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THE SLANDER POLICY.

When some of our contemporaries made the statement that the only policy the Conservative party had to-day was an insurance policy, and that a bogus one, they lost sight of the great slander policy which was so successful in 1878 against Mr. Alexander Mackenzie. The Toronto Globe always moderate in tone even in dealing with a strong political opponent, remarks: "It may be an extreme statement to make, but it does seem to be the fact that Sir Charles Tupper grows even more reckless as he grows older. In this policy of misrepresentation lies all the hope of Sir Charles Tupper and his associates. Liberals should read, think and understand. Surely in vain is the net spread in sight of the bird. In 1878 Mr. Mackenzie and his fellow Ministers were overthrown by a fierce and persistent campaign of falsehood and slander. If Liberals permit their leaders to be assassinated in that way again, they will well deserve to remain in opposition for the next half century."

In the recent Manitoba elections Sir Charles Tupper excelled himself in the production of slanders. Speaking at Brandon, he charged Mr. Philp, the late law partner of Hon. Mr. Sifton, as well as the Minister of Interior himself with grossly improper and dishonest trafficking in a Yukon liquor permit. When threatened with legal proceedings, he told the Conservative press that he was courting a trial and dared the accused to bring action for slander.

"Alas, no!" he said, "you may rest assured there will not be any. I have had a long journey to get to Brandon, but I should consider all the time and trouble well repaid if they would bring any such action against me. Mr. Sifton would then be compelled to get into the witness box and be subjected to cross-examination on these points, and that is an ordeal he would never face."

Notwithstanding Sir Charles Tupper's threatening and boasting, suit for libel was duly taken, and then the leader of the Opposition deliberately repudiated his own utterances, pleaded his privilege as a member of Parliament, and declared that he had never said anything derogatory to Mr. Philp or the Minister of the Interior.

After the same manner, as we have shown in previous issues, is Hon. Geo. E. Foster conducting operations in this Province only in his case he shifts the responsibility to a hireling who slanders a whole people under the guise of slandering their representative statesmen. As the Daily Telegraph of St. John, in a recent issue very well expresses it:—

"Thoughtful Conservatives would do well to realize the in-

calculable trouble which may be created by the kind of campaign some of their friends in Queens county have been instituting. It is no answer to say that Mr. Hetherington was indiscreet or that he spoke in Brunswick and at Cody's without instructions from his principal. The fact remains that he is understood to be in Mr. Foster's pay as an organizer, and will be judged accordingly. Where he is known it is quite possible that great weight would not be attached to his utterances; but in the other provinces he is sure to be regarded as a man of some prominence, who voiced the sentiments of a considerable community in New Brunswick. In fact, that is precisely what has occurred.

The proceedings at Mr. Foster's meeting in the parish of Brunswick have found their way into Ontario and Quebec, where they have been viewed with considerable alarm. Mr. Hetherington's ill-judged remarks in particular respecting the shouldering of muskets and marching against our fellow citizens in Quebec have created an exceedingly painful impression in Quebec. We could very well understand the feelings of the majority in that province by putting such incendiary language in the mouth of a French-Canadian and applying it to the people of New Brunswick. Some may believe that such words were not uttered at the meeting alluded to; but it is worthy of note that they have been sworn to by men of good repute, and that Mr. Hetherington did not specifically deny having used them.

"Equally mischievous were the unwarranted utterances in Brunswick parish respecting our Roman Catholic fellow-citizens, than which nothing could have been more offensive. Surely we have had enough trouble along this line in the past without lighting the fires of sectarian hate and controversy. Every good citizen should frown upon such efforts, as we sincerely believe they do. There are large questions of public policy to be discussed in our political campaigns, without introducing religious or racial issues.

THE CARLETON BYE ELECTION.

To-morrow is polling day for the election of a local member for the County of Carleton made necessary by the resignation of one of the Government members who was elected last February. What the result will be seems hard to judge as the contest is being conducted on purely personal grounds. Mr. J. K. Flemming, the candidate referred to, in his nomination speech praised the government for its wheat policy, its bonusing of flour mills, creameries and cheese factories, in fact judging from the press reports an outsider would with difficulty pick the government candidates, as both candidates agree on almost every point. It is indeed complimentary to the Emmerson government to find enemies joining with friends in commendation of its great agricultural policy. The danger is that the opposition's next step will be an endeavour to claim the credit for the policy itself, and in the next election Mr. Emmerson may expect to hear that Mr. Stockton or Mr. Hazen originated this progressive policy which has been so beneficial to the great farming industry. It will be rather a novel turn to the right about for our tory friends to make, but they are used to lightening change acts in politics and have already made the half turn on this very question. Once the tory leaders cease to abuse a policy, their next step is to steal the policy holus bolus and then denounce the originator of it as an interloper. Last February the whole policy of the Emmerson administration was faulty according to the opposition, within a year that denunciation has been changed into anthems of praise so that in this first bye election the opposition candidate would hoodwink the electorate into the idea

that the government's policy is all right and that he won't harm the government. Mr. Flemming seems to have about the same reason for his political convictions as had the Democrat boy in the story told of Chauncey Depew. It appears Depew was at a school closing and offered a silver dollar for the boy who could give the best reason for his party convictions. A youthful Republican gave as his reason that the Republican party had abolished slavery and saved the United States from disruption, the Prohibitionist urged his party's claim on account of drunkenness being the supreme evil, but the Democrat gave the more practical reason that he was a Democrat because he wanted the dollar—and he got it. So the opposition candidate in Carleton County is running the election on no higher or more public-spirited principle than that he wishes to be elected. Last winter, as a candidate, he denounced the Emmerson government for all its acts and he was left home. This winter he is trying to win on the opposite tack and to-morrow evening will show whether he has succeeded in his novel conception

LIP LOYALTY.

