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ITS CHANGING ATTITUDES.

It is amusing to observe the tangled and hopeless efforts of the St. John Globe to justify itself for its change of base with regard to the manner of conducting provincial elections in New Brunswick.

Just previous to the last general election the Globe could see no other way of running local politics except on Dominion party lines, and in advocating that plan it was working hand in hand with the Tory Sun. The scheme failed, the people of the province pronounced unmistakably against it, the Sun's candidates were snowed under, and the Tory organ started on a new campaign and now calls upon Liberals as well as Conservatives to defeat the government. The Globe follows in the lead of the Sun, peculiar political bedfellows—an alliance that at once raises suspicion in the public mind.

Previous to 1883 the local government of this province was Conservative and the Globe opposed it. In 1883 Mr. Blair formed a coalition government and the Globe supported it, the editor of the Globe was a member of the legislature for some years and steadily voted for the Blair coalition ministry. When Mr. Emmerson appealed to the country in 1899, with a coalition administration, the Globe opposed him and wanted a straight division between Liberals and Conservatives, and now it completes the circle of startling changes by advocating coalition.

No newspaper or politician can justify such frequent and radical changes, and people who look to the Globe for political inspiration and direction must be bewildered at the promptness with which it can support a principle one day and condemn it the next.

Liberals and Conservatives who are friendly to the local government will not be deceived by the Globe's attitude. It attempted the defeat of the administration in 1899 when it was led by Mr. Emmerson, a Liberal, and it is making a similar effort now when Mr. Tweedie a former Conservative holds the leadership.

The Globe is disgruntled because governments have failed to follow its advice—to be dictated to by its chief director.

FAIR PLAY FOR THE JUDGE.

Judge Hanington, who is a most diligent attendant at the meetings of the Church of England synod, provincial and general, and takes a very prominent part in the discussions, has been heard from in the present meeting of the general synod at Montreal. A canon providing for the organization of a missionary society of the Church of England in Canada, which is designed to combine in one organization all the missionary work of the church, was passed by the house of bishops and sent to the lower house for concurrence, where there was quite a lively discussion over the clause in the canon providing that each clergyman should, in addition to reading the bishop's appeal, annually preach a missionary sermon.

Rev. Canon Welch, of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, declared that he would never read the bishop's appeal in the cathedral.

This statement created quite a stir, and drew forth a protest from Judge Hanington, of Dorchester, N. B., who declared that such a statement was rebellion against the bishops.

This drew forth cries of "Question," "Order," but Judge Hanington declared that he had not come miles to say nothing.

There will be considerable sympathy with the Judge in this effort to snuff him

out, and his New Brunswick acquaintances will feel quite certain that any such attempt must end in the utter discomfiture of those who undertake it. It is certainly too much to expect that the learned Judge would journey all the way from Dorchester to Montreal to be shut up when the Synod was engaged in an important discussion. When a good man like the Judge, with a fluent tongue, plenty of lung power and all the other accessories to oratory has observations to make, whether in court, at a King's college anti-federation meeting or in the Synod, he should be permitted to have his say and if there is any attempt to spring closure on him, the Judge will know the reason why. By means of the learned Judge we in the effete east shall be able to show the members of the Synod that we have men down this way who can talk, and that we are not going to be crowded out by absurd cries of "order" and "question."

MR. BORDEN'S MISSION.

The Winnipeg Free Press, speaking of the visit of Mr. Borden and his lieutenants to the west, warns Conservatives in that region that they will do their cause more harm than good by raising expectations which will far exceed the realization. Mr. Borden, the Free Press observes, is a man of good parts, but he is no wonder; and his presence at the head of the Conservatives is less a testimony to his own abilities than to the exceeding poverty of the party in men of ability.

Our contemporary then recalls the miserable mess Mr. Borden made of the Nova Scotia local elections in which he essayed to lead his party to victory, but succeeded in electing only three Conservatives in a house of thirty-eight members. "If he were the born leader of men that he is represented to be, if he has the power of enthraling the masses by his eloquence and charming them by his magnetism, how comes it that the Nova Scotia Conservative party is just about extinct?"

Mr. Borden's visit to the west is to institute a Conservative revival, but if he is no more effective in arousing his friends and converting his enemies than he was in Fredericton during the last federal election, the results will be very barren. The Free Press says there is plenty of room for such a revival.

The Conservative flood which once covered the entire west is now at low ebb. Ten years ago there was not a Liberal member from the entire west. Today out of seventeen members there are but four Conservatives and one of these owes his seat to a mere accident. Mr. Borden has, therefore, a herculean task ahead of him. When Tupper and Foster and Hugh John Macdonald could not coax the western constituencies into submission to the Tory yoke, how can it be expected that so ineffective a leader as Borden can accomplish much in his present mission.

THE YUKON CANDIDATES.

A Dawson despatch to the Vancouver world says that Joseph A. Clarke, nominated for the House of Commons by the opposition, is best known as a labor agitator and for his vicious attacks upon all connected with the government. He was recently the defendant in three libel suits, brought against his paper the Miner, and his supporters include the vicious element. The same despatch declares that Hon. J. H. Ross the Liberal nominee, at present governor of the territory, is the most popular man in the Yukon, and will have a walk over in the election which occurs in November. The Liberals have developed the Yukon country, and may naturally anticipate that the people of the golden north will show their appreciation by returning a supporter of the administration to parliament at the first opportunity offered the new constituency.

A London cable says that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech at the dinner given in his honor by the Canadian colony in Paris is regarded in London as felicitous in the extreme. English newspapers note with pleasure that he laid stress upon the satisfaction felt by himself and his countrymen at their position as subjects of the British Empire.

The Richibucto Review hears that Richard Poirier, M. P. P., for Kent, will not seek re-election, and that the local government ticket in that constituency will be Mr. Barnes and Mr. Johnson, two of the present members and Mr. John B. Gogain who ran on the opposition ticket in the last election. Pascal Herbert is out as an independent supporter of the government, but no names are yet definitely announced as opposition candidates.

General Cronje who surrendered at Paardeberg, was sent as a prisoner to St. Helena, and has returned to South Africa, declares that he was well treated by the British authorities and has no grievance against them. He says he is contented with the terms of peace, and is confident that Boer and Briton will soon be working hand in hand. He is glad to return and assist in this work, and to advise his own people.

The editor of the Beacon who is a married man with an interesting family, observes that "The favorite boat of the St. Andrews summer girl is the smack," How does Brother Armstrong know.

Attendance at the St. John exhibition is still booming, Thursday over 11,000 persons were present and the total so far for four days is over 50,000.

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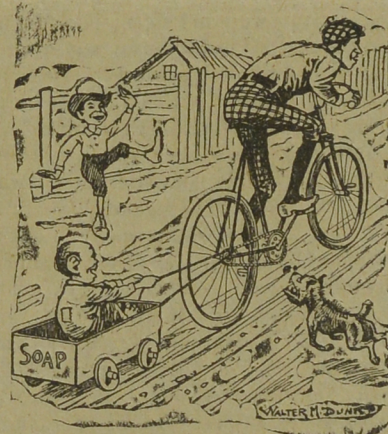
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