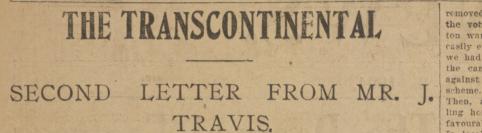
### THE LIBERAL NEWS, SAINT JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY MORNING. NOVEMBER 2, 1904.

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## He Presents Reasons for Supporting the two colleagues, polled a solid, even vote Let such of those old electors who remain Government Project.

To the Editor of the Globe:

Sir,-In connection with Mr. Blair's sensational escapades he has succeeded in kicking up such a dust as greatly to obnection with the great trans-continental railway question.

Had the government unwisely yielded to Trunk Co., and which, as you have so ciearly shown, was indorsed by the great mass of the conservatives in parliament, and had granted to the company the large subsidies of land and money which they den alone expected) has never dared to breathe a slander, are to be hurled from asked, the government would then have power? Heaven forbid! been guilty of the very wrong doing with which they are now groundlessly charged, and would have justly deserved the condemnation of not only Mr. Blair and the opposition, but of the entire Canadian people. That road then would have been simply from the Pacific to the Atlantic, with its Atlantic terminus at Portland, Me. Such a ridiculous act would have been but the duplication and extension of the blunder made before Confederation, by which the Grand Trunk system obtained its Atlantic terminus in a foreign country. Eut, most wisely, the government peremptorily refused to entertain, for one mo ment, such, from a Canadian point of view, an unsound proposition. On the other hand, no such wise scheme could have teen proposed, eliminating from it the land and money grant desired, and the objectionable feature of its sole Atlantic ter-

minus at Portland, as a connection by a Northwest railway system with the Great Grand Trunk railway, which, with its perfect net-work of branches, has its ramifications all over this great, magnificent province of Ontario. The future, both from in eastern and a western point of view, in the enormous amount of trade, both ways, which the system will necessarily create and develop will not fail to demonstrate the enormous value of the wise action in the premises of the present government.

While the branch road from North Bay te Toronto and thence all over Ontario, and over a considerable portion of Quebec province, will prove an immense feeder to the main line, this latter itself will be the great feature of national importance. With the main line from the Pacific coast, through the great Northwest, Manitoba, Northern Ontario and Quebec to the great eastern St. Lawrence port, Quebec, and this is but the beginning of what the possibilities promise for the future. With the St. Lawrence bridged there and the shortest and best possible routes to the sea, and with the triffing differences in distance as between Portland and St. John, and the

contract clauses for the routing of freight to the latter port, the shipment of the great mass of western freight, both summer and winter, through Canadian ports is absolutely assured. The present government is fully alive to the importance of and now his own election is in the greatits eastern St. Lawrence port, Quebec, and the improvements being made in the navigation of the river, in the introduction of ice-breaking steamers, etc., will soon give or four conservatives (every one of which

the old historic port greater importance than even that which it enjoyed in its How is it in Quebec? Sir Wilfrid

population some 12,000, an increase of about six times that from 1885 to 1896, when "the nest of traitors" who coustituted the most corrupt, worthless government, which ever, for evil, controlled the scure the clear view that should be taken affairs of any country, were expelled from of the government's wise action in con- power. And is it for these, the Jack Haggarts, the Montagues, the George E. Fos ters ("The Man with a Past") that such men as Laurier, Fielding, Patterson, F. the application made to them by the Grand Borden, Sutherland, Fitzpatrick, Hyman, etc., at whom-even the most slanderoa

opponents of the government (Foster, in

Blair.

his disgraceful sneer at Sir Frederick Bor-The question above suggests a reference to that which virtually amounts to a slander of the whole government, the "railroad owned government," of Mr. R. L. Borden, and to that which is implied by such an expression. The obvious reply is, that Crowded Meetings in Kings and Albert the very creation of the railroad commission under the so-able chairmanship of our New Brunswick friend (they say in the Northwest: "New Brunswick, where all the brains come from'') Mr. Blair, is a conclusive answer to Mr. Borden's clearly imguine over the result. plied slander. There was a time, and a railroad system to suit it, when such an expression had force, but the bonest and ntelligent administration of railway matters by the railway commission has deprived Mr. Borden's oft-repeated slander-

