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IN BORROWED FEATHERS.

The electors of York are dependent for their news of Mr. McLeod's campaign on the St. John Sun and Toronto Mail and Empire, neither of which has a very wide circulation in this county. Mr. McLeod declares himself well pleased with the support of the Sun and Mail, but he would give a good deal for the support of a live local daily, a support which he has forfeited by his attempt to rule or ruin the Conservative party.

It appears that the letter which Mr. McLeod received from Mr. Borden approving of the former's candidature, was in reply to a begging communication sent the opposition leader by the secretary of the McLeod executive committee which Mr. Borden has been led to believe is a Conservative organization. The alleged letters from the other outsiders have not been published, but if they exist it is quite probable that they were secured under the same circumstances as called out the note from Mr. Borden.

Mr. McLeod is travelling the county like a daw in borrowed plumage. He is strutting up and down the platform of the country school houses and exclaiming, "Look at me, gentlemen, I am the candidate of the Conservative party, endorsed by Douglas Hazen and Geo. E. Foster, and supported by the St. John Sun and the Toronto Mail," but Mr. McLeod knows that he has not the backing of the leading Conservatives of York county. They have openly repudiated him, and will not turn a hand to aid him in the contest. Let him name a dozen prominent members of the Conservative party who are at his back. The kind that attended his convention will not do. There were not half a dozen influential men at that gathering, and Mr. McLeod and his friends know it. They are painfully aware that the men who have put up effective fights for the Conservative party in this county in the past have dropped Mr. McLeod, and will not even vote for him when polling day arrives. Mr. McLeod must not mistake Herman Pitts and O. S. Crockett and George J. Colter for the Conservative party of York. The Herald is in possession of the names of well known and influential Conservatives, who in the last contest subscribed to Mr. McLeod's campaign fund, but are now backers of Mr. Gibson. They are still Conservatives, and may be found working with their old associates when a general election comes around, and there is something to fight for, but they are disgusted with the McLeod tactics, and are in opposition to Mr. McLeod's candidature.

Mr. McLeod is conducting a campaign of deceit when he represents himself as the Conservative candidate, and he aggravates his offence when he declares that any considerable number of Liberals were behind him in the last election. He is a faction candidate pure and simple, an aspiring, ambitious man who has evidently forsaken a sacred calling to mingle in the strife of party politics. Mr. McLeod's friends are trading on his former occupation as a clergyman to make votes for him, but when he enters the political arena and conducts a campaign as he has started out in the present one, he has no right to be considered as a preacher of righteousness, but merely as a man who desires self aggrandizement and personal glory.

St John's streets are in such a bad condition, that the local government has given the corporation the use of the government road plant so that the Duke of York and his friends may not stub their toes or break their legs while touring through "the Liverpool of America."

It appears that Conservatives are now pinning their faith to the mind readers and jugglers of the Anna Eva Fay class. At St John, the Sun announces that in reply to a question at one of her entertainments Miss Fay declared that the Conservative party will return to power at the next general election. Evidently Anna Eva is a Conservative and is about as much of a prophet as Sir Charles Tupper, Mr. Foster and Herman Pitts. The Transcript says that in Moncton previous to the election of 1896, Miss Fay when in a supposed trance told an anxious enquirer that the Tories would carry the then approaching elections, and everybody knows how far she was astray. Anna Eva should stick to her everyday tricks from which she is able to extract a good business and leave the field of prophecy to Sir Charles, the Sun, and other Tory prognosticators who claim it as their legitimate business.

Out in Winnipeg some restless politicians have formed a new party, which has adopted a platform calling for (1) direct legislation; (2) public ownership of national monopolies; (3) abolition of the spoils system and administration of civil service by independent commission. These are high sounding planks, but the new party, which is christened "The Political Reform Union," will probably meet the fate of other independent parties formed in Canada during the past ten years. The Patrons and the P.P.A., the Equal Rights and the P.P.P.'s are parties of the past. Mr. Richardson, the disgruntled Liberal, recently unseated in Liegar, is one of the principal movers in the Winnipeg fetish.

Hon. G. W. Ross, premier of Ontario, who is visiting England, is receiving considerable attention from leading public men, and has made several speeches at public gatherings. Speaking at Manchester before members of the British Empire League Mr. Ross made an eloquent appeal on behalf of the claims of Canada upon the interest of the British people, and declared that British muscle, brain and money were needed to adequately develop Canadian resources. The Ontario premier is one of Canada's most eloquent speakers, and a gentleman of great administrative ability, so it is little wonder that the electors of the premier province are so strong in his support.

