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FEATURES OF THE CAMPAIGN

From the standpoint of the Liberal party in this county it is to be regretted that the election campaign now being carried on between the warring factions of the Conservative party will end on Thursday. It has been the means of breaking some Tory idols and many who have been deceived in the past by the clap-trap of these Tory politicians and who took their word as if it were the word of statesmen, will no longer have a reason for being deceived. These politicians have been telling SOME of the stories which they know about each other. If these Tories have been guilty of the things which the other Tories charge against them (and it must be remembered that both sides make equally direct charges and claim to speak from personal knowledge) then the men guilty of these things are moral degenerates and unworthy of public confidence. On the other hand, if they are not guilty of the charges laid against them, then the men making the charges are slanderers and libellers of the blackest type and unfit for any public position.

Mr. P. A. Guthrie charges Mr. C. H. Thomas with breach of an undertaking to support him in this election. Mr. Thomas calls Heaven to witness and swears that he never made any such promise and characterizes the assertion as on a par with the other lies which are being circulated by the Guthrie faction. Mr. Guthrie's returns were an equally strong reiteration of his former statement.

The Gleaner charges Mr. Pinder with being unable to account for the thousands of dollars of the public moneys provided for the building of the Southampton Railway and with failure to pay his obligations to the government of which he is such a prominent supporter.

Naturally one asks, Where is the famous Audit Act? But in the meantime Mr. Pinder charges The Gleaner with black hearted ingratitude for having deserted him in view of the fact that he organized the present Gleaner company and raised the finances necessary to put The Gleaner on its feet again when it was bankrupt and almost out of business; he further charges that the managing director of The Gleaner does not account to the shareholders for the profits of the company and that without their consent he has borrowed twenty thousand dollars on a mortgage on the company's property.

Dean Schofield has also written to The Gleaner objecting to the imaginings of The Gleaner man being published as an authorized interview with the dean. The Hon. George J. Colter also rises and asks who is getting all the graft out of the Valley Railway.

Then The Gleaner, in its issue of Saturday last, tells of a bargain made between Mr. Thomas and the liquor interests at the time he was to be a candidate for mayor—a bargain made in the yard of the Lorne Hotel. It is evident from this that the liquor men bargain beforehand for their support. What is the consideration for their support of Mr. Guthrie now?

But the worst of all that has appeared so far was the admission made by Mr. Guthrie while speaking at the Court House on nomination day as he is reported in his organ. According to The Gleaner Mr. Guthrie told how he and Mr. Thomas conspired in 1908 to defeat what they feared might be the will of the Tory convention to leave Mr. Pinder off the ticket. Mr. Guthrie was secretary and he agreed when delegates were being nominated not to hear the names of delegates opposed to Mr. Pinder until enough had been named to complete the allotted number. Mr. Thomas may deny that he was guilty of this nefarious trick to deceive his fellow-Tories—Mr. Guthrie cannot for he tells the story and makes himself

a party. That tale would seem to lend color to the claim of Mr. Thomas friends that the convention which nominated Mr. Guthrie was packed.

These are some of the stories that the Tories are telling and swearing to about each other. These men are all prominent supporters of and in the confidence of Premier Flemming. Many of these facts must have been known all along without disqualifying any one of these men from being a confident of the premier. Is it any wonder that the public life of this province is considered so low.

Truly they are a lovely lot—these Tories. If the campaign lasted a little longer, the county would surely have its eyes opened.

The graft organ accuses Mr. C. H. Thomas of handing out party secrets to the opposition press. If the term opposition press includes The Mail, the statement contains about as much truth as the other campaign material which the Guthrie forces have been making use of. Mr. Thomas has fought the Liberals tooth and nail for over twenty-five years but he did not find it necessary to sacrifice his own self-respect. The Liberals never had any doubt as to where he stood at election times. Men of honorable motives such as Mr. Thomas are apt to come into conflict with the grafters and brigands of their own party but they generally have no difficulty in retaining the respect of those who honestly differ from their views. The Conservative party, in office or out of office, had no more staunch or loyal supporter in this city than Mr. C. H. Thomas.

The graft organ claims to have information to the effect that a son of Candidate Scott cashed a check in a local bank one day this week and it raises a shout about bribery and corruption. The game is too transparent to deceive anybody. By raising this false alarm the back organ is hopeful that the forces behind Guthrie will come across with more stuff, the wrath displayed by the organ during the past few days makes it quite plain that the Guthrie boodle fund has not quite come up to its expectations.

"Are you going to send me back to Ottawa with a black eye," was the pathetic appeal made by Col. McLeod in a recent speech. If the gallant colonel was afraid of one of his optics getting discolored he should have remained at Ottawa and not meddled with this by-election.

