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THE CANADIAN BOERS.

In South Africa the whole power of the British Empire is being concentrated in the determined effort to ensure the civil and religious liberties of those colonials who were being robbed and maltreated by the bigoted Boers of the Transvaal. With the bible in one hand and the mauser rifle in the other, these descendants of the 16th century Puritans have determined to put an end to the liberty of conscience which is so dear to every British subject whether he be Catholic or Protestant, Hindoo or Mahomedan. Uniformity of race and religion is the aim of Paul Kruger and his fanatical subjects—a uniformity which would exclude any one but a Dutchman from civil rights and would prevent any but Protestants from the exercise of religious liberties. No one of an alien race or holding religious tenets different from those of the majority is wanted in the Transvaal, and if the Boers had their way none such would be tolerated or allowed to exist. This the Boers regard as carrying out the will of their Creator.

In Canada, we regret to say, there is a strong effort being made in certain directions to copy the Boer tactics altered to suit the altered circumstances, and no where have we had such a sorry exhibition of this Canadian Boerism to such a degree as in our own Province of New Brunswick. In the strongly English and protestant portions of this Province, the Foster wing of the Conservative party has raised the race and religious cry, because forsooth in this free Canada of ours a man of French extraction and a Catholic is allowed civil, religious and political freedom. Because the Premier of Canada happens to be a French-Canadian and a Catholic, the catch cries of "No Popery," and "Down with French domination" are made to do valiant service to suit the political exigencies of a once great party. And the men who use these pitiable appeals to race passion and religious prejudice have not even the excuse that the Boers would offer of being conscientious in their bigotry. Nay more, while their base minions instil the poison into the body politic, the leaders deny that they are responsible for the words of their hirelings.

In Queens County, Mr. Geo. E. Foster's paid organizer tells the electorate "that a protestant who would follow Sir Wilfred Laurier or Israel J. Tarte is worse than a Judas Iscariot," and at Brunswick in that County, according to the sworn statements of three well-known citizens, he made the following appeal to his hearers to drop all political issues and unite as a body to exterminate the minority: "H. B. Hetherington said that the next election would not

be run on political lines, but that "the question would be between "the Roman Catholics and Protestants, and if war was ever declared "between France and England the "people here of the Lower Prov- "inces would have to shoulder "their muskets and go up to Que- "bec to fight the French-Canad- "ians before we could help Eng- "land. And that the Liberal "party was giving the Catholics "all the offices in the gift of the "Crown now, or nearly so, that is "to say, out of 30 offices in the "City of St. John in the gift of "the Government, 28 Roman "Catholics and 2 Protestants were "appointed."

This hiring of Mr. Foster's seems to be regarded by his employers as a veritable "Oom Paul" as the means of stirring up racial and religious prejudice, for when Mr. J. D. Hazen went up to Carleton County to take part in the local bye-election, he summoned Hetherington from the wilds of Queens and took him along with him to do the appointed work among the ultra protestants of that constituency. And from the reports to hand, Hetherington was quite successful in his appeals to the race and religious prejudices of that English protestant county. While Mr. Hazen and the opposition candidate talked pleasant nothings from the public platform, Hetherington spent his days and nights in running the more important Conservative side show. That wonderful curiosity "The Protestant Horse," was trotted out in the back districts and Hetherington posed as the equally wonderful bare-backed rider of the equine curiosity, which was put through all its paces in proof that it was a real, live animal. Many of the Carleton County people no doubt had sense enough to know that the "Protestant Horse" was only a specimen of pre-historic days when passion and prejudice rather than reason guided the judgments of the electorate. Many may even have thought the animal died in York in February, 1899, when it and its rider, Herman H. Pitts, were overwhelmed by a political snow-drift and frozen to death. Sufficient of the voters however were deceived by the Indian Medicine man, Hetherington, to enable him and not his employers to claim the entire credit for the victory in Carleton.

But it appears that there is still another than Hetherington in this despicable work, one Louis J. King, a fake ex-Romanist, who acted as a coadjutor of Hetherington in the county of Queens. This man King claims to have been educated for the priesthood, although his language is such as to convince those who have heard him speak that he has never had even a good common school education. He is the individual who raised such popular indignation in St. John last summer by his nasty abuse of the catholic people that he was treated by the police in the same way as any other tramp and ordered to leave town or cease his meetings. King is at present engaged holding political meetings in the interest of the Conservative party throughout the County of Kings in this Province. His argument (?) is akin to that used by his associate Hetherington. At Norton the other night he made the statement that "Behind Blair was Laurier behind Laurier was Tarte and behind Tarte was the "Devil."

Such are the Boer tactics being employed at present by the historic Conservative party, whose leaders rendered desperate by the splendid administration of the national affairs by the Laurier Administration, have determined to sacrifice decency in their attempt to obtain the reins of power. In verity, Sir Charles Tupper's maxim "Rule or Ruin" has been accepted as the motto of the present day Conservatives.

THE SUN'S ANXIETY.

