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MR. BORDEN'S TASK

Mr. R. L. Borden, who led his party to victory in Thursday's election will have a cabinet making job on hand. He will no doubt select the strongest men among his supporters and will follow the precedent set by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1896 and offer portfolios to several well known provincial politicians. It is a well known fact that our own Premier Hazen who fought at long range during the recent campaign, will be found pressing his claims, but he is likely to encounter stiff opposition from Dr. Daniel, Geo. W. Fowler and our Mr. Crockett. Mr. Hazen accompanied the opposition leader on his trip to P. E. Island, and there are some who say that he has Mr. Borden's promise of a portfolio. Mr. Fowler made his boast on nomination day that he was to be the next minister of railways, while Solicitor General McLeod is known to be boosting Mr. Crockett for the job.

Mr. Borden will of course hold one of the two portfolios allotted to Nova Scotia, and it is said that the other will be offered either to Mr. John Stanfield of Colchester or to F. B. McCurdy, who defeated Finance Minister Fielding in Queens-Shelburne. In Quebec it is altogether likely that Ex-Judge Doherty of Montreal will be chosen as one of Mr. Borden's ministers. Mr. Ames of magic lantern fame will probably be another. It is not unlikely that portfolio's may also be offered to Mr. Monk, Mr. L. P. Pelletier and Mr. Perley.

The Ontario cabinet timber to select from includes Hon. Geo. E. Foster, Dr. Sproule, Col. Sam Hughes, Dr. Read, Mr. Cruthers, Samuel Barker. They cannot all be chosen but it is safe to say that Mr. Foster and Dr. Sproule will be among the lucky ones.

It is generally understood that Hon. Robert Rogers of Manitoba will be chosen to represent the western provinces and that Hon. Richard McBride of British Columbia may be the choice from the far west.

It is to be hoped that when selecting his cabinet Mr. Borden will not forget to give the country honest administration. In this connection it might be well to call his attention to some observations made by the Montreal Star during the campaign of 1908. The Star said:

"Then Mr. Borden promises 'honest administration of our public revenues.' How is to be accomplished? By making Foster Minister of Finance? By giving the Militia Department to Col. Sam Hughes? By appointing Fowler and Lefurgey to deal with the railway magnates?"

"It is useless to talk to the people of giving them a more honest administration if the work of that administration is to be left in such hands as these."

As the Star was an important factor in making votes against reciprocity at the recent election, no doubt it will be ready to repeat its advice to the Tory leader.

Hon. Clifford Sifton, formerly Minister of the Interior in the Laurier Cabinet, stumped the country for the Tories and undoubtedly did much to win a victory for Mr. Borden. Hon. Mr. Sifton is one of the ablest men in Canadian public life and when a member of the cabinet he was subjected to the vilest abuse from members of the opposition. It was Mr. George W. Fowler who shouted "wine, women and graft" across the floor of the house at Mr. Sifton on one occasion, yet during his recent visit to New Brunswick he spoke at Sussex in Mr. Fowler's interest.

He has been compelled to give up office owing to their defeat at the office owing to the defeat at the

polls. Sir John Macdonald's ministry resigned in 1873 following an appeal to the people on account of the Pacific scandal. The government of Alexander McKenzie was defeated in 1878 on the national policy issue, and the government of Sir Charles Tupper was defeated in 1896 on its administrative record. The government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was defeated this week on a question of policy.

Much is being said by Mr. Crockett's friends about an alleged political overturn in the city. Let us see how much of an overturn there was. In the election three years ago Mr. Crockett received 400 votes at the City Hall and 240 at the Court House. Thursday he received 406 at the City Hall and 313 at the Court House. Dr. Atherton received 347 votes at the City Hall against 320 cast at that poll for Mr. Brown three years ago and at the Court House he received 347 votes against 382 cast for the Liberal candidate in the last con- His total vote was 681 against 702 cast for Mr. Brown in 1908. The alleged overturn it will be seen was all in the down town division of the city.

The defeat of Hon. W. S. Fielding in Queens-Fielding, N. S. is a distinct loss to Canada. Hon. Mr. Fielding entered public life in 1883 and soon afterwards became Premier and Provincial Secretary of Nova Scotia. In 1896 on the formation of the Laurier Cabinet he became Minister of Finance and was elected for Queens-Shelburne. He was re-elected for that constituency in 1900, 1904 and 1908.

