

Victory of Dewart a Hard Jolt for the Toronto Tories

Came Like a Bolt From the Blue and the Party Organization is Stunned---Many Conservatives Were in a Sulk and Refused to Take an Active Part in the Campaign---Dissatisfaction Over Federal Affairs Lost the Conservatives Many Votes---Hughes-Allison Mess Must be Cleared up.

(Toronto Globe.)

"Tory Toronto"—the organization—is stunned. There were murmurings on Monday night when the victory of Mr. Harley Dewart, the Liberal candidate in the southwest riding, came like a bolt from the blue. Yesterday the storm broke. It was a storm of mutual recrimination. For the first time in many years the organization seems split asunder. Bitter words are being spoken. Ugly threats are being made. So acute was the feeling that men in the supposedly "inner" circle even went so far as to make pledges that if the malcontents and insurgents would hold their peace and try to "get together," efforts would be taken along the lines suggested by the morning party organ yesterday to protest the election with a view to "trying it over."

Defeat Totally Unexpected.

The election of Mr. Dewart was an unexpected jolt. So far as the local machine was concerned the fight of the Ministers and legislators was to save the face of the government in the matter of majority. Hon. Mr. Lucas let the cat out of the bag when he declared publicly that the members of the government would have their ears to the ground for a 3,000 or 4,000 or 5,000 majority for the Conservative candidate. Until nearly three o'clock on election day, the Globe is informed, the organization had not the slightest notion of actual defeat. It was working to retain government prestige by a substantial majority, and Ministers were making big concessions at every meeting to obtain it.

Dewart's Young Hustlers.

It was known, of course, that Mr. Dewart had rallied to his support about a hundred young Liberals who were "hustling." But these were lads new to actual political campaigning, young men who were working for the love of the cause, and were "green to the game."

The "organization" regarded them rather patronizingly. The Liberal vote

was split by multiplicity of candidacies, difference of opinion and indisposition on the part of men regarded hitherto as local party leaders to mix up in the fray. There were "sulky" Conservatives—that much was known. That endangered the size of the majority and called for work on the part of the platform speakers, canvassers and the scrutineers. But actual defeat was impossible.

The unexpected happened. The young beginners got out their Dewart vote. The organization failed to rally the Conservatives. The Liberal was elected.

Lethargy and Treachery.

The man on the street, the editors in the press and the analysts of the trend of public sentiment are busy explaining the result after their own inclinations. The local Conservative organization is dealing with it in a different way.

It charges the defeat against Conservatives themselves—lethargy, indifference and, worse still, treachery. Some of the organizers themselves are included in the general recriminations. There is an insistent demand for a housecleaning, and an effectual one. There is more—there is a Toronto demand, which threatens to grow, for a provincial conference and some straight talking to the men who at present compose the Hearst government. There seems a unanimity of opinion that the utterances of the ministers, particularly those of Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, helped considerably to chill the Conservative vote and augment that of the Liberal candidate.

Where the "Wet" Vote Went.

The prohibition issue is a very live one with the organization, but that alone is not credited with the result. Conservatives got the whole brewery support. That is admitted. They also got a share, though not as large as they looked for, from the hotel interests. The nickel issue, important as it is, also appears as a side issue to the gentlemen on the Tory inside. Of the

publicly discussed issues, only two enter into the post-election agitation of the organization—the Hydro-electric enterprise and the Federal problems arising from the Camp Borden and Hughes-Allison messes.

There is a new and insistent demand to derrick Ferguson, McGarry and possibly Lucas, put Hearst upon the bench, and ask Sir Adam Beck to take the leadership. This, it is claimed, would settle the pro-Hyde protestations within the party and also spike Mr. Dewart's guns in the Legislature.

Violent Against Ottawa.

The other matter which concerns the Tory machine in Toronto is Federal rather than provincial. It is the dissatisfaction with Camp Borden and the growing sentiment against the whole Borden-Hughes-Allison association at Ottawa.

Local Conservatives wanted Sir Robert Borden talked to upon these matters in a way that will make the Canadian Premier, as one man put it, "sit up." Otherwise, he added, he shortly will have to get down.

"Threw Down" the Candidate.

Local troubles are more individual and acute. It is charged that certain of Toronto's representatives in the Legislature deliberately and with malice aforethought, for their own selfish ends, "threw down" the Conservative candidate on Monday.

