

Party Government in Ontario.

Toronto Globe Sees Prospect of Political Deadlock

ENDING IN A COALITION OF LIBERALS AND CONSERVATIVES.

Provincial Parties Should be Formed on Provincial Issues.

(Toronto Globe Editorial.)

Some of the comments on a recent article in The Globe on the Ontario situation go rather too far, and seek to build up too large a structure of inference on too slender a basis. The Globe did not advocate a coalition, though it did say that an occasion might arise in which party government would be impossible, and some other arrangement, call it coalition or anything you please, would be necessary in order to carry on the business of the Province. The fact, that this business must be carried on, and that is the main consideration, is overlooked in some of the comments, in which it is apparently assumed that the people and the Province exist for the purpose of satisfying the ambitions of political leaders and advancing the fortunes of political parties. It is this personal way of looking at coalitions that has given the word an evil repute. They have been regarded as means by which politicians, unable to monopolize the spoils of office, have proceeded to divide them. Begun on this selfish and narrow basis, these combinations have usually ended in discreditable intrigues, in which low cunning instead of statesmanship won the day. To take an instance from our own history: Mr George Brown was the author of the sternest denunciations of mere office-holding combinations of men who held no common principles. But he himself entered a coalition Ministry for the purpose of putting an end to the deadlock which preceded confederation, and giving the country stable administration. In this course he was quite consistent, and he emphasized his consistency by retiring as soon as the object of the coalition, if not achieved, was assured. A coalition is neither moral nor immoral in itself; all depends on the motive and the object for which it is organized.

To put it bluntly, the difficulty which threatens Ontario is deadlock. It is not as serious, of course, as that which made confederation necessary, but it may be highly inconvenient and detrimental to the best interests of the Province. The difficulty has been looming on the horizon for some time. Even as far back as 1894 the election of more than a third of the members of the Legislature as Patrons or Independents showed that there was a desire for some new element in Provincial politics. In 1898 the result was almost a tie, and in 1902 it was about the same. What is the course to be pursued in such a case? We are strong believers in party government when the conditions of party government can be fulfilled. The parties ought to be divided by some definite issue, and one of them ought to be able to command such a majority in the House as will enable the government to carry out its policy without obstruction. The former condition is desirable, the latter is absolutely necessary. Without, therefore, conceding that party government in Ontario is at an end, we certainly think that there are strong arguments for suspending it until some definite issue arises, or until the people are prepared to give their confidence without reserve to one party or the other. We have no belief whatever in coalitions entered into for the sake of dividing offices or on the principle that half the loaf is better than none. The sole question to be considered is that of honest, steady and efficient government for the province of Ontario. On the general question that we ought to have such government, all sane people are united. On the question of which party can provide us with the best set of administrators the jury disagree.

Apart from the indefiniteness of Provincial issues in Ontario, there is the fact that Federal issues influence both parties in Provincial elections. This is injurious

and absurd. Provincial parties should be formed upon Provincial issues. There is absolutely no reason why a Federal protectionist should vote against Mr. Ross in Ontario, or why a Liberal free trader should vote against Mr. Whitney. These issues have nothing whatever to do with the government of this Province. The introduction of Federal issues into Provincial contests only distracts attention from the real interest of the province, and makes the welfare of political parties, rather than the welfare of Ontario, the dominating factor in the elections. One of the great evils of American politics is the intrusion of national issues into State and municipal elections, and the farther we can get from that condition in Canada the better for the Dominion, for the Province and for the municipality. It is, we say, upon Provincial issues that Ontario parties should be formed, and no doubt, in order to reach that condition, a fusion of the existing parties, with an equal representation from each in the Government would be necessary. Thereafter the Government should be formed, not according to the party views of any member of the Legislature, but in consideration of his exceptional fitness for executive office. In the future, perhaps, parties would arise, but if so, they would arise upon Provincial, not upon national issues, and we should have in our Legislature sane and rational discussion of Provincial questions, wholly without regard to their effect upon national parties. Such an arrangement would involve no humiliation to Mr Ross or Mr Whitney, would give each party an equal voice in determining Provincial policy for the present, would put the strongest men of each party at the head of affairs, and would insure the existence of a Government strong enough to give the Province progressive administration. And in saying this we see no reason why we should be suspected of disloyalty to the present Government, or be accused of having lost faith in its ability to administer the affairs of the Province.

