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## Ontario's New Premier.

As a result of his acceptance of the portfolio of Justice in the new Government of the Dominion, Sir Oliver Mowat has resigned his position as Prime Minister of Ontario, and Hon. Arthur Sturgis Hardy, his trusted lieutenant for many years, has, at the bidding of the Lieutenant-Governor, formed a new Administration.

The new Premier of Ontario is a descendant of the United Empire Loyalists, his grandfather having crossed the Niagara River at the time of the revolution. The family settled on Queenston Heights, and were living there in the troublous times of 1812. A few years later, Mr. Hardy's grandfather moved to Brant county, and at Mount Pleasant, in that fine tract of country, on Dec. 14, 1837—the day the column of royal troops, under Sir Allan McNab, marched through the village to attack the forces of Ellakim Macdonald—the future Premier of Ontario was born. He received a good education at the local school and at Rockwood Academy, and was apprenticed as a law clerk with his uncle in Brantford. In 1861 he was called to the bar, and from that year onward he took a prominent position in legal circles. He was leading counsel in many of the big cases that came before the courts, holding his own with Hon. E. B. Wood, John Hilliard Cameron, M. C. Cameron, S. B. Freeman, the Blakes, Chief Justice Harrison, B. B. Oiler and others.

Having served his apprenticeship in advocating the cause of others, Mr. Hardy proved a strong candidate when, in 1873, he ran for the Legislature, and carried South Brant in succession to Hon. Mr. Wood. From that time till now, Mr. Hardy has been retained as member for South Brant, sometimes by acclamation, but always by large majorities. In 1877 Sir Oliver Mowat invited Mr. Hardy to join his Cabinet, and for the long period of sixteen years he has remained a bulwark in the Administration, doing good service for his native Province for twelve years of that time as Provincial Secretary, and for the remaining seven years as Commissioner of Crown Lands.

The new Premier has been a hard worker. He is a model executive officer, and has always managed his department with scrupulous fidelity. But, while making a record as an administrator of a high order, Mr. Hardy has also promoted very many valuable reforms that have been productive of great benefit to the people. Mr. Hardy is an excellent debater, whether in the House or out of it. No public man can more effectively expose the weak points of the argument of an opponent, or illustrate his views with more effective anecdotes. He is a believer in popular, progressive Government, but has always held to the precaution, "Be sure you are right before you go ahead."

The elevation of Mr. Hardy to the Premiership causes little change in the Administration. In the new Cabinet the strong men of the Mowat Ministry—Messrs. Ross, Gibson, Harcourt, Dryden and Bronson—are to be found, with Mr. Balfour as new blood. With such a start, Mr. Hardy's Premiership should be long, successful and beneficial to the Province.

The fashionable whisker dye at Canadian watering places this year is black.

There is altogether too much promiscuous shooting going on throughout the country.

You may talk about your silver spoons,  
Good fortune, and all that,  
But the luckiest man in all the world  
Has brains beneath his hat.  
—Rudyard Kipling.

## No Rest for the Wicked.

There was a good deal of ballot stuffing in the Tupperian interest. If the election result had been close, it is hard to say how much rascally might have been perpetrated and condoned. Some of our Conservative contemporaries, having the fear of exposure before them, are pleading that now the election is over it is better not to force an exposure of the rascals. They say they are afraid that an investigation would hurt business! There need be no fear on that score. Justice must be done, and the rascals punished where-ever found.

Several of our contemporaries are treating the list of Q. C.s. put forth by the defeated Conservative Government, with very little respect. The Toronto News (Conservative), for example, says:

"Since the addition of the last selections to the list of Q. C.s. it will be a distinction among lawyers to be without the red bag."

And the Hamilton Herald puts it this way:

"Perhaps the reason why every Tory lawyer in Ontario wasn't made a Q. C. is because they didn't all want the distinction."

## A Solid West.

Says the Ottawa Free Press: "The Manitoba Free Press pays our contemporary, the London 'Advertiser,' the very just compliment of styling it as of 'the best and cleanest of the party organs in Ontario.' The 'Tiser' did splendid service in its section of the country, as the changed votes as compared with the previous election in Western Ontario clearly show." Yes, we are proud of the record. The West, in which the "Advertiser" has the greater portion of its circulation, with one exception returned a Liberal candidate. There will be no exception when the gerrymander is undone.

## At Their Old Tricks.

It is fortunate for the new Canadian Premier that he is not called upon to please the advocates of Tupperism. The Quebec Conservative papers, for example, tell their readers once more that he is a traitor to his race and religion, and that he has "commenced his reign by sacrificing the Province of Quebec." The Minerve, the chief Conservative organ, adds:

"We are not fanatical, but we regret that Mr. Laurier should commence by sacrificing the prestige and legitimate influence of French and Catholic Canada. The French and Catholics are relegated to the background." How different all this is from the tactics of Conservative editors and Conservative agents in Ontario! These fire-brands endeavor to make the people of Ontario believe that everything is being sacrificed to the insatiable Quebecers, and that justice to Protestants with a Premier of Mr. Laurier's race and religion is out of the question. How can the defeated Conservative managers hope to regain the confidence, even of their friends, by pursuing a course so unfair, so palpably unjust? The fact that it is deemed necessary by Sir Charles Tupper's friends to adopt tactics so diametrically opposite in the neighboring Provinces emphasizes how badly managed the defeated Conservative party is.

The new Liberal Government at Ottawa will stand for many a day if submitted to no stronger or saner criticism.

## The Tears of the Crocodile.

The Toronto Mail and Empire and the London Free Press profess to entertain the profoundest of sympathy for Hon. David Mills because he is not a member of the new Cabinet at Ottawa, having been offered a seat on the Supreme Court bench.

