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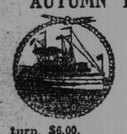

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CONSERVATIVE PROSPECTS.

Because of the large government majority in the late parliament—about fifty, near the close—Liberal papers are affecting to scoff at any possibilty of such an overturn as would shift the balance of power. On paper the majority does look big, but bigger majorities than that have been upset before now. And when the distribution of that majority and the signs manifest in the various provinces are considered, together with the issues before the people—greater and more moving than those presented in any election since 1878—the overturn which the Conservatives confidently expect does not seem so improbable as the Liberals would have us believe.

A fair estimate of election possibilities is rendered more difficult by the re-distribution which has increased the membership of the house and the representation from the western provinces while largely decreasing the number of eastern representations. The following figures give the membership of the expiring parliament, contrasted with that of the house that is to be:

	Old House.	New House.
Quebec	65	65
Ontario	92	86
Nova Scotia	20	18
New Brunswick	14	13
Prince Edward Is'd	5	4
Manitoba	7	10
The Territories	4	10
British Columbia	6	7
The Yukon	0	1
	213	214

It will be observed that the following losses are sustained by the provinces named: Ontario six members, Nova Scotia two, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island one each. On the other hand, Manitoba has three more members, the Territories have six more, British Columbia has an added member, and the Yukon gets a representative.

The standing of the parties after the last election was as follows:

	Con.	Lib.	Ind.
Ontario	54	31	4
Quebec	7	58	0
Nova Scotia	5	15	0
New Brunswick	5	9	0
P. E. Island	2	3	0
Manitoba	3	2	2
The Territories	0	4	0
British Columbia	2	4	0
	78	129	6

Then, as it hopes to do in this election, the government drew its whole majority from Quebec. Leaving that province out of the event and ignoring the independents, the parties split even. But Quebec while probably remaining in the government column this year will most assuredly not do as well as that. Even the Quebec Liberal papers admit a probable loss of five or six seats while the Conservative organizers are confidently claiming a gain of twenty-five. A well-informed Quebec Liberal who was in St. John the other day conceded the Conservatives twenty-one seats. It is altogether probable that the Conservative gains will net them at least twenty seats, an increase of thirteen. This leaves a Liberal majority of twenty-five.

Ontario alone will wipe that out. The Conservatives hold about twenty majority there now and there is no doubt that the Dundonald incident and the recent exposures in the electoral courts, not to mention the government's position on the tariff and the G. T. P., have made the Liberal chances there much less favorable. The Liberals hope to overcome that by the effect of the gerrymander with which they recently bedevilled the Ontario constituencies and in deference to their claim we can afford to concede the possibility that the number of Conservative seats here will remain the same. This, allowing for the reduced representation means that our majority will be about twenty-five and that the two parties will come out of old Canada about even.

Now Conservatives and Independents throughout the west predict, as a result of Mr. Borden's public ownership policy, an overturn unparalleled in Canadian history. In Manitoba where the parties broke about even last election, the Conservatives are claiming every one of the ten seats. Liberals admit defeat but not to this extent and a most conservative estimate gives the Conservatives eight seats, a majority of six, with one Independent, who favors government ownership, included in the majority.

The territories also promise a Conservative clean sweep, owing to resentment at the government's action on the provincial autonomy question and general approval of government ownership. But discounting that, for safety's sake, let us only claim seven out of the ten, a majority of four.

Since the Liberals won four of the six seats in British Columbia in 1900, there has been a great change in provincial politics. In a campaign conducted on federal issues the Conservatives scored a triumph which affords good foundation for the claim that, this election, we will carry at least three more seats than we did, giving us five out of the seven—a majority of three.

Granting the Liberals the Yukon seat, this estimate gives the Conservatives a majority of twelve, west of Lake Superior—party leaders are claiming twenty. So they come down to the maritime provinces.

Last election Nova Scotia returned fifteen Liberals and five Conservatives. This time the most cautious Conservative estimate makes it an even break, and the split with the Liberal county of Victoria, reported in yesterday's Star may make it ten to eight in our favor. This is allowing the government claim of Antigonish, Digby, Inverness, Guysboro, Kings, Shelburne, Queens, Richmond and Yarmouth, a claim which the Conservatives in those counties, especially the first three, angrily dispute.

