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OUT IN THE COLD.

Members of the Opposition at Ottawa often neglect the interests of their constituents by wasting time in criticism of the acts of others who have been more diligent than themselves, and that is the explanation of why a constituency represented by a supporter of the government succeeds in the acquisition of necessary public buildings, while another fails, simply because it is not represented by a man equal to the duty he owes to them who elect him. To accuse a man of bribery because he has faithfully performed the very duty he was elected to perform is not only absurd but particularly unjust. Many hours have been wasted by members of the Opposition in captious criticism which might have been most usefully employed in furthering the interests of those who sent them to parliament.

When two men ask for the suffrages of a constituency, and one pledges himself if elected to follow a certain course and the other opposes the view, it is only reasonable that the responsibility should be placed where it belongs. It is for the electors to say whether they favor certain things or not, and if they are taken at their word, they cannot place the blame upon the Government. There is nothing vicious in the doctrine that a constituency favorable to the government has a representative who is more likely to secure benefits for those he represents than one represented by an opponent of the Government, whose aim in life is to embarrass, and, if possible, overthrow the Government.

These subjects are mentioned in the press daily, and it would be useful for the electors to examine them thoughtfully and the conclusion will be reached that a representative in sympathy with the Government of the day will naturally have more influence and be in a better position to serve his constituents than one who is altogether opposed to and out of sympathy with the administration. This is a common sense view of the matter, and needs no argument to support it.

The electors of York who voted to send Mr. O. S. Crockett to Ottawa to look after their interests are beginning to realize now that a serious error was committed. Mr. Crockett can criticize and harp at the government until he is black in the face but he can do absolutely nothing for the constituency. People cannot live on wind now-a-days and any favors which the government see fit to hand out to York during the next five years, will be obtained in spite of Mr. Crockett.

WILL KEEP HIS PLEDGE.

Sir Wilfrid has pledged himself to remove from office any and all officials who may be found guilty of wrong-doing. That this will be done is an absolute certainty. The Premier quite properly declined to take any steps until evidence has been produced, and to this end the Cassels' Commission is now investigating. The Government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was strong enough to take this position previous to the election and is strong enough to fulfill the pledges made in this regard when the proper moment arrives.

The Conservative press vainly tries to make it appear that the developments recently made at Quebec before Judge Cassels, prove the oft-repeated allegations of grafting upon the part of the government, forgetting altogether that no change was ever made against any member of the Government, neither has any evidence been submitted to Judge Cassels implicating any member of the Government in the exposures which have developed. Many of the officials whose names have been mentioned as doing questionable acts, were appointed by the Conservative Government. The present Government was not concerned in their appointment, and is only concerned about their dismissal in the interests

of the public service should they be found guilty.

Both Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Mr. Brodeur are sincere in their desire to purge the service of any undesirable officials, but no man should be discharged on hearsay evidence, and the Government have adopted the proper course in delaying action until the enquiry made it clear who the delinquents were. This is another work Sir Wilfrid will finish and he will finish it to the public satisfaction.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

Hon. John P. Burchill is the man who will rescue Northumberland and administer to the Hazen opera troupe government a well deserved slap in the face. He was nominated at Chatham yesterday by a large and enthusiastic convention of Liberals, and has accepted the honor and issued a card to the electors. Hon. Mr. Burchill is probably the strongest man the Liberals could have placed in his field and his election by a routing majority is everywhere conceded. He is one of the political veterans of the county, is a shrewd and capable business man, and as a platform speaker has few superiors in the province. For nearly twenty years he represented Northumberland in the Legislature and for two terms, filled the high position of speaker with the greatest credit to himself and satisfaction to his brother members. There is plenty of work in the Legislature for men of the type of Hon. Mr. Burchill, and his election will be decidedly to the advantage of his native county and province.

Political conditions in Northumberland have undergone a marked change since March last, and there should be no difficulty in electing Hon. Mr. Burchill. Scores of Northumberland Liberals who gave their support to Mr. Hazen on that occasion on the strength of his pledge that he would recognize no party in the administration of provincial affairs, realize now how base was the deception practised upon them, and will resent it at the first opportunity. They wisely held aloof from the Tory sorehead convention that nominated Mr. Swin a few days ago and will to a man support Hon. Mr. Burchill. The nomination of Hon. Mr. Burchill has cleared the political atmosphere in Northumberland, and his return to the Legislature by a routing majority on December 1st is beyond a doubt.

CANADA'S CREDIT GOOD.

Mr. Francis W. Hurst, editor of the London Economist, recently addressed the Canadian Club at Ottawa, and among other subjects he touched upon the public debt of Canada and the position this country occupies in the money market of Europe. Alluding to the subject of borrowing he said in effect that Canada might count upon the support of the London money market in the years to come if our capital expenditure was necessary, and economically applied and well administered, and bestowed upon productive and reproductive enterprises. This opinion comes with much force from such an eminent authority, and is particularly gratifying at this time when the credit of Canada has been attacked for purposes of political aggrandisement.

As the purposes for which Canada borrows money are productive, there is every reason to believe that the money markets of Europe will be at our disposal. In the days of Conservative government money was borrowed to pay the ordinary expenses of administration. This has never been the case since the Liberals assumed office. Therefore the expressions of Mr. Hurst are of importance at this particular time, when Canada may have occasion to use funds for purposes of assisting in the development of her great natural resources. Then again the debt of Canada is so small compared with the enormous public assets of minerals and lands, that there is absolutely no occasion for any alarm should there be any slight additions to it.

The local graft organ yesterday had a lot to say about "The Elections in P. E. Island", "Journalistic Follies", and "Demoralizing Methods", but maintained a rigid silence in regard to the Tory muddle in Northumberland.

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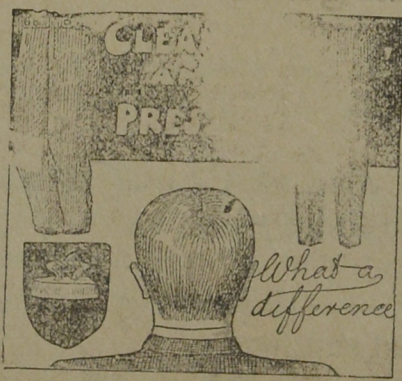
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