This is very interesting. Will our contemporaries, who now profess so great and unasked for interest in the welfare of this distinguished statesman, tell us why, if they are honest in their professed regard now, they assisted without protest the gerrymander of Mr. Mills' constituency, so as to drive him from public life, and why they used their artifices to secure his defeat in the recent election?

Mock sympathy with Mr. Mills now can never atone for these rascalities in the past.

## PURCHASING POWER OF CHEAP MONEY.

Philadelphia Record.  
Major Sanders, of Louisville, who served in the Confederate army, recalls that in January, 1865, he tried to buy a handkerchief in Meridian, Mass., but found he could not afford it, the price (in Confederate money) having been \$360, and as a compromise he bought a paper collar for \$125. With gentlemen to whom collars and handkerchiefs are a superfluity, such object lessons from the past will have very little weight. The marvel is that the inflation craze should have got such a hold upon the people of the south, where the bitter experience with Confederate money should have lasted for the present generation at least.

President Octave Chanute, of the American Society of Civil Engineers, has offered a special prize of \$100 for the best monograph on the kite, giving a full theory of its mechanics and stability, the quantitative computations appended.

## THE NEW MINISTERS.

Prominent Liberals Who Have Joined the Laurier Government.

In addition to the list already given, the following short biographical sketches of M. P.s who have been called into Mr. Laurier's Cabinet are given:

## MR. C. A. GEOFFRION.

Mr. C. A. Geoffrion was born at Varennes in 1848, and was educated at St. Hyacinthe, and afterwards at McGill University, where he received the degree of B. C. L. in 1866. He was called to the bar in the same year. In 1877 he was made a Q. C., and in 1881 he received the degree of D. C. L. from McGill, where he has been for many years professor of civil law. In 1870 he married a daughter of the late Chief Justice Sir A. A. Duffin. On the death of his brother he was offered the nomination in Vercheres, and was disposed again to refuse, but finally yielded at the request of Mr. Laurier, and was elected in April, 1895.

## HON. R. R. DOBELL.

Hon. Richard Reid Dobell, member for Quebec West, who has been appointed a member of the Cabinet without portfolio, is an Englishman by birth, having been born at Liverpool in 1837. His father, George Dobell, was a successful tradesman in that city and highly esteemed for his integrity and independence of character. Mr. Dobell was educated at Liverpool College, and came to Canada in 1857, when he was 20 years of age, and settled in the city of Quebec. For many years Mr. Dobell was associated with the Conservative party in politics, but on the occasion of the bye-election in Quebec West in April, 1885, he defeated his opponent from that party by standing as an independent candidate against the Conservative nominee, Mr. Thomas McGreevy. The contest was very close, and Mr. Dobell, who was in England at the time, was at first reported elected by a majority of seven. The recount, however, gave a similar majority to Mr. McGreevy. At the recent election Mr. Dobell was again a candidate, and on the occasion of the election of Mr. Laurier he was successful. Mr. Dobell is a member of the Church of England. He is a son-in-law of Sir David Macpherson, having married that gentleman's eldest daughter.

## HON. CHAS. FITZPATRICK.

Charles Fitzpatrick, Q. C., the new Solicitor-General, although a young man, has long been prominent in provincial politics in Quebec. He is an able lawyer, and likely to be of material assistance to Mr. Laurier in the Department of Justice. Mr. Fitzpatrick is 43 years of age. He was one of the counsel who defended Louis Riel. His wife is a sister of Sir Adolphe Caron.

## NOT REAL COAL.

Supposed Coal in Algoma Proves on Analysis to be Something Else.

Some two weeks ago the Bureau of Mines received a letter from a settler of the township of Balfour, some fifteen miles west of Sudbury station, that he had discovered a deposit of what he termed smokeless coal. He had the idea that the Government of Ontario had a standing reward for the discovery of coal in the Province and wished to know if his impression was correct. He was told that there was no reward offered by the Government, and doubt was expressed as to the existence of coal in that locality. A sample of the mineral was asked for, and with it came a letter describing the deposit as being about ten feet wide at the surface, and extending for a considerable distance. The sample was sent to Dr. Coleman, who said that it was strange to him, that it was not true coal. A sample was sent to Prof. Ellis of the School of Practical Science, to be analyzed, and another was forwarded to Ottawa for examination by Dr. Dawson, director of the Geological Survey. Dr. Ellis had not had time to analyze it so far, but Dr. Dawson reported the mineral was anphaxolite, which is known to occur in some of the older rocks in Quebec and also near Port Arthur, in this Province. Dr. Dawson had the sample analyzed by Mr. Hoffman, who described it as consisting of an association of anphaxolite and quartz, the latter forming about 60 per cent of the whole. The large percentage of quartz would lessen its value as a fuel to be used for smelting purposes, as after consumption the quartz would be deposited as ash. The township of Balfour, according to the report of Dr. Robert Bell, of the geological survey, lies wholly in what is believed to be the Cambrian formation, and if real coal is found to exist there it will upset all the accepted views of geologists as to the coal age of the world.

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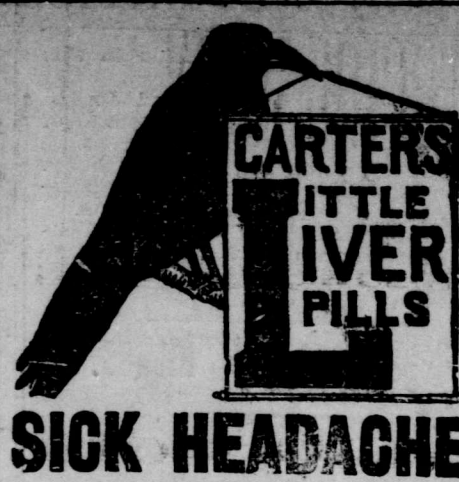
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