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LONELY LEADER.

Good Material Scarce in the Conservative Party.

MONTREAL NEWSPAPER'S CAUSTIC CRITICISM.

Mr. Borden the Only Man of National Standing.

Montreal Herald.

There may be a measure of truth in the statement upon which Conservative papers now dwell, that the great province of Ontario does not, through her representatives at Ottawa, exercise that intellectual dominance she once did. But there is not in that reflection much balm for the feelings of Conservative partisans. Ontario, it must be remembered, is the only province that returns a Conservative majority to Ottawa, and that Conservative majority has not one big man in it. The Liberal minority, with Sir Richard Cartwright, Sir William Mulock and Mr. Paterson is a long way superior to the other party with nobody at all. And of the younger men it is conceded that Mr. Hyman has lengths to spare over any of his generation on the benches opposite.

The condition of the Conservative party in Ontario is really pitiable. Nobody denies the inherent strength of the organization, or the zeal of the rank and file, but it has no leaders, and it suffers for the want of them. Mr. Meredith, the best leader the local party has had, was unable to obtain office in the legislature largely because the people could not see where he had any suitable timber out of which to construct a presentable cabinet. Since he gave it up the party has been in a worse way, until now, neither in Dominion or Provincial politics has it anybody who can command attention. When Mr. Borden was in the sulks at the end of the session his place as leader was taken by Dr. Sproule. It was the doctor's right, for he not only is senior member of the delegation in point of time, but also in point of Parliamentary knowledge. But imagine the party of Sir John Macdonald being guided and inspired by Dr. Sproule. It was bad enough for Sir Mackenzie Bowell, with his peacock vanity to try to lead the party, but Sir Mackenzie had some pretensions to recognition, whereas Dr. Sproule could not get a dozen men in any community to take his leadership seriously. And yet he is the best man available.

Mr. E. F. Clarke, it is true, is not a bad sort of genial politician. Once on a time it was thought he might go far. He was four times Mayor of Toronto, where he did nothing to make a name; then he was put in the Legislature, where he did less; and now he is at Ottawa, where he pays occasional visits to the House, and then goes away for a long rest. He seems to be afraid to speak, lest some of the many warring elements in his party might take offence at his bidding for prominence. Mr. Osler, of course, is always an interesting person, less for what he has done in the House than for what it was thought he might do. He is, probably, Mr. Borden's chief adviser, and doubtless the fact that he is also a director of the C. P. R. added a little to the popular mystification when Mr. Borden declared for Government ownership. Possibly Mr. Osler thinks that if there were a Government road in the west it could be operated under a Tory Government, in "sympathy" with the C. P. R., as was done with the Halifax-St. John section of the Intercolonial in the good old days. Of course, there is always Mr. Maclean, who has brains, whatever else he may lack. But Mr. Maclean, while he acknowledges no leader, and is often snubbed by his nominal leader, has never been able to show any following, except that on one occasion he took half the Ontario Conservatives into a division against Mr. Borden. But that was probably only because the Ontario Conservatives were angry with Mr. Borden and wanted to let him know it.

Bad as the situation is in Ontario, it is worse elsewhere. In Manitoba Mr. Sifton has no serious rival. In the northwest the Liberal candidates are always the stronger personalities. In Quebec the party is at sixes and sevens. In New Brunswick there is no Conservative of prominence. In Prince Edward Island nobody. In Nova Scotia there is only

Mr. Borden. And it is in this condition, with only one man of anything like national standing in the whole Dominion, and he in bad odor with the most important wing of his following, that the Conservative party will presently enter the electoral contest. It is quite absurd to suppose that the country will throw over Sir Wilfrid Laurier, with his Cabinet of trained statesmen and administrators who have done mighty things for Canada, and substitute poor Mr. Borden for the whole lot.

Comparisons are necessarily disagreeable, but in face of a general election comparisons are unavoidable. Voters are but human, and mankind is interested in nothing so much as in men. Mr. Borden has been selected to lead one of the great political parties in Canada, and having accepted the task must be judged in open day. Nobody denies the difficulty of his task. Probably nobody expected him to do much better than he has done. Nobody denies that he is a long way superior to any of his party following at Ottawa. But when that much has been said the whole tale has been told. He has not succeeded in maintaining discipline. He and his followers left Ottawa much displeased with each other. For this he was largely to blame, because his leadership depends wholly upon the tolerance of the Ontario Conservative contingent, and he had so little tact as to make that contingent responsible, without its knowledge, for a railway policy the great majority of its members do not approve.

