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SOMEHEAD POLITICIANS.

The defeated Government candidates in Westmorland gave an exhibition of ill temper at the declaration proceedings at Dorchester last week which was altogether out of the ordinary. Hon. P. G. Mahoney, who has been twice rejected by his constituents within eight months, displayed a particularly venomous spirit for one who enjoys the reputation of being a mild-mannered man. The Sackville Tribune reports his as saying:

"During the campaign the Opposition had said they were going to reconstruct the government. What was the reconstruction? Were they not the same old gang; now they were fighting like Kilkenny cats for portfolios. These were the men who were going to give this province a better government than the old; they would not do so. There had not been a government in the last thirty years that gave the province such an honest and upright administration of affairs as the government defeated on Saturday and Monday last. The situation only showed that where the most was done the least was given in return."

Poor Mahoney! He has certainly been up against hard luck. In May last, against his better judgment, no doubt, he accepted a portfolio in the local government. Upon appealing to his constituency for reelection he suffered defeat. He clung to the sour lemon two months before tendering his resignation and when he finally did so it was with the understanding that he would have the portfolio back when the general elections were called on. The promise was not kept, and when the House was dissolved he at first declined to stand as a candidate. In the end he was whipped into line, only to get a second drubbing, much worse than the first. It is difficult to understand at this distance why he does not vent his wrath upon the government which got him into so much trouble instead of upon the victorious Opposition candidates.

Then we have our bumptious old friend, Dr. Price, who "also ran" in the city of Moncton. Nobody familiar with Dr. Price's career as a legislator, and knowing what a narrow-minded bigoted partizan he is, would expect him to accept an adverse verdict from the people without making a wry face. Here is a sample of the balderdash he got off before an intelligent audience: "I am pleased," he said, "to meet the Opposition members here—because they are still in the Opposition—as the Murray government has not yet resigned. These gentlemen have to contest five seats before they are actually in power in the Province of New Brunswick. I entered this contest to discuss the record of the government, and was prepared to stand absolutely on the record of the present administration. My defeat in the city of Moncton will go down in history as one of the most contemptible and under-handed in the province of New Brunswick. The Opposition did not win on criticism of the government, because they knew the record of the government was good. The only proposition was to work the game that was worked in Dorchester, Quebec; that game was the canvass that we would have conscription if the present government was returned to power. * * * I would not wish a victory won by such practices as elected my opponent. It remains to be seen what success the new government has in getting into power when they come to run the by-elections."

A liberal share of the Flemming boodle fund was the means of electing Dr. Price to the Legislature in 1912, and as the under-study of Organizer Harry Woods he probably saw to it that a generous allotment of the reptile fund which the government had at its disposal last month found its way to Moncton. In other words, he played the game and lost, and now we find him squealing like a stuck pig and accusing his opponents of having employed unfair means to defeat him. The doctor has long suffered from an abnormally developed bump of self-esteem, and we fear the defect is incurable. Men of his peculiar make-up occasionally draw a prize package in the shape of a seat in the Legislature, but experience has shown that the people sooner or later take their measure correctly and see to it that they do not "come back." As a thick-and-thin supporter of the moribund local government and an apologist for its iniquitous acts, Dr. Price richly deserved the rebuke administered to him by the intelligent and discerning electors of Moncton.

The Opposition members of the Legislature, the men who will carry on

the affairs of this province for the next five years, have selected Mr. W. E. Foster for the Premiership. Mr. Foster led his party to victory in the recent election, but suffered personal defeat in St. John county by a small majority. It is the unanimous wish of the victorious party throughout the province that he continued as leader, and no difficulty is anticipated in finding him a safe seat. The new government will have many difficult problems to face and it is well that we should have at the head of affairs a business man of sterling integrity such as Mr. Foster has proven himself to be.

Moncton Transcript: Talking about conscription, however, Messrs. Dugal and Veniot did not need conscription. Mr. Dugal, whose name is anathema to the English-speaking grifters supporting the Tory government, is this week welcoming home from the front his brave son, who was wounded so that our homes might be protected. The much abused Mr. Veniot has two sons at the front without conscription, fighting the battles of the Empire, while these Tory editors and candidates of military age and fitness are remaining at home slandering the fathers of the brave Acadian boys who are fighting the battles of the Empire.

