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MR. FOSTER'S BILLIOUSNESS.

Hon. G. E. Foster, having squeezed into parliament in a Tory constituency by the narrow majority of 112, has opened himself to interviewers, and emits a lot of vitrol, as becomes a person of his narrow nature and disappointed hopes.

Mr. Foster a few days ago had visions of public office; he thought he was in sight of the finance department, but the result of the elections rudely dispelled that expectation, and he is as full of vitrol and vinegar as of yore. An additional irritating condition is the fact that nobody seriously mentions him for leader—indeed he realizes that any proposition of that kind would result in a rebellion in the Tory party, headed by Sir Mackenzie Bowell, whom Mr. Foster a few years ago so cruelly betrayed.

Mr. Foster pretends to believe that the county, by its verdict of Thursday last, has not pronounced in favor of the government's transcontinental railway policy—he declares that the people did not understand the proposition—an insult to their intelligence which only a man with Mr. Foster's prodigious nerve would care to pronounce. He thinks that a three week's campaign was too short for the electors to prepare a well reasoned judgment in the matter, and his observation in that respect is as foolish as it is incorrect. The government's railway policy has been before the people of Canada for nearly two years; it has been discussed at great length at two sessions of parliament, in the press exhaustively, and at every cross roads school house in the country, and yet Mr. Foster has the temerity to say that the people voted blindly on the subject. What an absurd proposition to put forward and what an insult to the intelligent electors of Canada.

Mr. Foster is apprehensive that there will be a riot of corruption as a result of the splendid endorsement the government has received from the country, and his observations in this connection are as hypocritical as the man himself. The Liberals have been in power eight years and no scandal worth a moment's consideration has been evolved against them by the Tory party, ever digging its nose into the mud for canvasses of that character. There has been no recurrence of the Langerin-McGreavy rascality, no nest of traitors under the Liberal government.

Mr. Foster before closing his interview, had a slap at the I. C. R. management and Mr. Emmerson, and his irritation is again manifest. When the ex-prohibition apostle was in the government, the I. C. R. was nothing less than a huge political machine used for the promotion of Tory purposes, and as a railway was permitted to run down to the level of a second class road. All this has been changed under Liberal management, and at the head of the railway department is Mr. Emmerson, who was largely instrumental in driving Mr. Foster out of New Brunswick. The irritation of the exile at Mr. Emmerson is natural, but it is bad taste for Mr. Foster to spit it out so spitefully.

Mr. Foster thinks that government construction of the eastern section of the transcontinental railway will be the opportunity for Liberal placemen and heelers, forgetting possibly that when he had patronage to bestow, it went largely to his immediate family circle. The Foster regime was great for the McLeods and other relatives of the ex-minister, and if the people of Canada had permitted "the chief bird in the nest of traitors" to have longer exploited the treasury, none of his relatives would have been earning a living outside of government offices.

Mr. Foster is a disappointed, soured man. He has a seat in parliament it is true, but it is in the cool shades of opposition where neither he nor relatives can reach the public treasury, and that is where the shoe pinches.

A DESERTER'S ADVICE.

The Fredericton Gleaner, which in the last weeks of the campaign in York, deserted Mr. Gibson and the Liberal party, and which is once more recognized as the Conservative organ in this constituency, belabors the Liberal leaders in York for their management of the recent election, and very generously proffers them advice as to the future.

Coming from such a source, this will no doubt be appreciated at its true worth by the gentlemen who have had to face one of the most striking examples of political ingratitude on record in this or any other province. It is hard enough to fight recognized political enemies. They are generally in the open, and can be openly attacked, but the man who stabs in the dark, who seeks to disembowel you while professing to be your friend is far more to be feared, and spurned than the straight honest opponent who fights above board.

We fancy that no Liberal in York who is at all conversant with the circumstances, will for a moment question the correctness of the Tory Gleaner's observations, that "Much of Liberal energy, means and party patronage have been hitherto wasted on barren ground," and that "they must now endeavor to profit by the lessons of the campaign which has just closed."

OBSERVATIONS.

Haven't heard from Gamey since the late unpleasantness.

The people of Canada have decided that "Cox can't wait."

Mr. Emmerson seems to have a fairly comfortable majority—1,046. It was less than 500, four years ago.

Mr. Aylesworth is to be sworn in as a member of the Laurier government tomorrow.

The Montreal Herald-Sieve man thinks that if Davy Russell had bought up a few more newspapers the government's majority might have gone up to 125.

The Sun is discouraging Mr. Borden from accepting a seat in parliament and continuing as leader of the opposition. The Sun wants Mr. Foster.

Mr. Burrows, the Liberal candidate in Dauphin, Manitoba, is elected by acclamation, his Tory opponent having retired. Burrows is a brother-in-law of Hon. Clifford Sifton.

