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FRIDAY, OCT. 25.

THE EAST KENT ELECTION.

The Liberal-Conservatives of East Kent did wisely and well, The Planet believes, when they decided at their meeting yesterday not to contest the ensuing bye-election, but to take active and immediate steps to inaugurate an energetic, enthusiastic and successful campaign for the fast approaching general elections.

But little would have been gained by forcing a contest upon the constituency at the present time. There is to be but one more short session to the dying parliament. The general elections are billed for the early spring and our colleagues in East Kent have deemed there can be no better time to fall into line with the new Government that is to be - the exponents of principles for the people, their progress and prosperity. They

are right. But it was both significant and amusing, not withstanding, to note the exceptional haste developed by the Ross Administration in the issuing of the bye-election writ. The fiat went forth the day following the machine manipulation of the Liberal convention. Desperate straights demand desperate moves.

The enthusiasm and enterprise exhibited at the meeting yesterday in initiating the preparatory work of the big campaign was of the right sort-the sort that precedes victory. The stalwart sons of Liberal-Conservatism in East Kent propose to make themselves felt in the struggle of the people against the corporations and the machine employed to defraud them and to dishonor their Province, In their clean and conscientious battle they will have the whole-souled assistance and support of many of the sturdy exponents of the old and genuine Liberalism, whose integrity has rightly revolted against the methods that have maligned the once honored name.

They will choose a standard-bearer at their convention at Ridgetown on Thursday, Nov. 21, and there will follow a vigorous voluntary rally in the ranks.

We don't blame Mr. Lee, the Liberal candidate, for deciding to withdraw at the dissolution of the present parliament.

AS VIEWED IN RIDGETOWN.

In its report of the recent Liberal convention, in Ridgetown, when the scheduled nomination of Mr. Lee was consummated, the Ridgetown Dominion makes the following pertinent and pithy comments :-

Malcolm Campbell, a prosperous Howard farmer and prominent Liberal, had canvassed the riding and up to Friday last was full of hope.

R. L. Gosnell, of Blenheim, a popular Liberal, had been frequently mentioned as a likely man, and his friends had been sounding; and Jonas Gosnell, of Highgate ,had had many nice things said to him, and while not regarded as a sure winner it was thought he would have entered the race and likely to trot the first heat tolereably well. R. P. Wright, of Dresden, was looked upon as a strong man of the north, and Mr. Sturgis had threatened to make things interesting and lively before he would yield the preference to any other man. George Johns, of Bothwell, a stalwart in the ranks of his party, was known to be ambitious. He had been a successful and capable municipal man and was prepared to devote himself unselfishly to the wider field of politics. All the above were, anxious and hopeful, and the party were looking forward to a warm but genial contest for the desired honor. But, we do not know what a day or an hour may bring forth. While expectations ran high among the aspirants, a silent, subtle force was working through the executive and the ponderous figure of John Lee loomed up like a nightmare on the party horizon and paralyzed them all but George Johns, of

Bothwell, who was not so susceptible to the influence of rumors and refused o believe that the giant of Orford would materialize. He was not to be scared by a spectre, so he stood his ground; but the majority of the delegation had got under the spell of the medium, and for the moment all the other figures were dissolved into thin air, and only that of John Lee stood out until the balloting was done. Then the seance was over. There was no enthusiasm, only a feeling that it was

helped. On the platform, Alex. Smith, the party organizer of Ontario, sat perfeetly satisfied, knowing the result in advance.

to go that way and it could not be

In groups on the street corners in town all forenoon the delegates could be seen discussing and the word had been passed round that the Government wanted John Lee to stand. This to many was as good as a request to respect the wish of the Government and disheartening to those who would liked to have used their personal judgment.

A general feeling was engendered that to offer a nomination that would invite opposition to the favorite of the. Government would mean the emnity of the machine and place the rash; presumptions individual among the kickers and disloyal to his party

fellows Alex Smith is undoubedly a slick-

aleck. The machine was well oiled and worked smoothly.

East Kent was treated to a first class exposition of machine methods. George Johns says, emphatically that he was up against loaded dice. The delegates as a whole left the hall feeling that they had been

buncoed. Watter Mills apparently wanted to say something but was prompely choked off.

An attempt was made to placate Mac Campbell by making him chairman of the after meeting.

The delegates slowly reached the conclusion that they had been called together not to select a candidate but to nominate a candidate already selected by the Government and its

George Johns, who is evidently a man of spirit, refused to either move or second a resolution to make Mr. Lee's nomination unanimous.

The piece at the opera house on Monday was well staged by manager Smith and some of the scenic effects may have deceived some of the people, but not all.

"It was a cut-and-dried nomination, engineered by the Government, a loan company, and the conveners of the convention," remarked a well known from the hall.

One of the delegates was heard to declare that if that was a free convention he did not understand the meaning of the word free. The member of the cabinet and the organizer present on the platform, and the transparent fact that they favored Mr. Lee, hampered free discussion and a free choice and made the delegates feel that to oppose Mr. Lee was to put themselves in opposition to the

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Mr. George Johns will have his hance at the next Liberal conven-

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Liberal Candidate John Lee will not, positively, again seek parliamentary He says so. By-the-way, this is the same Mr. Lee who said he would not, positively, take; or even consider, the Liberal nomination at Ridgetown convention,

We desire respectfully to call the attention of our esteemed contemporary, the local Liberal organ to the fact that Mr. John Lee has made another "positive" statement in connection with his candidature for the next nomination.

The following from the New York Sun is amusing:

Capt. Charlie Barr, skipper of the cup defender Columbia, sailed yester-day for England, to visit his wife and relatives and friends of the other side. We suppose the Norwegian crew of the Columbia will soon be going home, too, to see their families.

Well, there's one thing fair about it. Mr. Lee's withdrawal from the field after the ensuing session of parliament will afford that rightful opportunity to the coterie of aspirants whose past services demand recogni-But they won't have it as easy

The royal party left Canada in snowstorm, and some contemperaries are bewailing the fact, and the "whatwill-they-say-in-England part of it. Well, we do have snow in Canada and it usually comes in the fall and goes away in the early spring. We do not believe Canadians have any call to be ashamed of it. There are a lot of things a great deal worse than snow in countries that brag about the "salubrity" of their climates. Nature has its compensations in climatic conditions as well as in other respects. For instance, we do not think any sane man would prefer a three-days' dust storm to a nice clean snowstorm, and a good, healthy Canadian winter is preferable to a daily deluge of rain for weeks at a time with an occasional touch of broiling sun until a country is stewing in muck, mud and malaria, and the inhabitants have mildew or their eye-brows. Every country has its drawbacks and Canada has not half as many in comparison as a lot of Canadians appear to think.

> AN' THEY DONE IT. Hamilton Times.

Sherman said "War is hell." Schley ccepted his dictum, and in the battle of Santiago his direction to the Brooklyn's gunners was, "Give them hell,

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