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QUEBEC POLITICS.

The once proud Tory party of Quebec, is practically wiped out both in the federal and local Houses.

The lack of competent leaders is in a measure responsible for the almost total disappearance of the party, and their bad record of the past, and the great strength and popularity of the Liberal chiefs and policy have completed Tory discomfiture.

In the new House of Commons there will be only eleven Quebec Conservatives while the Liberals have fifty-four, and in the next legislature there will probably not be more than half a dozen Conservatives.

Nominations in the general local elections took place Friday, and for the seventy-four seats only thirteen Conservatives were nominated. Thirty five Liberals, including Premier Parent, and all the members of his government except one, were elected by acclamation, and one Conservative, Hon. P. E. LeBlanc, had the same experience.

There are contests in quite a number of constituencies besides the dozen in which Conservatives are standing, but they are between Liberals.

Quebec is therefore assured of Liberal local government for the next four years.

The overwhelming victory of the Laurier government in Quebec on Nov. 3rd completely disorganized what little was left of the Conservative party in that province, and Mr. Flynn, the local opposition leader in a manifesto ordered his party to take no part in the local elections. All however did not obey their leader, and a dozen constituencies are being contested by Conservative candidates.

The Parent government, however, would be better off with stiffer opposition. Too great strength in the House may result in internal strife, and for this the Conservatives are earnestly hoping. They have no confidence in their own strength, and their abandonment of the fight shows bad party tactics, if not absolute political cowardice.

Mr. Parent has given Quebec, good, honest government, and by the exercise of reasonable tact and judgment there is no reason why he should not continue in that course, with the overwhelming support of the legislature at his back.

PROHIBITION.

The question of prohibition is being discussed in Ontario in view of the alleged possibility of Premier Ross making it a plank in his platform for an appeal to be made to the people within the next few weeks.

There is much difference of opinion in the Liberal party of that province on the subject, and until a pronouncement is made by the provincial Liberal convention which meets at Toronto next Wednesday, it will not be known what attitude Mr. Ross and his government will take.

In the meantime in interviews and public addresses opposition to prohibition is developing in unexpected quarters. The clergymen of Canada, and especially those of the Baptist church have hitherto been regarded as staunch prohibitionists, almost without exception. Indeed the Baptists and Methodists have been practically the backbone of the prohibition party, but there are waverers in the ranks, and some positive opponents of prohibition.

Here for instance are some observations of Rev. P. T. Mode, pastor of the First Baptist church at Woodstock, Ontario, one of the leading clergymen of that denomination:

"So far as prohibition is concerned," said Rev. P. T. Mode, "in the first place, I do not think it could be passed, and personally I am not a prohibitionist. I believe the principle at the root of the whole thing is not a good one.

"I endorse the proposal to close the bars, and I believe the Gothenberg system modelled to our conditions would be a great advance. It would give superior liquor, and the social element and the element of personal greed are removed. 'You know,' he added, 'it would have taken a bold man in the ministry to declare against prohibition a couple of years ago, but the people have been thinking a lot.'"

Mr. Whitney, the Ontario opposition leader is opposed to prohibition while Premier Ross personally is a supporter of it.

The pronouncement of the Liberal convention on the subject will be awaited with considerable interest.

The mayor of Halifax still thinks that there are civil engineers residing in Canada competent to report on the needs of the city's water supply, and Mr. Barbour of Boston although Canadian born, and still a British subject, has been refused the job after personally interviewing His Worship.

Mr. Parker, the defeated Democratic candidate for the United States presidency, has already opened an office in New York for the practice of law, but Mr. Border, defeated in Canada, is down south recuperating from the fatigue of the campaign.

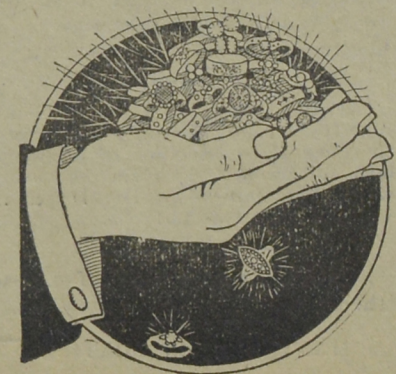
King's College continues to go to England for its professors. Has the time not arrived when Canadians are good enough for such positions? We used to import our clergymen, but the home article is supplying the market now.

Premier Parent of Quebec, is like the old lady who lived in a shoe, he has so many political children that he doesn't know what to do.

Paul Kane and His Pictures.

Much interest was renewed in a Canadian artist and his works by the exhibition of Paul Kane's paintings, which the Lieut.-Governor opened in Toronto on Saturday, March 2, under the auspices of the Woman's Canadian Historical Association.

Paul Kane was born in 1810 of humble parentage in the little town of York, now Toronto. His youth was spent here, and, as he tells us in his autobiography, from his earliest years he took the greatest interest in the Indians, of whom many wandering bands were to be found in the neighborhood. As years passed he developed a talent for drawing and became a portrait painter, which vocation he followed for some years in Canada and the United States. In 1841 he went to Europe and passed four years in the study of art in the galleries of England, France and Italy. Returning to Canada in 1845, he determined to devote himself to the dream of his boyhood, the painting of a series of pictures illustrative of the North American Indian, and the scenery of that vast unknown region between the Great Lakes and the Pacific Ocean. In order to accomplish his purpose, he left Toronto on June 17, 1845, with a slender outfit, including his portfolio, a box of paints, his gun and a stock of ammunition. He traveled far and wide for years, sketch book in hand, and lived among the red men, learning their manners and customs, studying their characteristics and taking portraits of their chiefs and warriors, and medicine men, as well as of their wives and daughters. He skirted the shores of the Upper Lakes, and Hudson's Bay, thence to the Red River settlement; the Valley of the Saskatchewan, and the great buffalo prairies of the west. Crossing the Rocky Mountains, he followed the course of the Columbia River to Oregon, Puget Sound and Vancouver Island. Scarcely, as he says, meeting a white man or hearing his own language. Fishing, hunting scenes, games and dances were limned by his pencil, and from these sketches he executed the series of oil paintings which were purchased fifty years ago by the late Hon. G. W. Allan, and which now, by the kindness of their present owner, Mr. E. B. Osler, have been placed on exhibition in Toronto.



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BITS OF NEWS.

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An explosion in the Pyle Electric Headlight Works at Chicago, Friday, killed four people and injured a score of others.

Lord and Lady Minto sailed from Quebec at 9 o'clock Friday night on the Tunisian, for England, and were given a great send off.

The Toronto Mail and Empire hears that Hon. A. G. Blair is about to accept the post of president and manager of the Toronto Roller Bearing Co., Ltd., and will receive a salary considerably larger than the \$10,000 stipend he enjoyed as chairman of the railway commission.

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