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 NEW BRUNSWICK'S INTERESTS.

Over and above the political struggle between the parties for supremacy in this Province at the coming federal elections, there will be to our people the more important question whether their interests are to be protected and developed. Until 1896 New Brunswick could scarcely claim to be a part of the Confederacy, so utterly neglected were our Public Works, so little interest was manifested by the ruling powers in the development of our trade, and so hopeless was our outlook for future improvement. For this we blame the men of the dominant party who were in public life. No one can point to one public work or to one instance of New Brunswick's interests being developed by Geo. E. Foster, Geo. V. McInerney, H. A. Powell, John McAllister or any other of the New Brunswick Conservative members, with the exception of the Hon. John Costigan. They were simply flies on the political wheel, and evidently considered themselves ornaments rather than useful factors in the public life of this Province. Meanwhile millions of dollars had been squandered on political jobbery in the Upper Provinces, but scarcely a dollar could be obtained for the needs of New Brunswick. The accession of Hon. A. G. Blair to public life has remedied this and in the past four years for the first time for over a decade have our people been decently treated in the matter of public works, mail facilities, I. C. R. development, &c., &c. We can now see for ourselves some of the expenditures of the country without travelling over half of Canada. Since 1896, "New Brunswick's interests have been safe in the hands of the Hon. A. G. Blair," to use the words of one of the banners displayed at the Buctouche Convention. Mr. Blair as Provincial leader has been fair and even generous in his demands that New Brunswick should be recognized. Will the people of this Province forget this fact when the elections come on and use their ballots to reinstate Mr. Foster in power, a man who has been a traitor to every interest of this Province? We think not. On the contrary we believe that in each county the electors will remember that in casting their ballots for the government candidate, they are strengthening the hands of the Minister of Railways so as to enable him to persevere in his good work for New Brunswick. In Kent a vote for Hon. O. J. LeBlanc means a vote for Hon. A. G. Blair and New Brunswick's development.

THE LOCAL ELECTIONS.

The Tweedie Administration has only been in existence a month but in that short period its members have been before the people of three constituencies which have all passed an overwhelming vote of confidence in the new government. First, the Hon. Dr. Pugsley upon taking office as Attorney General went back to his old county of Kings for re-election and the answer of his constituents was more flattering than usually greets a public man in a New Brunswick constituency. That the opposition to Attorney General Pugsley was considered factious by the electorate seems evident from the fact that Kings rolled up 801 majority in his favour.

Queens was the next county called upon to pass judgment on the Tweedie Administration and there the struggle was expected to be close and bitter. Mr. Foster had been tendered the federal nomination and his acceptance of the nomination depended upon the success of the Conservatives in the local fight. In the general elections Hon. L. P. Ferris had been elected by less than 150 majority and since that time Mr. Foster's organizer, H. B. Hetherington, had kept up a political and religious crusade in the Conservative interest. Mr. Hetherington was chosen as the opposition standard bearer and the Conservatives openly boasted of their expected victory. But they reckoned without the people who a week ago returned Hon. Mr. Ferris, Minister of Agriculture, by over double the majority he had in 1899.

And now comes the news of the contest in Albert caused by the resignation from the Local House of the Hon. H. R. Emmerson. In the former contest the government candidates were members of the government and this was given as the cause of their success. But in Albert County there was no such excuse and certainly the local opposition together with their friends from Westmoreland and St. John left nothing undone in their efforts to defeat Mr. S. S. Ryan, the government candidate. But without avail, as another government victory was registered in Albert last Saturday, the majority being two hundred and forty-two.

We congratulate Premier Tweedie and the members of his Administration upon the flattering reception which has been accorded the government candidates in the three constituencies to which an appeal has been made. Mr. Hazen, the Opposition leader, should now be satisfied from his personal observation in these contests that the people of New Brunswick have no desire for a change in administration.

A DYING PARTY.

