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THE VICTORY.

The result of Tuesday's by-election in this city will be a great surprise to strangers and careless observers. It seems a wonderful thing to turn a majority of 997 into a minority of more than three hundred in a little over three years, and to do it in a by-election against the whole strength of the federal and provincial governments concentrated on the constituency.

The liberal conservatives were fortunate in the chief issue and in their candidates. For one they are indebted to the government, for the other to themselves. In the nature of things the Grand Trunk Pacific contract would have been one of the important questions. But the minister of railways and the government candidate made it the important issue. They declared at the beginning of the campaign that the vote of the people in this election would be regarded as their judgment on this contract.

Besides this issue there was more or less appeal to the people on the merits of the government and its policy. Electors were asked to vote for Sir Wilfrid Laurier to credit his government with any business prosperity which the country has experienced, and generally to express confidence in the present administration.

Of course there was no appeal and an order to the people to support the government whether they thought it good or bad, lest the city should not get its share of patronage, and should be refused assistance in the improvement of harbor works.

fers, and attempts to coerce. From insidious suggestions of the minister that he would be able to do more for the harbor if Mr. McKeown were elected, down to the proposition of Mr. McKeown that if the people did not elect him they would say that they did not want to more wharves, and still farther down to Mr. George Robertson's manifesto forbidding the people to give the government a slip in the face, the attempt to win votes by the promise of bribes and the threat of punishment to the community went on. It was a low appeal, and it failed utterly. The little deceptions did not deceive, the coercion did not coerce, and the dictation only made the dictator ridiculous.

Of the defeated candidate it is not necessary here to say anything harsh. During the campaign it was necessary to refer to Mr. McKeown's political record, and to his broken pledges. These doubts had their effect on his campaign. But on the other hand it must be admitted that he has popular personal qualities that his campaign speeches were far more effective than those of his leader, and that his defeat is due more to the cause he represented and the policy he supported than to himself. It may be that some voters thought another aspirant better entitled to nomination, but it is doubtful whether any other government candidate would have shown equal strength at the polls.

The minister of railways has certainly not distinguished himself in this contest. Mr. Emmerson is credited with the exercise of his influence to secure the nomination of Mr. McKeown, and by this interference he alienated the sympathy of many old line liberals. He showed bad judgment in selecting for the campaign issue the measure which was least popular in the constituency.

Both sides had good organization. The conservative committees were well attended from the first, but the interest and zeal increased, until at the end there was great enthusiasm, and on election day the party had an uncommonly large crowd of volunteer workers ready to undergo any hardship and exposure, or to perform any honorable duty. No doubt the feeling that the tide of public opinion was with them was a great inspiration to the party workers.

After Dr. Daniel was nominated the Globe said that his defeat might be predicted by a comparison between the crowded liberal rooms and the thin attendance at the conservative committee. There was never any lack of people in Mr. McKeown's committee rooms, though some of those who were most needed remained away, and it cannot be said that the government failed for want of organization.

Considering the weather the vote is a large one. With a fair day and good roads the vote would have been larger and so would Dr. Daniel's majority. As it is he has a majority of about three hundred, and carries ten wards out of the thirteen. A special effort was made by the government party on the west side, which was particularly interested in harbor improvements. The bogus dredging operations, the transparent Hays telegram, Mr. Robertson's manifesto, and all sorts of local canvasses were used.

Supporters of the government are giving all sorts of explanations of the election. The Globe says that the conditions which brought about the defeat "are not merely of yesterday, nor are they solely the result of local arrangement or management." Yet it adds the people gave their votes "yet largely upon matters operating within the constituency, matters personal, local and elementary."

THE BY-ELECTIONS.

If St. John had not been captured by the conservatives there would have been no change in the party representation of the eight constituencies in which elections were held yesterday. As it is the opposition have three seats in the place of two. But this is not the whole of the gain. In every case so far as can be learned, the conservatives have made gains.

