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LUMBERING IN MAINE.

Stacyville, Me., Dec. 23. To the Editor of The Herald:
Sir,—Seeing items about lumber camps, I thought I would give an account of our camp. We are camping on the banks of Tracey Brook, within a mile of Stacyville Station. We have a crew of twenty-five men, mostly all from the province. Benjamin King, our boss, is a jolly good fellow, and he opens the camp door just as the morning star falls, and cries out 'try it again boys.'

Our cook, James F. Myhrall of Kingsclear, is a jolly lad, and can put up as good a meal as anyone that goes up these waters. In the morning at six o'clock, roll out, he cries, and the men that linger are sure to get a dipper of cold water as an eye opener. We have four teams dragging the logs into the brook. Three of them are hired teams, and the other is owned by Benjamin King, and is driven by Thomas Kingston of Yoho, who can haul as many logs as any man in the concern. Our other teamsters are Bennie Kelly, George Mahand and Mike Willett, all good log haulers. Our choppers are Daniel King and Joseph Goodine, from the province, who can cut as many logs as any two men in the State of Maine. Our sled tenders are Sandy Rosborough and Jerry Holland from Acton Settlement; Pete and Fred Willett of Shannon; and the best of all is little Dave Holland of Acton, the smartest of the crew, who says he can eat as many pies as any man in the crew.

Now I shall end by wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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COLCHESTER

It has been generally rumored that Mr. Stanfield's election in Colchester which so greatly rejoiced the hearts of our Tory friends, was not made with prayers, but that a generous expenditure of money and stimulants of a liquid character had a large influence in securing the result.

However, that may be, the fact remains that the Liberals of the constituency believe Mr. Hill was defeated by unfair means and to test the matter they have filed a protest against Mr. Stanfield's election and will give him an opportunity to show in the courts whether he and his friends practised what their leader has been preaching throughout the country—electoral purity—or whether Tory professions are made for the purpose of diverting public attention from the corruption that has always prevailed in that party.

The Conservatives will doubtless whine because of the entering of the protest against Mr. Stanfield, but they will likely be reminded of the manner in which they persecuted Mr. Fielding in Shelburne-Queens, protesting his election, and putting him to the trouble and expense of a new contest without sufficient justification.

The Conservatives must be taught that if they will have political purity in the Liberals, they must practise it themselves and the trial of the Colchester protest will show whether or not the Tories are as hypocritical as most people believe they actually are.

PROVINCIAL FINANCES

The statement of New Brunswick revenue and expenditure for the year ending Oct. 31st, 1907, as published in another part of this paper, shows that the finances of this province continues in a satisfactory condition.

After providing liberally for all the public services the government is able to announce a surplus of nearly \$10,000 in ordinary revenue and expenditure account, and this in the face of opposition croakings that the country is being recklessly governed.

The revenue from crown lands, fisheries, etc., classified under the head of "territorial" shows figures that are very gratifying, while for the first time the increased federal subsidy amounting to \$65,000 for the last half year, is included in the revenue derived from the Ottawa treasury.

The opposition sneered at the efforts made by the government to secure an increase in the federal subsidy, but the thing was fought through and New Brunswick for all time has added to her annual receipts \$130,000 as a result of the government's persistency in urging provincial claims on the Ottawa authorities.

AN ABSURD STATEMENT

The Toronto News makes the manifestly absurd statement that the result of the Centre York election, in which the Liberal candidate was returned in a former Tory live by a majority of twenty-three, "is the most damaging blow the Liberal government has sustained since 1896."

Stuff and nonsense, and it is wonder that a newspaper of the pretensions of the News would father such an absurdity.

The worst blow the Liberals have received since 1896 was the defeat of

the Ross government in Ontario, but they have survived even that, and have taught the Tories they cannot have all their own way in the premier province.

The holding of the Centre York seat in the face of the riding's political history, and other circumstances of the recent contest, was little short of marvellous, and it shows what a strong hold the government has on the masses of the people.

The Liberal candidate was new to political contests, while his opponent Mr. Wallace, had been over the course before, and is a son of the late Hon. Clarke Wallace, who represented the constituency for twenty-four years.

The personal appeal for the Tory candidate was made to do duty for all it was worth, and it is a wonder the Tories did not win out with the advantage they had in that respect.

CURRENT COMMENT

There have been 42 federal bye elections since the general contest of 1904 and the Conservatives have won only nine of them—rather slow progress towards the treasury benches.

The local Tory organ which announced a few evenings ago that Wallace had "trimmed" McLean in Centre York, will no doubt be surprised to learn that the returning officer has officially declared the Liberal candidate elected by a majority of 23.

The Telegraph continues to console with the government on the retirement of Hon. James Barnes from its ranks. Yet for some weeks the same paper has been pointing out that the member for Kent was a political nonentity—a source of weakness to the administration.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley, who returned last night to Ottawa after spending Christmas at St. John, told a Tory interviewer that he had no means of knowing when the provincial elections would be held. Mr. Hazen and his friends are growing very anxious on the point.

Perhaps the Tory defeat in Centre York was partially due to the appearance of Fowler, Foster and Gamay in the constituency. The people of the riding had apparently heard something of this precious trio of Tory politicians—these high toned moralists—who spend so much effort in slandering better men.

In his speech at the Commercial Travellers' banquet at Montreal, Mr. Borden, the Conservative leader, turning to the affairs of the travellers observed: "I may compare myself to one of you. I have in fourteen weeks' time covered 12,000 miles of the Dominion and presented my samples to 100,000 customers. These I found in excellent form indeed, and all of them gave me a delightful welcome." (Mr. Borden is on the road for a line of rubber goods—the Halifax platform, so humorously described by Sir Wilfrid Laurier.)

Conservative leaders have raved against members of the bench resigning to enter political contests, notably in the case of Judge Henderson, who was a candidate in Vancouver for the legislature, but the case of Sir Alexander Lacoste, an ex-judge of Quebec would seem to call for greater condemnation.

This gentleman who sat on the bench for a number of years, is not only taking a part in the politics of Quebec for the Tory party, but is practically its organizer in that province.

Marion, who had been taught to report her misdeeds promptly, came to her mother one day, sobbing penitently.

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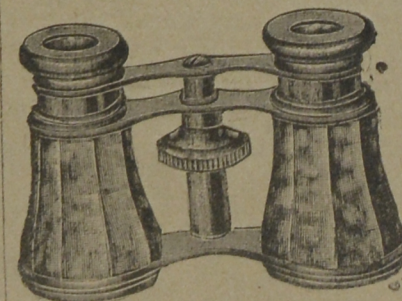


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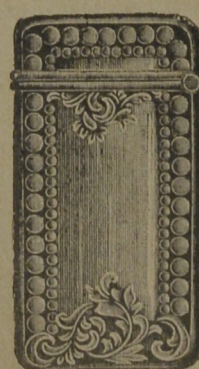
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