John A. Cooper, editor of the Canadian Magazine, who recently visited the maritime provinces and wrote his impressions of things down this way, is getting it hot from some of the newspapers. The Charlottetown press especially resents what Mr. Cooper said of that city, and the St. John Gazette intimates that he is suffering from a malady said to be prevalent in Fredericton aldermanic circles. Mr. Cooper is expected to be one of the upper province press party coming to the maritime provinces this month, and if he cannot say anything more favorable of us than is contained in a recent magazine article, he should remain at home.

When Mr. McLeod accepted nomination at the faction convention, he declared that he had no political leaders, they could go their way and he would go his. Since then Mr. McLeod has changed his mind and his attitude, and alleges that he has secured the endorsement of Mr. Borden, Mr. Hazen and other Conservative leaders, but even this little bit of strategy will not work. Mr. McLeod should first secure the countenance of the Conservative leaders in York before he brings in the outsiders.

Lord Roberts received his \$500,000 from parliament notwithstanding the protests of Irish members. With this handsome grant His Lordship will be well able to sustain the dignity of his peerage, but it is to be regretted that the title will die with him, his only son having been killed in battle at Colenso.

It is expected that Sir Louis Davies will be appointed to the Canadian supreme court bench as soon as the cabinet reassembles at Ottawa, and that Hon. H. R. Emmerson will succeed the Island statesman as Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

The naval battle off Santiago is all to be fought over again before a board of enquiry. Admiral Schley who has been charged with disobeying orders and cowardice, demanded an enquiry, and is to have it. There has been much bad blood between Sampson and Schley ever since the real battle, and it is to be hoped it will soon be settled as to who is entitled to the greatest credit for destroying the old hulks which if left to themselves would probably have sunk before they reached Spain.

The "Old Home Week" idea is not yet much developed in Canada, but it has made a start in a limited way at Bass River, an ambitious village in Colchester Co., N. S. The citizens of that place organized a grand fete for today, invited all former residents now home from the United States and elsewhere to join in the rejoicings, and presented two of their representatives, Hon. Speaker Lawrence of the Legislature and S. E. Gourley, M. P., as the chief speakers for the occasion.

One time when Mr. Douglas Hazen essayed to secure election in York he was turned down by a thousand majority. Shortly afterwards Mr. Hazen moved away from York and his interests are now in St. John. Why then should Mr. Hazen seek to corral the electors of York into voting for Mr. McLeod. Is Mr. Hazen a purity campaign advocate, and if so how long since he adopted that line?

St. Stephen and St. Andrews gave Lord and Lady Minto hearty receptions, the programme at the latter town being particularly well arranged and successfully carried out under the chairmanship of our good friend Editor Armstrong of the Beacon.

The Duke of York is bringing so many of his "cousins and his aunts" to Canada that some of the cities to be visited by the Royal party are finding it difficult to secure efficient accommodation for the distinguished travellers.

The Governor-General, who was booked to leave St John for Quebec on Sunday evening, takes his departure from the former city Saturday evening. The Lords Day Alliance seems to have secured the ear of His Excellency.

Richibucto Review: George E. Foster says he has found no money in politics. Now George E. might please tell us where he did find it. Our own impression is that he found it in politics and lost it in gold mines.

Dr. Fisher, the energetic secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, is taking all possible precautions to prevent the spread of smallpox, a mild type of which is said to exist in a rural settlement near Woodstock.

Lord Milner seems to have the confidence of everybody in South Africa except the Boers. Even the negroes have passed resolutions of confidence in the British High Commissioner.

Mr. McLeod is discussing prohibition as earnestly as if another \$10,000 job were looming up.

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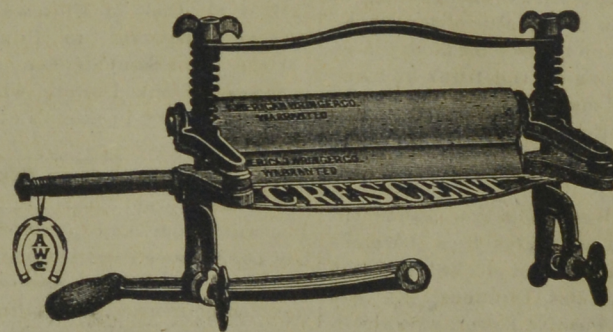
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