We are told that the gallant Capt. Guthrie "bearded the lion in his den" at Temperance Vale on Monday evening. He had twenty voters to hear him, which is about the number of votes he will get at that place on Thursday.

The graft organ says that Mr. Pinder is indebted to the province in the sum of \$550 for stampage. If this is so, where is the "honest collection of stampage" under Flemming rule that the organ used to boast about.

The McLeod-Guthrie forces hope to win this election by strong-arm methods. The law against bribery and corruption at elections is very stringent and Mr. Scott's supporters should be on the alert.

The electors of Fredericton should roll up a record majority for Mr. Scott tomorrow. There never was a better opportunity to strike a blow at machine politics and its attendant evils.

The back organ announces that Candidate Guthrie took dinner with ex-Warren Frank Brooks of Southampton, on Tuesday. That is certainly getting down to details.

The grafters and boodlers are on the run. Hard work and watchfulness on the part of Mr. Scott's supporters will surely carry the day for him on Thursday.

If the Indians had votes and Indian Agent Smith and Indian Medicine Man Mullin possessed any influence, Candidate Guthrie would lead the whole outfit.

It is quite plain from the methods resorted to by McLeod and Guthrie and their graft organ during this campaign that they are fighting with their backs to the wall.

Vote for Scott and smash the machine.

Me. C. H. Thomas emphatically denies the report that when he ran for mayor two years ago he had the support of Tammany. His first year's work was satisfactory to his fellow-citizens and he was given a second term. Mr. H. F. McLeod was elected mayor in 1907 and he not only had the support of Tammany but he promised in return for that support to use his influence to keep the temperance forces quiet. As chief magistrate he was a dead failure and he never got any second term.

The announcement is made that General Manager Gutelius of the I.C.R. is coming to Fredericton on Friday to locate the I.C.R. shops. If this report is true just chalk it up to the credit of the man who had the courage to jump into the arena and oppose the machine candidate.

The back organ, by means of a stolen letter, has discovered that one of Mr. Scott's workers was told to take a box of cigars to Back Douglas, and its righteous soul fairly burns with indignation at this evidence of corruption. The back organ is certainly playing a desperate game.

The graft organ managed to spring a couple of rootbacks last night. Watch out for another supply in today's issue.

If Guthrie should by some accident get elected on Thursday it will not have a tendency to heal the breach in the Tory party.

Mr. Scott's supporters and workers should keep a sharp watch out for crooked work on Thursday.

The tide is running strongly with Mr. Scott. Nothing but the most flagrant bribery and corruption can win this election for Guthrie.

Vote for Scott and good government.

Vote against the boodlers, grafters and political fakirs.

AT THE GEM.

Another good program at the Gem, including a two-part Domino feature, a story of England and America in the sixteenth century, showing Indian settlers and etc.; also an American, featuring Warren Karrison and Vivian Rich, and a Pilot comedy. If you are a Masoch you want to see "The Shriner's Daughter" at the Gem tomorrow, in two parts.

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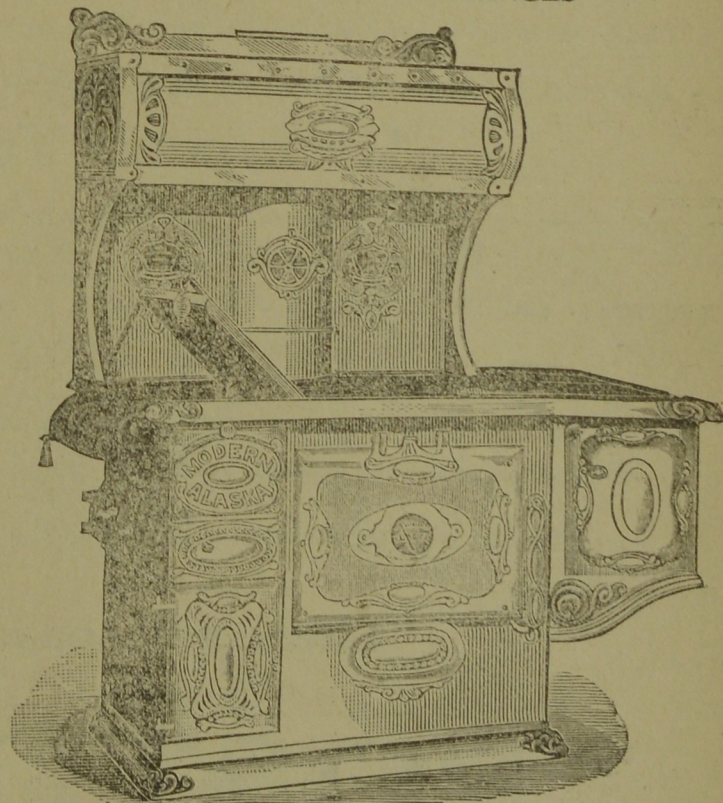
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