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tempted to defend the conduct of the honorable Minister of Agriculture.

Hon. Mr. Fraser—He does not require it. Applause.)

Mr. Clarke said that perhaps he did not know more than the other members of the Cabinet; for they had all been in the recent contest and had violated the policy the Liberal party had laid down years ago of neutrality on the part of the Provincial Government in Dominion politics. The honor-

about the cottry posing as a poor farmer. He looks like it, doesn't he?" Mr. Clarke looked, pointing to the honorable member for South Oxford. He should have known from the figures accumulated by Mr. Blue that the farmers of Ontario were prosperous, but he had gone about telling them they were in a bad way.

Hon. Mr. Fraser—They voted that way. (applause.)

Mr. Clarke seemed about to conclude the Commissioner of Public Works, and laughter from the Ministerialists, and from the front about the benches, died for the moment about the speaker.

that subject, said he could not understand how the honorable Commissioner of Public Works could make out that the Government had received a majority of the votes cast of 15,000. Taking Toronto, there was a popular majority for the Conservatives of 5,642. He was proceeding to explain how he arrived at these figures, and said: "If you deduct the vote cast for myself, the vote cast for my colleague, Mr. E. Clarke, and if you deduct the vote cast for Mr. Armour"—he had arrived at this point in his explanation when he was dis-

Mr. Fraser resumed—In Ontario there has been cast for the Government 157,444 votes and against 158,902, leaving a clear majority against the Government 1,458. (Opposition applause.)

Mr. Meredith—It was all cast against the Government. (Opposition applause.)

Mr. Fraser—Let him speak for himself.

Mr. Clarke—Was it given for the Government?

Mr. Fraser—We want to know what you put it. (Applause.)

Mr. Clarke—I will tell you more than what to know. (Opposition applause.)

Mr. Fraser—Ask the honorable gentleman from East Durham. (Opposition of "Order, order.")

Mr. Fraser (persisting in being heard)—Will the honorable member for the

Mr. Clarke said he would not, but he would tell the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works about East Durham. In that constituency there had been 2,600 votes against the Government.

Mr. Mr. Fraser—That is the total vote is it?

Mr. Clarke—Yes. (Ironical laughter from ministerial benches and Opposition benches.)

Mr. Mr. Fraser—Where do you put it?

Mr. Clarke—I will leave the honorable member from East Durham to answer for himself.

Clarke—He did not get it.

Mr. Fraser—Well, ask the honorable member himself.

Clarke said he would not proceed with the figures he had prepared, but would give the statement to the public.

Mr. Fraser—And let the public laugh at it.

Clarke repeated his contention that the Government had not a popular majority and although the Opposition could

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 she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

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TUPPER'S ATTACK ON THE GRAND

TRUNK.

It is chronicled of James I. that being re-

quested by his old nurse to make her son

"a gentleman," he answered emphatically,

"I'll make him a baronet gin ye like, but the

de'il himself couldn't make him a

gentleman."

Of Sir Charles Tupper it may truthfully

be asserted that his own wife-pulling and

pipe-laying made him a baronet, but no

power on earth can make him either a

gentleman or a statesman. Despite his decla-

ration of four years ago that he was improp-

er for civil servants to become active partici-

pants in federal elections, and with-

standing that he and a large number of his

family and relations are annually pocketing

many thousands of dollars of money belong-

ing to the Canadian public, Tupper has

for weeks been dashing up and down the

Dominion traducing and lying about one-

half of the people.

By appealing to the outlying Provinces

of the Dominion, with those tangible

documents that he knows so well how to

dangle before the eyes of a needy elector-

ate, the Prince of Billingsgate has managed

to secure a small majority for the party

which keeps him and his following in

affluence, but that does not satisfy him. In

a speech which he delivered at Amherst,

N. S., on Monday last, he makes it

abundantly evident that he is disappointed

to find the Tory majority in the new House

so small that recalcitrances such as have been

tolerated by past Parliaments will now

be more difficult of accomplishment.