The whole argument of the Conservatives against the Government is a negative one. Following the cue of Mr. Foster they assert with considerable vehemence that the government is unworthy of the people's support because the Liberal leaders have broken every pledge made while in opposition. We have on more than one occasion shown the absolute falsity of such a statement. The truth is that the Liberal leaders have carried out in whole or in part every single pledge to which they stood committed with the exception of Senate Reform. But the people of Canada are not vitally interested in an academic or debating so-

ciety discussion of theoretical politics. The question of importance to the Canadian people is not how far the Liberals may or may not have carried into effect their pet hobbies concerning trade and national policy. The question of interest to the electorate is rather concerning the success or failure which the Liberals have achieved in their efforts at government. Is Canada more prosperous now than in 1896 is a question of more importance to the voter than an hour's discussion over the theories of protection and duty for revenue only. If the average Canadian is satisfied that Canada is a better country to live in to-day than it was after 18 years of tory rule, he is satisfied to cast his ballot in favour of the successful administration of the past four years. We are all aware that the issues of 1900 are neither the Confederation question or the National Policy theory. Upon the legislation of the past four years must the voter decide whether he shall support the government. If he disapproves of a tariff under which our domestic and foreign trade has almost doubled, under which our people have found a new born prosperity or if he is opposed to the Imperial Unity which has been consolidated by Canadian preferences on the imports from other parts of the Empire, by Imperial penny postage, by the free-will offering of Canadian troops in the battles of the Empire, then he will logically vote for the Conservative candidate. But if the voter is convinced by the evidence of his senses that Liberal rule has brought prosperity to Canada, has strengthened financial confidence, has been of material benefit to the farming and labouring classes, that Canada is united at home and respected abroad as she never was before, he will scarcely desire to vote for a change which may prove disastrous to his own interests. Even the taunt which Mr. Foster so freely indulges in, that for moral effect the Liberals should be rejected as a reproof for broken faith, will not be convincing argument to the ordinary level headed elector who can judge men by their acts rather than their words.

But it has perhaps not struck many of our readers what a weak argument Mr. Foster and his fellows are resorting to. There was a time when the Conservative party had something more reasonable to offer the country than logic-chopping condemnation of their opponents. There was a time when the Conservative leaders could announce a policy upon which they might with confidence appeal to the country. But that day has passed. The burlesque which Sir Charles Tupper has issued to the country under the guise of an agricultural policy has simply made him the laughing stock of Canada and has merely served to call attention to the enormous progress in cold storage and other agricultural shipments in the past four years. The living power has departed from the Conservative party and Sir Charles Tupper and his associates bear the same resemblance to the Conservatism of 10 or 15 years ago that a corpse bears to a living, thinking, active human being. The Conservative leaders are vainly attempting to raise an enthusiasm in their followers upon past achievements and the honored memory of leaders dead and gone. The country recognizes that the virtue has departed from Conservative theories and that the party must be entirely reorganized under new leaders before it will be acceptable to the Canadian people.

POLITICAL JOTTINGS.

That Conservative reaction that Sir Charles Tupper speaks of seems in New Brunswick at least to be a reaction against toryism.

First Kings County elected Dr. Pugsley by 801 majority; then Queens County elected Hon. L. P. Ferris by 336; and now the snug little County of Albert returns S. S. Ryan, Esq., with a majority of 242.

It would seem that the Moncton Convention, that great effort of Mr. George E. Foster, is still bearing good fruit for the Liberal party. We would suggest one more such effort on Mr. Foster's part would ensure every single one of the New Brunswick constituencies returning a government member to the House of Commons.

And what a weakness these bye elections have developed in the grand old party of constructive statesmanship (to borrow the favorite expression of Sir Charles Tupper). At one time the Conservative party was wont to pride itself on the ability and character of its nominees to public representation. Now we have them putting forward such men as Hetherington, the religious fanatic, and Mr. Fred Sproul. "Oh what a falling off was there."

But Mr. Foster has an unhappy faculty of getting his friends into the hole and then allowing them unaided to pull themselves out. If they cannot manage to get out it doesn't worry the big hearted Mr. Foster. The result is that the better class Conservatives are simply disgusted with such selfish tactics and refuse to play the cat-paw for Mr. Foster's benefit.

We trust that the decided beating Medicine Man Hetherington received in Queens County will rid politics of his baneful influence. His efforts, as Mr. Foster's organizer, were all directed to making political capital for his employer and himself out of the religious passions of the people. The defeat he has sustained is a credit to the intelligence of the electorate of Queens. The people evidently perceive that such men as Horton Hetherington and Herman H. Pitts are but political weeds and that the duty of the electorate is to cast them aside.

