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THE COLCHESTER REVELATIONS

The further the court at Truro examines into the conditions surrounding the election of Mr. Stanfield to parliament, the more evident does it become that the grossest corruption was employed to assure the success of that gentleman in last November's contest.

Indeed the revelations so far are sufficient to shock the moral sense of the country, and to call for Mr. Stanfield's resignation of the seat which he illegally occupies.

When the election was called on an agreement was reached between the parties to run a clean election, and this the Liberals, headed by their candidate, Mr. Charles Hill, carried out in good faith, but from the start it seems that their opponents planned to capture the constituency by foul means. Rum and money seem to have been employed without stint, and even Conservatives are astounded at the audacity with which corruption was practised on Mr. Stanfield's behalf.

One of the chief Tory heeled was one Mr. Bayne, an American citizen, who conducts an industrial enterprise at Five Islands, one of the Liberal strongholds of the county, and in this district special efforts were made to induce the electors by corrupt means to vote for Mr. Stanfield. Some of them were invited to Truro, where at Tory headquarters they were supplied with almost unlimited quantities of rum and money, and those who remained at home met Mr. Bayne at his rendezvous to receive the goods, while in some instances baskets of booze were left on the doorsteps of the voters.

And all this was being done while Mr. Stanfield's friends were proclaiming that he was running a pure election, and his success was declared one of the greatest political victories scored in Nova Scotia for many a day.

"Stanfield has broken the solid eighteen," was the delighted exclamation of Tories all over Canada. Yes, but how many bottles of whiskey and rolls of bills were broken to achieve that distinction.

Only last week Mr. Hazen, in one of his flights of eloquence at the Halifax Tory convention referred to "the glorious victory of Stanfield in Colchester," and at the very moment the Truro court was lifting the lid from the most scandalous political debauchery ever revealed in that constituency.

What hypocrisy for the Tory leaders and their press to rave against alleged Liberal corruption, while their associates in Colchester were buying up the electors with bank bills and booze.

THE CARLETON NOMINATION

It would be an awful drop for Carleton county to substitute Mr. B. Frank Smith for Mr. Frank B. Carvell, as its representative in the House of Commons, and yet that is what the constituency is invited to do by the Tory convention, which met at Woodstock Saturday, and nominated Mr. Smith.

Mr. Carvell is easily one of the leading members of parliament, one of its ablest debaters and most useful men, a credit to his constituency, his native province and his party, and Mr. Smith, who has been in the legislature for some years, is easily one of the least of that body.

The political records of the two candidates when placed side by side must soon convince any reasonable man that Mr. Carvell is superior in every respect to his opponent, and it may be added that personally Mr. Carvell need not fear comparison with Mr. Smith.

And then Mr. Carvell represents a party that has given Canada twelve years of honest government, while Mr. Smith stands for the Posters and the Fowlers who have brought themselves and their party into disrepute all over Canada—a party that has no settled policy except to scandalize its opponents—a party with a leader without evidence of broad statesmanship—a party that when in power was overwhelmed with graft and dishonesty, and was dismissed in disgrace by an indignant electorate.

The electors of Carleton are not likely to make the mistake of sending Mr. B. Frank Smith to parliament when they have the opportunity of again securing the services of Mr. Carvell, who at all times has proved himself an energetic and successful representative, a gentleman who stands high among his fellow members and who at no distant day will undoubtedly attain a prominent position in the cabinet.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Mr. Foster, who was once a prohibitionist, must be simply shocked by the revelations of the Colchester election.

If Mr. W. Frank Hatheway, M. P., should happen to run up against Hon. Dr. Pugsley in St. John city and county, it will be bad for Hatheway.

Colchester Tory heeled had a novel way of dispensing booze on Mr. Stanfield's behalf. They left it in baskets on the doorsteps of electors.

The Tory campaign in Colchester last November was not made with prayers.

Shocking, shocking how those Stanfield Tories in Colchester distributed the money and booze.

Hon. Richard Harcourt, who was a prominent member of the Ontario Liberal government for some years, has accepted his party's nomination for the House of Commons in Haldimand and Monk.

The present political activity indicates an early federal election, possibly in November next, and it is not too soon for the Liberals in this and other constituencies to make ready for the fray.

No wonder the sale of whiskey was somewhat restricted at Truro last November. Mr. Stanfield's friends were giving it away in cases, and any elector who was likely to aid the Tory candidate could have all the booze he wanted.

It was the boast of one of the old Tory campaigners in Ontario when Sir Hugh Allan's money for the C. P. R. charter was available for Tory canvassers, that "we mesmerized them (the electors) in batches." That seems to be the way Mr. Bayne of Colchester did with the booze on Mr. Stanfield's behalf in Colchester.

Although it has been stated in a local paper and in the St. John press that the youthful Lord Donegal is visiting Fredericton with his Canadian mother, His Lordship is at his home in the old country, busy with his youthful employments, and entirely unaware of the efforts of people in this city to get a look in on the future peer whose relations are so closely interwoven with Canada.

The Royal Caledonian Curling club of Scotland, of which Lord Strathcona is honorary president, has resolved to invite a team of Canadian curlers to play a series of matches in Scotland during the coming winter in January or February, and it is probable the invitation will be accepted. The visit of the Scottish curlers to Canada a few years ago is very pleasantly remembered by the devotees of the game in both countries. The Scotchmen were loud in their praise of the hospitality extended to them in the Dominion, and are preparing to give Canadian curlers an equally enthusiastic reception.

There will be two vacant seats in the legislature, as the result of Speaker Morrison in Northumberland and Mr. Frank Smith in Carleton, accepting Tory nominations for parliament, and doubtless the opposition will see to it that both constituencies are contested. The revolt against the Hazen government is already apparent all over the province, and no opportunity should be lost to give the Hazen candidates determined opposition wherever opportunity occurs.

Prov. Sec'y. Fleming, at the Tory convention in Woodstock, in speaking of the highway act of the old government said the fault was not with the law itself, but with its administration. This is an important admission, and shows the hypocrisy of Mr. Hazen and his friends who led the country to believe that the law was a rascally one. Mr. Fleming also admitted that the new highway act to come in force next January increases taxation, but he added that the taxes would be reduced in a few years. Then if the fault was not with the old law, and the new one is objectionable because it more heavily taxes the people, will Mr. Fleming be good enough to tell the public what demand there was for the change.

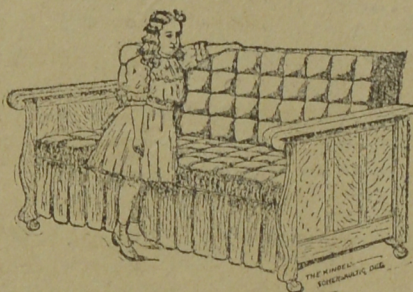
ATTACKED BY MANIAC.

MAYOR OF HOBOKEN'S NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

New York, Aug. 22.—Attacked by an insane man armed with a knife in his office today, Mayor Siel of Hoboken had a narrow escape from death and was saved by the arrival of his body-guard, a detective, at a critical moment. Wm. Carmody, who was released from an insane asylum a few days ago, entered the office when the Mayor was alone and demanded pay for his time spent in the asylum. The Mayor endeavored to temporize with him but Carmody whipped out a knife and started for him. The Mayor jumped behind his desk with the madman in pursuit just as a detective entered the room. After a desperate struggle the Mayor and the detective disarmed and arrested Carmody.

Mrs. Etter, wife of Hon. A. B. Etter, M. L. C., and Mrs. A. MacKinnon, of Amherst, are among the visitors to the city. They are guests at the Barker House.

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