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FOSTER'S NEW R.O.E.

The Dominion Baptist Conference has appointed Mr. Foster a member of its moral and social reform committee, and the country will be glad of the recognition of his Baptist brethren if they are sure that they have got the very best possible man for the business.

What the qualifications for the position are, is not stated, but it is supposed that it will be Mr. Foster's duty to pick up the fallen and restore them to society, to discountenance crooked-business methods, and to generally see that as little wickedness as possible happens in Canada.

There is a large field for Mr. Foster's efforts, and he will be a very busy man if he attempts to overtake even a fraction of the duty imposed on him.

Perhaps he will commence operations among the Tory politicians, taking care that none of them shall traffic in trust funds or pocket rakes. Who knows but that Mr. Foster will seek to re-establish in public favor, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Lefurgey and their deal associates.

A pure stream of morality will be expected to flow from whatever locality Mr. Foster may choose for his operations, and no doubt in time, if he has his health, all the jails and penitentiaries will be empty, as a result of his labors.

"Please turn on the tap."

THAT VACANT SEAT.

The Tory party in Carleton county is likely to be embarrassed by the number of men who want the vacant seat in the legislature.

Mr. Simms is out with his card to the electors already, and the veteran Geo. W. White, who was a member of the legislature shortly after Mr. Simms was born, also hankers for the honor of coming to Fredericton as an M. P. P.

Mr. Fleming will scarcely know what to do with these gentlemen. Both have rendered faithful service to the Tory cause, and deserve some kind of recognition, but it is believed the Provincial Secretary would feel much more comfortable if the party were allowed to choose its own candidate, and it is pretty certain that neither Mr. Simms nor Mr. White would be the man. Indeed Mr. Fleming and his leader would feel much better just now if there were no vacant seat in the legislature.

The finances of the Tory party in Carleton are said to be in a bad way, and after its recent defeat at the hands of Mr. Carvell, is not in a position to make a successful fight.

A GOOD MEMORY.

Sir MacKenzie Bowell has not yet forgotten his betrayal when Premier of Canada, by Mr. Foster and the other six colleagues who bolted from the government and constituted the "nest of traitors" episode. The old gentleman, who still fills the editorial chair of the Belleville Intelligencer, in discussing the recent election results and the defeat of his party says:

"Perhaps, after all, it serves the Conservative party right, for trying to carry white elephants."

"The shady records of certain members of the party beat them—and beat the party."

"Was it the rural mail delivery that captured Ontario for Laurier? Hardly. More likely it was the determination of the Conservative party leaders to try to make Ontario people swallow men whose doings had turned their stomachs."

It is evident that if Sir MacKenzie had been a member of the Dominion Baptist Union, there would have been at least one vote registered against the appointment of Mr. Foster on the moral and social reform committee of that body.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Westmorland Liberals are still celebrating their great victory. No wonder!

Mr. Hazen has not yet apologized to Dr. Pugsley for reading that false affidavit.

Mr. Michaud's official majority in Victoria-Madawaska, is 1883, the largest in the Maritime Provinces. It scarcely seems enough.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is sending Mr. MacKenzie King, M. P. for North Waterloo, to Pekin, China, as Canada's representative at the International conference on the suppression of the opium traffic.

Mr. Bryan has sent a message of congratulation to President-elect Taft, but there is no record that Mr. Borden forwarded felicitations to Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

A host of clergymen and the W. C. T. Union combined in opposition to Speaker Joe Connor's re-election to the United States House of Representatives, but the old man was returned by a sweeping majority. He can shake hands with Sir Frederick Borden.

Col. Baker, M. P. P., is hugging himself because he withdrew from the Tory candidature in Victoria-Madawaska before the Liberal cyclone reached that constituency. Mr. Donald Morrison and Mr. Frank Smith, ex-M. P. P.'s, are wishing they had been as wise as the Colonel.

