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DR. McLEOD'S LETTER.

The Tory candidate in the recent election in York addresses a letter to the voters, claiming to have carried out his promise of inaugurating clean elections in this constituency, but he diligently steers clear of the popular belief that he was induced to drop the proceedings of prosecuting alleged bribers just as soon as it was made plain to him that the actions of his own supporters would be shown up in court, and that he stood no chance of securing the seat without another contest.

One would expect that a minister of the gospel would seek to be truthful when he addressed so important a body as the electors of York, especially on the subject of electoral purity, but we regret to say that when Dr. McLeod has not shown that regard for honesty and veracity of statement so essential in a well rounded Christian life. Dr. McLeod started out in his campaign of purification, to punish the alleged bribers, he was going to make an example of them for all time. This was agreed upon at the committee meeting Nov. 10, to which he refers in his Saturday's letter, and it was announced in his newspaper organ two days later, as follows:

"The meeting was called to consider the question of entering a protest against the return of Mr Gibson upon the grounds of bribery and corruption, and to decide whether or not the law against bribery should be enforced against some of the most notorious and most flagrant violators of the law. The gentlemen present were of the one opinion that the bribers should be punished. There remained now but one honorable and consistent course, and that is to punish and disqualify the bribers and law breakers. It was decided to at once vigorously prosecute the offenders.

It was agreed to call a county convention of the Liberal Conservative party at an early date to take the election and other matters affecting the party into consideration."

In a letter which he addressed to the electors Nov. 9, two days after the election, Dr. McLeod declared that "the crusade against corruption was not yet ended," and that it was intended "to proceed against our opponents for their flagrant violation of the law." In his speech on declaration Dr. McLeod declared that "the bribers and corruptionists will be taught that they cannot violate the laws of the land with impunity," and a lot more to the same effect. All the quotations we make are from Dr. McLeod's newspaper organ.

Now from the above it appears that the primary object of Dr. McLeod and his committee was to "prosecute the bribers" rather than to push the petition against Mr Gibson's election. The latter was to be left to a county convention of the Tory party. What happened? No convention was even called, the great majority of the committee backed out of the proceedings altogether, the Tory party disowned the action of Dr. McLeod and his three or four friends who were bent on pushing the proceedings, and the malignant spirit of prosecution shown against Mr Gibson was confined to Dr. McLeod, his son, the principal of the High school and one or two others. They put up the money for the court proceedings, and when it appeared that the conduct of Dr. McLeod's own friends would be exposed, and as we have said, there appeared no prospect of the doctor securing the seat without another election, the prosecution of the alleged Liberal bribers suddenly came to an end, the Doctor's counsel declaring to the court that he would offer no evidence in support of the charges that Mr. Gibson and his friends had corrupted the electorate.

That was the way Dr. McLeod pushed the prosecution of the bribers; that was how he showed up the awful saturnalia of corruption which he alleged had been employed to defeat him in the election. That was his breakdown, his sudden retreat when the enemy was in sight. The men, who expected Dr. McLeod to expose to the public gaze the bribery and corruption which Dr. McLeod declared was a shame and disgrace to the country, were sadly disappointed, and they are saying now all over the constituency, that he surrendered almost unconditionally when he was expected to fight.

It is true that Mr. Gibson has been unseated, but there was never an election run in all Canada under the present law that could not be upset if the proper proceedings were taken, and Dr. McLeod by his action, has confessed that his own contest would not bear the light of a court investigation. He and his friends for weeks flourished the boast that enough votes would be taken off Mr. Gibson's total to give Dr. McLeod the seat, but besides proving that many cases of Liberal bribery, the Doctor and his friends themselves would have to go into court with clean hands. They were not in that position, however, and a compromise followed which did not include Dr. McLeod's declared intention of prosecuting the bribers to the bitter end.

Under the circumstances therefore Dr. McLeod's latest letter is an attempt to deceive the electors; to convince them that the Doctor has carried out his pledges, when quite the contrary is the fact.

ANOTHER CASE OF ANXIETY.

The Fredericton Herald is anxious that Mr. Gibson should be re-elected without opposition.—Sun.

Yes, we confess to that. An election contest at all times is a thing to be avoided, but the Herald is not any more anxious for Mr Gibson's re-election by acclamation, than was Mr Thorne, president of the Sun Publishing Company, that the petition should not be filed against Mr Gibson. The Sun's president spent a whole day in Fredericton trying to persuade the promoters of the petition to desist, and one of his co-workers was Mr Powell, who in vigorous language denounced the men who were bound to proceed with the petition. In Mr Thorne was so anxious that proceedings should not be taken against Mr Gibson, he and his newspaper might naturally be expected to at least sympathize with anybody desiring an unopposed return for Mr Gibson.

