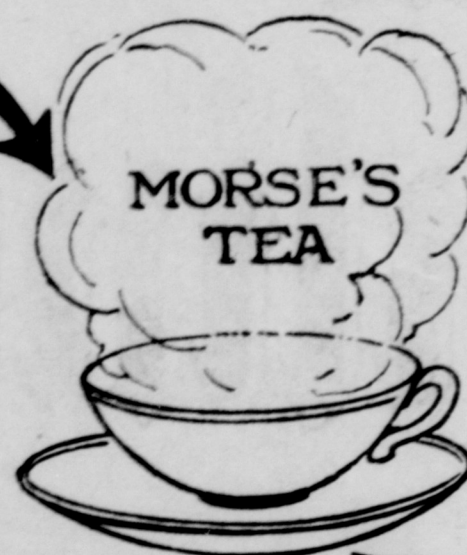


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## TORIES BOUND TO WIN CHATEAUGUAY AT ANY COST

Hon. Sydney Fisher Defeated by 121, in What is Described as "the Most Disgraceful Campaign of Wholesale Corruption in Quebec Since Confederation"

MONTREAL, Oct. 12.—It is not a partisan summing up of the circumstances, which enabled the Conservatives to gain a victory at the by-election held in Chateauguay County yesterday, to say that nothing triumphed there but the party and their candidate, Mr. James Morris.

From the Liberal standpoint it was like attempting to fight the air. Their attempt to engage battle on broad national issues was frustrated at almost every turn by men skilled in making use of the narrow sectional appeals for the gaining of votes.

The Liberal candidate tried to join issue on the question of the Canadian Navy versus a contribution of \$35,000,000. In answer the Tory speakers made the discordant claims that the people would have a chance to have a plebiscite on the question before a permanent policy would be taken up by the party, and that the payment of \$35,000,000 would pay Great Britain permanently for looking after the defence of Canada by sea without the latter having need of further contribution.

### PERSONAL CRIES

But, having made these misrepresentations to give an appearance of meeting Liberal arguments, the ground of battle was shifted to appeals to local prejudice. The "stranger" cry against Mr. Fisher was worked for all it was worth. False stories about Mr. Fisher designed to create the impression that he was miserably and grasping were circulated by the election experts.

A sign which Mr. Fisher had once put up on a private road, which he had allowed the public to use for many years, in order that he should not lose title to it was used by the canvassers everywhere in an effort to make the electors believe that Mr. Fisher had an ungenerous, cantankerous spirit towards the public.

Reference to Mr. Fisher's distinguished services were met by appeals to local jealousy. "Don't throw down your own Jim Morris for the sake of a stranger, who will be here today and gone tomorrow," was the substance of their appeal.

### THE COUNTRY'S LOSS.

The two men in point of ability and attainments cannot be compared, those of Mr. Fisher being so infinitely superior. Referring to that, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux said last night: "The loss is not so much Mr. Fisher's as it is the County's and Canada's."

Mr. Fisher himself has taken the loss manfully. He does not attempt the bravado of a smaller man, but admits that the defeat is a blow to him. But his words of encouragement to those who had fought for him in the campaign were such that last night he was cheered to the echo, and received one of the warmest demonstrations of the campaign.

It is regarded as certain that the Liberals will contest the election, even though the majority is 121, on the ground of the wholesale corruption used. It was the hottest conflict ever seen in the County, and it was the common remark both by English and French voters in the County: "Never before in my life have I seen so many outsiders in the County."

### WHOLESALE CORRUPTION

Fearing that legitimate methods

would be insufficient the Conservative machine has waged a wholesale campaign of corruption, the worst that has ever disgraced a Quebec election since Confederation. It has been openly stated throughout the County by Conservative workers that "WE WILL WIN THIS COUNTY IF IT COSTS US \$100,000 TO DO IT."

The opinion of the voters on the public questions has been sought by inviting them to drunken orgies, by offering them public works more lavishly than any Government could dream of performing for a single County, and by the buying of individual votes with sums ranging from five to thirty dollars, although it is commonly reported everywhere that as much as \$200 has been paid in certain obdurate cases.

### EXPOSED THE BRIBERY

One of the surprises to Liberal leaders of the campaign is to find out the class of men who have been corrupted. In more than one case well-to-do farmers accepted bribes. One pathetic case is that of a man, who on the night previous to the election, drove to a neighbor's house who was known as a strong Liberal and threw a roll of bank bills on the floor, saying: "There it is. I have not had a minute's sleep since I accepted it. I cannot eat, and my conscience won't let me rest for having done such a thing. You can do what you like in the matter, but I want to feel honest again."

His affidavit implicating Conservative workers has been taken, and affidavits of other men in the County acknowledging the receipt of bribes has been received.

The Conservative Party had the County flooded with paid agents, while the Liberals depended on the efforts of local members of Liberal associations. These did yeoman service in whatever time they could spare from their own business or occupations, but naturally these were not the kind of men who would adopt the methods of the Conservative election experts.