The Canadian people are passing through a time of trial in which is being put to the test the patriotism so often expressed in words in the long gone by. A few men inspired with the notion of putting the highest and noblest feelings of our people to meaner uses, have attempted a corner on loyalty with the idea of booming the stock of the tory party. It is supposed this particular brand of lip loyalty is a Yankee invention and our Canadian experience would bear out the supposition, for in this case, Sir Charles Tupper borrowed it from the Yankee proprietor of the Montreal Star. For a few days there was commotion on the political stock market and the tory managers of the patriotic boom gleefully rubbed their hands and declared they had at last found the proper catch cry with which to delude the Canadian people. However, a little wear always serves to show the difference between the pinchbeck and the sterling gold. The Canadian people have found the Lanier Administration working night and day, straining every effort to further the good work of sending substantial aid to the mother land in her hour of need, patiently bearing the miserable calumnies of men like Clarke Wallace, whose idea of patriotism is no service except as general commanding. The newspapers have teemed with advertisements printed under the guise of news items announcing such a tory had volunteered, when the truth was their services had only been tendered the party paper or else the individual had gallantly offered to serve his country in a profitable position in command which there was no danger of the department accepting. At the same time without any newspaper talk the sons of almost every member of the cabinet have entered the service of one or other of Canada's contingents.

Moreover our people have taken time to think that the very men who are doing the most loyalty howling to-day proved themselves traitors to Canada in 1896. After Mackenzie-Bowell's Cabinet had taken the oaths of office and had bound themselves by every moral tie of loyalty to their Premier, the country was astounded to find the majority of them bolting in a body before the speech from the throne had been passed. Imagine men framing the speech from the throne and agreeing to the policy laid down by it, and then coming from the council chamber and deliberately betraying their Premier.

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It was no wonder that for the first time in the whole British history of responsible government, a Premier should openly denounce as traitors the associates whom he himself had chosen. "A nest of traitors" were they in 1896 and as "a nest of traitors," Tupper, Foster and the others will pass down into history. They are proving their right to the name to-day in the dastardly campaign they have been carrying on in the effort to stir up race and religious prejudices. If they can induce the electorate of Canada to supplant reason with prejudice and in the place of calmer judgment install unreasoning bigotry, then may Sir Charles Tupper come to power again.

A SENSIBLE IDEA.

The action being taken by the Local Government of the Province in conjunction with the Governments of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island looking to the establishment of a school of technology in addition to a model farm is being well received by all classes throughout the Maritime Provinces. Either of these valuable reforms in practical education would be borne by any one of the seaboard Provinces, but there seems no good reason why a unity of efforts would not be feasible in an affair in which there is such a unity of interests. It is only too true to-day that our school system, excellent as it undoubtedly is, confines its scope to the theoretical development of our boys without providing the practical training which is absolutely necessary for their after success in life. Our own Provincial Government recognizing fully the need of instilling newer and more advanced ideas in agriculture and unable with the limited means at its disposal to maintain an agricultural college, has for the past few years provided a competent staff of lecturers who going into every district in the Province have explained and illustrated by practical work the newer ideas in agricultural methods. These lecturers have been farmers with practical experience as well as scientific training and

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to their efforts is due much of the credit for the farmers of New Brunswick grasping the opportunities placed within their reach by the Government in the way of seed distributions, importations of standard bred stock, co-operative dairying with the attendant government aid, and the increased production of wheat.

At different times one and another have suggested the transforming of the University of New Brunswick into a school of agriculture, but the present grant of \$8,000 to the U. N. B. would go a very short distance in the maintenance of a proper Agricultural College. Moreover, the U. N. B. is in no way fitted for agricultural results either by general or particular location, and it would be fatal to the success of such an institution to locate it where the surrounding land would not give adequate results in return for proper cultivation. The first cost of a purely Provincial institution would be nearly as great as need be borne by the three provinces unitedly, and the latter idea materially lessens the cost of maintenance on each individual province. The proposition that to such a Maritime Agricultural College there should be joined a trade school or school of Technology seems a sensible rounding out of the educational necessity of our people.

We trust our Premier and his colleagues will press this matter forward to a successful completion.

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ACADIEVILLE.

JAN. 8TH, 1900.—Having not any notes in THE REVIEW for a long time I must try and pen a few. The weather has been fine for some time and the lumbermen are busily at work. The largest portion of lumber will be hemlock. Messrs. R. O'Leary and J. & T. Jardine are the principle buyers.

The well known agent A. C. Johnson, of St. Louis, was here on Saturday.

Saturday and Sunday several teachers from St. Louis passed through here en route to Rogersville to take charge of their schools. It is rumored that there will be very little teaching in this parish during this term, owing to the accident which happened to the school houses recently. The newly appointed trustees attempted to remove a school house by cutting it in twelve pieces with the hope of putting the pieces together on the other side of the hill. They hauled off four pieces and the same night the rest was destroyed by fire. It is believed that the fire was set by the cutter, or by a ghost. Two other schools are closed for other seasons.

AN ACADIAN.

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