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THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

There is evidence in the result of the municipal elections in York that the people are tiring of councillors who carry political partizanship into the council, making political considerations subservient to the interests which they are elected to guard.

One has only to cast an eye over the returns to note how the political partizans—men who evidently thought it their chief duty to serve the Tory party in their official positions—went down before the ballots of the electors.

Perhaps, one of the most striking examples was in Douglas, where the Warden, although personally a reliable man, and a good citizen, was defeated by an untried man.

The same thing can be observed in North Lake, where one of the old Tory councillors was very badly defeated and the other secured his election by the narrow majority of three.

In Stanley and Dumfries the Tory councillors are replaced by Liberals; all showing that the people have noted the extreme political partizanship of former members of the council, and resolved to send men who would attend to their municipal duties as the first consideration.

BAD TASTE

A great many people in Sunbury are condemning the bad taste Mr. Hazen displayed in attempting to turn the recent Baptist picnic at Lincoln into a political meeting, and there does not seem any reasonable defence for his action.

Along with the other representatives of the constituency, Mr. Wilmot, M. P., and Mr. Glasier, M. P. P., Mr. Hazen was invited to attend the picnic as an attraction, but it was not the expectation of the promoters to make the affair one to boom the political fortunes of Mr. Hazen and his party.

The other gentlemen, Mr. Hazen's colleagues, evidently understood the matter that way, and created no offence, but Mr. Hazen, when he struck the platform, launched into an attack on the local government, which had many friends in the gathering, and abused the hospitality that had been extended to him by a gathering that included men of both political parties.

The offence Mr. Hazen committed is inexcusable and has aroused a strong feeling against him.

If people cannot meet at a gathering to promote the interests of a church without having to submit to partizan political speeches, such meetings should be called off. It was open to Mr. Hazen to hire a hall and deliver his message, which we understand was a continued mass of misrepresentations and unfair attack, but he had the bad taste to promulgate his political canvasses at a mixed gathering of people, one half of whom at least, did not agree with his statements, and have no use for him as a politician.

NON-EFFECTIVE

When editor of the St. John Sun, Mr. S. D. Scott spent more nearly a score of years denouncing in the most unreasonable and partizan way Hon. Dr. Pugsley, in his capacity as a public man, often resorting to personal reflections to destroy, if possible, the political influ-

ence of the present Minister of Public Works.

Mr. Scott, however, made no progress in his campaign of vilification of Dr. Pugsley, and the Sun, under his direction, failing to meet the financial expectations of its owner, passed into the hands of the Liberals. Mr. Scott, seeking a position elsewhere, in which he has been able to carry on his warfare against Dr. Pugsley.

From Ottawa Mr. Scott, who is hired by the Tory machine, to write syndicate letters for the less reputable Tory newspapers, continues to aim shafts at the new Minister, who, he says, adds no strength to the government, and who, according to the truthful Mr. Scott, is of no account politically.

The question naturally arises, if Dr. Pugsley is such a political nonentity, why all this determined Tory effort to write him down, to hound him as few public men have been hounded, to misrepresent his motives and his acts, to seek to raise prejudice and ill-feeling against him, in short to destroy his standing and prestige as a public man.

The object is clear enough, but it will fail, as it has failed in the past.

Dr. Pugsley is recognized all over Canada as one of its leading statesmen, a thorough going Canadian, a man with a broad vision, of great ability, equal to the best men this country has produced, and destined to play a leading part in the public life of Canada, a gentleman of high ideals, of clean personal character, strong, hopeful, popular to a great degree, and therefore a shining mark for poisoned Tory arrows.

Mr. Scott may take satisfaction in denouncing the Minister of Public Works in his weekly tattle to the Tory newspapers from Ottawa, but he may rest assured that his efforts in that line will be no more effective than they were during his twenty years of tirades against the same gentleman in the columns of the St. John Sun.

CURRENT COMMENT

At his Montreal meeting, Mr. Borden quite lost his temper, and raved against the Liberal newspapers, whose editors, he said, were paid to write him down. The Tory leader neglected to state that he is travelling around the country at the expense of the ratepayers of Canada, denouncing men who are much his superior in intelligence and public regard.

Mr. Robert Maxwell, M. P. P., who has been a school trustee in St. John, elected by the council, and was a candidate for re-election, was badly turned down, Mr. George E. Day being elected in his stead by a large majority. This is an indication of fate which awaits Mr. Maxwell when he appeals for re-election to the legislature. He has been tried and found wanting.

Mr. Borden, who is running around the country prating about political purity, on arriving at Montreal was confronted with some details of the last federal election in Quebec as run by the Tory party. The sworn evidence of Mr. Hugh Graham shows that he contributed \$29,000 to the Tory reptile fund, and that it was spent with the knowledge and sanction of the Tory leader.

Mr. Monk, speaking at the Borden meeting in Montreal, made an effort to designate who would form the Tory cabinet if the party is ever asked to furnish one, but he stopped short after naming Mr. T. C. Casgrain and Dr. Worthingham for ministers of justice and militia. It is believed that he thought of Foster and Fowler, but turned sick at the bare possibility of these men urging their "claims."

Anybody can grumble, but it requires some understanding to avoid the necessity for grumbling.

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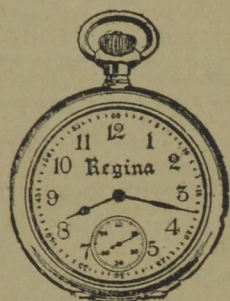
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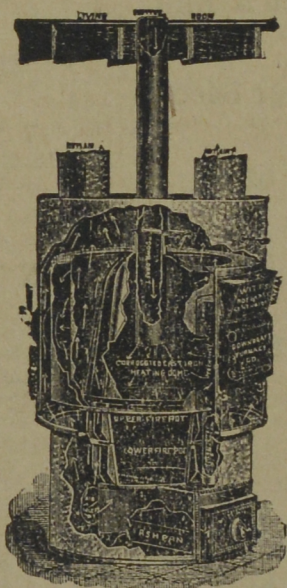
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