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A TREACHEROUS FRIEND.

The announcement of an opposition ticket for the local election in this County justifies the belief that our present M. P. is actively engaged once more in the species of political warfare peculiar to himself. In the federal election of 1892 Mr. McInerney was successful for the first time in politics, and his success was the result of a deal made with the Conservative party through the Hon. John Costigan by which the Acadian vote was to be split in order that the representation might be stolen away from the French speaking majority. In that election the Hon. O. J. LeBlanc contested the constituency as an Independent candidate, and Basil J. Johnson, of St. Louis, presumably as the candidate for the Conservative party, while Mr. Geo. McInerney, the quondam vice-President of the Provincial Liberal Association, ran in his own interests. Whether Basil J. Johnson at that time was a mere tool in the hands of our genial federal representative, as would now appear, and was content to assist in the wrong done our Acadian people by Mr. McInerney and his fellow conspirators, or whether he acted as the monkey in the fable unwittingly to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for another to enjoy, we are not quite certain. The result at least was certain, for the Acadian vote being divided between Messrs. LeBlanc and Johnson, meant the election of Mr. McInerney and the deprivation of the Acadian people of those electoral rights which in the natural course of events belong to a majority of the voters. In the federal election of 1896 Mr. McInerney, by certain representations, secured the united Conservative nomination and among the staunchest supporters and canvassers he had might be mentioned our esteemed local member, Mr. Reuben Johnson, who used all of his great influence to secure the election of the man who was posing as the Acadian's friend. Since that time the scene has again shifted and it is once more necessary for our M. P. to pose as a King maker in this County in local matters in order to maintain his fictitious prominence in the Conservative Councils in this Province.

Mr. McInerney is posing as the representative New Brunswick Conservative Irish Catholic member, and by a strange course in the stream of events the very man whom he is supplanting is the Hon. John Costigan, who loyally spent and was spent in the interests of the very time servers who now in these later days would, figuratively speaking, stone him to death. No humiliation has been too objection for the pygmies who compose the Foster wing of Conservatism in this Province to heap upon that old time political giant, and fore

most among the conspirators has been the M. P. for Kent, no doubt as a slight return for the helping hand given him by Mr. Costigan in 1892.

To pave the way for his supremacy in Kent, Mr. McInerney is following the lessons of that election. As a slight return for Mr. Reuben Johnson's assistance in 1896, he has arranged that Mr. Basil J. Johnson, the former's nephew, should run against him. In this way he also graciously returns the favor done him by Basil J. Johnson in 1892 in spitting the Acadian vote. Messrs. Buckerfield, of Harcourt, and J. B. Gogan, of Cocagne, have been brought out to complete the opposition ticket, it being the intention that our Harcourt friend shall act as the financier of the party. What our local wire puller wishes to do, is to set the Acadian vote against itself, splitting it into sections and raising local jealousies which only time can heal and what for—for the satisfaction of the selfish, personal ambition of Mr. Geo. McInerney. We wish to give our Acadian friends ample warning of this latest campaign of Indian Warfare aimed at their interests, so that seeing it in its clearness they may avoid the pitfall so cleverly dug for them by one who claims to be their friend. The Government members, Messrs. Barnes, Johnson and Legere, enjoy the confidence of the people of all sections of this County, and the proper check to the Indian Warfare instituted by the federal M. P., is for our people to vote as a unit for our present local representatives whenever the opportunity is given.

POLITICAL RUMORS.

The amount of guessing and prophesying that is being done by the Local Opposition press in this Province, as to whether a dissolution of the House of Assembly is immediately pending, is somewhat amusing to those who are better informed as to the Government's plans. Not content with a display of ignorance on this point, these wise acres proceed to assure the public that deals are being made almost without limit by the Local Government in the different constituencies and our ex-premier, the present Minister of Railways, is accused of numberless matters which are existent only in the fervid imagination of a hostile editor eager for a sensational article. The St. John Sun has its political axe out for any Conservative who daring to disregard the mandate of the Barebones Caucus known as the Moncton Convention, shall make an alliance with the other friends of the Local Government, or shall run in the Government's interest. Already the "Sun's" axe is reeking with the blood of that genial gentleman, Mr. William Pugsley, who although an old time Conservative, regarded country before party, and at a great sacrifice contested St. John in the last election as an Independent on the trade question which was then agitating that constituency, and who is now and has ever been a staunch supporter of the Local Government.

One of Kent County's old boys comes in for a similar butchery at the hands or axe of the St. John Sun. We refer to ex-Mayor Geo. Robertson, whom rumor has charged with being a probable candidate for St. John City in the Government interest. That Mr. Robertson was for years a staunch Conservative, not even the Sun will deny, as it helped to encourage him to defeat in the bye-election in that constituency. Mr. Robertson, after his defeat on that occasion, had the common experience of finding every pledge made to him by the Conservative leaders ruthlessly broken and his own great services to his party forgot-

ten Not content with this, the Foster organ now attempts to annihilate him for daring to support the Local Government, but the result will show that St. John knows its true friends and has not forgotten the great sacrifice made and the grand work accomplished by Mr. Robertson, to whom is due much of the credit for St. John becoming the Winter Port of Canada.

One rumor credits Sunbury with an overwhelming desire for the services of that Modern Moses, Mr. J. Douglass Hazen, whose pride has suffered a fall, and who rather than not be a member for something or somewhere, will forget his federal ambitions and accept a seat in the House of Assembly, if he can find a place. The other rumor is that the people of Sunbury object to the imported talent, and have expressed themselves clearly enough in this direction at their convention; that Mr. Hazen has tearfully accepted the inevitable and is now trying to squeeze his way into St. John County to run there with Mr. William Shaw as a running mate. In the City of St. John, which the opposition blindly regard as a sinecure, there is such a contest for places that the Convention there will likely be quite as lively as Conservative Conventions in St. John have been in the past few years, for it is an open secret that the Foster or "Sun" ring find the Conservative party in St. John anything but docile.

