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LIBERALISM'S GAIN IN ONTARIO

An outstanding fact in connection with the Provincial election in Ontario is that the popular majority of the Whitney Government was considerably reduced. In Toronto, for example, the number of votes cast for Liberal candidates was three times as great as the number polled by the Liberals in the Provincial contest of 1911. In many ridings throughout the Province, the Liberals were successful in reducing large Conservative majorities by hundreds while in some cases former Conservative majorities running up well into three figures were turned in good sized majorities for the Liberals. Taking the votes cast in the Province as a whole and comparing the total with the number cast in the last Ontario fight, it is seen that the Liberals have gained greatly in voting strength throughout the Province. While the Conservatives remain in power their advantage in the Legislature has been decreased by a number of seats and more significant than this is the drop in the Conservative popular majority.

The indication is plain enough that the Liberal tide is growing stronger in Ontario and the Conservatives, though they have won the Provincial fight again, are losing ground. When it is remembered that less than three years ago the Conservatives virtually swept the Province both in the local and federal contests, last week's gain in Liberal representation in the Legislature and, more than that, the decrease in the popular majority of the Conservatives, show a very satisfactory growth of Liberal feeling and voting strength in Ontario. And the growth in coming months is likely to be greater than that in the past couple of years, as the weakness and blundering partisanship of Sir Robert Borden and his associates and the unfortunate national conditions which have followed from their administration of Canadian affairs is more fully realized.

Chatham World:—The total cost of the Southampton Railway, according to engineers who have made detailed measurements and had access to all the available sources of information, was only \$160,000. The province of New Brunswick gave bond guarantee of \$156,000, or nearly the whole amount, and a double subsidy of \$86,500 was obtained from the Dominion Government. The company, therefore, or somebody who had access to the cash, got about \$89,000 more in subsidies than the railway cost. That is going some, surely on a 13½ mile railway. Is the Valley Railway management of a similar character? It is better, or is it ever worse?

(Chatham World)

Commissioner Pringle has found it easy to discover that the report of cost on which the Southampton Railway was granted a double subsidy was erroneous, the engineer having given inflated figures in support of the claim for extra subsidy. The what can be done about it? How can the Government get the money back? Who got it and who has it? The commissioner should devote his attention to this phase of the matter, and try to locate the cash. How much of it, if any, went into "campaign funds"? Get out all the facts.

The revelations being made before Commissioner Pringle do not reveal the business-like Flemming government light. If the road cost thousands of dollars less than alleged why did the Flemming government hand over an additional bond guarantee of \$2000 per mile? This is a question that should be answered.

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FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

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location. The region was already noted as a somewhat popular summer resort and had a few summer hotels and cottages. At Fair Point there was already an old-fashioned Methodist camp-meeting ground and this the promoters of the new enterprise proceeded to utilize.

The first meetings, which were nothing more than a Sunday School camp meeting, in which the addresses and services were confined exclusively to Sunday School subjects, were eminently successful. The next year measures were taken to enlarge the scope of the enterprise. The National Sunday School Association bought the entire eighty acres at Fair Point and immediately began to erect buildings and make other improvements. The money of Mr. Miller was liberally given for the cause and other wealthy and generous Methodists came forward with contributions.

The second year of the assembly saw an average daily attendance of nearly six thousand. On one day when President Grant visited the grounds twenty thousand people were present. New features were established, such as church progress, reform council and scientific congress. Before long the assembly was divided into several different departments, ecclesiastic, philanthropic, scientific, biblical and Sunday School. Representative men of all religious denominations and of many phases of intellectual thought, eminent in the pulpit, on the platform and in educational work, were engaged year after year to lecture and to teach. From the outset in every department and particularly in that of biblical instruction, specialists of the highest reputation were engaged. Secular instruction was not neglected and in nearly all branches pertaining to liberal education instruction was given scarcely inferior to that of the best colleges.

In fact, Chautauqua very soon became more of a summer university than a mere school or assembly. It was in effect an advanced school of specialists.

In the early days of the institution the duration of the annual convocation was only two weeks. Now, however, the sessions are held for two months of each year—July and August.

The assembly has long since been incorporated and is managed by a board of trustees. The little village has blossomed out into a flourishing town, with many handsome public buildings, mammoth assembly halls, a notable museum, library and other features of advanced city life. The organization maintains its own great publishing plant, where newspapers and periodicals are printed and tens of thousands of text books issued for the use of Chautauqua students the world over. In late years Chautauqua assemblies, many of them rivaling the parent assembly in size and the scope of their work, have been established in every section of the country.

A LETTER FROM

MR. A. E. HANSON

To the Editor of The Daily Mail:

I cannot allow the sensational yarn manufactured by the Gleaner and inspired by that animus which always seems to be their aim to be particularly anxious to say something nasty about their betters, and more particularly about those who have measured swords with them on various occasions in the past.

The corporation of the village of Gibson has used a road across my property for the past twelve years with leave and license to use same at my pleasure. On several occasions in the past tax collectors attempted to collect a small water tax, that is a property water tax from me and on every occasion I appealed to the commissioners and apparently the matter of the taxes were dropped and the road was and is still being used.

Yesterday Currie and Saunders, the constables came in the morning and demanded \$11.50 for costs and taxes. I refused and told them to levy on what they could get over on the farm. They started in and seized a large trunk full of valuable instruments, etc., worth over \$600. I ordered them out and told them I would pay the money under protest. I gave them a check and having no blank forms of my bank, the bank of British North America, I wrote a check on a Royal Bank form and omitted to write in the Bank of British North America. I shortly afterwards telephoned to the British Bank to cash the check, and Saunders telephoned me about the check and I informed him that the Bank would honor same. I never threatened as the Gleaner says to shoot, nor was there any talk of shooting and nothing but animus of a bad kind would cause them to say such as they had reported.