To some extent this sentiment seemed to be reflected in the interview in yesterday's issue of the Globe with Ald. Russell Nesbitt, the returning officer.

Other local Conservatives are charged with having "betrayed their party" to wreak spite upon individuals in the party.

Altogether the Southwest Toronto by-election is causing much consternation and much recrimination in the house of the "organization."

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(Philadelphia Ledger.)

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POTATO CROP A FAILURE.

Ontario Will Have to Depend Upon Maritime Provinces This Year.

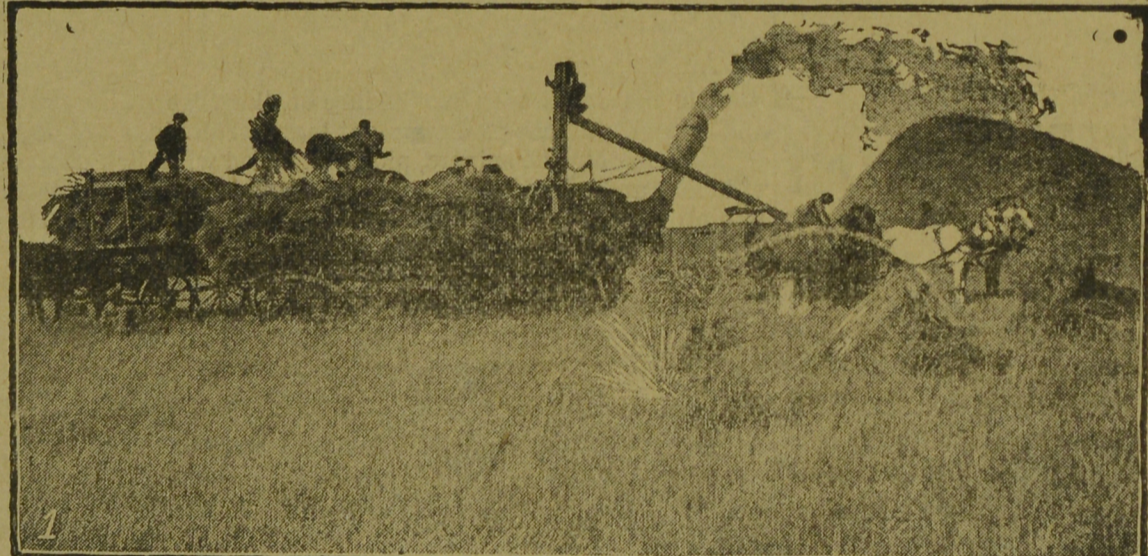
Cobourg, Ont., Aug. 22.—Butter is on the upward trend and the proprietors of butter factories say it will reach 50c. before long.

Potatoes are 50c. a peck and very scarce at that, as the potato crop all over Ontario is a complete failure. For a fortnight past very few potatoes have been shipped into Cobourg, and many families are doing without potatoes.

Ontario will have to depend upon the Maritime Provinces and Quebec for its supply of potatoes.

All garden vegetables are about two weeks later than usual, and green corn has just been offered on the market.

SAVE THE CROP OF WESTERN CANADA



(1) Threshing Wheat, Carman, Man.
(2) Loading Wheat in Manitoba.
(3) Reaping at Carberry, Man.

STATISTICS from the Government authorities show that the wheat crop this year promises to be greater than ever but the problem that is troubling the minds of the farmers in Western Canada is how can the crop be harvested? That is the predominant problem of to-day in Canada apart from recruiting for overseas. The railways are providing special excursions to carry the men to their destinations but the effort will almost be fruitless if the labor does not come forward for the work in view. There is no disguising the seriousness of the situation this year so many men having gone to the front or are on their way. Despite this fact, however, there should be no lack of men to gather in Canada's greatest asset if the country is to still continue the good work of the past two years in helping the Mother Country in the greatest war the world has even known. While Canada has sent some hundred thousand men to the war there are still hundreds of thousands more left who have not enlisted and who are not assisting in the making of munitions. These have now an excellent opportunity of doing a little bit at home to help the war abroad. Canada's crop is of vital necessity to Great Britain and her Allies so that everyone who helps in gathering in the harvest will in some measure be assisting in carrying on the war to a successful issue. The effort will not only be a health-giver but give excellent remuneration.



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