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KENT'S REAL FRIENDS.

The test of ability is the power not to promise but to perform; the test of friendship is the willingness necessary to co-operate with that ability in order to produce results. Friendliness and ability are both needed on the part of a representative or of an administration in their treatment of a constituency. For years Kent County was represented by one of the clever talkers, and this constituency when it needed any public improvement received it in talk. Now the good book assures us that hope deferred maketh the heart sad, and our experience in this county fully bears out the statement. Election after election these public needs were trotted out and did valiant service in pointing the moral and adorning the tale of our eloquent representative. What Geo. V. McInerney was going to do always sounded so well in the burning words of eloquence he used that many of us felt the thing was done. But eloquence is poor food for an empty stomach, and the next day after the election had carried him into power satisfied us that our castles in the air were founded on the cheap talk of a glib speaker. We never saw results.

Since 1896 Kent has seen better effects although this county was in opposition. The Laurier Administration with a broad-minded policy of even-handed justice overlooked the factious and sometimes bitter opposition of our member, and was fair and even liberal in its expenditures on the much needed public works of this county which had been systematically neglected for so many years. The work on the Richibucto breakwater, on the rivers and coastal service is too well known to require particularization. Our people even fancied that there might be some truth in the story told them at the last election by our late member that the Laurier Administration was trying to bribe us into supporting it, but if we should return the government member last fall the government would have no further use for this county. We were told also that the gentleman who was elected would have absolutely no influence and that because he could not make fine speeches he would be useless as our representative.

What has been our experience? It is only six months since the Hon. O. J. LeBlanc was elected, and yet the estimates of this year show that he has redeemed the promises he made on the hustings and for which he was laughed at as an empty boaster. Mr. LeBlanc has proved his zeal for this county. He has also proved the falsity of the contention that because he was a man of the people that he would have no influence with the government. The supplementary estimates for the year

starting July 1st provide the following grants for public works in Kent:—

Richibucto, reconstruction of north pier and Groynes..... 26,000
Kingston, Kent Co., repairs to wharf..... 750
St. Mary's pier, Kent Co., repairs.. 600
Chockfish River, Kent Co. break-water at mouth of river..... 1,000
Richibucto public building..... 4,000

Many of our readers will remember that the promise of a Dominion public building at Richibucto did service in the elections of 1892 and 1896, but the promises of some people are like pie crust—easily broken. It will also be remembered that at the last election the Hon. O. J. LeBlanc was jeered at by his opponents for his pledge that if he did not have the grant for the breakwater at the mouth of the Chockfish River in 18 months from the day of election, he would resign his seat. He has carried out his pledge with twelve months to spare, and has no need to resign to do it either.

We congratulate Mr. LeBlanc, M. P., on his attention to Kent's public works and congratulate the people of this County on having one of the most faithful representatives in the House of Commons. We haven't heard of Kent's member making any high-sounding speeches in the House so that he might flood this County with public literature at the public expense. But he has been working in the interest of this constituency from the day he went to Ottawa. And Kent has suffered so much from talkers that our people can appreciate a member who works. On Declaration Day last fall we were assured that in six months we should be sorry for our choice. Instead of that being true, we do not hesitate to say that the Hon. O. J. LeBlanc and the government he supports is 20 per cent. stronger in this constituency today than he or it was on the 7th day of November last.

A BROKEN BUBBLE.

The splendid progress that Canada has been making during the past five years has upset many pet illusions and brought the people to a realization of several fundamental truths. Previous to 1896 the control of Canada's policies had been vested in the leaders of the Conservative party, who possibly started in 1878 on their career of administration as the dominant party with high ideals and noble aspirations. This might be conceded even if the memory of the Canadian Pacific or Sir Hugh Allan scandal renders improbable the conception either of high ideals or lofty aspirations being dominant factors in the authors of so foul an outrage on Canada's reputation. But conceding this improbable thing, it must be evident to every one who has lived through the years from 1878 to 1896, that ideals, if any existed at the outset, were rapidly abandoned by the Conservative leaders, for almost immediately and more particularly after the death of Sir John A. Macdonald, the ruling impulse among the leaders who succeeded him was to retain power at any cost.

