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RICHIBUCTO, N. B., OCT. 5, 1899

“Three years ago Canada was a conglomeration of scattered colonies; but to-day she exists in the eyes of the civilized world as a distinct and united nation.”—Sir Wilfred Laurier at Drummondville.

THE GOVERNMENT AND KENT.

It seemed like the irony of fate that the people of this County, while zealously supporting the Conservative party for years, were unable to get any attention paid to their public needs until there had been a change of government and the member for Kent was in opposition. Rather should it be charged to the betrayal of the trust reposed in our representative to Ottawa, who, in order to curry favour with the Conservative leaders and lull their minds into forgetfulness of the fact that in a political sense he had been “all things to all men,” neglected entirely the pressing needs of this constituency. When we look back over the past and remember how our people were cozened with honied words and empty promises previous to 1896, the contrast between the treatment of this County by the two political parties appears startling. Under the Conservative administrations any public work ever carried out in Kent was a piece of jobbery and corruption carried through with no definite purpose or regard to the public interest. This seems most apparent in the case of the Breakwater at the mouth of the Richibucto River. This work was let out to contractors at their own figures and for political purposes; was carried forward just sufficiently far to be of no service whatever in providing a satisfactory channel into the harbour; instead of being completed by the construction of a similar breakwater from the other shore the work as far as finished was permitted by a reckless economy to go to rot and ruin for want of repair. When wharves were needed up our rivers, specious promises were all that could be obtained either from the member or the government to which he gave an automatic support. These were sufficient to get the votes, and that rather than the advancement of the country's interests was seemingly the great end and aim. The faithfulness of Kent to the Conservative party and the utter faithlessness of the leaders of that party to the advancement of this country's interest would well point a moral or adorn a tale. Disappointed times without number in our humble requests for absolutely necessary public improvements, we in Kent kept hoping against hope that the oft-repeated promises would some day be carried out, but we might have continued in our childlike faith in the faithless till the crack of doom without any chance of

our hopes being realized, if the tidal wave of popular indignation against the worn out Conservative party in 1896 had not brought into power the Laurier Administration. Since that the Liberal government has done more in three years to further the interests of Kent than their opponents in 18 years had done, and that too in the face of the fact that the County is in opposition. Extensive repairs have been carried out on the Richibucto breakwater and in other harbour improvements, both at the shiretown and other important ports. Grants have also been passed in parliament by the government of \$3800.00 for a public wharf at Main River and \$1500.00 for the St Nicholas River wharf. The falsity of the opposition claims that these and other grants were made purely for political purposes, has been so frequently proven as to scarcely require further comment. The survey of the latter work has recently been completed by the government engineer, Mr. E. T. P. Shewen, and the survey of the larger wharf will be made a little later. The consideration of the government in acceding to the general desire for these necessary improvements is most favourably commented upon. Performances to day take the place of the empty promises to which for 18 years the people of Kent had been treated by the Conservative government. The holding of the surveys on these wharves at this time is a considerate act on the part of the government, as it will give much needed employment to our people in the dull season of the year. The completion of these wharves will enable the vessels in the lumber trade to go up river to load at those points instead of as at present forcing the lumbermen to raft or scow their lumber to Kingston. These are but examples of the progressive spirit shown by the present government towards this County in one department, and the same is true of each and all the departments. When our fishermen were brought face to face with a serious loss from the failure of the lobster fishing this summer, the government added 16 days to the season, and that addition was worth more than the entire regular season and was the means of preventing financial ruin to many along the Kentish coast. In the Postal Department the same spirit of progression has been most evident, and the requests of our people for modern mail accommodation in the place of the poor service hitherto existing, were acceded to most willingly. The service between Harcourt and Richibucto which had been unsatisfactory, was at the request of our people made serviceable by a change in the mail route and the opening up of several new offices along the line. In the same way long sought for post-offices were opened at points where the facts justified such a course. Negotiations, we are happy to know, are at present going on for a daily mail service to all offices between Moncton and Buctouche. In brief, every consideration has been shown by the present government in advancing the interests of this County. Although for three years Kent has been considerably worse off than if she had no federal representative, for the efforts of our M. P. in that time have been directed mainly to lauding the Tupper and others who had systematically neglected his constituency and disparaging the present administration which has been most active in attending to its needs, we have found the value of having in power doers in place of talkers. Kent prefers harbour improvements and public wharves, beneficial fishery regulations, increased postal facilities and a progressive railway policy within her borders to all the silver-tongued oratory of Messrs. McInerney and

Foster. We have seen much accomplished in Kent in the three last years, but we have been badly handicapped in having no member at Ottawa in touch with the Government to represent the needs of the County of Kent. That too will be remedied, we trust, after the next general election.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

Although it is rumored that new candidates for Councillors will be nominated in several of the different parishes in this County at the approaching Municipal Election on the 17th inst., we are informed that in all probability the parish of Carleton will return the two present Councillors, Messrs. Cliff Atkinson and Martin H. Daigle by acclamation. It was said Mr. Geo. Jardine would be a candidate at this election, but when approached by his friends he emphatically declined the nomination, claiming that his lumber business would require his whole attention. It would certainly be a wise and graceful act on the part of the electors of Carleton to return their old Councillors by acclamation. It has been many years since that parish has sent so able a representative to the Council Board as Mr. Atkinson, and we have no hesitation in saying that his loss would be severely felt not only by the Parish which he represents, but by the whole County.