Prince Edward Island last election returned three Liberals and two Conservatives. There are only four seats now and the very best the Liberals hope to do is to hold two of them.

So the victory will be won before the vote of New Brunswick is called for and there is strong ground for confidence that the province, so vitally interested in the carrying out of the Conservative railway and national port policy, will add to the majority. St. John will undoubtedly send two Conservatives. Charlotte, Sunbury, Northumberland, Carleton and Kings-Albert are certain, the party in York and Restigouche are equally confident of victory and in every other constituency there is better than a fighting chance.

This estimate makes the next parliament as follows—leaving New Brunswick out of the count:

	Con.	Lib.
Quebec	20	45
Ontario	55	31
Manitoba	8	2
The Territories	7	3
British Columbia	5	2
P. E. Island	2	2
Nova Scotia	10	8
The Yukon	0	1
	107	94

With the three or four seats that New Brunswick will add this estimate gives the Conservatives a majority of sixteen or over in the next house.

In connection with the Liberal boasts This is not an "election forecast." If it were we would make no such modest claim as sixteen of a majority. It is simply a survey of the field taken to show how slight a change in the various provinces is needed to cause a great change in the Dominion and also to show how good the chances are for such a change.

In oenection with othe hod aorolll it is well to remember that the McKenzie government had a majority of about sixty before the election of 1878 and that they faced the people with as much confidence as the Liberals profess to have today. Yet they were beaten by a majority of sixty-eight.

A DANGER.

The attorney general will return from this week's celebration trailing clouds of glory. No one will grudge Dr. Pugsley all the pleasant things that were said of him. But a fear may come over the prudent people of New Brunswick lest the scale of magnificence which prevailed on this notable occasion and the large language used should be reflected in the provincial expenditure. There was some reason in the remark of one of the banquetters that this province was too small a field for a man of Dr. Pugsley's ideas. There is a limit to the power of so few people to provide the resources for Dr. Pugsley's far expanding projects. If he cames back from the "fifteen thousand dollar dinner" with vaster schemes and more sweeping demands on the depleted treasury what is to become of the taxpayers? Unfortunately they are not all David Russells. Their capacity to contribute is limited.—Sun.

PRECEPT AND PRACTICE.

Following is a quotation from Sir Wilfred Laurier's recent speech at Sorel:

"This is our country, and you know it is a country in which the peoples of different races and religions inhabiting it will always believe in the policy of conciliation.

"I do not believe Providence has brought these different races into the same land with any other intention than that we should live together in peace and unity."

That is what Sir Wilfrid Laurier says. What he does may be ascertained by a perusal of Le Soliel and other French papers in Quebec which he controls and which every day are teeming with the basest appeals to race and religious prejudice.

An organization which will be a strong factor in the coming election and a growing power for the good of the Conservative party is the R. L. Borden club formed last night. The objects of the club, its membership and its officers together are causes of rejoicing among the leaders and older members of the party in this constituency. The side which has the assistance and sympathy of the young men is the winning side, and there is no surer way of obtaining that sympathy and assistance than by the methods which will be pursued by the R. L. Borden Club.

"A pearl" and "a diamond" were some of the epithets applied to Mr. Pugsley by an enthusiastic admirer. If the speaker had desired a more appropriate comparison he would have called Mr. Pugsley an opal. An opal is a beautiful jewel and more pleasing to the eye than most other precious stones, for that it changes its color so frequently.

FUNERALS ARE TOO CHEAP.

Funeral Directors Can't Make Fair Profit.

That's What the Secretary of the Maritime Association Claims—He Gives His Reasons.

To the Editor of the Star:

Sir,—I read with much interest in Saturday evening's edition of the Star an article with the following head lines: Cost of Dying Not Increasing; Funeral Expenses Same as Ten Years Ago. Cost of Living Much Higher, But You Can Be Buried as Cheap as Ever.

The article above referred to says that while all other expenses in living have advanced the funeral director's prices have remained the same. Again, that in St. John there are uniform prices among funeral directors, although no combine or understanding has been arranged. That in the United States and in other cities in Canada, the funeral directors' prices have advanced and in some cases overlapped the standing increase in living. That the cost in the United States, for coaches alone is greater than the cost of a whole funeral in your city.

