

ALBERTA ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

Methods That Are Pursued in One of the New Provinces.

SOME OF THE CANDIDATES AND THEIR PROSPECTS.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE TORONTO NEWS.

Edmonton, Sept. 29.—This Province is about nine hundred miles long from north to south, and about four hundred miles wide. Of the two Provinces it is the larger by two thousand square miles, the area of Alberta being two million and fifty-three thousand square miles. It is twice as large as Great Britain and Ireland, much greater in extent than Germany or France. Its present population is estimated at little more than two hundred thousand. There is room in it for fifty millions without crowding. It reaches from the United States boundary almost to the Arctic regions, so that it is a considerable place, as the Americans say. It is denized by English, French, Swedes, Germans, Magyars, Poles, Russians, Hall-breeds and Indians. There are a few Turks and numerous Hebrews, and as almost every sect is represented any man may find a church to suit him. In extent and variety of inhabitants it is a trying country in which to hold an election, for in dealing with a polygenous population the campaigners must have a polyblot vocabulary. Lacking this the workers have at times been constrained to descend to distributions of bacon and hootch as an earnest of their concern for the comfort of the faithful. This, however, only in some direction. In others there must be different tactics, yet it may be said that a wagon load of Gallagher's bacon, concealing a substratum of jugs from Mercer's, is about the most effective oratory that an electioneer can pack along the trails. There are men up here who have conducted campaigns with the simple appeal to the electors of "Take a cigar," or "Come and have a drink," but these, while establishing an extended popularity, have not always been successful, because probably the other fellows gave more. But the was in the old days. It is different now. Conventionalities from the decadent east have swept in and the electorate, as represented by the men who can fix things, now make embarrassing enquiries as to the location of the stuff and its proximity in relation to such and such contributions of home comforts are not as popular as they were. Of course, Mr. Oliver never engaged in anything so questionable and if ever his friends did so it was certainly without his knowledge.

However, the campaign is on, somewhat subdued as yet, but shortly to rage as a turbulent sea. The farthest constituency to the north is Peace River. When many of us were at school, but a few years ago, Peace River and Slave Lake were regarded as in the hyperborean wilds, the ultimate of the Northwest land, forbidding in its aspect and fierce in its suggestions. Yet in a few weeks there will be an election up there, with a returning officer, a ballot-box, wrangling scrutineers and the barkers outside extolling the respective candidates. There are settlers in the Peace River region, and many of the native born. They have July frosts up there, but it is a great country for hay. Prof. Macdonald says that only a small portion of it is suited to agriculture, but he had better not come up here to say it. The people hereabouts know better. They have never seen it, but it must be a productive region, so close is it to the fat and fertile plains of Alberta. At all events, it is to have representation in the Provincial Assembly and the cry of the campaigner is already heard there. The voters may be few, but that does not affect the status of the candidate. When the Hon. Mr. Dewdney was first elected in British Columbia his electors were taken to the polls in an omnibus, yet he proved very useful to his country.

The Liberal candidate in Peace River is James K. Cornwall, a native of Cleveland, Ohio. He came here in the Klondike rush, stayed here and became an Indian trader. He opened a post at Lesser Slave Lake, and subsequently entered into partnership with Fletcher Bredin. Cornwall is a very knowing young man, and he says he has done much for the district in which he lives. Owing to his activity in securing Government grants there has been a great improvement in the roads leading to Peace River, and in order that the mail service might be regular he has been known to fear if afoot over a wide tract of country, even in the depth of winter. He is proficient in Cree, having made a constructional study of that language, so he will not lack the power of communicating with his constituents. He keeps a store and a stopping place at Lesser Slave Lake, and has amassed money. Now he wants to come out to the front and shine as a legislator.

CORNWALL'S OPPONENT.

Cornwall's opponent will be Lucien Dubuc, a lawyer and a French-Canadian resident of Edmonton, son of the chief justice of Manitoba. He is in the Conservative interest, but if elected will vote with his people on the school question. So will "Jim" Cornwall. It is safe to say that the latter will meet any promise that the Edmonton man may make to his electors.

But another claimant to public favor appears in the person of Albert

Brick, fur trader and farmer at the Vermilion of the Peace and Lesser Slave Lake. He is coming out as an Independent, and it is held that he will defeat both Cornwall and Dubuc.

In the adjoining political division, Athabasca, the Liberal candidate is Fletcher Bredin, partner of J. K. Cornwall. They have trading posts all over the district, and naturally look upon it as theirs. Fletcher Bredin is a native of Glengarry, and came to this part of the country in the '70's. He is an old campaigner and a man well liked by all who know him. He has been with both parties, and what he knows about manipulating the breed vote is a professional secret for he has never been questioned as to how he lands it. But the question arises, if he and Cornwall be elected, who will stay at home and keep shop.

His opponent is Richard Hardisty, son of the late Senator Hardisty. The family were Conservatives, but "Dick" became an Oliver man, and now offers himself as a Liberal Independent, whatever that may mean. He is a young man, and a native son, having been born here. He is a nephew of Lord Strathcona. He recently returned from South Africa, whither he went to take a position in the establishment of the late Cecil Rhodes. Every freighter, trader, breeder and Indian in the land knows the Hardistys, and this younger representative of the family is well able to take care of himself in any kind of an enterprise. He is at present up north attending to his campaign, and it would not surprise the community to hear of his election.

