

## OUR CANDIDATES.

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**W. M. MCLEMONT FOR EAST HAMILTON.**  
**R. A. THOMPSON FOR NORTH WENTWORTH.**  
**DANIEL REED FOR SOUTH WENTWORTH.**  
 Work for them. Vote for them.

## THE HAMILTON TIMES

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1908.

## IN PURLOINED CLOTHES.

The effort made at the local Tory convention, and since, to steal from Mrs. Hoodless the credit for her good work for technical education for girls, to forward which she was employed by the Ross Government, and to give it to J. J. Scott, who had never, up till that time, been known or suspected to have any care whether technical education made progress this century or next—and whose voice certainly was not heard in clarion tones cheering on Ross and his helpers in the work—is but part of the general scheme of the Whitney campaign.

Its object is to holdly attempt to steal for Whitney credit for all in sight, without regard for the fact that in most cases he has been found opposing to the extent of his power the very policy that has produced the creditable results.

Confronted with the fact that in three years he has increased the Provincial expenditure from \$5,267,000 in 1904, to \$7,144,000 in 1907 and that his estimates for this year call for \$8,000,000, Whitney and his friends say: "Ah! but didn't we also increase the revenue?"

The increase of the expenditure, 43 per cent. in three years—as much as it was increased in 33 years under Liberal rule—is a very serious matter, even if the money had been taken from the Province in ordinary revenue, and by some magic of the spendthrift Government. But it was not.

Whitney has been squandering the capital of the Province! Without including in the revenue for 1907 the money received from the sale of Cobalt and Kerr Lakes (a capital item, according to Whitney's and his Treasurer's contention) Whitney spent last year \$578,500 more than the current revenue of the Province. That is an unpleasant fact.

And while it is true that the current revenue of the Province is larger than it was in 1904, it is not so because of, but rather in spite of, Whitney. In nearly every instance the policy that has produced the increases was bitterly opposed by Whitney when in Opposition, and was carried into effect against his will.

Whitney strongly opposed Ross' policy of developing the northern country and building the T. & N. O. R. It was that policy which led to the finding of Cobalt and the mineral riches of the district. He has no right to any credit for the revenue increases from that quarter. Had he had his way there would have been no development policy, no railway, no Cobalt, none of the consequent revenue.

Whitney opposed the succession duties, the tax on corporations and the brewers' and distillers' licenses. He got from these three sources in 1907 no less than \$1,368,933. Aside from having—contrary to his declared policy—increased the succession duties about 10 per cent., Whitney deserves no credit for that large item either. He even stood pledged by his declaration in the Legislature to repeal the tax on corporations! But he did not do it.

A careful scrutiny of the items going to make up the total revenue shows that at the most only \$351,492 can be credited to the acts of the Whitney Government out of the total of \$8,320,419.

It is plain then, that, while it by its increased expenditure by \$2,447,000 in three years, is entitled to any "credit" for that showing?

## LIVING ON CAPITAL.

Whitney's supporters seek to make much of the enormously increased revenue, and speak of it as a great triumph of Tory finance. But the claim will not bear examination.

Look at the facts. Where did it come from? How much of it is due to Whitney, and of that amount how much really benefited the people?

The increase of revenue in 1907 over the figures of 1904 was about \$2,200,000. In 1904 the receipts from mining were \$27,000. In 1907 they were \$1,690,000. Quite a difference, isn't it? Why shouldn't Whitney boast?

Look below the face of the figures. The ugly fact is then readily discovered that of the vast increase AT LEAST \$1,185,000 IS NOT "REVENUE" AT ALL, BUT IS, BY WHITNEY'S OWN STANDARD, CAPITAL THAT HAS BEEN SPENT DURING THE YEAR.

This sum was the price received for Kerr and Cobalt Lakes. They were ours; Whitney has sold them. Instead of placing the \$1,185,000 in capital account, as a business man would do if he sold some of his property, the Whitney Government put the money into current revenue receipts and spent it. The amount gone, there is no more Kerr or Cobalt Lakes to draw revenue from.