ous expressions and insinuations of all their force. I should add to the above that since the I should add to the above that since the present government came into power the increase in the value of property in Cal-inson, M. P. P., were the speakers of the gary has quite kept pace with the increase of the population. The expenditure there his last summer in the erection of buildings will approach closely to two million dollars. The increase in population throughout Manitoba and the Northwest so long designated by thousands has now passed from the tens of thousands into hundreds of thousands, and with the full opening up of the country under the policy of the present magnificent ministry will ere long, like that of the United States, be re presented literally by millions. If ever Lincoln's saying, "It is not safe to swap horses when crossing a stream," was applicable in any case it is surely now with the

splendid progress that Canada, in every way, is making. The question, on that point, at which I now will glance is, what are the probabilities? Take, first, Nova Scotia. At the the former conservative stronghold in the eastern part of Kings will give hearty support to Hon. Mr. White. Many old time conservatives are supporting him in this cluster. last general election for the local House, of 39 members for the whole House but two conservatives were elected. One of these was for Cumberland, from which I him in this election. have advices on the very highest conservative authority, that Logan's election is absolutely without question. Even Borden's election in Halifax is uncertain. In 1900 C. P. R. AND ELECTION. he could not carry his colleague with him est possible doubt. No intelligent, candid,

Alleged Attitude of Railway Company, truthful conservative in Nova Scotia calculates upon the return of more than three TORONTO, Nov. 1.-Notwithstanding the denial from C. P. R. headquarters that the C. P. R. was taking part in the present political campaign it is learned that the company is doing everything Laurier, when the redistribution of seats possible to influence voters against the

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ference to the capabilities of the North- fully that if he had the desire to do so Grand Trunk Pacific project. west Territory. A few weeks ago I saw be could so re-distribute the seats in Quethe report of the crop of wheat of one of bec as that not a single conservative could the farmers there. Off of twenty acres he be returned. But in that, as in other rehad raised 1,009 bushels, or over fifty spects, he had a higher ideal than that of bushels to the acre. He had already bis opponents. But without that, there is threshed 15,000 bushels and estimated the absolutely no reason in the world to exremaining quantity to be threshed at 15,-000 bushels more. Thirty thousand bushalmost solid body of 1900. els of the finest description of wheat in the this province from Europe a few weeks world (about "dollar wheat" at that) as the crop of one farmer! That is quite a prior to the elections being held that year. The canvass then being generally made all feature for Canada! And yet, in Manitoba, you will find plenty of similar cases. In over Ontario was disgraceful almost beyond the new Northwest to be opened up by the belief. In the Mail and World, the Hamil-G. T. P. railway there are millions of ton Spectator, and in all the rest of the acres of such wheat-producing land, with conservative papers in the province, as well millions more for barley, which is almost as on their platforms and in the streets, indigenous to the soil, potatoes, etc., for the race and religion canvass was made to cheapest production in the world of do duty "for all it was worth." Laurier anlimited quantities of bacon. Take, with and Tarte, in a province which really this, the dairy products, which naturally scemed to have gone wild in the matter, were denounced, where, with so many here, go with the successful working of large pig ranches, and you have in prospect, altogether, shipments of wheat, flour, unfortunately, such cries are so effective as Frenchmen, as Roman Catholics, and as Lacon, cheese and butter virtually in sight, Traitors (with a big T). You hear no such following the opening of that country, in cries now to any extent. Then, the in quantities, masses, to which those now befamous gerrymanders of the past have been ing shipped from Canada are the merest abolished. Altogether it is not possible bagatelle! Is there an electorate in any for the conservatives to repeat their sucprovince in Canada that will dare to take cess of 1900. The redistribution has reupon itself the responsibility of checking duced their number of seats, their race and the most speedy possible consummation of religion cry is practically dead, and the the great prospective work so splendidly advantages from their old gerrymandering calculated to produce such a result? If frauds no longer exist. Altogether, it is so, it might not be too much, in common clear that their majority here must be very honesty, to say: "Let them be, Anathema." materially reduced, with the clear possibility of its entirely disappearing.

