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AN ELECTION SCANDAL.

The Montreal Herald, a staunch Liberal newspaper but not a slavish party organ, is very outspoken against the scandalously corrupt and dishonest methods which marked the election of Mr. Brunet, Liberal, who has just been unseated in the courts, but declares that the Liberal organization in St. James division is not responsible for Mr. Brunet and his methods. The Liberals of that constituency nominated Mr. Drouin for the seat, but Mr. Brunet simply refused to stand by the decision of the convention declared he would contest the election anyway, and the Liberal association, rather than split the Liberal vote and permit the election of a Conservative, withdrew Mr. Drouin from the field and permitted Mr. Brunet to manage his own election, which he and his friends seem to have done in a most corrupt way.

As the Montreal Herald observes, the reputation of the Liberal party has been besmirched in the process, it is true; but perhaps something has been attained by way of compensation if the lesson has been taught that even in safe constituencies the general good must be placed above any individual's desire for personal aggrandizement. St. James division, when its turn comes round again, may be expected, if only in self-defence, to deal severely with any professed friends of the party whose contumacy threatens another such scandal.

FOSTER WILL RUN.

A Montreal despatch to the Sun says that as a result of the conference held at the Windsor Hotel between Sir Chas. Tupper, R. L. Borden, leader of the liberal conservative party; Hon. G. E. Foster, ex-minister of finance, and other prominent conservatives, the announcement is made that Hon. Geo. E. Foster would contest the approaching bye-election in North Ontario, where the seat had been rendered vacant by the death of Angus McLeod. Before leaving for the east today Mr. Borden stated that owing to the delicateness of the situation he did not feel justified in discussing the announcement, but would say that such a decision had been arrived at.

This is in line with what the Herald announced several days ago, and is now admitted by the Tory leader. The nomination of Mr. Foster has not come from the Conservative party in North Ontario, but is to be crowded on them by Mr. Borden, Sir Chas. Tupper, Mr. Foster himself, and other Tory leaders and ex-leaders. The Tory machine is operating to seize the constituency for Mr. Foster, but after all the electors of the constituency have the final say, and it may be anticipated that the ex-finance minister will be given one of the hottest fights of his life. The Minister of Railways should be induced to take the stump in the constituency. Mr. Blair can do Mr. Foster up in better shape than any politician who ever tackled the ex-prohibition leader.

TRIBUTE TO MR. FIELDING.

In proposing Hon. W. S. Fielding's health at the Halifax banquet, Premier Murray, of Nova Scotia, after an eloquent and appreciative review of the Finance Minister's public career said:

"We, in this province, still remember him as the representative of this metropolitan constituency and Prime Minister of Nova Scotia, but Canada will remember him as the author of the preferential tariff, the Finance Minister of surpluses, high wages and general prosperity. "It is fitting that this demonstration

should take place in the City of Halifax. It was here, in the home of his boyhood, that he started in the battle of life without any of the influences which too frequently bring about success. He climbed the ladder of political fame rung by rung, each rung gained by his own unaided efforts, clean hands and gifted intellect."

CANADA AHEAD.

Two Scotchmen came into collision over the subject of manual training in public schools at a meeting in connection with the fat stock show at Guelph, Ontario. Professor Robertson, Dominion dairy commissioner, so well and favorably known in these parts, had delivered a very interesting address on the benefit of manual training and Mr. MacNeillage who is editor of the Scottish Farmer in the old country, took exception to Prof. Robertson's views on the subject, maintaining that manual training did not improve the moral character of the children, nor their ability to master the regular school subjects. In Scottish schools, where it was taught, the children wrote a miserable scrawl.

Prof. Robertson, in reply, said Christ was a carpenter, and the great characters of the Bible, such as Abraham, were men who were able to do things for themselves. The system proposed for Canada was one compared with which the educational system of Scotland was a mere makeshift.

Ottawa advices say that the minister of militia and his deputy minister have been in consultation over a bill to amend the Militia Act, which Sir Frederick Borden will introduce at the coming session of parliament, if it should meet with the approbation of his colleagues. The measure will probably provide for an increase of the permanent force. The Minister of Militia expressed his personal opinion in favor of such a policy when the militia estimates were under discussion last session, and there is nothing to indicate that his views have undergone any change since then. It is said that under the proposed increase in the permanent force the R. C. R. in this city will number 250 men.

Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, who won such a substantial Liberal victory in Maisonneuve, Tuesday, passed through St. John Friday from Halifax where he attended the Fielding banquet, and will visit Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Virginia. Mr. Prefontaine expects to pay an official visit to this province next summer.

Probably the Venezuelans thought the Americans were really in earnest about the Monroe doctrine, and would not permit a European power to make an offensive display on this continent. President Castro by this time however has learned that the Monroe doctrine is not so much a condition as a theory.

General Manager McNicoll of the C. P. R., who was in St. John Friday, said that his company have no intention of making any further improvements at West St. John, excepting those under construction, until such time as the people of St. John take hold themselves and do something further in the way of increasing their harbor facilities. The St. John people have been laboring under the impression that they have expended their money very generously in providing terminal facilities.

A contemporary observes that the war between Venezuela and England and Germany is the most civil war ever fought. The Venezuelan Government has put all the English and German residents of Caracas in gaol, to prevent them getting hurt; and the Anglo-German fleet has sunk the Venezuelan navy, to save the Venezuelan sailors from the awful risk of going to sea in it.

The education bill which passed the Imperial House of Commons by a large majority, is meeting some opposition in the House of Lords, and on one clause the government sustained defeat.

The Deaf and Dumb school has dissolved without waiting for the report of Commissioner Barry.

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