Another item which brought up the receipts of 1907 was an increase of \$394,000 in the Dominion subsidy, which the Government at Ottawa paid to the Government of Ontario, and for which the latter deserves no credit whatever, its only part being to squander it.

These two items alone make up \$2,084,000 of the increased receipts of 1907 over 1904. Whitney had no part in pro-

ducing the increased subsidy. The \$1,185,000 received for the sale of Kerr and Cobalt Lakes was not current revenue, at all. When we deduct this we find that the increase from mining in 1907 was about \$478,000.

That is still a considerable sum. How much of it is due to Whitney? What did his policy do toward producing it?

The fact is that if Whitney could have had his way we should have had not a dollar of it. He was ever the foe of the development policy of Ross which opened the northland and gave us Cobalt and its rich minerals. He resisted it to the extent of his power and it was in spite of him that it was carried out.

Whitney fought against spending a dollar on forestry in North Ontario. He opposed inquiry into the resources of the territory.

He declared it to be a land of "rock and muskeg," the "land of the stunted poplar," and ridiculed it as being "not worth \$3 a mile."

He fought against the building of the T. & N. O. R., which was the means of discovering Cobalt and producing the great mineral development.

He resisted every appropriation for the benefit of Northern Ontario.

What title has he to any credit for the increase in revenue produced by the policy which he has ever fought? His only accomplishment has been to squander the money yielded by the Ross policy which he opposed.

And had he not sold off those two valuable assets, Kerr and Cobalt Lakes, and spent the money, he would have had a very large deficit. And a showing of a surplus made by such a course, is like the householder who, bent upon having a jolly time of it, sells his home and blows in the proceeds in riotous living. Reckoning time will come by and by.

## ILL DIRECTED JEERS.

Editor Pense now further explains that he didn't consult with his leader the C. N. R. guarantee either in the Rossion House or any other place. This clears the Kingston man on one charge, but leaves him open to another. Why, if as he now says, this matter was so important as to demand a protest, did he not, as the Opposition's financial critic, consult with his leader and have the Opposition lined up in solid array against the Government? Couldn't he trust MacKay?—Spectator.

The senior Tory organ is very indignant in this recalling public attention to the disgraceful falsehood by which Whitney got this guarantee railroaded through the Legislature in its closing hours. Having been driven to withdraw its frequently repeated untruth about Mr. Pense, common horse sense should have counselled silence. But it had it not.

"Couldn't he trust MacKay?" the organ asks. There was no question of trusting MacKay. The course of the Legislature hung upon whether Hon. J. Pliny Whitney, Premier of the Province, was to be trusted when he made a solemn statement and pledged his word of honor thereto.

The legislators, Mr. MacKay and Mr. Pense included, thought they could. They accepted that solemn pledge, and they found afterward that it was worthless!

And now the Hamilton machine organ actually jeers at MacKay and Pense because they trusted to the honor of the Premier!

## UNBLUSHING KNAVERY.

The Tory efforts to explain away Whitney's odious gerrymander have been of no avail. It admits of no excuse or palliation. It remains an example of unblushing knavery. It is morally as incapable of excuse or extenuation as the act of the midnight incendiary, who seeks to destroy his neighbor's family by firing his dwelling.

There was no occasion for a disturbance of the constituencies—if we omit the Premier's desire to cheat his political opponents in the approaching election. That this is true is made evident by the fact that even the poor excuse offered for making changes was not respected in making them!

The only attempt at excuse was the statement that it was desirable that inequalities in population should be corrected. Let us see what this excuse amounts to—how far the gerrymander has been used to equalize population:

West Lambton, 34,808; East Lambton, 22,470. Here is an inequality of 12,338, yet no change was made to rectify it. Why? It was not easy to find how a change could be made to give the Tories a greater advantage.