The local graft organ asks "What will Laurier do?" Why he'll go on and finish his work, the same as the people of Canada told him to do. What will Borden do? Well he'll just draw his \$7,000 salary and grumble at the government. And what will O. S. C. do? Draw his indemnity, nose around for scandals and conduct his personal puffery bureau.

The cost of the improvements Mr. Pugsley promised to St. John, as a bribe for votes, would not be less than \$10,000,000. The promises cost nothing.—Chatham World. (That's nothing. Dr. Pugsley's promises included a lot of necessary public works. Mr. Foster told the P. E. Islanders that if the Tories got in they would build a \$10,000,000 tunnel to the main land.)

Sunbury county has a murder case on its hands. The man who took another's life is the Italian Endine, and his victim one McKay, recently of Nova Scotia. The men were employed at the Minto mines, and got into an altercation Sunday night, resulting in McKay's death from wounds inflicted by a knife. The men are said to have been intoxicated when the quarrel arose and the crime was committed.

Mr. Foster is bringing a lot of libel suits as the result of newspaper attacks on him in the recent campaign. He has also instituted an action against Mr. Shaw, his opponent in North Toronto. Whether all these suits will ever reach trial is problematical. Mr. Foster is at present taking a prominent part in the debates of the Dominion Baptist Union at Ottawa, but of course there is no connection between that fact and his apparent anxiety to get after his critics in the courts.

TORY CORRUPTION.

Recount in North Lanark may give Liberals another Seat.

OTTAWA, Nov. 6.—Even if the result of the recount in North Lanark, commenced today, does not give the seat to Mr. T. B. Caldwell, the ex-Liberal member, it is practically certain that the protest that will then be entered will disclose sufficient evidence of corrupt practices to void the election.

One glaring case of personation in the interests of Mr. Thorburn, the Conservative candidate, whose majority is now placed at only 6, has already been disclosed. At Carleton Place last week a man named Weir was arrested on the charge of impersonating a local voter. At the time of the arrest Weir stated that a Conservative scrutineer had offered two dollars for impersonating a voter who would be absent from the polls.

It is stated that similar offers were made to a number of men at Carleton Place, and evidence will be heard when Weir comes up for trial before the magistrate in a few days, while he is out on bail. The Conservative scrutineer is question has suddenly disappeared, and his whereabouts is not known.

LOSS TO THE CHURCH.

Editor of Presbyterian passed away at Toronto.

(Toronto News.)

Rev. Malcolm McGregor, editor of The Presbyterian, died at his residence, 183 Beatrice street, Toronto, Tuesday morning after a lingering illness. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1852, and while a lad, the family moved to Canada and settled on a farm near Streetsville. He attended the high school at Oakville, and graduated from Toronto University in 1878, winning the gold medal in philosophy. In 1881 he graduated from Knox College. Immediately upon his graduation, he settled as minister of the Presbyterian church, Tillsonburg, and remained there twenty years. In 1900 he came to the Westminster Company as subscription representative and special writer, and in 1901 he was made western editor of The Westminster, with headquarters at Winnipeg. In Jan. 1903, he was recalled to Toronto and became editor of The Presbyterian. For many years Mr. McGregor has been a member of the Senate of Knox College and also of the Board of Examiners. He married Miss Breckenridge, daughter of the late Rev. Jas. Breckenridge, Streetsville. Besides the widow, he leaves two children, Breckenridge McGregor, with Goulais, Winter and Leeming, and Agnes at home.

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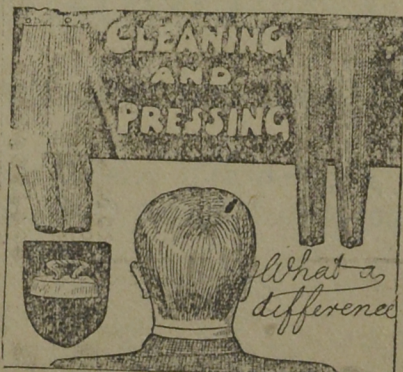
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