Maine it now appears, went "wet" by twenty-six votes. If the division had to be as narrow as that, it is a thing that the majority was on that side. The majority of "wets" do not compel the minority to do anything; but a majority of twenty-six "drys" compelling the minority to go without alcohol would have had their work cut out for them.

The estate of a New York lawyer who was considered a "millionaire," proved to be worth just \$25,000. There is a deep seated suspicion that that there are several other persons in New York acting like millionaires on much the same basis, and that practice may not be confined to the most extravagant city of the continent.

Hon. William Pugsley the Liberal leader in New Brunswick has no reason to be ashamed of the showing his party made in this province on Thursday. He had to fight the most unscrupulous opponents who were well backed with the resources of civilization.

Premier Hazen was unable to make quite as good a showing for the Tories of New Brunswick as was made by the premiers of Ontario, British Columbia and Manitoba. His failure to deliver the goods may spoil his chances for a portfolio.

Dr. Lowell certainly put up a brave fight in St. John County. He followed Dr. Daniel very closely in the city and if the county had done its duty he would have been elected. As it was he was defeated by only 28 majority.

When the political excitement subsides the people of Canada will wake up to the fact that some good men that can ill be spared were lost to the country life of the country in Thursday's election.

Premier Hazen and our Mr. Shipp did not cover themselves with glory during the recent campaign. They concentrated their efforts on Sunbury and Queens and their candidate was defeated.

Mr. Crockett's newspaper claims that he was elected by the unpurchasable vote. This scarcely agrees with the reports which are coming from the different polls.

Mr. Horace Bergeron an old time Quebec politician who accompanied Mr. Borden on his tour of the west was badly defeated in Beauharnois by L. J. Papineau.

York County Tories appear to have the laugh on Mr. Shipp.

It is said that Mr. Shipp is most desirous of seeing Premier Hazen elevated to the cabinet.

The Liberal fighters at some of the polls in York County on Thursday became frightened at the size of the Tory boodle fund and abandoned the fight before noon.

Mr. James Read the stalwart Liberal member for Restigouche, was the only government supporter in New Brunswick who was able to increase his majority at the recent election.

Hon. George E. Foster is said to be dated for Minister of Finance in Mr. Borden's Cabinet. It would be interesting to hear Sir MacKenzie Bowell's opinion on the subject.

There is not the slightest doubt but that the Eucharistic Congress and the Ne Temere decree were important factors in winning votes for the Tories at the recent election.

Although the weather man has been none too kind the exhibition has been a grand success. There should be a big rally for the wind up this evening.

The report that Mr. Shipp will leave for Ottawa in a few days to urge Mr. Crockett's claims for a portfolio is not based upon authentic information.

Mr. O. S. Crockett is out for a portfolio in Mr. Borden's cabinet; so is Mr. Hazen, so is Dr. Daniel and so is Mr. Fowler. In fact they all want to be cabinet ministers.

The slight majority which Mr. Crockett secured in Fredericton is not much to boast about after all considering the methods that were employed to get it.

It is beginning to look as if those engaged in the lumbering industry in New Brunswick would feel the pinch of hard times during the approaching winter.

It seems to be the general impression that the slump in the Liberal majority at the Court House was due to an unholy alliance.

"Let the Tories have their turn" seems to have been the slogan that the people acted upon during the recent election.

After all the Tories owe their victory to the Province of Ontario. The rest of the country decided in favor of reciprocity.

Whether as Prime Minister or leader of the opposition Sir Wilfrid Laurier will continue to be the outstanding figure in Canadian public life.

Dr. Clark and Dr. Neely, western Liberal candidates who visited New Brunswick last spring were re-elected on Tuesday.

Mr. Hugh Guthrie, a sturdy Liberal was triumphantly re-elected in North Wellington, Ont.

The Liberals were defeated on an economic issue and not on their record.

The Tories in the recent campaign seem to have made a dead set on the cabinet ministers.

Dr. Atherton stood at the Bear Island poll on Thursday and carried it by a majority of three.

The latest returns for Sunbury and Queens give Col. McLean a majority of eleven.

In the recent election the Liberals carried five of the nine provinces and divided the others equally.

Has anybody heard anything about the St. John Valley Railway project since Thursday.

The Laurier administration went down to defeat with its colors nailed to the mast-head.

Mr. Crockett is already being besieged with applicants for government jobs.

A big campaign fund has a good deal to do with regulating the size of O. S. Crockett's majority in York.

It was the reciprocity issue that put the government down and out.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Minister—Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith.
11 a. m.—Children's Day Service.
7 p. m.—Subject—A lesson in Decision.
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