Take, still, another lesson. When I first went to Calgary, Alberta, in 1885, that In Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, the town or village, had a population of eleven Northwest and British Columbia, of the hundred, all told. When, after an absence thirty-one seats, at the very least, the libfrom there for some years, I re-visited it erals must unquestionably win twenty. in 1894, remaining there until nearly the So no one in his senses with any knowcose of 1895, I found it almost completely ledge whatever of the situation can poson-progressive, virtually standing still. sibly estimate the majority by which Instead of, in that period of ten years, government will be sustained at less than the population having very materially infrom 40 to 60. And of all the provinces in Canada none is more immediately or increased, I found the greatest dissatisfaction prevailing and lots of people leaving tensely interested to return by an overthe place entirely hopeless for the future. | whelming majority there the liberal party The whole country was cursed by having than your own province by the sea, the not merely "flies," but brakes "on the great Canadian Atlantic winter port for wheel." Property was literally going begging for purchasers. And I, not being as Brunswick.

hopeless of Canada, of the Northwest Ter-Although I have not been very recently ritories, or of Calgary, as they, accepted offers at little more than merely nominal ledge of it in the past enables me to judge prices of blocks of lots all over the town. of it pretty correctly. Restigouche, Glou-As was Calgary then, so, too, a greater or less extent was all Canada. That was the bert, Victoria and York, all, it seems to result of the stupid, non-progressive, hide me, will easily return liberals. Of the ously corrupt administration of affairs in others I really see no reason why Queens Canada by one of the vilest governments and Sunbury, Carleton and Charlotte that ever disgraced this or any other should not, also, this year, all elect libercountry. The mere enumeration of the als. Northumberland may be doubtful, most notoriously criminal of their acts but it, too, may go liberal. There is cerwould exhaust columns of your paper. tainly no intelligent reason why it should How is it to-day under a government bet- not do so. This alone leaves St. John city ter than which has never administered the and city and county. Blair, as a liberal affairs of this or of any other country? beat that humbug Foster, who they are Let Calgary, in those same Northwest Ter- new trying, for the second time, to foist ritories, furnish the answer. When the on Ontario, nearly 1,000 in 1900. And Blair ensus was taken in 1901, from the 1,100 had against him the C. P. R., who, as h some 3.500, the great proportion since I against him "tooth and nail." With no was previously there in the almost hope- such opposition now, and with the elector less period of the late expiring government, almost solid who elected Blair, I see no in 1894 and 1895. During this last summer, reason why "with a long pull, and when I was there again, a local census was strong pull, and a pull altogether," taken and the population of 3,500 of 1901 should not triumphantly elect O'Brien and had arisen to very hearly 10,000. And now, McKeown with almost or quite as large in an issue of the Calgary Herald just to majority as Blair received in 1900. The hand. I see they estimate the increase bye-election since shows nothing, excep there since the census of this last summer merchy a temporary dissatisfaction, the was taken at a further 2,000, making the cause for the existence of which has been

almy days of timber shipping. Take this as an object lesson with re-was discussed in parliament, stated truthpany, learning a lesson from last cam paign, realizes that if the fact became iblicthat it was assisting in an attemp defeat the government, it would only the less strenuously, hoping to block the pect anything else from there than the How for Ontario? In 1900 I returned to

new G. T. P. transcontinental project. The management feel that with the conservatives in power at Ottawa its offi-cials would be as influential in affairs of state as they were prior to 1896. Instructions have been sent to the chief officials of the C.P. R. throughout this district so to arrange his duties if pos-

#### **MAJORITY OF 56**

#### That is Mr Smith's Estimate

OTTAWA, Nov. 1.-Mr. Alexander nith, who has been secretary of the Ontario Liberal Association since 1893 and although now practicing law in Ot-tawa, has owing to the strong desire of the liberal party had a good deal to do with the present contest. This is the third Dominion and third provincial ontest he has had to do with not only as secretary, but organizer. He give an estimate that 135 liberals will b elected on Thursday. This gives a lib eral majority of 56 out of the 214 seats. MONTREAL, Nov. 1.--A gentleman here who is well informed but not a strong partisan, offered yesterday an even bet that the government would have a majority in Canada outside the province of Quebec.

## WESTMORLAND AND ALBERT,

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MONCTON, N. B., Nov. 1 .- The re port in this morning's Telegraph about "Westmorland grits badly frightened' only provokes laughter here. Every indication points to a total collapse of the conservative organization in Westmor-land. It is beginning to look now as if the expected had happened and that a big landslide is setting in in favor of the liberal party. The statement that Hon. Mr. Emmerson had gone to Hillsboro to "fix things" for White is ridiculous. Mr Emmerson went down to Albert village

gain votes are declaring that the Grand Trunk Pacific will do its export business at Portland, Me. Messrs. Wm. Thomson & Co. give business reasons to show that the export trade must come to St. John. Which do you believe? Ten. John, N. B. Jan. 1st 1904



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yesterday, where arrangements had been made for a meeting there on Monday evening, addressed by him. Conservative politicians to