Your reporter in an interview with a well-known funeral director said, if there is not a drop in casket materials, embalming fluids and other incidentals there must be an increase in the funeral director's prices of your city.

Refering to the cost of funerals of ten years ago, let me say that there should be, in your city, a decided increase in the funeral director's prices. In the first place the funeral director is hampered in every way in showing or advertising his goods and equipments from all other professions or trades, as the public does not care to hear of what reminds them of death and sorrow. In the second place I, as all funeral directors know, that on two occasions during the past year, wholesale dealers have notified their retail dealers, that owing to the cost of lumber and other materials and labor, that an increase in prices had been made. Taking it for the past ten years they have received at least six such notices. Then do you, as a fair-minded people, think our funeral directors should be considered extravagant if they increase their prices so as to make a fair profit?

Another point I wish to bring out is this, that your reporter refers to undertakers in St. John. I have in my official capacity as secretary of the Maritime Funeral Directors' Association, visited during the past three years, every funeral director in St. John, at least three times a year, and wish to say I have not found an undertaker in your city, but find them competent and well trained funeral directors.

Someone will say what is the difference between an undertaker and a funeral director? There is this difference, ten years ago there were men engaged to bury the dead who knew nothing whatever about the treatment of dead bodies or the way to leave roooms and buildings where contagious diseases are, nor who knew how to handle them. If the readers of your journal wishes to find out the difference between an undertaker and a funeral director let them come with me in my official visits to your funeral directors and I will show them a body of men right in their own city who have spent hundreds of dollars in learning how to care for the dead as well as how to protect the living by properly disinfecting the room where there had been a contagious disease.

Again I will show them thousands of dollars invested in plants, funeral cars, cooling boards, church trucks, embalming instruments and disinfecting apparatus, etc., as well as diplomas, which have cost hundreds of dollars to obtain, as well as the time spent in obtaining them. They have travelled miles at great expense to study under profesors, who have spent the most of their lives in mastering the art of embalming and disinfecting. Again, I wish to say that a number of funeral directors in the maritime provinces, as well as those in the upper provinces of Canada, and in every state of the United States have formed associations to educate funeral directors to take the place of undertakers. In the maritime provinces there has been an association known as the Maritime Funeral Association, which acts in harmony with a like association in the upper provinces, and fifty kindred associations in the United States, and have had during the past three years, here in the maritime provinces, paid four professors of our profession large sums of money to lecture and demonstrate to us. They also publish a periodical every month and distribute it among our profession in order to instruct them how to care for the dead and to protect the living. When dead bodies are to be shipped we are instructed how to care for them, so that the travelling public is as safe as in a drawing room. Another thing, our hands are clean of any combine and as the Saviour of mankind has taught us that we are always to have the poor with us, I wish to say I have never known a funeral director in Canada to try to sell goods to the poor that would burden or distress them. If you were to examine the books of a funeral director in St. John or elsewhere in the maritime provinces you would find many accounts never collected. I ask, then, why should not your funeral directors advance prices?

Thanking you for the favor you will do our profession by printing this article in Saturday's Star, I am,

Yours truly,

F. W. WALLACE,
Sec. of the Martime Funeral Directors' Association.
Sussex, Sept. 7, 1904.

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Great one hour sale at the Daylight store tonight. See advt. on last page. Store open till 12 o'clock tonight. Corner Duke and Charlotte streets, F. R. Patterson & Co.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Messrs. C. Brager & Sons, 148 Mill street, have just received a splendid range of furs, in martens, Persian lambs, etc., which they are selling at very easy terms, as usual.

The liberal conservative electors of Wellington ward will meet at the St. John Conservative Club rooms at Breeze's corner for the purpose of organization on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock sharp.

A meeting of the council of the Boys' Brigades is called for Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock in St. John's Presbyterian church. All ministers and officers of brigades requested to attend.

The erection of the new altar which is to be installed in the chapel of St. Vincent's convent, will not be completed until the latter part of next week. After its erection the decorators will have considerable work to do, so that it is improbable that the dedication ceremonies will be held within two weeks.

MARRIAGES.

