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CHATHAM, N. B., JANUARY 20, 1898.

The Lesson of the Charlotte Election. It is to be hoped that the St. John Globe's declaration that "it submits gracefully to the inevitable, and congratulates Mr. Chipman" on his unopposed election in Charlotte, indicates that it is sensible of its past error in opposing the principle which the Local Government party has, time and again affirmed—viz., that of refusing to recognize Dominion party politics within its own ranks, or encourage it amongst its followers, as such.

Although Dominion issues are said not to enter into provincial politics Mr. Chipman owes his nomination to a Liberal and Conservative, who selected him to be the candidate of the Local Government, and, apparently, both parties in the county appear to be satisfied with the choice. The St. Croix Courier, the Conservative organ, is naturally well pleased, and the St. Andrews Beacon—the Liberal paper—is in a pleasantly acquiescent mood.

Domination party divisions are not nearly so strongly marked amongst the people as they were a few years ago. The reason for this is because the main separating issue has practically disappeared. That issue was the tariff question, and, whatever may be said to the contrary in times of political excitement, for party purposes, there does not now seem to be any difference between the two federal parties in that regard. The demand, therefore, for the new condition of things in New Brunswick—the introduction of Dominion party divisions into provincial politics—seems to come from those who are desirous of having the people kept in a state of excitement or concern over matters which are in no way connected with the administration of local affairs.

It is worth while to note, as we have stated, and notwithstanding the Globe's intimation to the contrary, that no new thing has developed in the Charlotte election. Representative men of that county realized that the Globe and Sun—speaking doubtless for a class of politicians which unfortunately existed in both Dominion parties—were attempting to dictate a course contrary to the time-honored policy of the Local Government leaders, and they demonstrated their continued adhesion to that policy a little more emphatically than usual as a rebuke of such dictation.

That the Globe is not satisfied to accept the situation gracefully, is indicated by its apparent disposition to misrepresent it, as follows:—"Mr. Chipman has now to regard three interests, the Liberal administration of the province, the Liberals of Charlotte county and the Conservatives of that county. We all know the fate of the man who tried to sit upon two stools, but as there is no adage to warn us of what both the man and the stool could not do, we must assume that the Globe hopes as regards Mr. Chipman, As for the province it is a secondary consideration under these conditions."

It has been clearly demonstrated that the administration is not a Liberal one. Mr. Emerson has himself renewed the declaration of his preference in the premiership to that effect. He has stated that he does not recognize Dominion party lines as leader of the government. It is, therefore, clear to any candid mind that the Government is no more a Liberal one under Mr. Emerson than that under the late premier Mitchell was Conservative.

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Mr. J. D. Chipman Elected by Acclamation.

Saturday last was nomination day in Charlotte county. There was quite a large gathering of electors at the Shiretown, St. Andrew. As the ADVANCE predicted, there was no opposition to Mr. J. D. Chipman, the nominee of the local government party, who was therefore declared elected by the High Sheriff. Mr. Chipman, in acknowledging the honor done him, declared himself to be a government supporter on the lines laid down by Premier Emerson in his speech at St. John. He referred to the united efforts that had been made to force Dominion party divisions into the management of provincial affairs. If that policy were ever adopted he said he would, of course, reserve to himself the right to act with the Dominion party if he belonged.

Hon. Geo. F. Hill, M. P. P., and Mr. Russell, M. P. P., also addressed the electors, approving of the return of Mr. Chipman. He was a Conservative while they were Liberals in Dominion politics, they knew no federal party lines in the discharge of their duties as representatives at Fredericton, and deprecated the attempts that had been made to introduce federal issues in provincial elections. If the lines were drawn at that time, they, like Mr. Chipman, would reserve to themselves the right to sit with their Dominion party. They hoped, however, that contingency would not arise.

Against the Farmers. The Moncton Times opposes the Local Government's proposals for the encouragement of wheat-raising, as announced by Premier Emerson, and a paper nearer home commends the ADVANCE for giving up a large part of its space for two weeks to a report of the meetings recently held in Napan and Chatham in the farming interests. While no one can reasonably object to the management of any paper slighting the farming interests, as the local paper referred to does, it seems impertinent that it should find fault with the ADVANCE because it does not follow its example. It is much easier not to report meetings, or to half do the work, but, in the case of these farmers' meetings a good deal of the information brought out was of interest to any besides farmers, and we make it public in the general interest. With papers whose managers think farmers are of no account, it is different.

Chatham Customs Appointments. The appointment of Mr. P. H. C. Benson to the position in the Chatham Custom House vacated by the death of the late Mr. Thomas Crimmon is one that meets with general approval. Mr. Benson's experience in the large business of Hon. J. B. Snowball, with which he has been identified for the last twenty-five years, has thoroughly familiarized him with the importing business in all its details, so that he will be no novice in the duties of appraiser of the port. Mr. Patrick Connor, who it is said, succeeds to the position vacated by the late W. T. Connor is one of Chatham's most competent and respected mechanics, and the intelligence and other good qualities by which he is distinguished to that position will, no doubt, soon enable him to master the details of the work he is to do in his new official position.

An Ottawa despatch of Saturday to the St. John Globe made the following announcement in reference to the appointments:—P. H. C. Benson has been appointed to fill the position in the Chatham Custom House (Miramichi) custom house. Patrick Connor has been appointed in place of W. T. Connor in the Chatham custom house, now temporarily filled by Geo. B. Fraser.

Chatham Board of Trade. The annual meeting of the Chatham Board of Trade was held at the Y.M.C.A. rooms Tuesday evening, W. S. Loggie Esq., president in the chair. Present—Messrs. Mackenzie, Stothart, Bruce, Watt, McCallum, Barr, W. B. Snowball, Murdoch, Robinson, Noel, F. E. Wislow, M. S. Hocken.

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First—That while there is a shortage of stores in the Yukon Basin a state of famine does not yet exist, nor is it likely to exist in the immediate future. Second—That large expeditions with quantities of supplies hauled on sledges by horses or reindeer could not proceed down the Yukon further than the foot of Lake Laberge, four hundred miles from Dawson. Third—Reinforcements on such an expedition are no more serviceable than are mules or horses. Fourth—That if government assistance is conspicuously needed in the Yukon it will be when the stores now in the hands of the people are exhausted, which is not likely from all that he can learn to be earlier than April or May.

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