It is not the alleged Acadian menace which is causing members of the moribund provincial government and their henchmen loss of sleep at the present time. What grates on their nerves is the expressed intention of the dominant party to have a house-cleaning when they assume the reins of power. The people can rest assured that the proposed investigation will be a thorough one and those who have been plundering the public treasure will be compelled to make restitution.

The government boodlers defeated at the polls on February 24th are already declaring that if given another chance the people would reverse their verdict. There never was a criminal convicted before a court of justice who didn't profess to be firmly of the opinion that if granted a new trial he would be able to secure an acquittal.

St. John Times: The reason the government press is so savagely attacking the Acadians is that it wishes to divert attention from the misdeeds of the government and if possible stave off an enquiry which is dreaded alike by members of the government and of the Legislature, and the grifters in their train.

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The Indianapolis News observes that one of the best ways to judge of a bill before the Legislature is by its enemies.

A man who doesn't have a few mistakes in his record doesn't have anything else.

What's become of the old-fashioned man who spluttered every time he washed his face?

Once the odor of onions was supposed to be offensive. Now they mark the malefactor of great wealth!

Maine men want to be allowed to ship short lobsters to New York, but there's one kind of short lobster that is always unpopular on Broadway!

Nowadays when a farmer wants a new tire for his auto—or one of his autos, perhaps—he merely takes a barrel of potatoes to town, and sells them.

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Mr. Carl G. Fraser, of Halifax, is in the city.

Mr. R. O'Leary, of Richibucto, arrived in the city last night. He is at the Queen.

Mr. Francis Kerr, of St. John, is registered at the Queen.

His Honor the Lieut. Governor is registered at the Queen.

Mr. F. W. Sumner of Moncton arrived in the city last night.

Mr. H. S. Ward, of St. John, is in the city.

Mr. W. E. Anderson, of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Ham, of St. John, are in the city.

Dr. H. I. Taylor, of St. George, is registered at the Barker House.

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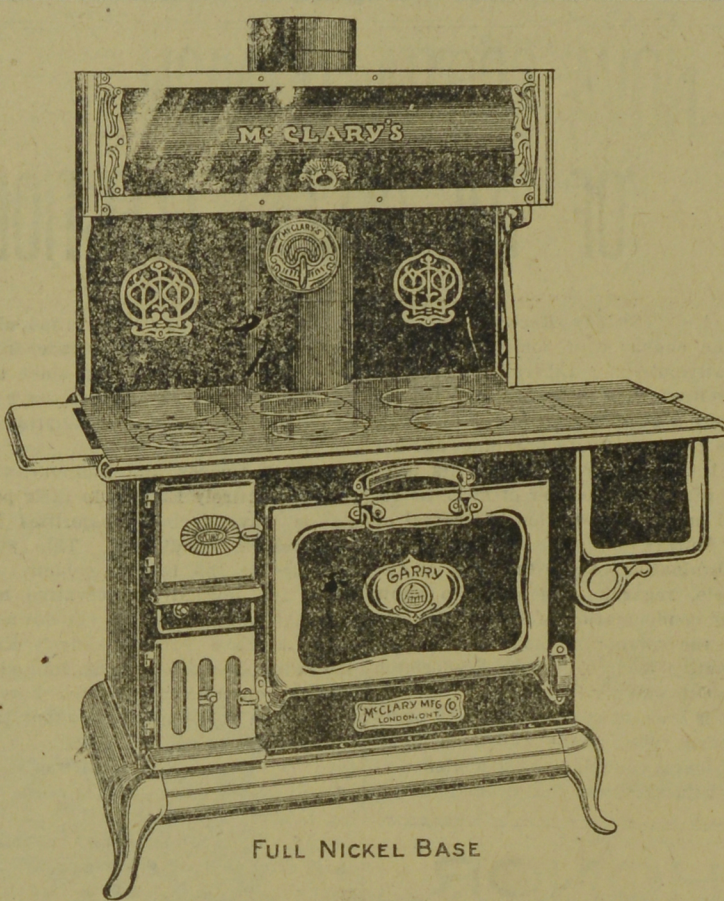
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