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CHEAP ADVERTISING.

There was once a man living in Fredericton who dearly loved to see his name in the newspapers. No matter how insignificant the circumstances in which he was concerned for the moment might be, he was certain to call the attention of his newspaper friends to the fact that his name was connected therewith, and to suggest that if "You are mentioning the matter in the paper you might put my name in, it will do me good in a business way." The approach of a civic election was a season of particular delight to this gentleman. There was scarcely a year that he was not going to run for a seat in the city council, and on several occasions he pretended to be aspiring to the mayoralty, not that he ever intended contesting a seat for either place, for he had no special desire to take up civic duties, but he liked to be talked about in the newspapers, to have his name paraded as a man whose services were very much desired by his fellow citizens. He never permitted himself to be nominated for any elective office, but he received more cheap advertising as a probable aspirant than any other man who ever paid taxes in Fredericton.

This instance reminds us of an effort that is being made to boom some alleged aspirants for a seat in parliament. Men who have no expectation of receiving a nomination and who probably could not get it if they tried, are named in some portions of the press as probable candidates. In one instance at least the person said to be under consideration, although of course he is not anything of the kind, except perhaps in his immediate family circle, who are doing a little cheap advertising for him, has scarcely got his place warmed in the party which is alleged to be thinking of him as a probable candidate.

Speculation as to the men likely to be selected for an election which may not be called on for months, is about as substantial an occupation as counting next year's chickens, but it evidently pleases some people, who like to see their names paraded as persons whose services their party and their country are thirsting to secure. It brings them prominently before the people, it may help their business as one friend who advertised himself for civic honors alleged, but it is mighty nauseating to the public.

NOT ALL SMOOTH SAILING.

It is gratifying to Canadians, whether they are Grit or Tory, that their fellow countryman, Hon. G. E. Foster, has attracted a great deal of attention and received much praise for the eloquence and intelligence he displayed in his address in the British isles on behalf of Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal policy. The Herald has not been one given to violent or unreasonable adulation of the ex-finance minister. We do not believe in his Canadian politics nor very much in his political sincerity, but he seems to have been given a good hearing in the mother land because of the high official position he has occupied in Canada, because of his great and undeniable ability as a public speaker, and more perhaps because he espoused a cause that is making great progress among the people of England.

The tariff reform league which employed and doubtless well paid Mr. Foster for his orations, very highly appreciate the character of the work he has done for them. The managing committee of that organization have unanimously passed a cordial vote of thanks to him. Addressing Mr. Foster, the league says: "Your unfailing cordial reception by audiences in all parts of the country has been supplemented by many letters of praise of your clear and convincing oratory. The league trust that if the campaign is prolonged they may persuade you to undertake another tour." The resolution concludes with hearty thanks for his brilliant exposition of the policy of tariff reform.

But it was not all sunshine for Mr. Foster in England. He had his critics, people who questioned his right to appear on the public platform in that country to speak for Chamberlainism, but these of course were men who are free traders, and look with fear on the splendid success with which the ex-colonial secretary is meeting in his campaign. One of the persons who very strongly resented Mr. Foster's appearance on the platform was Mr. Emmott a Liberal M. P., who in speaking at Oldham, England, referring to Mr. Foster's visit, said he thought it would be great impertinence for any party politician from this country to go to Canada to tell her what she ought to do. If Mr Foster had been a man of importance, Mr. Emmott said, he would strongly resent his coming to Oldham to take part in British party politics. "Mr. Foster is a protectionist to the backbone," declared Mr. Emmott, "and he came here to pose as a friend of Canadian preferential treatment to Great Britain. When a man like Mr. Foster, not only out of office but out of Parliament, who had fought two bye-elections and had failed in both, comes here to instruct us what our fiscal policy should be, I am inclined to inquire for his credentials and ask, whom does this man represent?"

This is rather a severe and uncalled for arraignment of the Canadian ex-minister. Surely the public men of this country who are as much interested in the Empire's welfare as the people in the Motherland, have a right to be heard on any public platform in the Empire on the great political questions of the day, and it is a narrow view that would restrict them to the particular portion of the King's dominion in which they happen to reside. Mr. Foster was invited to England by a powerful political organization which is trying to revolutionize the fiscal arrangements of the Motherland, to discuss questions that are of paramount interest to the colonies as well, and it is bad taste at least to question his right to be heard, although he had no particular mandate to speak for the people of Canada, as he himself told his English audiences.

The Herald has never used much space in commendation of Mr. Foster at home, but we're with him against the attack of this Mr. Emmott, whose political chances perhaps have been injured by the ready tongue and cogent arguments of the eloquent Canadian.

Both the Telegraph and the Gazette put forward the name of Hon. H. A. McKeown as the most desirable candidate for the Liberal party in St. John city, in case Hon. A. G. Blair decides to retire from political life. Mr. McKeown is extremely popular, is well posted on political questions, and an eloquent and convincing public speaker. With him as their candidate the Liberals of St. John would enter the contest with almost the certainty of victory.

Mr. Geo. E. Casey, Liberal, who represented West Elgin, Ontario, in the House of Commons continuously from 1872 to 1900, when he was defeated, died yesterday at Ottawa whither he had recently gone to fill a position in the parliamentary library.

Chickenpox vs. smallpox is again on trial in this community. It is hoped that the discussion will not wax so hot that the kindly feelings of the Christmas season will be rudely disturbed.

The Conservatives of St. James' division of Montreal have nominated Mr. Bergeron for the House of Commons. He formerly represented Beauharnois, but was beaten in that constituency in 1900, and was since defeated in a bye election in St. James' division.

Mr. George Robertson, M. P. P., is pushing his dry dock scheme along at St. John, and the proposition has reached the stage of calling for tenders for the construction of the work.

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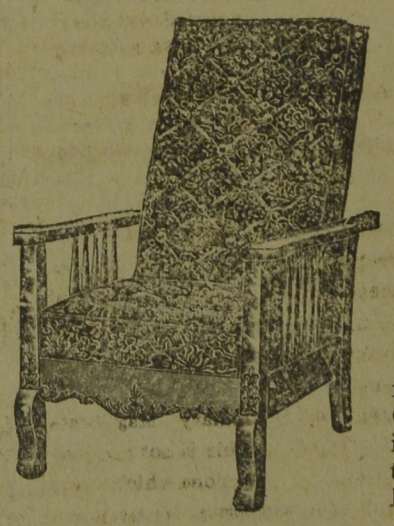

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