A man who had achieved a satisfactory

victory would be in better temper than it is

evident possesses the champion stretch of

truth and good manners. His particular

bete noire at the present stage is the Grand

Trunk Railway and its managers. They

take a large addition to the rates for car-

rying Canadian freight. We are con-

fident that, despite Tupper's present suc-

cesses, the people will so decree, and that

soon.

THE LIBERAL WEST.

Take a map of Ontario, tick off the con-

stituencies as carried in the recent election

by the respective political parties. Then

will be seen how overwhelmingly the

popular vote in this part of the Dominion

favors the freest possible trade with our

neighbors. Not only have the Liberals in

the territory west of the Niagara penin-

sula gained a third more seats than held

by them in the last Parliament, but, with

the exception of Hamilton, for the result in

which special reasons might be adduced, the

popular vote in favor of the Liberal policy

has been enormously increased in almost

all of the constituencies.

The ADVERTISER has a large circulation

in every one of these ridings, and to aid its

readers to reach a complete apprehension

of the facts it presents a comparative state-

ment of the majorities in the constituencies

carried by the respective parties on March

8 and in the election of 1887. The fol-

lowing seats were

WON BY THE LIBERALS:

1887. 1891.

Bothwell, N. 21 460

Brant, N. 1,164 1,000

Bruce, S. 574 542

Bruce, W. 370 122

Elgin, W. 1,085 850

Essex, N. 832 600

Essex, S. 335 849

Huron, E. 32 61

Huron, S. 61 307

Kent, W. 378 835

Lambton, W. 112 487

Lincoln, W. 558 650

London, N. 495 117

Middlesex, S. 39 183

Norfolk, N. 414 624

Norfolk, S. 108 235

Oxford, N. 278 468

Oxford, S. 1,790 1,534

Perth, N. 43 72

Perth, S. 200 77

Waterloo, N. 35 5

Waterloo, S. 239 89

Welland, N. 308 300

Welland, S. 212 453

Wellington, S. 268 169

Wellington, C. 126 157

Wellington, S. 50 167

Wellington, S. 126 202

WON BY THE CONSERVATIVES:

1887. 1891.

Bruce, N. 118 41

Cardwell, N. 403 200

Elgin, E. 54 42

Haldimand, N. 84 42

Lambton, E. 142 566

Middlesex, E. 105 413

Middlesex, S. 739 155

Norfolk, S. 61 420

WON BY THE LIBERALS:

1887. 1891.

There is a bungle in the returns sent in

by the returning officer for one of the

divisions in Carleton township, South West-

worth, which illegally increases the Con-

servative majority from 2 to 72, and a re-

count will take place on Saturday next,

which in all probability will result in the

seat being given to the Liberal. In North

Middlesex, where the Tory candidate is

stated to have a majority of 2, a recount by

the county judge will be demanded, and

the Liberals hope to win that seat also.

Leaving these two disputed constituencies

out of the count, however, it will be seen

that the Liberals have carried 39 of the

Western Ontario constituencies, while the

Conservatives have carried eight; if we

count the two seats in Hamilton, ten. The

Liberals have captured nine seats held in

last Parliament by Conservatives, and have

only lost one—East Elgin—by a small

majority. The Conservatives have in-

creased the majorities in five of the Western

Ontario constituencies held by them; the

Liberals have increased the majorities in

23 of the 30 constituencies held by them.

But for the fact that two Liberals ran in

West Middlesex, the Conservative candi-

date there would have been badly beaten,

and if a second candidate favoring compe-

tition had been elected by the States had

not been elected by an immense majority.

As it was his majority of 21 in 1887 be-

came 460 this year. Another very sig-

nificant feature in the returns is the enor-

mous increase in the majorities polled in the

Oxfords for Sir Richard Cartwright and Mr.

Sutherland, M.P., respectively.

Again, we say the ungoverned

West would have gone solid for the freest

possible trade relations with our neighbors.

Even as it is, the large majority of the

people have declared themselves determined

to secure that desirable change at the

earliest possible moment.

THE BEST OF PROOF.