Councillor Atkinson has by his intelligent grasp of public requirements, and his manly and fair course in dealing with the many and important questions considered and discussed during the time he has sat at the Board, proved himself a most valuable and influential public man, and not only has he done good work for his own Parish of Carleton, but his efforts and influence have also always been directed toward securing good legislation for Kent Co. generally.

A ready and easy speaker, free from cant and insincerity, honest, big-hearted and whole souled, exceedingly popular especially with his brother Councillors, progressive and up-to-date in his views on the questions of the day, intensely interested in the progress and welfare of his Parish and County with a firm faith and belief in the possibilities of their future development, it is not a matter of surprise that the Parish of Carleton and the County generally should be proud of so intelligent and industrious a representative as Cliff Atkinson. In addition to his other good qualifications, Councillor Atkinson, as is well known, has always been a sound, consistent Liberal, and is one of the most prominent and influential in the County.

NOTES.

The speech of Sir Wilfred Laurier at Drummondville was a timely utterance, urging our people to renewed faith in themselves and their country, rather than placing dependence on the friendly action upon trade matters of the neighbouring republic to the south of us. “There is more prosperity, there is more trade there is more industry, there is more activity in Canada to-day than there has been in any other epoch of its history.” In face of that result, “have we not reason to rejoice?” And then to remind us of the importance of united action on the part of our people of whatever race, he says: “The past is past; there may have been French Canadians and English Canadians, but above all, we are Canadians and Canadians only.”

Sir Charles Tupper's statement that the people of Canada are eager for a change of government

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is laughable in view of the fact that under three years of Liberal administration the total trade of the Dominion increased no less than \$95,000,000, as against an increase of \$92,000,000 in 18 years of Conservative rule. And the growing time is not over by any means, for the trade returns for the month of August last show an increase in the aggregate trade of the country of nine million dollars as compared with August, 1898. Our prosperity under Liberal government may be merely a happy coincidence, but the people of Canada are too busy at present to bother much about the why or the wherefore of the good times. The fact that such an advance in business prosperity has come to our people instead of the black ruin prophesied by Sir Charles as the certain consequence of a Liberal victory, is evident to everyone. Our people can stand a few more years of the same administration and the good times that were concurrent with its advent to power. We wish Sir Charles long life, for he is apt to be a centenarian before his prophecies are realized, and even then some other leader will be the cause of the Liberals' overthrow.

The Conservative party to-day is but the empty husk of its former fruitfulness. It is living on reminiscences of glories past and gone, forgetting that the people of Canada, who are eminently a practical race, are concerned entirely with the present and its promise of the future. No better proof of its incapacity for government could be shown of a party than that the faces of its leaders are turned towards the past instead of being directed towards the future. Reminiscences may be entertaining and even instructive, but can never be productive of a country's development. Dreamers are at a discount in Canada just now Sir Charles Tupper, like all Rip Van Winkles, forgets that Canada has progressed while he enjoyed his twenty years' sleep. It has progressed most marvelously since the reins of government were taken from his feeble grasp and placed in more energetic hands. Everyone in Canada respects Sir

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Charles for the part he played in the country's development, though many question his methods, but the hands of time's clock cannot turn back at the wish of even so important a personage as Sir Charles Tupper. He evidently fails to grasp the fact that the people of this Dominion are interested in the problems of the present and future, rather than in the reminiscences of a buried past. Sir Charles may be valuable to-day for historical information of pre-Confederation days, but as a political leader he is a back number. Some day even he may learn this simple fact.

Discussion opened by Mr. F. Carruthers.
 Paper—Geography, Miss McLean.
 Discussion opened by Geo. A. Hutchinson.
 FOURTH SESSION, Friday, 1 30, p. m.
 “The Pleasures of Teaching,” Geo. A. Coates.
 Lesson—Reduction, Miss Daly.
 Discussion opened by Miss Amiraux.
 General Discussions. Election of officers.
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 GEO. A. HUTCHINSON,
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KENT COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

A meeting of the Kent County Teachers' Institute will be held in the Public hall, Kingston, Oct. 12th and 13th, 1899. A full attendance of teachers is requested.

PROGRAMME.
 FIRST SESSION, Thursday 9 a. m.
 Enrollment. Address by President.
 READING MINUTES.
 Lesson—Primary Reading, Miss M. Chrystal.
 Discussion opened by the President.
 SECOND SESSION, Thursday, 2 p. m.
 Lesson—Fractions, Miss Fraser.
 Discussion opened by Mr. T. Wathen.
 “The Influence of the Home on the School,” C. H. Cowperthwaite.
 Discussion opened by R. G. Girvan.
 “English Literature in the early grades,” Miss F. Gibson.
 Discussion opened by Miss McLean.
 Thursday, 7 30 p. m., a public meeting addressed by the President, Geo. Smith, Dr. J. R. Inch, G. V. McInerney, M. F. G. U. Hay and others.
 THIRD SESSION, Friday, 9 a. m.
 Lesson—Number, Miss Farrar.

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