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THURSDAY, MAY 1.

MR. WHITNEY'S CAMPAIGN.

As the Banner-News pronounced, the burden of Mr. Whitney's two-hour address was an attack on the personal characters of the members of the administration. . . . In short, Mr. Whitney's campaign is one of shameless slander.—Banner.

In view of the fact that the "Liberal" organ, which submits the above verdict upon the able address of Mr. Whitney to the electors of Kent, has already been twice exposed and convicted in the use of untruthful personal slanders against the people's candidates, Messrs. Davidson and Fraser, one would naturally suppose that its close and affectionate acquaintance with what intelligent men of integrity call "shameless slander" would enable it to speak with authority thereon.

However, the public have learned that because the Banner says something is so, it does not necessarily follow that such is the case. The people of Kent have heard or read Mr. Whitney's address for themselves and the verdict is in their hands and is not—fortunately—that of the machine organ.

It is interesting, though, to note that the paper which has been utilizing all its little energies in decrying the Liberal-Conservative leader and endeavoring to persuade the electors that he has no policy, has not one word of criticism to offer concerning a single plank of his clearly defined progressive platform, nor any comment to make upon his stern arraignment of administration of public affairs under the Ross regime. The Banner prefers to run away and shout ugly names from its little corner.

As the St. Thomas Times points out in an able article, it is a time-worn subterfuge, made to do duty at every Ontario election, that the Opposition have "no policy." When was an election known that the Government did not raise the cry? It is a catch cry with no substance in it, meaning nothing but that the parties raising it are unwilling to be judged on their own record and desire to turn aside discussion from their own doings.

In the common and larger acceptance of the term, that is, so far as it refers to treating and dealing with foreign nations, to the regulation of tariff customs and foreign trade, the Ontario Opposition as such certainly have no policy. Neither has the Ontario Government. They have nothing to do with these matters—these are matters within the domain of the Dominion politics; as to which it used to be a fixed plank in the platform of the old Ontario Government not to interfere.

As to matters which do come within the domain of Provincial politics, Mr. Whitney has again and again, both in the House and out of it, distinctly defined his position and stated what he would do.

He would dispose of the provincial pulp-wood limits by proper public competition and not by secret private deals; he would organize and conduct agricultural colleges on a practical and useful basis; he would put the financial affairs of the province upon a sound and proper footing, and have a proper audit and a true statement of its accounts given to the people; he would renovate and rub off the barnacles from our present school system, have an advisory board, make the education of the 95 per cent. of pupils who begin and end their education in the public school, practical and adapted to fit their life's employment; he would abolish school book monopolies, and have proper and up-to-date text books furnished the people at reasonable cost; he would reduce useless expenditures and dispense with needless officials; he would equalize taxation and compel corporations to pay their just share, and would not filch revenues from the already heavily burdened municipalities; he would remove the administration of the liquor law from the influence of party politics; he would banish the

numbered ballot; govern without a "machine"; make the election laws effective and have them honestly administered; he would keep his promises, say what he will do and do what he says.

Contrast the attitude of Mr. Whitney with that of Mr. Ross on the liquor questions for instance. Which of them has taken the manly, open course? Can any one tell Mr. Ross that it is to deceive and humbug, and shuffle out of doing what he solemnly pledged himself honestly to perform.

And what about the planks Mr. Ross and his friends have stolen—the export duty on sawlogs for instance, which the Opposition first proposed, which the Government for years hooded, and finally had to adopt, after the province had already suffered heavy loss.

"No policy" sounds well indeed from Mr. Ross and his friends.

THE CANDIDATES.

The electors of West Kent have to choose between two candidates, T. L. Pardo and John S. Fraser.

As to the personal character of the two men, we have nothing to say; it belongs to them exclusively. We believe they are both gentlemen of the highest character, but the public record of each is a matter of fair discussion.

Mr. Pardo, the Liberal candidate, has represented the constituency of West Kent in the provincial parliament for eight years. In 1894 he ran as Patron, appealing especially to the farmers as one who would be best fitted to look after their interests. In 1898 he repudiated his Patron friends, the farmers, and ran as a straight Liberal party candidate and was again elected. He now seeks re-election for a third term.

