosen. That did not look as if the Catholics believed the government and the Protestants were riding roughshod over the Roman Catholic people.

The speaker denied that the schools were Protestant; the religious instruction was non-sectarian. Again he said if the remedial order were carried out it would sweep away this system and require the introduction of a separate school system, not as it existed in Ontario and Quebec, with all the improvements of right of inspection and certificated teachers, but as it was in Manitoba prior to 1890, without any of these things. It provided that the Catholic church should, through its boards of education, control a certain proportion of the public money. It provided for a system that had produced illiteracy which would be a disgrace to any civilized country. Mr. Sifton appealed to the speakers on behalf of provincial rights. He would not, he said, have been in parliament, have voted for the disallowance of the Jesuits' Estate Bill. The talk about rebellion, the speaker said was silly. So far, however, as the law would enable the people of Manitoba, to resist the remedial order, it could be done by law and through the constitution, it would be resisted to the end.

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