A correspondent calls our attention to

the fact that the Free Press slanders London

by asserting that the recent Domi-

nion election resulted as it did through

the drunkenness of the community. He

says there is not a tittle of proof to support

the assertion, and points to the fact in

support of his allegation that neither on

election day nor on the day following was

there an arrest for drunkenness or a drunk

before the Magistrate. It is really too bad

that a London newspaper should so far for-

get what is due to the fair fame of the city

in which it is published as to print such

unfounded libels upon its people.

MORE TESTIMONY.

Our city contemporary bemoans the fact

that in the infamous voters' list upon which

the recent Dominion elections took place

"dozens of Conservatives were left off."

That's nothing; hundreds of Liberals, duly

qualified to vote, failed to find their names

on the lists. And these are the lists that

cost the taxpayers of Canada hundreds of

thousands of dollars to compile! These

are the lists that were to be so infinitely

superior to the lists compiled by the mun-

icipal officials! Away with them!

MR. MEREDITH BREAKS SILENCE.

The Ontario Legislature began its ses-

sions very quietly yesterday. There was

no division on the address, and very little

talking. But the hopelessness of the po-

sition of the Opposition was cleverly ex-

plained by the debate. It was shown,

and Mr. Meredith could not deny it, that

the race and religion cries of the Conser-

vatives prior to the Provincial general elec-

tion were stifled the moment the contest

was over. They were not even once raised

in the subsequent bye-elections in Hamil-

ton, North Bruce and elsewhere, and the

only conclusion that can be drawn from this

extraordinary silence is that they were not

raised in earnest, but for the purpose of

trading on the prejudices or ignorance of

the electors. That they were dropped in

the bye-elections, Mr. Meredith not once

appearing to say a word for the reason,

shows how subservient he continues to be

to the Ottawa leaders.

The sudden silence policy has shown be-

yond a doubt the poor foundation upon

which Mr. Meredith's crusade stood. No

wonder both he and his friends in the Leg-

islature were glad to get away from the

discussion of the subject as speedily as pos-

sible.

TURNING THE SCREW A LITTLE

TIGHTER.

Complaint is being made at various points

along the international line that unduly

high valuations are being put upon Cana-

dian goods shipped to the United States.

By some people this is thought to be a

local circumstance, due to the ignorance of

the United States customs officer. In

reality, however, it is but the carrying out

of a new provision of the United States

customs laws, designed to put a check upon

under-valuation. It is an agency for help-

ing the McKinley tariff to turn the screw a

little tighter on the Canadian exporter, and

so promote the policy of restriction which

is seemingly so much in favor on both sides

of the boundary. How it works may be

illustrated in the case of a horse purchased

for shipment to the Detroit, Buffalo or

New York market. The dealer, we may

suppose, purchases the animal from a

farmer at \$150, and if he succeeded in enter-

ing him at the same figure at the custom

house the duty will be only \$30. But the

customs officer under the new law may re-

fuse to enter the animal at \$150, and place

upon him instead a valuation of \$160. In

that case the duty is calculated at 30 per

cent., so that instead of the exporter pay-

ing a fee of \$30 to Uncle Sam's collector he

is obliged to pay \$48.

It is by articles of this kind that the

McKinley tariff is bound to make itself felt

in Canada, as our farmers will speedily

discover when they have anything to sell

which comes under the ad valorem rates.

But Uncle Sam learned this trick from our-

selves. It is one of the inventions of that

distinguished statesman and economist,

Hon. Mackenzie Bowell.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The Dominion Government paid \$100,-

000 in law costs last year. The favorite

lawyers received over \$9,000 each.

A Conservative contemporary says

that Sir John Macdonald has but one child

—a son. He has a daughter also, though

she does not appear much in public.

No less than \$51,000 was charged for

extra clerks by the Ottawa Government

last year and \$9,115 for extra messengers.

The Tory majority in the capital is easily

accounted for.

Over \$4,700 was charged by the Do-

minion Government for travelling expenses

last year. Their employees were paid

\$16,384 for the same purpose. Holidaying

in Ottawa official circles is costly.

The Liberal majority in South Middle-

sex is assuming something like proper pro-

portions. It