East Kent, 23,232; West Kent, 33,528. This is a difference of 10,296, yet no change was touched! Same reason.

North Perth, 29,255; South Perth, 20,620. This inequality was not touched, and for the same reason, of course.

But when it came to making changes that might help the Tories, no excuse of equalizing population was needed. Look at Peel and Cardwell!

Peel had a population of 18,032, and Cardwell, 17,473, a difference of only 559. Yet Whitney takes from the smaller constituency of Cardwell Albion township and the village of Bolton, which had been in it since Confederation, and placed them in the larger one of Peel, thus increasing the inequality of population to remedy, which was the sole excuse advanced for the gerrymander.

By this act the population of Peel is made 21,473; Cardwell, 14,030, difference, 7,443.

What was the special object to be served in the Peel and Cardwell case? Here it is. Owing to Mr. John Smith's great popularity he has been able to carry Peel by narrow majorities for the Liberals. By adding about 200 Tory votes to his riding, this gerrymandered, Whitney hopes to shut him out of the Legislature. It is a safer, but not a more cowardly, way of getting rid of a troublesome opponent than cutting his throat.

The gerrymander is full of just such

illustrations of Whitney's hypocrisy and dishonesty in dealing with the question. Were this but the one foul blot upon his record it would be enough to damn him in the eyes of all honorable men. And the Premier's falsehood and duplicity in this matter are of a piece with his whole course. He leaves a trail of violated principles, broken promises and outrages upon the sense of justice and fair play of the people. Ontario is disgraced by his record.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Let's see, Mr. Lynch-Staunton, how much enthusiasm did that School Book Commission furnish your bank account out of the Provincial treasury?

The Government is not perfect. It has done some things which, with the experience it now has, it would not do again.—Toronto News.

But it doesn't regret the gerrymander—one of its most infamous outrages. Whitney promises to do even worse in that direction!

The Mail and Empire complains that Mr. MacKay did not "keep the Legislature in session until July" to fight Whitney's Mackenzie and Mann guarantee. The organ is inclined to severely condemn MacKay for permitting the wrongdoing by Whitney.

While the Whitney Government increased its expenditure for our most important industry, agriculture, by 7.57 per cent., it increased its expenditure on outside legal assistance—"something for the boys"—240 per cent. "The boys" must have been very hungry!

The Methodist laymen left no doubt as to their views on Whitney's fifth legislative. And it is equally repugnant to honest men everywhere. Whitney, of course, intends to back down on it when change will make it easier to whack the temperance men.

The Spectator begs people to remember that the best way to induce Whitney to be clean and honest is to give him "heartily endorsement at the polls." Now let somebody advocate presenting great criminals with sets of silver and illuminated addresses in order to "induce" them to be good.

"Voter"—Yes, you are correctly informed. As soon as Whitney got into power he increased his own salary \$2,000, also the salaries of his Ministers, in spite of the fact that for years he had been denouncing Ross' Government as overpaying its members. But don't marvel at that; it is of a piece with Whitney's general inconsistency.

A Tory contemporary says the Methodists "picked a very bad week" for their conference this year, election day breaking in the middle of it. The Methodists hardly need to be reminded that in selecting the date for the election Whitney did not consult their convenience. He would be immensely gratified if his arrangement would prevent many of them from voting.

Law reform legislation was one of the things Whitney was to give us. When he found that his hand was about to be forced by Mr. MacKay he resorted to the trick of having a meaningless motion introduced by Hon. Mr. Foy in order to head off any move toward real reform! And he refused to even consider doing away with the outrageous and unpopular fees system of remunerating officials! Most violated pledges!

Whitney's personal organ, the Toronto News, has a cartoon representing a quartette of election crooks out of a job. One of them is labelled "Thumb Nail Artist." This is probably intended to represent Freeborn, the man whom the Tory machine sent out to train its election officials and scrutineers to the trick of destroying Grit ballots. But have the Tories really got rid of this gang?