However there are some election petitions yet to come before the courts and they are not all against Liberals. Perhaps Mr Hale and Mr Wilnot for instance may yet be anxious for re-election by acclamation, and perhaps the Sun will share the feeling which it credits to the Herald in Mr Gibson's case.

Sydney, N. S., is pushing to secure a call from the Duke and Duchess of York, and the people there communicated with Sir Wilfred Laurier asking his good offices in the matter. In reply the Premier stated that all arrangements lay with the Imperial Government, but that he had wired the Colonial Office urging that Sydney be included in the list of places to be visited. Perhaps a similar request from Fredericton would secure a like result. Are we, or are we not anxious to welcome our future king. What says the Mayor?

Mrs Z Chipman, who died at St Stephen Saturday at the ripe age of 82, was a lady of well known generosity and public spirit, and reared a large and clever family members of which have occupied leading places in the social and political circles of the country. The best known of these in this province is Lady Tilley and Mr J D Chipman, ex-M P P. A St Stephen despatch says that Mr Chipman and his family, much to the regret of the people, intend removing to Toronto.

The local Tory committees are summoned to meet this evening to talk over election prospects. A Fredericton despatch to the Sun says that Dr. McLeod is likely to again be the candidate of the party.

The Nova Scotia local elections are likely to take place this summer or autumn and preparations are already been made for them. Colchester Conservatives are the first to call a convention to nominate candidates. It is to meet June 20. The county at present is represented by Hon Speaker Laurence, Liberal, and Mr. McMullen, Conservative.

Hon. Arthur S. Hardy, the ex-premier of Ontario, who lies in a critical condition in a Toronto hospital, was in his day a political leader of whom Liberals were proud. No stain attaches to his long public career, and general regret will be felt if death should claim him as a result of the operation he was compelled to undergo.

It would be interesting to know who authorized the call for the Tory meeting this evening. It is signed "Campaign Executive Committee," but there is no evidence that it was authorized by the chairman. Mr John Black occupied that position in the last election after Mr Neill had thrown it up.

A despatch published in The Herald today mentions an interesting rumor in connection with the Duke and Duchess of York. If the expected event should occur in Canada, it would be another link in the chain binding this country to the mother land.

The Conservative M P, for West Durham, Ont., has been, unseated in the courts.

FORMER GIBSON RESIDENT

Died at New York of Cancer of the Bladder.

William T. Lewis, of 692 East 136th street, New York city, died there June 4th, of cancer of the bladder.

Deceased was formerly a resident of Gibson, N. B., and a resident of New York city for the past 34 years. Mr. Lewis leaves a widow, an only daughter, a step-son and an adopted granddaughter. Mrs. Lewis is a sister of the late Mary Pickard, wife of the late Hon. John Pickard, M.P. Deceased leaves a great many friends, who in life admired his grand and noble character, and who sincerely mourn his death. Interment was made in Woodlawn cemetery, New York.

The Rev Dr. John Watson ("Iau Mac-laren") and others, according to "The Congregationalist," recently dined with W S Caine, M. P. Mr Caine offered to give £50 to a hospital fund through the man who would make the best pun on his name within five minutes. Brains cogitated for a while, and then, just as the time was about to expire and Mr Caine thought he was to escape, John Watson said, "Don't be in such a hurry, Caine."

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By order of the Directors.

JOHN KILBURN, President.

Fredericton, May 28th, A. D. 1901. 29—d141

Building Lots.

I have ten of the most desirable Building Lots in the city for sale at bargain.

May 29—d1m

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TENDERS FOR PRINTING.

Tenders for printing the Premium List for the Fredericton exhibition will be received up to SATURDAY, June 15th. Full particulars as to the nature of the work required may be obtained from C. Fred. Chesnut, chairman of the committee, to whom the tenders are to be addressed.—3ins.

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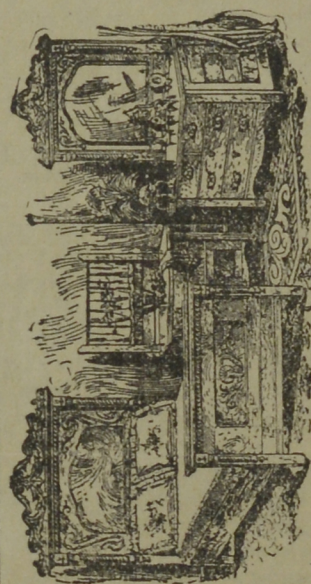
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April 11—att-w31
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