St. John turns a government majority of 997 to an opposition majority of about 300. From West Queens, Prince Edward Island, the returns are not complete, but those received indicate a smaller majority than that of the last by-election.

St. James, Montreal, which has a nominal majority of 1,200 to 1,500, reduced by Bergeron last year to 647, is the greatest disappointment. It was hoped that Bergeron would improve that record, but his gain is slight.

The Hochelaga majority has been cut down from 635 to 195, and but for the direct influence of the Grand Trunk company, the seat would have been captured.

St. Hyacinthe, which was liberal by 1,411 in 1900, is now liberal by 197. The majority in Montserrat has been slightly reduced. It was 213 three years ago, and is now 200.

Ontario makes a still better showing. The conservative majority of 43 in East Bruce has been increased to 190 and that of 221 in East Lambton in 1900, has been swelled to 538.

The changes in Lambert, Hochelaga and St. Hyacinthe are large enough to transfer from one column to the other any riding where the government majority is only moderately large. On the whole was a good day for the conservatives.

PREPARING FOR THE LAND ATTACK.

Japan is not disclosing her intentions, but the impression prevails that she is transporting or about to transport two or more divisions of her army to Manchuria, either directly or by way of Korea. It is not known what forces Japan has now on the Korean peninsula, or whether it is the intention to mass the troops at the Yalu for an invasion.

SEARCHING OF HEARTS.

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WHO WERE THE SECTIONALISTS?

Nothing could be more unfair than the charge made against the St. John electorate by Mr. Emmerson that the people of this city gave a sectional and local vote, ignoring national considerations. The minister of railways, who would doubtless have been found in St. John on election night had his candidature been successful, proceeded to Montreal, and the next day went to Halifax, where he gave out to the government the interview reprinted elsewhere.

The charge is absolutely without foundation. Mr. Emmerson ought to be ashamed to make it or cause it to be made. It is the more gratuitous and presumptuous coming from the provincial leader of the party which has just been making a direct and insulting bid for the support of St. John on the ground that the most sectional ground there appeal to local self-interest came altogether, or almost wholly, from the minister's advertisement, and Mr. Emmerson is directly responsible for it.

Eight by-elections in one day, and in several of them the whole eight of them opposition gains. One seat lost by the government, two opposition seats held by greatly increased majorities, and the majorities reduced by two hundred, four hundred and nine hundred in government ridings. This is a record which has no parallel in the political history of the dominion or of any of the provinces.

On the whole there is reason to believe that the larger number of conservative candidates would have had a larger majority. But the majority will do.

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Then look at the two Ontario constituencies. One was carried in 1900 by 43 majority by a candidate whose personal popularity and influence far exceeded that of any other in that group of constituencies.

There is no doubt that the government is growing weaker every day in Ontario. Its hold on Quebec is weakening. The chief commercial city of this province has shown what the feeling is in New Brunswick and the government here in Prince Edward Island is not what it used to be.

CONCERNING THE STAY AT HOME LIBERALS.

It is claimed by some ministerial organs that the government suffered in St. John by the small vote polled. The Moncton Transcript claims that the increased conservative vote was small, but that the victory was won by stay at home liberals. If this were so the fact should be small comfort to the government, which, according to the statement of its own organs, is so unpopular in St. John that even the liberals will not take the trouble to vote for its candidate.

MISS FLORENCE KENAL.

Miss Florence L. Kenal, 424 Maria street, Ottawa, Ont., writes: "A few months ago I caught a severe cold, which settled on my lungs and remained there so persistently that I became organically affected, and my head and back began to ache severely and frequently."

