

DAILY HERALD.

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ABOUT NEPOTISM.

One of Mr. McLeod's chief canvases against Mr. Gibson is that he has appointed to office a couple of young men who are related to the Liberal candidate's family, and he has exhausted himself all over the county in denunciation of this alleged nepotism. He made the matter a leading feature of his opera house speech, and quite disgusted many in the audience by such a childish exhibition.

The appointments to which Mr. McLeod refers are Mr. Merritt as a census enumerator in Carleton Ward, from which the young man realized something under \$100, and Mr. Colter, who has a dollar a day job in the post office. Mr. McLeod does not even stick to facts in speaking of the matter. He declares that Mr. Merritt is an outsider, sent into Fredericton to fill a position that some Fredericton young man should have enjoyed, when as a matter of fact Mr. Merritt has been a resident of this city for several years. For Mr. McLeod's information, and that he may not further misrepresent the case, we may inform him that Mr. Merritt lives at the corner of Brunswick and Regent streets, and has resided there for at least three or four years, not, it is true, in a house erected from the proceeds of the royal prohibition commission, but in a modest residence, and is entitled to the rights of citizenship as well as Mr. McLeod.

But what a ridiculous thing it is for Mr. McLeod to prate about the appointment of relatives to office. Does he forget his own family history? The reaping time for the McLeods and their family connexions was during the Tory administration. They did not stoop to paltry census enumerations, or post office jobs. Not they. Royal prohibition commissionerships, supreme court judgeships, private secretariats and the like were none too good for Mr. McLeod and his immediate relatives. It was a grand thing for the McLeod connection when a scion of the family was installed as finance minister of Canada. Just as soon as Mr. Geo. E. Foster secured a cabinet position and government patronage he looked around to see where and how he could relieve his relatives, and here are some of the facts presented in the public records of Canada.

Hon. G. E. Foster, cabinet minister, \$8,000 a year.

Cousin E. McLeod, judge of the supreme court, \$4,000 a year.

Cousin Joseph McLeod, royal prohibition commissioner, \$10,000 in cold cash from the Dominion treasury. For what? Any return for the money? Any benefit to the country?

Cousin Jenkins, a country school teacher, civil service appointment at Ottawa \$2,000 a year.

The late Harry Foster, brother of Mr. Geo. E. Foster, position in the I. C. R. shops at Moncton.

Talk about nepotism, about family preferment, why if Mr. Foster had been left in charge of the spoils at Ottawa, all the Fosters and McLeods and Jenkinsons that were ever reared in Kings county who could claim relation with the great George Enlas would have been unloaded on the Dominion treasury.

And yet Mr. Joseph McLeod has the temerity, the colossal gall to stand on a public platform and shower abuse and ridicule upon Mr. Gibson for appointing two young men, distant connexions of his family, to positions from which in a whole year they could not extract as much money as would pay for one of Royal Prohibition Commissioner McLeod's jaunts through the country with his Palman car and cab fares, telegrams, postage, etc.

How contemptible in a man seeking an honorable representative position to deal in such mean petty canvases against, an opponent; how indiscreet in Mr. McLeod by such references to call public attention to the record of his own family connexions in scooping public positions and public money.

GIVE US MORE OF THEM.

The friends of Mr. Gibson could wish

nothing better than that Mr. McLeod should hold a half dozen more such meetings as that of Thursday night at the opera house. The effect for the Liberal cause would be grand, and the Liberals, if they were invited to assist in arranging the details of the meetings would insist that Mr. Borden the opposition leader should remain, and address every one of them in Mr. McLeod's behalf, that Mr. Hazen should be permitted to repeat his stale and wearying platitudes, and that Mr. McLeod himself should perambulate up and down the stage in his usual frenzied manner, repeating the small, mean personal attacks on Mr. Gibson.

Mr. McLeod and his friends were greeted by a large and intelligent audience, and there were reasonable expectations that a fair and instructive series of speeches would be heard on the issues of the campaign. But there was nothing of the kind.

Mr. Hazen dealt with issues that have been dead and buried for several years, Mr. McLeod treated the audience to a species of backwoods oratory and charlatanism that was a discredit to him, and Mr. Borden was painfully prosy and ineffective.

The opposition leader came here a stranger but with all the prestige that attaches to party leadership, and much was expected of him. It is true that by an exhibition of—shall we call it bad manners—he was crowded into the last end of the evening, when the audience was naturally growing tired, but if his effort was one of his best, what a disappointment his platform efforts must be to his party all over Canada. We shall do Mr. Borden the justice to say that we do not believe he ever sought the position of party leader; it was rather forced on him by the necessities of the situation, and he is not the modest, unassuming gentleman we take him to be if he is not quite persuaded that his selection was most unfortunate for himself and his party. Mr. Borden has neither the political ability, the enthusiasm, the personal magnetism nor the industry to successfully lead a party to victory in this country, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, his colleagues and the Liberal party should feel grateful that the direction of the Conservative party has fallen into such feeble hands.

As to the service Mr. Borden was able to render Mr. McLeod, it amounted to practically nothing. Mr. Borden was evidently not impressed with the great necessity of strongly urging Mr. McLeod's election to parliament; no doubt he came to Fredericton with imperfect knowledge of the situation, but he must have learned a great deal after he arrived here. He must have discovered that while Mr. McLeod is claiming to be the Conservative candidate, he is in reality only the candidate of a faction, and that the Conservative leaders in the constituency repudiate Mr. McLeod. Perhaps he was able to extract this information from a close examination of Mr. Hazen who is familiar with the names and personality of the gentlemen who formerly directed his party in York. What better evidence could Mr. Borden need of the disintegration Mr. McLeod has effected in the Conservative party in York, than to have called to his attention the striking contrast between the men who used to grace Conservative platforms in Fredericton a very few years ago and those who surrounded Mr. McLeod Thursday night. Read the list, recall the names, political influence and business standing of the old leaders, make your own comparisons and draw your own conclusions.

What a magnificent representation of the great Conservative party of York was seen on the opera house platform supporting Mr. McLeod. No organization of the party could possibly be complete, no success could be assured without the presence and patronage of Louis Bliss, Duncan Thomas, Willie Black, John B. Gunter, Harry Fenety, Titus Carter, and the other famous Conservatives who surrounded Mr. McLeod at the opera house.

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Mr. E. M. Macdonald, M. P. P., who leaves this evening for his home in Nova Scotia, has rendered splendid service to the Liberal cause in York, and Mr. Gibson and his friends are truly grateful. Mr. Macdonald is not only a forceful and effective speaker, but is a gentleman who raises public discussion above the petty level of parish politics. In Fredericton, at Harvey and at McAdam, Mr. Macdonald has spoken to large and intelligent audiences, and the good work he has done will be seen on polling day.



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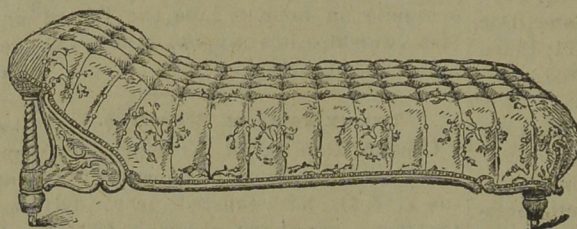
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