The editor of the St. John Sun has been devoting a series of articles to the changes that have occurred in the Emmerson cabinet in the hope that his silly guesses will draw from the Sun's better informed contemporaries some suggestions which may be of service to that luminary in future attack upon the Local Government or the gentlemen who form its Executive. The Sun's editor is losing sleep over these cabinet changes, for in them that sleuth hound of the Conservative party, that veritable Sherlock Holmes of the journalistic world, has discovered signs and wonders. For the editor of the Sun is a man with a brilliant imagination. He couldn't consistently misrepresent his opponents as he does if it were not for that imagination. The Sun has need of an editor with such an imagination to help it in its work of booming George E. Foster. But, as a greater hath said, that is a donkey of another colour. To return to our story, when there were rumors of impending changes the Sun cheerfully announced that there was trouble in the government camp and that a battle royal was imminent between Messrs H. A. McKeown, M. P. P., of St. John, and F. B. Carvell, M. P. P., for Carleton County, for the office of Solicitor General. Of course there was absolutely no truth in the story, but that was not the Sun's fault, and the Sun's political Lord loves a cheerful liar. The Sun knew it was not true, but did its prettiest to make it true and when it couldn't make a fight between these gentlemen, who are evidently not given to obeying its mandates, it did the next best thing, (in the opinion of the Sun), it tried to convince the world that it had succeeded. As a matter of fact, neither of these gentlemen or indeed any one else was ever thought of for Solicitor General, as no provision was made last session for the salary of such an officer. Nor was there even any rivalry between these gentlemen as to which of them should fill the cabinet vacancy, for Mr. Carvell, who is a new member of the House of Assembly, had no aspirations for cabinet office.

When the changes occurred, they were so absolutely foreign to the Sun's predictions that the people enjoyed the fun at the expense of that paper. Any country editor in the Province could have made a better guess than was made by the editor of that metropolitan daily. No wonder the people said "It is to laugh," and regardless of the Sun's ire, the sound of merriment reached even into the editorial sanctum of that journal. But we have remarked that the Sun's editor is a political Sherlock Holmes, and where an ordinary sane individual would discern only natural causes evident even to the eye of the man outside the veil, this journalistic detective suspected hidden motives and concealed designs. In the name of our common humanity won't the Hon. Henry R. Emmerson take the Sun into his confidence, and explain why he swapped portfolios with the Hon. A. S. White, in order that white winged peace may spread her spotless pinions over the Sun's sanctum. Any one of us country editors could enlighten the Sun (whose political light in local politics has been obscured since 1883 and bids fair to be kept under a bushel for another decade) but the common, everyday sense which has enabled the rest of us to solve this easy problem is lost in the finer sense of intuition which enables our St. John contemporary to manufacture "clues" out of thin air and weave suspicions out of the cobwebs of a distorted imagination. It won't do for Premier

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Emmerson to give the simple explanation that the combined work of Premier of the Government and Commissioner of Public Works is an unfair tax on the individual who fills the dual position, for the Sun will retort that as Mr. Emmerson has successfully filled it for two years without killing himself, that necessarily he must continue to do so. It will not do for his explanation to be the equally natural one that in the public interest the Public Works Department is not the most desirable position for a Premier to assume control of, for the Sun has already proved (what no one ever attempted to deny) that Premiers of Local Governments in various Provinces have held other positions than Attorney General. It will not even do to give the equally natural reason for the change, that the Premier of a Government usually holds whatever portfolio seems best to him, for the strategist of the Sun has too subtle an intellect to understand such simple, commonplace explanations. We fear the only way then is for the Sun to remain in darkness unless Mr. Emmerson, when he takes it into his confidence, will perform a surgical operation similar to that performed upon Sidney Smith's Scotchman, and that might be dangerous, for it would enable the Sun's editor to discern how absolutely ridiculous he has been in the eyes of his fellows. Poor unhappy Sun, we drop a silent tear over your perplexities.

**HON. MR. TARTE'S PROTEST.**

Speaking at a Liberal meeting on Thursday night, Hon. Mr. Tarte referring to the charge of disloyalty, said: "The loyalty of French Canadians has been assailed to a degree which I should have thought impossible when I think of the proof they have already given of their loyalty to the British empire. In the year 1775 the French in Canada took a position in favor of England, when if they had not done so, the British flag might not have been floating here to-day. In 1837 French-Canadians shed their blood in the same cause. I know that French-Canadians have no wish to change their allegiance. Speaking on soil

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of eastern townships before the majority of English-speaking citizens I say that I hope my English friends will increase in numbers. There is no reason to try and get rid of one another. The God we love is the same, and the country we love is the same. We must live together in peace and harmony thanking the great Liberal party for the position it took in 1896. It is easy to raise a cry against a French-Canadian Prime Minister. It has not prevailed, however. I am assailed personally. My loyalty is assailed. I am here, I am loyal to the British crown, I am loyal also to this country of ours. I believe in the great national sentiment: Canada for Canadians. I am also loyal to my race and to my blood. I challenge my friends on the other side to discuss my position on this subject. I believed parliament should have been called. I am a firm believer in parliament. I would have been delighted if parliament had been called immediately when the question of sending the contingent arose. The destinies of the French-Canadians in Canada are to remain under the British flag. My desire was that parliament should have been called, but my view did not prevail. I take the responsibility of the government. I hope peace will soon be established and England may be triumphant."

**BIRTHS**

CAMPBELL.—At Berlin, N. H., Jan. 25th, to the wife of J. J. Campbell, a son.

**DEATHS**

BURT.—At Burlington, Iowa, on Jan. 19th, Mrs. Mary E. Burt, aged 75 years, leaving 5 daughters to mourn their sad loss. Deceased was an aunt of Mr. Donally McDermott, of Richibucto.  
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CAVANAGH.—At Richibucto, Jan. 27th, Patrick Cavanagh, a native of Cavan Co., Ireland, aged 80 years.

GILLIES.—At Seattle, Wash., Jan. 18th, John Gillies, a native of Jardineville, Kent Co., N. B., in the 32nd year of his age.

GALLANT.—At Peter's Mills, Kent Co., on the 30th of January, 1900, Ursula Gallant, aged 87 years.  
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