The public will notice more of this as I now intend to instruct my attorney to bring suit for back rent and usage of my land for the past few years.

Yours truly,

A. E. HANSON.

FIRE CAUSED \$20,000

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The Gleaner (job plant) ... \$10,000
H. G. Kitchen (building) ... 2,500
S. L. Morrison (coal shed) ... 600
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Chas. W. Whelpley (building) ... 500
Mrs. George Howard (barn) ... 300
C. H. Thomas & Co (stock) ... 200
Lawlor & Cain (stock) ... 200

HAD GREAT START

The blaze had a great start. Its origin is known. By some it is said to have first broken out in the boiler room and by others in a building at the rear of the boiler room and used as a stock-room. J. D. Black who was working in the newsroom of the paper saw flames reflecting in the window of Oak Hall at about ten o'clock. He raised an alarm and Jas. Adams rang an alarm in from box 31 at the corner of Carleton and Queen Streets. Parties who were boating on the river and others living in various parts of the city say they saw the flames burst out several minutes before the alarm rang.

When the firemen arrived in a remarkably short time after the alarm was sounded the flames had complete possession of the rear of The Gleaner building and were shooting a hundred feet in the air, being observable for miles. Two streams were laid from Queen street on either side of the fire and the Salvage Corps covered type-setting and other machines in the composing room. The firemen set out to keep the fire from getting out to Queen street and succeeded although it did spread to some buildings adjoining in the rear.

BIG CROWD GATHERED.

Several thousands of people gathered to watch the fire within a few minutes. Queen, King and Carleton streets all offered vantage points for spectators. Reserve hose was brought to the fire some on the hose wagon and some on a hand-reel. The firemen in a short time had five streams on—three from Queen street, one from Carleton and one from King. Shingles and sparks were carried high in the air and falling, caused fear of other fires starting. Fortunately they fell close to the original blaze. Allen Bros., proprietors of the Barker House stables, a large wooden structure near the scene of the fire, removed their horses, taking no chances on the fire spreading.

WORKED TOWARD KING STREET.

Within a few minutes the fire began to work toward King street, the old, frame buildings there offering an excellent chance. Residents became alarmed and asked for more streams to fight the fire. One man with a garden-hose did yeoman service, wetting down a shingle roof. The firemen proved equal to the occasion, however, and about eleven o'clock the fire began to die out. In the meantime part of the stocks of Lawlor & Cain and of C. H. Thomas & Co. had been removed as the flames had damaged the rear of the buildings.

EXTENT OF DAMAGE.

The job department of The Gleaner was totally destroyed. This was located on the second floor in front of the boiler-room and contained a number of presses and other machinery. A Meibele press and other apparatus on the ground floor underneath was severely damaged by heat and water. The stereotyping and power plant was much damaged but repairs were effected during the night, enabling the paper to publish today. The stock-room, mailing-room and part of the job department located at the rear of the boiler-room was totally destroyed. Smoke did damage in the rest of the premises which was untouched by the fire.

Morrison's coal shed was totally destroyed and the contents damaged. The Whelpley building was scorched and a plate glass window cracked by heat. Frame buildings on the Torrens and Howard properties were totally destroyed. The flames penetrated the rear of the Sharkey property and did some damage.

BUILDING BYLAW.

The destroyed property, according to city bylaw, must be rebuilt in brick, stone or concrete. There are other districts of the city which also are composed of frame structures and make a bad fire risk.

C. E. L. Jarvis is to come from St. John tomorrow to appraise part of the loss. F. I. Morrison & Son carried insurance on The Gleaner, the Whelpley property, the Sharkey property, C. H. Thomas & Co. and the Howard property. T. S. Wilkinson carried it on The Gleaner building, owned by H. G. Kitchen.

PERSONAL

W. R. Belyea of St. John, is at the Windsor Hall.

L. B. Smith, wife and family, arrived from St. John by automobile, last night, and registered at the Windsor Hall.

Mr. Charles Taylor of Amherst, is spending a few days in the city.

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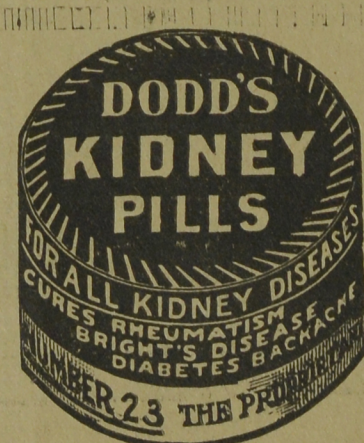
THIS MORNING.

The Orangemen's excursion to Sussex yesterday, returned to this city about two o'clock this morning. The excursionists report a most enjoyable time with the gathering at Sussex, one of the largest ever held in the province. Past Grand Master, A. D. Thomas, of this city was among the speakers. The 71st Regt. Band made a good showing among the other bands that were there.

Miss L. Wilson is quite ill at her home on Queen Street.

AT WINDSOR HALL

Among those registered at Windsor Hall are: E. E. Burden, of Pokiok; Rev. C. H. Fullerton, of Prince William; Thomas W. Duffield, of Toronto; F. M. Gregors, of Bridgetown N. S.; and W. Singer, of Montreal.



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