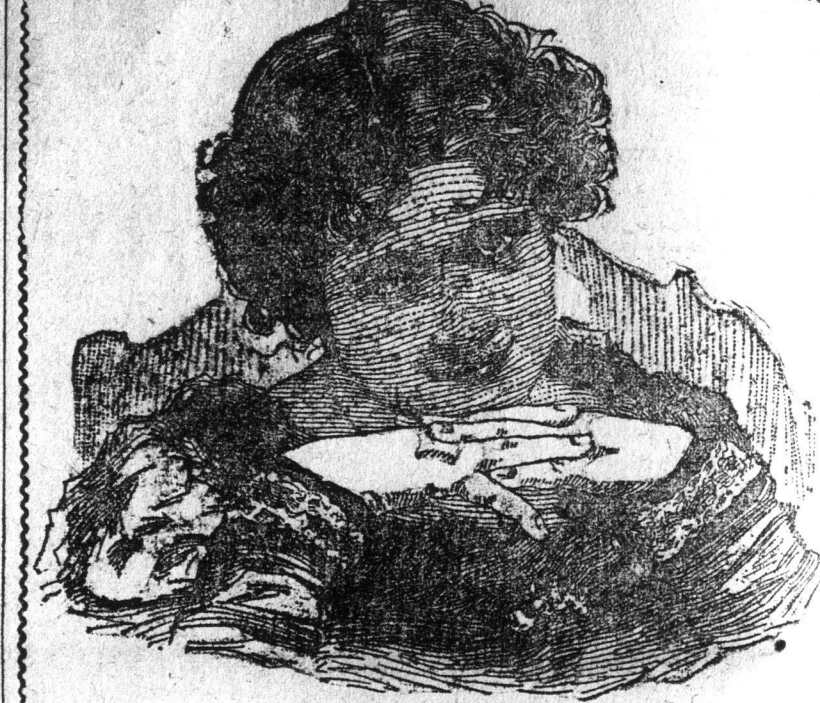
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WAR PROGRAMME.

The Russian Version of the Big Fight Port Arthur.

A Number of Japanese Vessels Were Injured Which Accounts for Not Following Up the Attack.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 18.—A long official despatch from Vice-Admiral Alexiev, recounting the details of the fight of Feb. 9 at Port Arthur, was given out today. It enumerates the Russian casualties, and says it is known that a number of Japanese ships suffered severely, which accounts for their not following up the attack.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The Japanese legation here received an official despatch from Tokio tonight stating it was not true that any Japanese vessels had been destroyed, so far as Eigo Bay. It says the Japanese vessels that were captured had already been made. The Japanese fleet remained intact.

This message also denies the report that the Japanese were driven from the neighborhood of Kin-Chau after a skirmish in which 150 Japanese were taken prisoners, and declares that the Japanese made no attempt to land at Eigo Bay. It says the Japanese forces have, up to the present time, made no attempt to land at any point where they could come in contact with the Russians, and that consequently all reports of land actions and Japanese losses are untrue.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—So many offers of assistance, military and medical, have come to the Russian embassy from Americans all over the country that Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, today called to St. Petersburg to learn the wish of the Russian government in the matter. As soon as the answer has been received an announcement as to its character will be made. In the morning mail at the embassy came fifty-one letters from doctors, nurses, engineers and men wishing to enter the Russian army or navy, offering their services to Russia in the Far Eastern war.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Suchida, the Japanese consul general here, received tonight from the Japanese legation at Washington the following cablegram from the minister of foreign affairs at Tokio: "The London Times-Polish correspondent reports that Vice-Admiral Alexiev, Feb. 14 sent the following: 'The disabled warships Casarevitch, Pallada, Retvizan, Askold, Novik, Sebastopol, Petropavlovsk, and the Russian railway train Chesnov (Kinchau) Russians admitted about 70 killed and 100 wounded. Japanese prisoners of action and 120 Japanese ships are disabled. Boyarin slightly damaged. The Japanese surviving party reported to have landed at Eigo Bay destroyed.'

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Recent Events in the City.

Together With Correspondence.

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Monday afternoon the Misses Peters with a handsome set.

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ROME, Feb. 18.—Balkans, especially the province of Kova, province of here to be serious.

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