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### INTERNAL STRIFE

Ever since the "nest of traitors" episode at Ottawa, in which Mr. Foster betrayed his leader—put the knife into poor old unsuspecting MacKenzie Bowell, there has been strife and treachery within the Tory party, the schisms extending even to the local organizations in various parts of the country.

The example set by Mr. Foster was most pernicious, and much of the Tory failure to capture elections and otherwise succeed in their endeavors, has largely been the result of internal jealousies and open quarrels.

This feeling was apparent at the Tory nominating convention at Ottawa Tuesday, when there was open strife between the gentleman who aspired to lead the forlorn hope at the capital, and has been evident in the Tory party in parliament for some years. While Mr. Borden's followers respect him personally, they have little confidence in his ability as a parliamentary leader, and hence there is absence of order and discipline in the ranks.

These conditions exist in the various constituencies and are known to be working disastrously for the party in York.

In this county the McLeod and Crockett factions are each striving for the mastery, and some of them are scarcely on speaking terms with others.

An apparently well founded report that Solicitor General McLeod would like to crowd Mr. O. S. Crockett out of the next federal nomination has given rise to suspicion and distrust of the local leader in the minds of Mr. Crockett's friends, who would be glad to put a knife into Mr. McLeod if they dared. The latter, however, can fairly claim to have furnished the backbone of the party, which put Mr. Crockett in to parliament. Mr. Crockett had no personal strength. He was a renegade Liberal without claim on the Tory party, but the McLeods, father and son, took hold of him, and were largely the means of electing him to a place quite undeserved.

And how did the Crocketts repay Mr. Harry McLeod when his chance came for preferment. Were they loyal and true to him? Not at all. Their sympathies were for Mr. Pinder, who was anxious for a seat in the local cabinet. Mr. O. S. Crockett was jealous of Mr. McLeod, afraid that the latter would supplant him in the federal arena, and under all the circumstances it is little wonder that the Solicitor General and his friends are resenting the treatment accorded him and would not be unwilling to take a grip with Mr. Crockett in the York federal nominating convention.

There is said to be much dissatisfaction in the Tory party with the manner in which Mr. Crockett has discharged his parliamentary duties, has exploited himself for personal glory, not only in the House but in the columns of the newspaper which he controls, and the party are getting tired of his self-laudation and bumpiness.

Mr. McLeod is reported to be especially disgusted with the transparent effort of Mr. Crockett to boom himself at the expense of the solicitor general and other Tory leaders, and it would be no surprise to the public if the present unpleasantness between the two factions should result in open warfare, with probably unsatisfactory results to the present M. P. for York.

### CURRENT COMMENT.

In the Colchester bye-election the Tories preached purity and practised corruption.

Mr. R. D. Wilmot, M. P., has hurried off to Queen's to do some canvassing. The gentleman from Belmont is evidently alarmed at the McLean boom.

The Tories of Colchester elevated the standard of purity with unlimited use of booze and boodle.

The Halifax Chronicle suggests that, like Stanfield's underwear, Agent Bayne's supply of boodle and booze was "unshrinkable."

There is absolutely no truth in the report that Mr. Hazen has dismissed the engrossing clerk and Supreme court reporter who have shown themselves active Tory partisans. He will rather raise their salaries.

The local graft organ is running in poster type an alleged attack on the Liberal party, said to have been delivered in London, G. B., by Joe Martin, late of Winnipeg and Vancouver, a man who was long ago fired from the Liberal party, and has no political or personal status worth mentioning.

Out in Saskatchewan since the late Liberal triumph, the people are said to have dropped all forms of profanity, exclaiming instead "Great Scott." The Liberal victory in the new province was indeed a corker.

Mr. Hazen's school book vendors in Fredericton do not seem to have a monopoly of the business after all. The bookstores are well supplied with the books at reduced prices.

The electors of Carleton should not think of placing further temptations in the way of Mr. B. Frank Smith by sending him to Ottawa.

Still it isn't much wonder Tory heelsers in Fredericton resent "Uncle Harry" getting a government job, while they are left out in the cold. "Uncle Harry" was in Boston when the elections were on, and didn't help the party into power even a little bit.

A rumor is current that the local graft organ has entered the service of Col. McLean, that for a consideration it is doing what it can to help along the Colonel's candidature in Queen's-Sunbury. Its efforts, however, to be funny, remind one very much of an elephant trying to play giddy.

Mr. McDade let the cat out of the bag. He said at the Hibernian convention in St. John Tuesday that Mr. Morrissey had been elected in Northumberland by a union of French, Orangemen and Hibernians. Who could resist such a combination. And fancy the Hon. John riding into the legislature as a representative Orangeman.

How is this Mr. Prov. Sec'y. Fleming. One of your Fredericton school book vendors is selling scribbled at 4 cents each, in spite of the government announcement that the reduction was to be from 5 to 3 cents, and the goods are said to be of poor quality too.

Col. McLean and those who are assisting him in his Sunbury-Queen's campaign are meeting with a splendid reception from the people. The meetings are very largely attended, the speakers are given an attentive hearing, and excellent work is being accomplished for the Liberal cause.

Even before Hon. Dr. Pugsley has given his testimony before the Central Railway commission, the insinuations and allegations of his enemies in connection with the road, are disproved. It was a dirty plot to discredit a worthy public man, and its absolute failure is a source of great disappointment to the men who planned it.

The people of Colchester who live along the shores of Cobequid Bay, are used to the wonderful phenomenon of the Fundy tides rising and ebbing twice a day, but the flow of whiskey at Five Islands in Mr. Stanfield's behalf, far eclipsed even the full moon efforts of the Bay. There was no ebb to the booze outfit of Mr. Bayne and his coadjutors. It was all flow.

Mr. John Stanfield was nominated by the Colchester Tories because he was known to have a barrel of money. His friend, Mr. Bayne, of Five Islands, whom the Tory Halifax Herald says should be in the penitentiary, not only operated from the money barrel but had barrels of his own—liquid refreshments for the thirsty voters—booze in bottles, jugs and casks, bottles of booze in baskets left on electors' doorsteps at night. It was indeed a regular Tory carnival of booze and boodle.

There was a great row Tuesday in the Tory convention at Ottawa. Three men, Birkett, Cook and Ross were after the English nomination, and Birkett got it, but not until he had denounced his rivals for trying to work a flim, flam game on him. He was especially severe on Mr. Cook, who Birkett declared was an Englishman and had no claim on the nomination. Cook, it may be observed, has been a resident of Ottawa most of his life, and has been mayor of that city.

The St. John Times, which has evidently shaken off its Tory shackles as bound upon it by Mr. McKane, says "A big political picnic of the Liberal party is being held today at Newcastle, Queen's county; the largest crowd that has ever assembled there is in attendance, including many from Min-to. Rousing speeches were delivered by Col. H. H. McLean, the Liberal candidate for Juen's county, A. K. McLean, M. P., Lunenburg, N. S., and A. B. Copp, M. P. P., Liberal organizer for the province."

The government's school book vendors are not having things all their own way, and hence they are feeling sour on their masters. Any dealer without the honor of a government commission, can purchase all the school books he wants for cash from the government, and compete with the regularly appointed vendors, who instead of their former 25 per cent profit, have now only ten per cent. Watch the developments in this school book fiasco.

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