Mr. Borden may be in parliament—very few Liberals will be found objecting to that, but he will hardly take along with him his badly battered government ownership policy.

The general rush of the Tory party to get Mr. Borden back to parliament is evidence that they fear Mr. Foster may snatch the prize. They don't want Foster under any conditions.

With Foster elected in North Ontario and Borden's friends looking for a safe seat for him in the same province, it looks as if the Ontario people will have to open a standing refuge for derelict maritime province Tory politicians.

Chief Commissioner Labllois, who took a strong hand in both Restigouche and Bonaventure Counties during the recent election, is feeling good over the enormous majorities of Mr. Reid and Mr. Marcl,

The report that Hon. Chas. Fitzpatrick will accept the chairmanship of the railway commission is denied from Ottawa. Another rumor assigns him the solicitorship of the G. T. P. with Mr. Aylesworth as minister of justice.

Sir Frederick Borden and Hon. Sydney Fisher, the two gentlemen most assailed for turning Lord Dundonald down, were re-elected to parliament by the largest majorities they ever received. Sir Frederick had 1,200 and Mr. Fisher nearly 900.

Col. Sam Hughes, it is said has offered to resign his seat for Victoria-Haliburton, Ont., in favor of

Mr. Borden, who however, will not say at present what his own intentions are. He is going South for a rest. But what a slow affair parliament will be without either Col. Hughes or Mr. Gorley.

The narrow majority by which Hon. Chas. S. Hyman, one of Laurier's ministers without portfolio, was elected in London, is remarked in the Tory press, which evidently forgets that he was absent most the time of the campaign, assisting government candidates in other constituencies and neglecting his personal interests. Mr. Borden did the same thing and he was beaten by 500 majority in Halifax.

C. P. R. MEN PROMOTED.

Well Known Officials Receiving Congratulations of Their Friends.

The many friends of A. H. Notman assistant general passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific railway at Toronto, says the Sun, will regret to hear that on account of ill health he has had to take several months' leave of absence and has gone to California to recuperate.

Owing to Mr. Notman's illness it has been arranged for C. B. Foster, district passenger agent of the C. P. R. at St. John, to go to Toronto as acting assistant general passenger agent for the Canadian Pacific in the Toronto territory, and W. B. Howard, chief clerk for the passenger department at St. John, will be appointed acting district passenger agent in charge of the passenger department in the Atlantic division territory, which includes all the Maritime Provinces, as well as part of Maine, and the province of Quebec.

M. G. Murphy, travelling passenger agent, who is now on a trip to the Pacific Coast, will on his return be appointed chief clerk, pro tem.

Although these appointments have been made temporarily, the Sun understands that they will in all probability become permanent. This is the feeling which prevails in Montreal, for Mr. Notman's health is such that in any event it will be a long time before he is able to resume work.

Mr. Foster, who thus receives such a creditable and well merited promotion, feels almost as sorry to leave St. John as his hundreds of friends do about losing him. He has been in the passenger department of the C. P. R. for only thirteen years, first on the road as travelling passenger agent, then as chief clerk with A. J. Heath, and since February, 1902, as district passenger agent, with office at St. John. His promotion has been rapid, and is seemingly an evidence that his work has been appreciated by the managing officials.

This is equally true of Mr. Howard who entered the service only seven years ago. He was for a time on the road, then entered the offices here as chief clerk to Mr. Foster when the latter succeeded Mr. Heath. As chief clerk Mr. Howard has become even better known in St. John than when he was on the road, and has made many friends, who will join in congratulating him on his promotion.

Mr. Murphy was for a time stationed in Halifax, and when the changes were made in 1902, went on the road, succeeding Mr. Howard. "Matt" is becoming almost as well known as his associate, J. D. McKenna, but has not had time to cover so much country.

The changes in the staff will go into effect on Monday next.

New Train Despatcher.

Mr. J. D. Macnutt, recently appointed chief train despatcher of the I. C. R. at Gibson, arrived Saturday from North Sydney, N. S., and entered upon his duties yesterday. Mr. Macnutt has been seventeen years in the I. C. R. service. He is married and will bring his wife to Fredericton as soon as he can secure a house.

M. P. A. A. Officials Coming.

Messrs. R. T. McIlreith of Halifax, president of the M. P. A. A. and J. C. Lithgow, secretary, are to be here Thursday evening, and will meet the suspended athletes and all those interested in amateur sports, at the Y. M. C. A. rooms at 8 o'clock.

Photo Studio.

Mr. Mersereau, photographer, is expected in Marysville on Wednesday, 9th inst., and will re-open his studio in a short time. It is hoped that those who require photos for Christmas will have sittings made at once.—d.

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WILLIAM LEMONT,

Sole executor estate Martin Lemont.

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 5, 1904

Watch for next week's ads.