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MR. STAIRS AGAIN.

A few weeks previous to the last general local election in Nova Scotia, Sir Chas Tupper came down in great state from Ottawa and selected Mr. John F. Stairs of Halifax to lead the opposition, and that gentleman was nominated in Halifax, but with his party was wiped out on polling day. Only three opposition members were returned to a house of thirty eight, and Mr. Stairs was among the worst defeated members of his party.

The province is again face to face with a general election, and the Conservatives of Colchester have selected Mr. Stairs who resides in Halifax as one of their candidates, the other being Mr. Black a Truro business man. Mr. McMullen the late Conservative member who represented the county in conjunction with speaker Lawrence, retires on account of ill health. The formal nomination of Stairs and Black is evidence that the compromise spoken of some days ago has not been effected, and Liberals will be glad that such is the fact. Both parties are now fairly arrayed against each other, Lawrence and Pearson, Liberals; Stairs and Black Conservatives, and the fight will be a hot and interesting one. While each side has chosen one non-resident candidate, the Liberals have the advantage, Mr. Pearson, being a native of the county, and somewhat identified with its interests. In the last Dominion election Colchester returned Mr. Gourley by nearly three hundred majority, so that the local opposition have the prestige of that victory to assist them. However the Liberals are in good heart, they have exceptionally strong candidates, and are out to win. If Mr. Stairs is elected no doubt he will be the new opposition leader. He occupied a seat in parliament for a time, and like his opponent, Mr. Pearson is a clever business man with plenty of means. Colchester will be one of the centres of interest during the campaign which ends Oct 2.

HAVE OBEYED AND LIVE.

One of the gentlemen who got the Conservative party into trouble over the Manitoba school question was Archbishop Langevin, of Winnipeg, who practically led the agitation in favor of the remedial bill. His Lordship was very extreme and even violent in his course towards all who opposed his proposition, and even after Sir Wilfrid Laurier had settled the Manitoba school question satisfactorily to ninety nine per cent of the people of Canada, Roman Catholics and Protestants alike, the Archbishop continued the agitation, and felt very sorely over Conservative abandonment of the policy which he had so strenuously advocated.

However time changes all things, and it has evidently softened Archbishop Langevin, who has apparently accepted the Liberal settlement. In a significant letter to Le Manitobe, a Winnipeg newspaper, the Archbishop says:

"We must, however, observe that there is in Catholic centres a *modus vivendi* accepted in accordance with the directions of the Holy See, and if a analogous position faces us in mixed centres on the part of the Protestant majority, imitating in this respect the laudable example of the Catholic majority of the Province of Quebec, it would be our duty to accept it. When a valiant army abandoned by its brothers and allies receives from its General-in-Chief the order to surrender, after having proclaimed its rights and demanded the honors of war, there is only one thing to do, obey or die.

That is the case of the Catholic minority of Manitoba since 1897; we have obeyed and we live." The Archbishop adds that while waiting for a better day they should use the incomplete but real advantages of the present situation.

Mr. Bergeron is not now a member of Parliament, having been defeated in Beaubarais last November, but he has recently been heard on political topics. Mr. Bergeron in the last Parliament was one of the Conservative leaders and did a great deal of talking, directing severe and unwarranted attacks against Mr. Tarte, who survived the election while Mr. Bergeron perished in the general Conservative slaughter. Now Mr. Bergeron emerges from obscurity and takes the field of prophecy so abruptly abandoned by Sir Chas. Tupper, and professes to believe that there are signs of the early return of his party to power. Mr. Bergeron is to be commended for his hopeful spirit under discouraging conditions.

The Sun which has lost all its jauntiness under political defeat, is assured that the Herald is in no need of compassion. The Herald has rather reason to rejoice that it is able to witness so many conversions to the party which it has supported with what vigor it could command, and with a measure of success that is painfully evident to the Sun. When the St. John Conservative organ can take its place alongside its morning contemporary, the Telegraph in the efficiency of its news service, and enterprise, it may be able to understand why its influence has so materially waned. Of incumbrances the Sun can speak with authority, its experience with the sheriff having no doubt left very distinct memories.

The editor of the Sun is giving many evidences of Rip Van Winkleism. His bad break regarding the royal visit which he confounded with the Minto excursion to the Maritime provinces, is not forgotten, but he makes a worse one today. The appointment of a French school inspector was announced yesterday, yet the Sun comes forward twenty-four hours later with an attack on the government for not making such an appointment. Such journalistic stupidity is certainly inexcusable. It looks as if Col Markham will have to hunt up a new editor, or his newspaper will be the laughing stock of the public.

A report is current that when the local elections come around, Mr. Hazen will abandon Sunbury and seek election in St. John, and that he is endeavoring to form a combination which will include Mr. O'Brien of the Globe. It is also said that the latter gentleman is ambitious for political honors, and that to this fact is attributable the Globe's present advocacy of running local politics on the coalition principle. Politics sometimes makes strange political bedfellows, and it would indeed be an interesting spectacle to see the Globe's managing director and Mr. Hazen on the same ticket.

An Ottawa telegram says: A cable from the Duke of Cornwall insists upon the cutting down of the Canadian programme, which at present is too elaborate and exacting, especially in view of the Duchess's interesting condition."

Canadians have an idea that the Duke's programme for Canada has already been cut down to very small limits. He will spend only a month in this country, and two weeks of it will be spent in travelling across the continent and back. However when the request is put as it is, Canadian gallantry will demand a acquiescence with the Duke's wishes.

Mr. Pearson, one of the Liberal candidates in Colchester, N.S., comes of a family long prominent in the political affairs of that county. More than a century ago his great grandfather, Col Pearson of Truro, represented Colchester in the legislature, and his father, the late F. M. Pearson, sat for the county in the House of Commons for five years previous to 1874. The Halifax Chronicle says that Mr. Pearson's family is not only one of the oldest and best, but one of the best and most favourably known in the county.

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Ontario pressmen who recently visited Fredericton are telling their friends that they were given a more enthusiastic reception here than the Mintos. That's about it, and the press show did not cost much more than one of the aldermanic landings of the vice-regal reception. The welcome to the pressmen was spontaneous and entirely free from officialdom, and such an affair always goes better than the official article.

The Sun is dealing in the purest fiction when it announces that a deal is on to bring Hon. A. S. White back into local politics. The Herald heard the rumor to which the Sun gives currency and mentioned it to Mr. White who declared that there was absolutely no truth in it. This being so, the Sun's little slate of pending political changes is like most of its editorial writing, mere moonshine.

The local government on Wednesday appointed a French school inspector, and the fact was announced in the Herald and Telegraph, Thursday. On Friday the Sun attacks the government for not making the appointment, and charges Premier Tweedie with a broken promise. There is evidently either maliciousness or stupidity somewhere in the Sun editorial sanctum.

Mr Pitt's republishes in another form his invention that the Herald and Gleaner are to be amalgamated. Mr. Pitts knows he is lying, and for a professing Christian to promulgate such a barefaced falsehood is deplorable. The agitator must have dreamed it while suffering from nightmare produced by a dose of the patent medicine he manufactures.

It is not at all probable that the local government have taken the St John Globe into their confidence, and revealed the probability of an early dissolution of the legislature. The Globe is professing wisdom and knowledge on the subject which it does not possess.

The Sun intimates that a certain Conservative organ has changed front, and the Reporter boldly announces that the same party has been "fixed," whatever that may mean, Horrible, to even insinuate such a thing.

The Conservative papers of New Brunswick are commencing to tell what they know of each other and are furnishing some interesting material. Mr. McLeod the faction candidate in York is the cause of all the trouble.

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