COATES-PEARSE.— On Wednesday, Oct. 5th, at the house of the bride, by the Rev. J. B. Gough, Emily L. Pearce to Ora B. Coates of New York.

FOWLER-FLOYD.—At the home of the bride's parents, Central Norton, N. B., Oct. 5th, by Rev. Allan Spidell, Elisha E. Fowler to Miss S. May Floyd, both of Central Norton, N. B.

DEATHS

GALLAGHER—In this city on the 7th inst., Bernard Gallagher, leaving a wife and one son.
Funeral from his late residence, 25 Paradise Row, on Sunday at 2.30 p. m.

HASLETT.—At Whitehead, Kings Co., Oct. 7th, Andrew Haslett, aged 71 years.
Funeral on Sunday at one o'clock. Interment at Whitehead.

KNOWLTON—At his residence in this city on the 7th inst., Daniel Knowlton, in the 86th year of his age.
Funeral from St. James' church on Saturday, the 8th inst., at 3 p. m.

MORIARTY—At his late residence, Beaver Lake Road, on Wednesday, 5th Oct., Cornelius Moriarty, seventy-eight years of age, leaving a widow and five sons and one daughter to mourn their loss.
Funeral on Sunday at 2 p. m.

DUVAL—At his daughter's residence, 92 Somerset street, on Thursday morning, Oct. 6th, Geo. Duval, 87 years old, leaving three sons and three daughters.
Funeral Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

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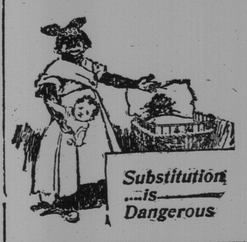

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DOG TAX JUBILEE

Just Fifty Years Ago Mayor Olive and the Council Issued First Dog License.

It is just fifty years ago since the tax which owners of dogs have to pay was inaugurated. In the year 1854, James Olive was mayor and he and his confrerés at the council board deliberated long before they committed themselves to the step of imposing upon their fellow-townsmen a tax for the ownership of dogs. The dog question then was something similar to the cat question now. The city fathers of half a century ago were alarmed at the rapid increase, within the city precincts of the canine tribe, just as now the great number of pussies is causing consternation in some quarters of the community. The result was a dog tax of five shillings.

The provisions of the dog law as then enacted remain until the present day. The city law relating to dogs is something on which many persons are not as well informed as they should be, and the following summary of its provisions will probably be found useful:

Dogs should have collars with the number of the license and the name of the owner inscribed upon them.

Any dog without a collar as above running at large can be taken up and impounded. If not reclaimed in twenty-four hours the dog may be destroyed. The owner of a dog who allows it to run at large without a collar as prescribed is liable to a fine of four dollars.

The owner of a dog who is in default as mentioned is liable to have his personal effects seized to meet the fine, or else to be committed to jail.

The people in this city who first "got acquainted through a want advertisement" would make a pretty big crowd.

COLUMBUS.

I.

Behind him lay the gray Azores,
Before him not the ghost of shores,
Behind the gates of Hercules;
Before him only shoreless seas.
The good mate said, "Now must we pray,
For lo, the very stars are gone.
Brave Admir'l, speak, what shall I say?"
"Why say, 'Sail on, sail on, and on.'"

II.

The men grew mutinous by day,
The men grew ghastly pale and weak.
The stout mate thought of home. A spray
Of salt wave washed his swarthy cheek.
"What shall I say, brave Admir'l, say,
If we sight naught but seas at dawn?"
"Why you shall say at break of day,
'Sail on, sail on, sail on, and on.'"

III.

They sailed, they sailed, as winds might blow,
Until at last the blanched mate said,
"Why, now, not even God would know
Should I and all my men fall dead.
These very winds forget their way,
For God from these dread seas has gone.
Now, speak, brave Admir'l, speak and say."
He said, "Sail on, sail on, and on."

IV.

They sailed, they sailed. Then spoke the mate,
"This mad sea shows its teeth tonight,
He curls his lips, he lies in wait
With lifted teeth as if to bite.
Brave Admir'l, say but one good word,
What shall we do when hope is gone?"
The words leaped as a flaming sword,
"Sail on, sail on, and on."

—By Joaquin Miller.