

"THE MEN BEHIND BORDEN."

The Story of the "Nest of Traitors"—The Most Disgraceful Political Episode in the History of any Country.

During the last years of Conservative rule matters went from bad to worse, and it was no wonder the country did not progress. While the members of the government were quarrelling and instigating election rascalities the people stood aghast in amazement; the people by their votes, however, turned the "nest of traitors down."

The year 1896 will go down in history as the year in which the Tory misrule received its quietus in Canada. It was in the early days of that year that the dimensions and bickerings which had been going on for months in the Tory government culminated in the strike of the "Seven Bolters," which was aptly described by the then premier, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, as "the blackest piece of political treachery on record."

HOW ST. GEORGE HAS GROWN

Under Liberal Rule—An Important Letter.

ST. GEORGE, Oct. 28.—In yesterday's issue of the Courier there appeared a communication signed "Granite Dealer," St. George. An attempt is made to answer the open letter of the Utopia Granite Company to Mr. Ganong. The article is supplemented by what is evidently a wireless message from Northfield, Vt., written and signed by "Yours for Ganong and Protection, Granite Cutter."

An impartial view of both articles finds them beset with the usual fairy tales, exaggerated truths and absolute falsehoods, that abound in the campaign literature of the "obstruction" party. Granite dealer calls "Utopia's" letter merely a "puff of wind from a dyed in the wool Liberal. Why take the trouble to answer it, gentlemen? The people of St. George know better. They recognize the fact that as far as the Utopia Granite Company is concerned, the company does not lend its name to mere "puffs of wind," and it is because those who are so busy circulating such reports.

"Granite dealer" says competition with cheap labour is causing a loss of business to them. What cheap labour? Is it in St. George? with the 20 per cent increase in wages under the Fielding tariff? That the granite firms all are Conservatives is false, gentlemen. Of the six concerns, three are Liberal, and the majority of the cutters are working in Liberal sheds.

"In March, 1903, a committee of granite men from St. George, Montreal and Toronto waited on Mr. Fielding," says "Granite Dealer." Strange! Who represented St. George? Where did the committee meet Mr. Fielding?

The granite industry of St. George will have to look to the Conservative party for relief, Granite Dealer affirms. The Utopia Company asks Mr. Ganong if he favours the Chamberlain policy, and how it will effect the granite industry? We repeat that question.

"The policy of the government has nothing to do with the prosperity of St. George," according to Granite Dealer. Well Conservatives make the same claim all over the Dominion. However, in the last six years thirty-five new dwellings have gone up in St. George, and employees of granite concerns have built twenty of them. Three new granite sheds have been erected.

Be honest, Granite Dealer, business has never been so good in your industry. A new pulp mill; a new wood mill; three new sawmills in St. George alone. It speaks for itself.

They had to face the electors in a number of bye-elections, and a conspiracy was hatched to make scapegoat of the premier, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, who was considered by them as a "stubborn old nuisance."

Sir Charles Tupper, who was then High Commissioner in London, was secretly set upon. He could be relied upon, at any rate, to let the Bowlers and Grafters dip into the public chest at their own sweet will. The general elections must take place immediately after the then coming session, and an immense campaign fund had to be provided if they were to hang on to office.

In answer to the secret invitation of the conspirators, among whom was Tupper, Sir Charles left for Canada, ostensibly "to consult the government respecting the fast Atlantic steamship service." Parliament was called together for January 2nd, 1906, and meanwhile "the cabinet was never more united."

Then came a blow which the conspirators had not anticipated. On December 24th the good old Tory riding of Cardwell elected an opponent of the government by over 300 majority. On December 27th, in Montreal Centre a Liberal was elected by over 300 majority, where a Tory had been previously elected by over 500 majority.

Parliament met on January 2nd, 1896, and a speech from the Throne was read and the House adjourned. Still no signs of the impending "bolt." The House was to meet again on the 7th.

On January 4th, the "Seven Bolters" got in their work. Hon. Geo. E. Foster, Hon. Sir C. Hibbert Tupper, Hon. Dr. Montague, Hon. John Flaggart and others sent in their resignations as members of the government. On January 7th the announcement was made in the House by Sir A. M. Caron,

the temporary leader of the government in the House.

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