Because Mr. J. A. Macdonald is one of the University Governors, and approves of the management of its affairs by an independent commission, Whitney pretends to regard him as antagonizing Mr. MacKay. That is pure childishness. Mr. MacKay does not oppose management of the University by a commission. What he does oppose is giving that commission a huge sum of money—\$500,000, \$600,000, perhaps a million, a year—without the Legislature knowing how much it is or what it is to be used for.

There are indications that the suspicions entertained about the preparation of the voters' lists in the new ridings of Northern Ontario will not fail to be realized. It is said that a large number of Grand Trunk Pacific men will be deprived of the right to vote, and that, in some cases, employees of Tory candidates are entrusted with their preparation, and that the brief time allowed will not admit of revision by the judges. There is much in the situation to awaken dissatisfaction with those who desire a fair voters' list, and a free ballot.

It is laughable to hear the Tory steers telling Crown Pointers that the Liberals are to blame for bringing immigrants to the city. Why, it is one of Whitney's boasts that he has very largely increased the expenditure for bringing immigrants to Ontario! The colonization and immigration expenditure of the Province has increased under Whitney by 161 per cent. in three years. He has complained bitterly that the Liberal Government at Ottawa does not treat Ontario right, but takes the immigrants on to the Northwest, and he has appointed officials to induce them to come to this province. The Dominion encourages no immigrants to come to the cities, and it is bitterly denounced

by the Tory Manufacturers' Association for that course. Again and again it has vainly sought to get it to bring foreign workmen to our cities.

The Tory organs are asking for much praise for Whitney for giving the settlers the timber and minerals on their lands, and claiming that Mr. MacKay is a late convert to the principle. Mr. MacKay, when Commissioner of Crown Lands in 1904, seconded Mr. C. N. Smith's resolution to give the settlers the timber and minerals. A year ago he again seconded a similar motion, and Whitney, in his Chesterfieldian style, denounced it as "balderdash." As Mr. MacKay points out, Mr. Cochrane's bill of last session gave the settler "all the timber and minerals when there were none there."

Not even such a thorough-paced Whitney apologist as the Toronto News can bring itself to acquit Whitney of surrendering to the spoilsmen. The best it can do is to admit that "the demand for reprisals was strong and insistent, and the News has held that too many officials were removed. Sometimes the action of the Government seemed to be capricious. In cases Ministers surrendered unwisely to desperate local pressure." Whitney denies adopting the spoils system. This is the Premier given the lie by his most devoted Toronto organ. Up here, it is so fully acknowledged that Whitney is dominated by the spoilsmen that even his strongest supporters do not attempt to meet the charge of spoils.

It is utterly useless for Whitney and his henchmen to try to make the people think that the LaRose deal, by which a syndicate which included a Minister's brother-in-law was presented with \$130,000 of the people's money, is an excusable transaction. With the best of will to defend the acts of Whitney, even the Toronto World revolts at that and some other of the doings of "that last awful week." It says: "When the LaRose payment of \$130,000 is considered it will be seen that it is a matter that must have been under consideration for some time. Why the Government should have appeared to desire to conceal it until the last hours of the session only the lunar deities can explain." The reader must feel that it was pretty rank, to write an expression like that from the World.

In 1902 Whitney's party in the Legislature declared for (1) fewer members—40 instead of 94; (2) redistribution only after every decennial census; (3) High Court Judges to do the redistributing. Now Whitney, with a majority of 42, cannot find it in his coward conscience to face the people whose trust he has so basely betrayed, so he casts to the winds the principles of which he so recently boasted and sets about gerrymandering the Province, shifting a township here and there wherever a Liberal is to be weakened or a Tory helped, and manufacturing a number of seats which he thinks can be counted upon as sure to strengthen his party.

No wonder his vainglorious boast has been altered by those who know the man to read: "Cowardly enough to be dishonest, and dishonest enough to be cowardly."

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