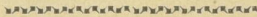


In politics, Mr. Corning is a Liberal-Conservative, but resides in a constituency, which has always been intensely Liberal. However, at the general local elections in 1882 he was elected as a supporter of the then Liberal-Conservative government led by the late Sir John S. D. Thompson. This government resigned shortly after the elections, giving place to the Liberal government first led by the Hon. Mr. Pipes afterwards by the Hon. W. S. Fielding. In the House of Assembly Mr. Corning took a leading part in all the debates, and carefully considered every question upon its merits, aiming to give an intelligent vote always. Although staunch to his party, his candor and firmness made him popular and respected by the dominant party.

It was near the close of this Parliament's term of office that the secession agitation began; and the Fielding Ministry went to the country with the cry of "Repeal." To this issue, Mr. Corning presented an unwavering opposition, but the popular enthusiasm was too great for him and he was defeated in June, 1886. Since then he has continued in private life although he has often been urged by his party to contest the county in their interest. He is more proud of the stand taken by him against the "Repeal" agitation than of any other of his public acts.

During the political career Mr. Corning was a peer among his fellows. Honest, fearless and independent he did not hesitate to oppose his party when he believed it to be wrong. He scorned to make use of those cheap, puerile methods which are the distinguishing marks of a third-rate politician. When on the platform fighting a political opponent he was as perfect a gentleman as when in his own home. He never indulged in personal abuse; he fought for a principle and his arguments were always straightforward, clear-cut and to the point.

In all the offices he has filled in his native county, he has honored the office and discharged his duties to the satisfaction of all concerned. His aim has been to advance the prosperity of the county in every way possible. Acadia may well be proud of him and his career and we wish him many more years for active service.



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The editors of this column feel bound out of regard for themselves to offer a word of explanation in respect to the numerous typographical errors in their work in the last issue. The printed matter there presented was an exact copy of the first proof. No alteration had been made, although the proof-sheets had been carefully read and corrected. The entire blame therefore rests with the printer on account of some oversight in his office.