But even supposing he were getting along well with his followers, people would still have to make comparisons. Concede to Mr. Borden qualities for leadership such as he has as yet shown no indication of possessing, and still what has he to offer to the people? Himself for the prime minister, but what else? Assuming, which is far from being the case, that he is personally as well thought of as Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who is there to stand by his side? Whom can he oppose to Cartwright, and Fielding, and Mulock, and Fisher, and Sifton, and Hyman? He has nobody. Nobody in Nova Scotia, or New Brunswick, or Ontario, or Manitoba, whose name occurs to the mind of anyone. What a falling off from the time when Sir John Macdonald could count his Tupper, and Tilley, and Chapeau, and a galaxy of good men in Ontario.

In those days the Liberal opposition was strong, too. A party with Blake, and Mackenzie, and Mills, and Cartwright, and Paterson, and Laurier, and Davies in it was a party not to be despised in the House or out of it. Mr. Borden has no such support. He is alone. He has not even the means of falling back upon statesmen who have shown their mettle in the provincial legislatures. In Ontario, in Quebec, in the East, the party is worse off in local than in Dominion politics. It has no strong men. With all possible respect for Mr. Borden's manners and abilities, and every reasonable confidence in his knowledge of how to manage a party or conduct a government, it must be obvious that it will not do to entrust him with office when he has nobody but himself who comes near being big enough to satisfy the popular ideal of what a cabinet minister should be.

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FARMS RECLAIMED.

Successful Results Follow Planting of Clover on Sterile Lands.

SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENTS MADE IN THE WEST.

Columbia, Mo., Aug. 20.—If the authorities of the New England States want to know what to do with their thousands of worn-out and abandoned farms, let them turn an eye toward Missouri, where through the use of cow peas and clover the officers of the State Board of Agriculture hope to reclaim many of the deserted farms of the state, and bring back to barren land its former fertility. Many farmers in an endeavor to reclaim these farms resorted to the use of commercial fertilizers, but this method is too expensive to ensure profitable crops.

In the general introduction of cow peas and clover, it is thought that the problem of reclaiming this land has been solved. A series of experiments carried on by the University of Missouri has demonstrated this, and farmers in all parts of the state are being urged to take up the plan. Although the area of barren land in Missouri is very small as compared with that of older states, it is rapidly growing larger, and the necessity of immediate remedy is apparent to those who realize the situation.

The reason for recommending clover and cow peas is because they possess a power peculiar to this class of plants of gathering nitrogen from the air. Nitrogen is one of the important elements of plant feed, is required by all domestic plants, and is the most expensive part of commercial fertilizers. The other staple farm crops, such as corn, wheat, timothy, blue grass, rye and millet, have not the power of gathering nitrogen from the air, and must depend upon the available supply already in the soil. This, in part, explains why clover and cow peas, although producing a hay crop rich in the elements of plant food, will leave the soil on which this product is grown more productive than before.

On land that is badly worn the careful saving of the farm manures and the proper rotation of clover and cow peas with the other farm crop will keep up the fertility of the soil and will avoid the necessity of the purchase of any commercial fertilizers.

Unfortunately there are many failures, often under the very best management, connected with the attempt to grow clover. The Experiment Station at Columbia receives more inquiries as to the best methods of seeding and caring for clover crop than any other problem in Agriculture. As a result of these inquiries the station has undertaken a series of experiments to determine the proper seasons to sow clover and the best methods of procedure. On the station grounds for the past two years once each week, clover has been sown from the 1st of February to the 10th of April. The results of these experiments have demonstrated that the best time to sow clover is about the middle of March. When sown earlier than that an early warm spell will germinate the seed too early and leave the young plants the victims of a late frost.

The cow pea appears to have the ability to thrive on land too poor to grow either red or crimson clover. It is not affected so seriously as clover by excessive heat or drought, and is not easily smothered out by weeds.

On moist soils in Central and Southern Missouri it yields a larger quantity of vegetable matter, containing a larger total quantity of nitrogen, than does red clover. In the sections of the State where the climate is well adapted to the growth of cow peas it is believed that they will prove more satisfactory as a green manure crop than either red or crimson clover, especially on poor soils, inasmuch as there is less risk in securing a stand, and there is no danger of the hot weather in the mid summer killing the young plants.

Compared with other green manure crops, the cow pea seems to grow especially well on poor land. On a piece of naturally poor upland clay, which has for the past fifty years been grown in corn and wheat without a fertilizer, the station began last spring a number of experiments in methods of restoring the soil to productiveness. On six of these plots cow peas were sown without manure. The average yield of vines and pods was very large, and a test of the fertilizing properties of the crop showed it to have a value of \$5.90 an acre.

