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CRUSHINGLY DEFEATED.

The Liberal Government of Ontario, which successively under the premiership of Edward Blake, Oliver Mowatt, Arthur Hardy and George W. Ross, has held power since 1872, a period of over thirty two years, went to an overwhelming and ignominious defeat in the general election yesterday.

In a House of ninety eight members, the Conservatives will have seventy three seats to the Liberals twenty five, giving Mr. Whitney a majority of forty eight, the largest ever known in the Ontario legislature.

In the wreck of the Liberal party are three and perhaps four cabinet ministers. The victims include Dryden, minister of agriculture, Letchford, attorney general and Irish Roman Catholic representative in the cabinet, Gibson, late attorney general, and perhaps Evanturel, the French representative, the last two members of the administration without portfolio. In West Middlesex, Premier Ross himself had a narrow escape leading his opponent by only thirty.

Mr. Whitney the Tory leader, has every reason to feel gratified at the signal victory he has won. He has performed a feat which Meredith failed to accomplish in twenty years of hard work, but his success is not so much due to his own political prowess or the failure of the Ross government to discharge its duty to the province, as to the system of corruption which seems to have grown up in the outworks of the administration. Probably the Gamey episode did more to prejudice the Government than any other single happening in Ontario politics. At any rate the numerous scandals perpetuated by friends of the Government in various constituencies were laid to the Government's charge, and thousands of Liberals united with Conservatives to dismiss the administration and give Whitney a trial.

There is no doubt that the complicated condition of the temperance question resulted adversely to Ross, who did not go far enough to satisfy the great bulk of the temperance party, but far enough to estrange the liquor vote. An instance of the latter phase of the question is seen in the fact the big distillers, Hiram Walker & Sons, former Liberals, withdrew their support from Ross and issued a circular calling on their employes and friends to support Whitney.

The Ross Government must immediately resign in the face of the overwhelming verdict of the people against them, and the Conservative party which has been hungry for office for so many years will within the next few days find itself in possession of the treasury benches and the enormous patronage which goes to the victorious party in the great province of Ontario.

The personnel of the new administration can only be a matter of guess work at present, but it may be taken for certain that one of Mr. Whitney's colleagues will be Mr. Foy, a prominent Toronto lawyer, while Mr. Gamey, who did so much to ensure his party's triumph will probably be left out of the Government which would scarcely dare to introduce so malodorous an individual into a cabinet position.

ONTARIO'S LATE PREMIER.

A great many Ontario men who voted yesterday to oust the Ross government will feel truly sorry that they had to incidentally vote condemnation of the premier, who is very highly esteemed by both political parties, as a man of great ability and high personal character.

Hon. Geo. W. Ross is 63 years old and has been in public life continuously since 1872, when he was elected to the House of Commons for West Middlesex, having previously occupied leading educational positions, including that of school inspector, and having been admitted to the bar. He sat in the House of Commons until 1883, when he re-

signed to enter the Mowatt Government at Toronto as minister of education, a position he held under Premier Hardy, whom he succeeded in 1896, taking also the portfolio of treasurer.

Mr. Ross, besides being a forceful politician, has had considerable experience as a writer and lecturer, and is one of the best public speakers in Canada. Personally he enjoys a clean reputation, and although he has been defeated, and must give up the position he has filled with great ability, it is believed he will continue in public life, possibly as a member of the federal cabinet at Ottawa. In religion Mr. Ross is a Presbyterian, and an elder in the Toronto church of which Rev. Dr. Milligan, moderator of the General Assembly, is pastor.

"A WITHERED PIPPIN."

That witty and effective writer, Mr. H. F. Gadsby, whose humor and satire brightened the editorial columns of the St. John Telegraph for a few weeks some years ago, is writing spicy parliamentary correspondence from Ottawa to the Toronto Star.

Speaking of Mr. Foster and his appearance in the debate on the address, Mr. Gadsby says:

"Mr. Foster looked thinner than ever as he rose to reply. Not far away to his right sat Bergeron, jolly, rotund, smiling—the same old fat boy of Beauharnois. At his left elbow lolled the burly form of John Haggart. Beside these towering figures the member for North Toronto looked like withered Pippin. His whiskers appeared stringy, his red necktie threw a livid glare on that countenance already sicklied o'er by the pale cast of thought. Truth to tell, the member for North Toronto is not the man to hearten a party that is lost in the wilderness.

"Mr. Foster's speech did not help any. He has more old grudges than new thoughts. Released from his spell of five years, his own followers begin to see that his wit is trivial and his satire circuitous. What Mr. Foster said reminded one of campaign speech No. 6, which runs: 'Yes, the country is prosperous, but who did it? Why, the Conservatives!' Here follows twenty minutes of Canadian history as read by a Tory Finance Minister, embittered by lack of office. As for the rest, Mr. Foster gave himself scope by enlarging on several things which were not mentioned in the speech from the throne."

PREMIER WHITNEY.

Hon. James Phinxy Whitney, the successful Conservative leader in Ontario, who within the next few days will be called upon to form a local ministry for that province, is a lawyer by profession and 61 years old. He has represented Dundas in the legislature since 1888, and has been leader of the Opposition since 1896. In religion he is an Episcopalian, and his home is at Morrisburg in his constituency.

Mr. Whitney is an energetic politician, a lawyer of good standing, an effective public speaker, and with the great force behind him in the new

legislature should be able to form a strong administration. He is not the equal in ability or experience of his unsuccessful rival, Hon. Geo. W. Ross, who has given Ontario a good administration and leaves the province in a sound financial position, and on the road to great development in the practically unsettled regions of New Ontario.

Mr. Stratton, late of the Ontario government, knew when it was time to get in out of the rain. He retired from the Ross ministry and from the legislature some months ago, probably foreseeing the great disaster that has overtaken his party.

Our Conservative friends will take much comfort from their great victory in Ontario, and their joy will not be begrudged. They have been thirty-two years' out in the cold in that province.

BITS OF NEWS.

Rev. B. N. Nobles, of the Carleton Baptist church, St. John, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Main Street Baptist, and will leave to take charge of his new church about the middle of February.

Edward W. Bowman, chief clerk in the Dufferin Hotel, St. John, has accepted the position of manager of the Victoria Hotel, St. John, in succession to C. J. Milligan, who has resigned to accept the management of the new Liberal paper in St. John.

While her husband was away hunting Mrs. John Johnson, an Ontario woman, died with her children about her bed and with no doctor within a hundred miles. Johnson brought the children to an orphanage at Sault Ste. Marie, and has returned home to bury his wife beside their Woodland home. There will be no burial service, and Johnson will be alone at the funeral.

Flora Vernon, wife of Dr. Thomas Vernon, of Toronto, and for the last twelve months practicing physician in Hubbard's Cove, near Halifax, died on Sunday forenoon. Dr. Vernon left Halifax on Thursday last, with Bertha Jollymore, of Mill Cove Lunenburg county, who was a servant girl in the Vernon family up to two months ago. Before leaving he told his wife he was going to take the girl with him.

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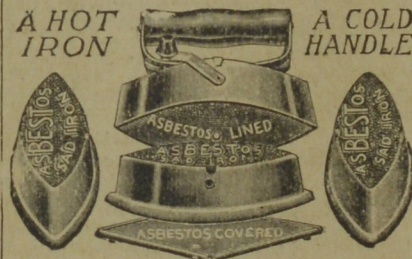


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