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The Dominion Situation.

The general result of the elections in the Dominion, as far as heard from, is a virtual defeat of the government.

At best Sir John A. Macdonald will only have a small, slippery majority, which will place him on the suffrance of the opposition. When the elements of which his support is composed and the solid, uncompromising body of the Liberal party animated by a victory so important, if not complete, are considered we may look for a crisis and another election at an early date.

Among the Tories are many honest men who are silent protesters against the infamous boodles of the government. These, in conjunction with the strength of the opposition, will effectively put a stop to corruption and destroy the means on which the government has hitherto relied to exercise arbitrary power. Justice will be unbound, petition and complaint will be heard, and the returns and reports which have been systematically denied or suppressed will be brought to light.

Much will depend on the financial statement, in the preparation of which, Sir Charles Tupper will excel himself in fallacy, in order to deceive the country once more. The great questions for the country are ways and means, relations with the United States, and honest administration. The events of the elections have painted these matters in such colors and in such strong light that they cannot fade from the sight of the people, or fail in playing an important part in determining on which side the balance of power will lie.

The Ontario returns give Government 50, Opposition 41.

Maritime Provinces, government 23, Opposition 20.

This leaves a majority of only two for the government east of Lake Superior.

The elections in Yukon and two Mountains, which returned government supporters by majorities of 21 and 32, respectively, are null, owing to the returning officers not being sworn and polls not opened till afternoon.

The Three Rivers election will be up set at once on grounds of intimidation and bribery.

It is supposed here that Temple's seat in York cannot be held by him, owing to personal bribery.

The government party, in the accounts telegraphed, are not dividing the returns between government and opposition. In this way they claim 14 seats, which opposition conservatives have wrested for them.

The object of this fraud is to influence the far western constituencies to believe the government have carried everything before them.

In Eastern Canada they are claiming Bagot, Beauport, Beauport, Bellair, Charlevoix, Chicoutimi, Lacapelle, L'Assomption, Maskinonge, Montclair, Napierville, Nicolet, Rimouski and Montreal East.

There is not the least doubt the returns will give the opposition in Quebec several additional seats.

The Toronto Mail's statement that Sir John cannot control government under present circumstances, and that a new election will be held within twelve months has depressed the more thoughtful of the government men here.

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"We are in a position to say that much more damaging disclosure will be made than has yet been, and that it is because he knows this that Mr Hazen has kept away. It is impossible to go on with any of the cases in which summonses have been issued without Mr Hazen being present as a witness. Though a material witness he was not present in one of the cases against Mr Temple, but he will hide their heads, and they know it and Mr Hazen knows it. In regard to the presence which was to have been brought to bear on delinquent tax payers we learn that the public has not heard half the story. This will properly come out in the case against Mr Hazen, and will show that it came out before the election. Mr Temple would not have more than a corporal's guard of supporters in this city. Therefore, Mr Hazen keeps hiding. But the truth will come out, if not before the election, then afterwards, for the prosecutions will go on. Probably the principal reason for Mr Hazen's absence is the knowledge that if he were to be heard he would be compelled to give evidence against Mr Temple to be used upon trial, and that testimony, in a position to say, would fix the charge of conspiracy upon Mr Temple beyond the possibility of contradiction. Mr Hazen's friends do not hesitate to admit this, and it is freely stated as the reason for his absence from the city."

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