"Quick lunch" is one of the commonest of city signs. The sign does not say "a healthy lunch of good food—the character of the food ap-

parently is not considered. It's just a quick lunch,—eat and get away. Is it any wonder that the stomach breaks down? Food is thrown at it, sloppy, indigestible and innutritious food, very often, and the stomach has to do the best it can. Normally there should be no need for medical assistance for the stomach. But the average method of life is abnormal, and while this continues there will always be a demand for Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is the one medicine which can be relied on to cure diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It is not a cure-all. It is a medicine designed for the stomach, and to cure through the stomach remote diseases which have their cause in the derangement of the stomach and digestive and nutritive system. It cures when all else fails.

A despatch from St. John's, Newfoundland, says that Sir Alfred Harmsworth and a number of newspaper proprietors of London have just closed negotiations for 1,500 square miles of timber areas in the interior of Newfoundland on which they propose to erect the largest pulp mill in the world.

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WHAT WE EAT.

Ottawa, Aug. 14.—The minister of inland revenue is taking measures for a more vigorous enforcement of the act which is intended to prevent the adulteration of foods. An analysis recently made of ground spices, cassia and cinnamon, cloves and ginger, showed that of 188 samples collected only 88 were genuine. Seven of the remainder were classed as doubtful, and 93 as adulterated the examination showing the presents of chips and dirt, charcoal, hairs, stone, husks and shells, sand and sweepings. Since then an analysis was made of raspberry, strawberry, plum, peach and miscellaneous jams and jellies, which went to show that only 14 samples out of 74 were genuine. 5 were classed as doubtful and 53 as adulterated, containing glucose, coal tar, dyes, salicylic acid and other foreign substances. In some cases the mixing was not positively injurious to the users, in others it was, but in either case the public was deceived and misled in open defiance of the law of the land.

Hon. Mr. Brodeur has determined to make an example of some of those who have been defrauding their customers with fake jams and jellies. Hitherto the samples gathered for analysis have all been collected from storekeepers. The minister, however, has evidence that some of the manufacturers and importers are among the guilty parties and he intends to get after them as well as the retail dealers.

Civic Improvement.

To the Editor of the Herald:

Sir,—Recently I saw an article in your paper about a hand dump cart said to be gotten up by the League or Improvement Association or whatever society you call it, and a city official, and one of the old standbys, Mr. Doohan, refused to use it.

Surely this is not correct, I do not see how any sane man could take that stand, even if he never used it, courtesy alone would lead him to respect the motive of the League; and, to say the least, it was commendable on their part. I fail to see how an official, *as you could not expect much from the man under him) could raise any reasonable objection. Surely there is some mistake, I can't believe it and withhold saying anything harsh until the matter is investigated.

I would just add if the above is true I would suggest to the president and members of the League or Association that every effort be made through the officers and each member of the League for additional membership and to take the grip with such officials and men under them and stamp out such sentiments so decidedly opposed to the wishes and shall I say good sense of the taxpayers of your city.

What will the people who are urged through the press and Tourist Association to visit our city think of us as a people. What would we think of St. John, Halifax, Woodstock, if they acted in that spirit, and, as I understand it, in direct opposition to a resolution passed by the League and an association organized according to the laws of the land and composed of your leading business men.

The citizens should take this to heart as a personal matter and not pass it over as unworthy of notice.

The press should stand up for the good name and the good sense of its citizens. If I were a man and had a seat at the council board, I would raise my voice in opposition to such actions.

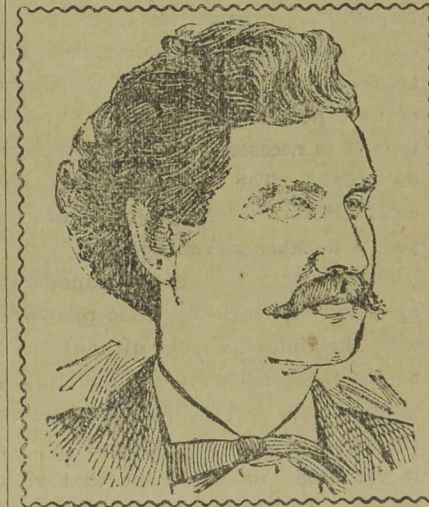
Men of Fredericton, where are you? The women would do better if they had a seat at the council board or acting on a committee.

Yours respectfully,
A Union Woman.
Fredericton, Aug. 18.

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