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ELECTION RESULTS.

The provincial elections in Quebec and Ontario do not show any very startling changes. The Liberals hold Quebec by a large majority in the new legislature, and the Conservatives have somewhat bettered themselves in Ontario. The Guion and Whitney governments have large majorities—too large indeed in the public interest.

In the last Quebec House the Tories held only seven seats of 74. They made no attempt at organization in the elections of 1904, but practically abandoned the field to the Liberals. This time they put up a vigorous fight and by the aid of the Nationalists will have fifteen opposition men in the new legislature, against the government's fifty-nine.

All the Liberal ministers were re-elected. Premier Guion suffered defeat in St. James' division, Montreal, Mr. Bourassa squeezing in with forty-one majority, but the premier was returned in Portneuf by 800 majority, while in St. Hyacinthe Mr. Bourassa tied the vote, and is defeated by the returning officer's casting vote. The Tories, however, lost both their leaders, Mr. LeBlanc being defeated in Laval, and Mr. Pelletier, the party organizer, meeting the same fate in Dorchester. The leadership of the opposition is therefore likely to fall to Mr. Bourassa, and his lieutenant, Mr. Laverne, who recently resigned his seat in the House of Commons, and is returned to the legislature in Montmagny.

In Ontario the Liberals nearly held their own in spite of Whitney's gerrymander. They had 27 seats in the last House, and they will have 25 in the new legislature, which has eight members more than formerly.

No member of the Whitney government was defeated, and Mr. McKay, Liberal leader, was re-elected in North Grey, in spite of the desperate efforts to defeat him.

All the Toronto seats as usual went Tory, and among the defeated candidates is Rev. D. C. Hossock, who made an advanced temperance campaign. On the other hand, Mr. Gooderham, a wealthy brewer, supporter of Whitney, is returned by a large majority.

There will not be much disappointment in either party with the results in the two provinces, although there is no doubt the Tories expected to make much greater gains in Quebec, counting quite confidently on winning at least thirty seats.

MR. BOURASSA.

Mr. Bourassa will be a much disappointed man. Although elected to the Quebec legislature, he has really only one Nationalist follower, the ever faithful Laverne, but as the Tories are leaderless, both LeBlanc and Pelletier having fallen in Monday's battle, they may unite in a common cause against the Guion government, which, however, is too strong to be seriously embarrassed by the combined Tories and Nationalists.

Mr. Bourassa, while a brilliant orator, is a theorist who is not likely to accomplish much for the practical good of the country.

The pampered son of an old Quebec family, the grandson of Papineau, one of the "patriots" of 1837, Mr. Bourassa has been rather a picturesque figure in public life. He started out with the intention of supplanting Laurier in the affections of the French Canadian people, and when he got into parliament, finding his influence small with his leader, he switched off into independence and became a free lance, without, however, attracting a following of any consequence. His defeat of Premier Guion in Montreal will, however, give him some prestige in the Quebec legislature.

The fight between the two gentlemen in St. James' division was fierce and spectacular, and some bitter words were spoken on the hustings. For a time, however, the two were speaking at one of the evening meetings of the campaign, observed:

"If you take notice of what my opponent says, you must think me a very small man compared with Mr. Bourassa, and I myself am beginning to wonder whether I am worthy of the applause with which you have greeted me. If I am a small man compared with Mr. Bourassa, it is perhaps because I am a son of the

people—it is perhaps because Mr. Bourassa is the grandson of a seigneur, and I am of the people. It is, perhaps, because I have been working for the last thirty years, and during that time Mr. Bourassa has been spending the money accumulated by his relatives. I may not be as great as he is, but I can assure you that I have worked as hard as he has. Mr. Bourassa has studied law, but he has not yet been received as an advocate."

SCHOOL BOOK FRAUD.

The Hazen government's claim that they have made an arrangement by which 40 per cent will be saved in the price of school readers, geographies and scribbles is fraudulent on the face of it. It will take no less a sum to pay middlemen for distributing the books, and when the sum necessary for this purpose is deducted it will be seen that the actual saving to the country will be very small indeed. Mr. Hazen proposed a cut of fifty per cent in all school books, but the price of all other books, except readers, geographies and scribbles remains the same. The school children of New Brunswick will still be compelled to pay the old price for text books in history, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, chemistry, Latin, Greek, French, health, and many others, and these are the most expensive books that have to be purchased.

The government will have to pay the distributors at least 15 per cent commission, perhaps more, and where is the 40 per cent reduction, in the cost to the country.

The people of New Brunswick have been goldbricked in the school book business by the Hazen government as in the highway act, and other alleged reforms, and the pledges which the premier and his associates gave to the country are not being made good in one single instance.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Quebec Tories in the new legislature number the unlucky figure 13.

The doubled road tax is arousing great dissatisfaction in the country districts.

Both the local Tory leaders in Quebec were defeated at the polls. Well, well, well, and yet the Tories talk about a reaction against Liberalism in that province.

Mr. Hazen and Mr. Fleming, who have been in Montreal to renew the million and a half loan made by the late government, report that they have made an arrangement more favorable than that of their opponents. Yet we were told during the late election that the old government had destroyed the provincial credit among the financiers.

In a speech in the legislature Mr. McLeod stated that a Dominion government engineer had reported against the late local government's claim of a double subsidy for the Chipman-Minto branch of the Central railway, but evidently Mr. Hazen took no stock in the assertion, as he is now in Ottawa pushing the double subsidy claim.

About the only hope the Tories had of success in the next Dominion election was founded on the expectation that the Quebec provincial elections would show the decline of Laurierism in that province, but the result shows that Quebec continues to be overwhelmingly Liberal, and at the first opportunity will renew its unbounded confidence in the Canadian Premier.

It was said when the Solicitor General left for the river country just as a criminal case was coming on in the York County court, that the object of his hurried trip was to seek out a man involved in a shooting affair in Madawaska, but there is no news of the alleged culprit's capture. In the meantime the fishing is said to be good in the Madawaska regions, and with the news of the result of the criminal trial here, Mr. McLeod will have further material for his forthcoming volume on "Acquittals."

A delegation of Normal school students called at the Herald office yesterday and quite hotly protested against the imputation that some of their number were responsible for the mischief done around the city last Friday night, especially meddling with the cannon on the river bank. They declared there was no proof that any of their number were included in the guilty parties, and the Herald made the offer that if all the male students would sign an explicit denial we would gladly publish it, and thus relieve them of responsibility for the vandalism. No such document has yet reached this office.

Matrimony.

Matrimony resembles a pair of shears, so joined that they cannot be separated, often moving in opposite directions, yet always punishing any one who comes between them.—S. Smith.

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Adam's Foresightedness.

Though Adam blamed Eve for tempting him to eat apples, it isn't on record that he gave her due credit for making those first clothes.—Florida Times-Union.

He Laid.

"Don't waste your time in clipping off the branches," said the woodman to his son, "but lay your ax at the root of the tree." And the young man went out and laid his ax at the foot of the tree, like a good and dutiful boy, and then he went fishing. Truly there is nothing so beautiful as filial obedience.—Strand Magazine.

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