According to the high conception of British politics, no public man could respect himself or expect to retain the public respect or confidence who would remain a member of a cabinet after he had lost confidence either in the Premier or his policy. Yet it is conceded that for a year at least and possibly for a much longer period, the majority of the members of the late Conservative cabinet retained office after they had, according to their own statement, lost confidence both in their Premier, Sir MacKenzie Bowell, and in his policies. During all that time the conspiracy was being developed which finally resulted in the resignation at one time of seven

ministers of the Crown who will pass down into history as the "nest of traitors." It is no wonder that even now Sir MacKenzie Bowell refuses to speak to Mr. Geo. E. Foster, the chief conspirator, or that he actively canvassed against the Hon. John Haggart at the last general elections. The names of those seven should not soon be forgotten.

Previous to that startling revelation of treachery, when the nest of traitors thought themselves sufficiently strong to spring their conspiracy publicly on their leader, the Canadian people had been consistently educated for 17 years into the belief that the genius for government in this country was monopolized by the little circle of Conservative office holders at Ottawa. The doctrine of the divine right of Kings was not more conscientiously heralded by the ill-fated Stuart kings than was the idea that the monopoly of government rested with Conservatives promulgated by the party leaders and the party press. And goodness knows how long the illusion might have been maintained, for the power of the government and its various machines was great, if the Conservatives had not quarreled over the spoils of office. Like the greedy dog in the fable, who in reaching for the shadow lost the real bone, so the Conservative leaders in reaching for the shadow of power and preferment lost the reality. The people at once began to question whether these political giants were not merely pygmies on stilts and the result has passed into history.

With the light of five years of brighter experience it is a comedy to look back on the pretensions of these great men who believed themselves to be the chosen leaders in the work of Canadian development. But through the comedy is a sad note which tells of the mispent years and wasted opportunities of this giant limbed nation starving in the midst of plenty because of the foolish superstitions of their political leaders.

BY THE WAY.

The death of Mr. Geo. E. King, Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, removes one of the clever men of this province. Judge King was at one time Premier of New Brunswick and is perhaps best known as the father of our common school law. He was appointed to the New Brunswick Bench and later to the Supreme Court of Canada. Judge King was popular with all who knew him and was without doubt one of the most brilliant Canadian legal lights.

The Fredericton Exhibition Association will probably have to abandon their idea of an Exhibition at the capital this fall. The provincial government has given them a grant of \$2500 to which the city council added \$1500, but the Association are having some difficulty with their leases. The promoters also claim they have not sufficient money for the purpose. Exhibitions are costly things to run.

The seizure by the government of the "Irish People," the Dublin Nationalist paper edited by William O'Brien, for an obscene and scurrilous attack on Britain's King seems the surest way of giving its obscene lies greater publicity. At the same time the article should bring home to the many loyal Irishmen in Canada who have been supporting with their funds men who are unworthy of their sympathy or assistance.

The recent flurry on the New York stock markets during which railway stocks rose to treble their real values in many cases, now

turns out to have been caused by a struggle between two powerful factions to obtain control of the Northern Pacific Ry. Mr. J. R. Keens, one of the shrewdest stock brokers in New York, took advantage of this battle to send the stock away up to a price beyond all reason, knowing that neither side dare part with a single share of stock. Other stocks followed the upward movement of Northern Pacific and a panic was only averted when the crash came, by the co-operation of a number of banks and other powerful financial interests.

The people of Canada are tired of and disgusted with the mean misrepresentations of the Conservative press. Recently the Minister of Railways has been vilified for the dishonest and exorbitant price said by these organs to have been paid to political friends for certain land in St. John upon which it is proposed to build an engine house for the I. C. R. It now appears that not only has no price been paid or bargain made, but that even the site has not been chosen. The site favoured by the government's engineers belongs to the Gilbert Estate, whose owners have been Conservatives in politics. Whatever site is chosen the land will probably be acquired under expropriation proceedings.

Kent appreciates the recognition shown by the government's grants for much needed public works in this constituency.