The Tory St. John Standard intimates that under Fleming rule two priced bridges have become a thing of the past. For once the Standard editor has hit the truth. Two priced bridges have disappeared, but the Fleming-Morrissey outfit have substituted for them a brand new method known as the Foundations unlimited. No member of the government, not even the wise Premier Fleming, has the faintest idea as to how much the Fredericton bridge job is going to cost. It is being built on a percentage basis and should be good for about five prices, if practical men who have worked the work are capable of judging. In the light of this scandalous job the less Tory papers have to say about two priced bridges the better.—Mail.

### AN IRISH BULL.

An Irishman was trying to lead a bull. He tied the rope to his wrist, and the bull took the lead. He took it with a vengeance. As the Irishman was flying around a corner, a friend shouted: "Where are you going, Pat?" "I don't know," he replied. "Ask the bull."

## DREAM OF CENTURIES BECOMES A REALITY

Wilson Blew Away Last Obstruction in Panama Canal—Thousands Saw Historic Event

Panama, Oct. 10.—With the explosion this afternoon at 2.02 o'clock of eight tons of dynamite under the Gamboa dikes the dream of centuries became a reality. The electric button setting of the dynamite was pressed by President Wilson from Washington. To-night passage in the canal by light draft vessels was possible, and within a few weeks deep draft craft will be able to cross the continent through the canal.

Big dredges will begin "eating" the slides at Culebra to-morrow, and will clear the channel of the barriers deposited by the explosion. Most of this work lies where the seas met this afternoon. Thousands of persons arrived on special trains from all points on the Isthmus to view the historic event.

### SMALL DIFFERENCE IN LEVELS.

A great flow of water followed the explosion, but damage was prevented because water had been allowed to flow into the cut for five days through five large pipes. The separating bodies of water were almost at the same level when the dynamite was touched off. Half an hour after the explosion several canoes and launches, amid the shrieking of the whistles, passed safely through the currents caused by the explosion.

### COL. GOETHALS SMILED

Col. Goethals in all that gathering was the most pleased. He had worked hard to complete preparations on scheduled time, and when he saw the great cloud of rock and water there was a smile on his face. His guests, who included former Congressman Nicholas Longworth, Mrs. Longworth and Philip Bunavilla, chief engineer of the first canal company, and other canal officials, ran to congratulate him. They had obtained a fine view some 1,500 feet distant.

### GREAT TELEGRAPHIC FEAT

Washington, Oct. 10.—The momentary touch of a key by the President of the United States to-day sent a flash of electricity through a continuous telegraph and cable connection of 4,000 miles, setting off a gigantic blast of dynamite which exploded the Gamboa dike, the last of the great physical barriers to water communication in the Panama Canal.

It was an extraordinary feat of telegraphy, specially planned for the occasion. At precisely 2 o'clock this afternoon, President Wilson by simply closing a telegraph key at the White House, sent the current over land and under sea, and just a few seconds later came a message informing him that the explosion had been successful.

### TRIBUTE TO F. B. CARVELL

(Eastern Chronicle, New Glasgow)  
Mr. Frank Carvell, of Woodstock, (N. B.), who spent Sunday here, is considered one of the sturdiest fighters among the Parliamentarians in the House of Commons—in fact, Mr. Carvell loves a fight. He is as well an able debater, and no Liberal is more feared by the government forces than this New Brunswick member. He it was who challenged the government on the appointment of Morine, and did it with such vehemence that the ministers were forced to drop Morine from their list of favorites. On another occasion, during the past session, in paying his respects to the Deputy Speaker, Blondin, he expressed the opinion that he required to be told some things—"And," said Mr. Carvell, "I am the man to tell them to you." He is a stalwart looking man with a very strong face. The pity is that while he was in the East, Liberals in Picton county had not an opportunity to hear him on the platform. He addressed two meetings in Guysboro and was very much in the public eye, and bound to be more so as the fight for the rights of the masses in Canada progresses, and he stands for the very best that Liberalism has to offer to the great mass of the people of this dominion.

### Value of Roads

Probably the Maine farmers need no especial lesson to convince them that good roads are as much of a benefit to him as they are to the city man with his automobile. For that matter a great many of our Maine

188 acres was supposed to have been sold for \$6,000. The purchaser refused the contract, however, and the owner threatened to sue him. After the road improvement and without any improvement upon the land, the same farm was sold to the original purchaser for \$9,000.

In Jackson, Ala., the people voted a bond issue of \$250,000 for road improvement and improved 24 per cent. of the roads. The census of 1900 gives the value of all farm lands in Jackson county at \$4.90 per acre. The selling value at that time was from \$5 to \$15 per acre. The census of 1910 places the value of all farm lands in Jackson county at \$9.75 per acre and the selling price is now from \$15 to \$25 per acre.—Associated Press.

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