It must be now apparent even to hide bound tory partisans that the people of New Brunswick are in sympathy with both Local and Dominion Governments and are prepared to endorse the progressive spirit which has been in practical evidence during the past four years of Canadian affairs.

The nomination of Mr. Geo. E. Foster and Dr. A. A. Stockton by the St. John Conservatives is another exhibition of the hopeless state of the tory party in New Brunswick. Mr. Foster, after being driven from Kings County in 1896, went to York County where he was elected by an enormous majority of over 1500. To-day he is afraid to contest York and he is driven to look elsewhere for a constituency. If he runs in St. John he will probably be nominated as well for an Ontario constituency to which he can retire when he is beaten in St. John. It might be said of Mr. Foster that he has shown himself to be of a retiring disposition and New Brunswick will probably see him

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no more after the coming elections.

As for Dr. Stockton, the ex-leader and ex-critic of the Local Opposition, he reminds us of the story that Mr. Hazen used to tell in 1896 of a farmer who went out to hunt for his cow. He followed the tracks until he came to a brook when on investigation he discovered the cow's tracks on both sides of the stream and gave up in despair any effort to follow her. Dr. Stockton will be able this year to revise the political opinions which he spent the better part of his lifetime in enunciating to the people. His weakness in 1891 has driven him to a course which is not only inconsistent in the eyes of the public but distasteful to himself. Dr. Stockton would do well to advertise his candidature in the coming contest as positively his last appearance, for the answer which St. John gave him in February, 1899, will be more emphatic in 1900.

In fairness to the better judgment of our Conservative friends in St. John it must be acknowledged that they tried their utmost to secure a stronger ticket than Foster and Stockton, but the more popular candidates were not to be led into the trap and Foster and Dr. Stockton were a Hobson's choice.

It is amusing to hear the assurances of tory triumph in Westmoreland County where Mr. H. A. Powell was, if the truth were known, defeated in 1896 with all the railway influence used most unscrupulously in his favor. He was counted in by a trifling majority at that time with everything in his favor, and neither Powell nor toryism is certainly any more popular now than it was then and "shingles" and intimidation of I. C. R. employees are no longer at his disposal. We venture to pre-

dict the majority of the Liberal candidate in Westmoreland at not less than 300 and possibly 500.

We are being told in a similar way that Mr. McInerney is prepared to buy his way to success in this constituency, and the boast is quite openly made of the amount and sources of the tory by-odde fund. We have more faith in the people of Kent than to believe that they are to sell their suffrages at the bidding of Mr. McInerney or his friends, and the tory boast is an insult to the people of this County.

DOMINION ELECTIONS ARE DECLARED.

NOMINATION DAY OCTOBER 31ST AND POLLING DAY ON NOVEMBER 7TH.

OTTAWA, Oct. 9.—An order-in-council was passed and approved yesterday dissolving parliament, and a proclamation will be issued to that effect to-day.

The writs for a general election will also be mailed to-day.

Nominations will take place on October 31st, and voting a week later—on November 7th. The campaign will thus be one of the shortest in the history of the country.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier left last night for Montreal, accompanied by Hon. William Mulock. The premier will hold a series of meetings, the dates of which have already been given, in Quebec during this week, and will start in Ontario next week commencing on the 16th in Toronto. The other meetings he will hold in Ontario have not yet been arranged, but it has been fixed that he will speak at Parkhill on Saturday the 20th. The writs are made returnable on December 6th.

The returning officer for Westmorland is Sheriff McQueen, for Albert Sheriff Lynds, and for Kent Sheriff Legere.

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 (St. John Gazette.)

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Mrs. Thos. Tracy, Bynedale, Ont., writes: "We have used Dr. Low's Pleasant worm Syrup and find it to be better than any other remedy. It is easy for the children to take and always effectual."

The convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Canada will begin on Thursday, the 18th, with a meeting of the council at 10 a. m. The general sessions will begin at 10.30 a. m. on the following day at St. James' school house. It is expected that Bishop Potter, of New York, will be at the convention.

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