THE STURGEON DISTRICT

In the Sturgeon, which district adjoins Edmonton, the independent candidate is Frank Knight, an intelligent and prosperous farmer, long a resident of the riding. A few Liberals met some time ago and without consulting the party nominated J. J. Boyle, a lawyer of Edmonton. This gave offence, and the result was that Knight was nominated as an independent and will likely be elected, as it has become a contest between a lawyer and a non-resident and a resident farmer.

Vermilion is on the eastern boundary of the province. There the Conservative nominee is Frank Fane, and his opponent is Matt McCaulay, who once represented Edmonton in the Territorial Assembly, but was beaten by Richard Secord. McCaulay is a great worker, but Fane is engaged in a buck-board campaign that is said to be leaving McCaulay far behind.

In Victoria John Shera is the Conservative candidate, he having represented that district for many years in the Assembly. His opponent is young Walker, son of the Walker that ran the rival stage line to the Donnelly's at Lucan, attacks upon whom were the beginning of the Bidolph tragedy. Shera's seat is absolutely safe.

Attorney General Cross is the Liberal candidate in Edmonton City, and his opponent is W. A. Griesbach, a young barrister of that place, who is running as a straight Conservative. He is a clever and promising young man, son of Major Griesbach, late of the Mounted Police. The son served with the Mounted Rifles in Africa, was despatch rider for General Hutton, and came through the campaign unscathed. He stands well with the community and since his nomination the Conservatives, previously divided, have become reunited, so that Cross' election is not so certain as it was. What was said has now become doubtful, with all the advantages in Cross' favor, however. An effort was made to have the Liberal elected by acclamation, but the Conservatives decided for a contest and a contest there will be.

It is not likely there will be a contest in the constituency across the river, Strathcona, where Hon. A. C. Rutherford, leader of the government will stand.

Dr. De Vohr, of Lethbridge, formerly of St. John, N. B., member of the government without portfolio, will be opposed by W. C. Ives, son of Hon. Mr. Ives of Montreal, and it is understood that the Doctor will have a hard time of it. The other minister, Mr. Findlay, of Medicine Hat, will be opposed by Mr. Sissons, but it is not thought that the Conservative will be successful.

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DALHOUSIE MAN.

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Dalhousie, N. B., Sept. 29.—W. S. Montgomery, the enterprising president of the Restigouche Woodworking Company, owned a valuable residence about a mile and a half out of town.

THE KOGMOLLYCKS.

Something About More Northerly Fellow-Canadians

They Are Beginning to Lose Faith in the Medicine Man--Will Do Anything to Get the White Visitor's Liquor.

Ottawa, Sept. 29.—A report received at the Mounted Police Department from Sgt. Fitzgerald, a very capable officer, who until recently was in command of the Mounted Police post at Fort McPherson, which is well up the Arctic circle, contains considerable information with respect to the Eskimos and their habits.

"The Eskimos belonging to this shore," he writes, "are called Kogmollycks. There are two tribes, one being Co-puck natives, and the other Herchel Island natives. They are fairly well built, the men averaging 5 feet 3 or 4 inches in height. All the older men have their lower jaws pierced in labrets, and the women have their chins tattooed. Of late years they have stopped this, and men and women of about twenty years have no marks. There are about 250 Kogmollycks, but they are very dirty in their habits and never wash."

The Minatimutes, or Deermen, are inland Eskimos. Their hunting grounds start from about forty miles from Herchel Island, on Beaufort Sea, and run west of Point Barrow. They are a strong built people, the men being about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches in height. The other natives have their labrets and tattooing, the same as the Kogmollycks. They number in all about 100. There are a

few Straits who call themselves Masinuk, but they are not Eskimos. There is no marriage law with them. When a man is ready to take a wife, as a rule about the age of eighteen, he goes and lives with her in the house of her parents. That is the only form gone through with. If they cannot agree they separate, but they generally get on well together. There are always a few medicine men in each tribe. If anything is about to happen he has a dance and tells the tribe all about it. If a native is sick the medicine man is called to drive the devil out of him. If the natives can get a doctor they always prefer it, so it would seem that they do not put much faith in the medicine man at the present time. I have found these natives very honest, and all the time I have been at Herchel Island I never heard of a case of stealing among them. They are a very hospitable people, and if a stranger comes to their homes, everything they have is at his disposal. They are very neat-looking, but I do not think that they live to a very great age, as there are very few men over fifty years of age among them. Eight died last year. The Eskimo is very much like the Indian. He will do anything to get liquor."

A short time ago he gave the contract to W. H. Vallée, contractor, formerly of Sussex, N. B., to have it moved into town, which called for moving it about a thousand yards to the shore, then being placed on two large lighters so that it could be taken by water, and moved about a thousand yards to a beautiful lot of land.

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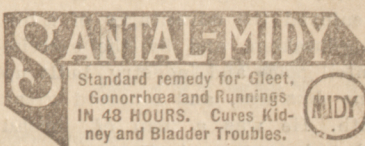
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