In Kings it is a question if the opposition can get candidates to offer, and if they do their defeat is assured. This Mr. Geo. Fowler, M. P. P., was quite cognizant of when he announced his retirement from the arena of local politics.

In Queens and Sunbury the local opposition are as weak as ever they were, while in York there has been a very decided trouble in the opposition camp. There it was proposed to sacrifice Brother Pitts, the great apostle of Orangeism, on the altar of respectability, for the opposition are thoroughly ashamed of having him posing as a leader, for Brother Pitts reminds one more of a big bass drum than anything else, makes lots of noise, is hollow and windy without much sense or music in his noise. The old story told by the Hon. Mr. Tweedie, illustrates Brother Pitts better than anything we have heard. Mr. Pitts had just finished an noisy oration in the House of Assembly, when Mr. Tweedie remarked that Brother Pitts reminded him of the story told of an aged African, who in the midst of a fearful storm of thunder and lightning, being ignorantly afraid of the thunder rather than of the lightning, prayed, "O Lord let there be more light and less noise." The House and the County would rejoice, Mr. Tweedie said, if there was from Brother Pitts more light and less noise. However, Brother Pitts dared the Opposition to throw him over, remarking that the same power that shook York in the last local election was able to raise another eruption and he would ruin Dr. Stockton's chances throughout New Brunswick. Brother Pitts' argument was conclusive and this champion serio-comic-burlesque is still leading a disgruntled party. We predict at least two seats for the Government in that County if an election take place.

In Carleton, that political acrobat, Mr. J. Allen Dibblee, is the chief hope of the opposition forces, for they realize that one man is all they can ever hope for in that County.

In Victoria and Madawaska the Government members are secure. In Charlotte the opposition hope to win at least one seat out of the four. On the North Shore the situation remains largely unchanged. In Restigouche a com-

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promise is effected which gives the present Government members their seats, for there the leading Conservatives are Government supporters and do not wish to endorse the Moncton Convention platform.

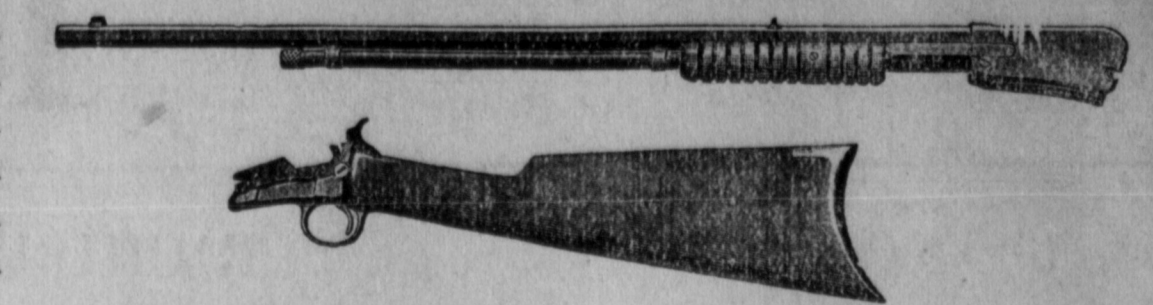
In Gloucester the Government members will be returned probably without opposition. In Northumberland Mr. Tweedie expects a solid support from the four Government candidates, while here in Kent things never looked better for the present members. In Westmorland there is at least a fighting chance for the Government four and perhaps better since Mr. J. W. Y. Smith politely declined to finance the opposition, preferring to spend it seeing the pyramids of Egypt. Perhaps from the same pyramids he gained the unexpected wisdom of his answer. In Albert the Government members are sure of re-election, Mr. Emmerson's seat there being absolutely safe.

This in brief is the outlook throughout the Province from which the opposition press profess to gather such confidence of success in the event of an election. It is the old story of 1895 repeated over again, for then the election which gave a solid majority of some 23 members or 32 Government and 9 Opposition in a House of 41 was claimed as a certain triumph for the Opposition. In Kent we are ready for the election whenever it comes, whether now or after another session, and are not worrying over the prophecies of the opposition wise acres.

DORCHESTER PENITENTIARY.

The investigation now being held into the charge of mismanagement and corruption in the administration of the affairs of the Dorchester Penitentiary is an evidence that the Liberal Government intends to put an end to the reign of terror which previous to 1896 existed in the management of the public institutions of Canada. Until the finding of the Commissioner is announced, we will withhold judgment, hoping for the sake of the good name of the Dominion and of the Province of New Brunswick in particular, that the dark rumors in connection with that institution, which have for years been rife, will be set at rest. Whether Warden Foster has been guilty of the extortion corruption and cruelty with which from time to time he has been openly charged in the press, remains to be seen, and while the clear evidence of corruption proven on the testimony of employees in the case of the Kingston penitentiary, the Intercolonial Railway and other public services under the Conservative Government gives but little hope

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of a different finding in this particular institution, yet in justice to ourselves and out of respect for the searchlight of public opinion. On their past record the Conservative party shall be judged and this record must include the finding in the case of the Dorchester Penitentiary.

At the same time we would remind the Moncton Times which in its issue of the 11th instant, tries to confuse the issue, that its statement copied from the Chignecto Post that the Warden used the grass land of the institution as a private pasture, is not such a trifle after all. If true, it is a clear admission of corruption and dishonesty which would lead an unbiased judge to expect the same state of affairs in more important matters under the control of the Warden.

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