The lumbermen on the river St. John are bemoaning the early cessation of the freshet. Some 70,000,000 feet of lumber on the upper stretches of the river are in danger according to the parties interested. We hear the same story every spring. But we would wager a big apple that the recent rains have enabled much of this lumber to get beyond danger of being hung up for the season.

The Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo opened May 1st and is to close November 1st. The trip to the Pan-American by way of the I. C. R. and Grand Trunk Rys. will enable the people of the North Shore to see the world-famed Niagara Falls. A trip down the St. Lawrence river through the Thousand Isles should be included in the programme.

The Fredericton Gleaner advocates the dropping of all the election petitions in this Province. Bro. Crockett should have a serious talk on the subject to Bro. McLeod, who is the chief stumbling block.

We hear a good deal of pharisaical disapproval of the grit "machine" these days from our Conservative friends. The most effective political machine that ever existed in Canada was that old time "shingle" machine—the I. C. R. Up to 1896 it was a machine, unscrupulously used for the benefit of the Conservatives. Since then it has become a railroad.

It seems that we exploded quite a political mine in our note of two weeks ago regarding the rumor of Mr. Geo. V. McInerney being given a place on the government ticket in St. John at the next election. We were quite innocent of any such intention. Mr. McInerney can take any side of politics he chooses or run on either ticket in St. John for all we care, but if he stays in Kent he is out of the running so far as the government ticket is concerned. We don't desire generals who lack the fundamental idea of being true to the principles for which they are fighting.

CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Rev. D. Fraser, B. A., Pastor. Rexton, Sunday, 11 o'clock a. m.; Richibucto, Sunday, 7 o'clock p. m. Christian Endeavor Society meets at Rexton every Monday at 7.30 p. m., and at Richibucto every Thursday at 7.30 p. m.

METHODIST SERVICES.—Rev. A. D. McLeod, Pastor. Preaching Sabbath:—West Branch, 10.30 a. m.; Rexton, 3 p. m.; Richibucto, 7; Nicholas River Hall, Saturday the 18th, 7.30 p. m.

ST. MARY'S, (ANGELICAN).—Rev. H. A. MEEK, Rector. May 19th, (Sunday after Ascension Day)—Divine Service, Richibucto, 11; Bible class, 2.30; Rexton, 7; also Thursday 16th, (Ascension Day) 7.30; Rexton; Friday 17th, 7.30; Richibucto; Tuesday 21st, 7.30, South Branch

A CATARRH SPECIALIST

Mr. James Spence, Clachan, Ont., says:—"I have been a sufferer from catarrh for 15 years, which became chronic. I have spent a lot of money and consulted several doctors, among others a specialist in London. I have tried everything I could hear of or see advertised without doing me any good. But, thanks to Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure, I am completely cured after using three boxes of it. I recommend it to anyone suffering from catarrh."

NORMAL EXAMINATIONS.—The examinations for diplomas in the Normal Department of the N. B. S. S. A., will be held on June 6th and 7th. Leaders of classes and private students are requested to send, without delay, the name of the person who is to act as presiding examiner and the number of question papers wanted, to the superintendent, Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, D. D., St. John, N. P. A fee of 25 cents, to cover expenses, should accompany each set of written answers forwarded by the presiding examiner. County Normal superintendents will please endeavor to obtain a full list of classes and private students in their respective counties and forward it to the provincial superintendent as soon as practicable.

There arrived at Halifax by the steamer Beta, Sunday from Jamaica a Chinaman and his wife and child bound for Hong Kong. The husband is William Chin Mon, aged 32, the wife May Mon, 28, and the child Amy Mon, 18 months. The child, a friendly, good natured looking little thing, is the first Chinese baby ever seen in Halifax, though she might not be called a Chinese baby, as she was born at Jamaica.

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CAPT. TOWN, May 11.—The South African News to-day declares it has been decided to reconstruct the ministry, with Cecil Rhodes as premier, Dr. Jameson as colonial secretary and Sir John Gordon Sprigg as treasurer. The premier (Sir John Gordon Sprigg), however, authorizes me that there is no foundation for the reports of the reconstruction of the cabinet.

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