Mr. Fraser, the Liberal-Conservative, is a lawyer by profession, and as such is of no mean repute, ranking as one of the ablest advocates in the west. He has taken a deep interest in agriculture, and has for many years past farmed, and farmed successfully, a large tract of land, having at the present time under his personal management three hundred and fifty acres, employing labor to work it, rather than rent the land. He has not been backward in endeavoring to aid and further the interests of the farmer in Chatham township, where his land lies. Realizing the necessity of a dairying industry, he some years ago built and equipped at his own expense a cheese factory and has personally managed it for some years past, paying to the farmers around and about him as much as \$400 per week for dairy produce.

As a resident of Wallaceburg he has shown himself fully alive to the wants and necessities of his municipality. He has represented it as solicitor and counsel for many years with unvaried success after appearing before the committees of the Provincial Parliament (of which he will be the next member for Kent) advocating and supporting measures affecting the town of Wallaceburg. His fellow citizens have elected him to fill every position of trust in their gift—councillor, reeve and, by virtue of his office of reeve, county councillor. To him, along with Mr. Gordon and other public spirited citizens, the glass works and beet root sugar industries of the town of Wallaceburg owe their existence, making Wallaceburg the most thrifty town in Western Ontario. As a private citizen he is admired and respected by all irrespective of politics. And, strange to say, in all his successful public career our local contemporary can find nothing to criticize or find fault with, except to make a false and mistaken statement that he supported Mr. Blackburn, the present caretaker of Harrison Hall, in opposition to a colored man. A perusal of the minutes of the County Council will enlighten any one on this point. Isn't it (with apologies to Mr. Ross) picaresque?


Mr. Pardo has occupied a seat on the back row of the Government benches. He has never introduced a motion or resolution in Parliament. He has never made a speech on the floor of the House in support of, or in opposition to, any measure brought forward. He has been a voting automaton, supporting his party on any and every occasion.

Electors, whether farmers, merchants, mechanics or laborers, from the public record of the two men, which will more ably represent you in the Provincial Parliament?

With the public record of Mr. Pardo before us it is an insult to the intelligence of the farming community to hear the auctioneer clap-trap talk that Mr. Fraser is not a fit and proper person because he enjoys the reputation among his many other qualifications of being one of the ablest advocates in Western Ontario.

When you see the streets placarded, as no doubt they will be ere long, with posters, "Remember Ross," do not forget him, and elect Mr. Fraser member for West Kent as a condemnation to a Government that is corrupt, extraneous and unfit to manage the affairs of this Province. "It is time for a change." "Ross and Pardo must go." "Whitney and Fraser will win."

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AN INDEPENDENT OPINION.

Here is what the Toronto Weekly Sun says about Mr. Whitney and the corporations of Ontario:

"The question of the taxation of the property of corporations such as electric railways, telephone, telegraph, and gas companies, is of great importance. The action of the government at the last session (1901) in withdrawing the bills under which these companies would have been taxed, and substituting one of uncertain man-agement, under the provisions of which the corporations will wholly or partially escape, gave Mr. Whitney an opportunity to take a stand for the public. That opportunity he used, and in his speech he does not fail to call attention to the position he then took and still maintains."

Whitney Will Win!

Pardo has not yet spoken.

The People vs. the Machine—and the People will win.

Kent will be well represented in Whitney's coming Government.

Young man, don't fail to register. And Remember Ross and his poll-tax assessment.

Why should Mr. Pardo ask a renewal of confidence and decline to furnish account of his stewardship?

The local Liberal organ undertakes now to give the Prohibitionists advice. It would be more courteous to first apologise for the insult it hurled at them.

A turnover of eight constituencies in Ontario is all that is necessary to give Mr. Whitney a working majority in the next Legislature. That should be easy. Ottawa will guarantee one turnover—Ottawa Citizen.

And watch Kent. This grand old county will figure in that, too.

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Candor may be good enough in the abstract, but the man who is habitually candid is generally hated.

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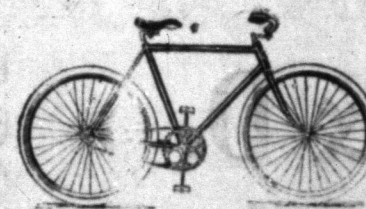
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