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Between the ages of fifteen and forty-five, the time when womanhood begins and motherhood ends, it is estimated that the aggregate term of woman's suffering is ten years. Ten years out of thirty! One third of the best part of a woman's life sacrificed! Think of the enormous loss of time! But time is not all that is lost. Those years of suffering steal the bloom from the cheeks, the brightness from the eyes, the fairness from the form. They write their record in many a crease and wrinkle. What a boon then to woman, is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It promotes perfect regularity, dries up debilitating drains, heals ulceration, cures female weakness, and establishes the delicate womanly organs in vigorous and permanent health. No other medicine can do for woman what is done by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

NEST OF BURGLARS.

Making a Rendezvous in a Camp Near Moncton.

FROM WHICH THEY PROCEED TO THEIR WORK OF SAFE CRACKING.

Notorious Prison Birds in the Gang.

(Moncton Transcript.)

During the past few weeks an epidemic of burglaries has broke out in this and adjoining counties, and it is only fair to I. C. R. Police Officer Belyea to say that if his suggestions had been acted on by I. C. R. authorities no doubt some well known parties would have been apprehended and received their just deserts. Early in the month of August, a gang of ex-convicts, who had served terms in Dorchester penitentiary, named Welsh, Steve Tobio, Briggs, a deserter from Halifax, and Harry Brown, organized in this county. Shortly afterwards, a store located between Pugwash and Amherst was burglarized. But a day or so passed when Black's store at Sackville was rifled, and among other things taken were two revolvers, one a thirty-two and the other a twenty-two, as well as about \$7 worth of chewing tobacco, which the burglars left in the grass on the Dorchester marsh for the convicts who were working there at the time. The tobacco was discovered, however, by one of the guards. Shortly after the Black burglary, the four men above mentioned came to Moncton and located in an Indian camp about a mile up the north line. Officer Belyea fell in with a Moncton boy who had served a term and who knew their plans, and who, being desirous of leading a better life, told the officer of the operations of the gang. They remained in the Indian camp for a few days and one evening Officer Belyea, accompanied by the Monctonian visited the camp, Belyea secreting himself within hearing distance. The Turner and Black burglaries were discussed, and from the drift of the conversation Belyea learned that the next operation was to be the blowing of the safe of Malcolm Patterson, a well known and wealthy resident of Campbellton. This was set for about two weeks ago. Officer Belyea wired Mr. Patterson, who put a guard on his residence, and true enough on the night named, suspicious characters were seen around the neighborhood, but, recognizing their little game was frustrated they withdrew. At Campbellton the gang split, Briggs and Welsh going to Quebec, and Tobin and Brown coming back to Moncton. The next burglary was Turner's store, Sackville, where \$62 in cash besides other articles were taken. About 12 o'clock the night after this burglary Belyea went into a down town restaurant, and seated eating oysters at a nearby table sat Tobin and Cochrane. Belyea had been given the tip that on the following Saturday night it was the intention to blow the

SAFE OF THE I. C. R. FREIGHT HOUSE.

(Saturday night a week ago). On Saturday morning a man called at Mr Neil McLeod's blacksmith shop, got a drill extended and a piece of steel welded. This man answered the description of Cochrane. On Saturday night Detective Skeffington, Officer Belyea and two local officers kept a sharp lookout. Tobin was seen on the station platform early in the evening. No attempt was made on the freight shed. Early Sunday morning the safe in the office of the Albert Mfg. Co., at Hillsboro was blown. Tobin and Cochrane were in town Monday.

A Transcript reporter visited the Indian camp and from the surroundings it was evident that the gang lived quite luxuriously. There were plenty of empty bottles there and bones of fowls. It is located on the old Gayton place on the North line.

HISTORY OF THE GANG.

Steve Tobin has served three terms in the Dorchester penitentiary. He was one of the gang of Boutilier, Johnson and Tobin. Boutilier is now serving thirteen years in Kingston.

Johnson is now living in St. John under an assumed name. Billy Johnson was with Boutilier in Amherst station

the night officer Jones was shot. He was arrested in St. John for the offence and taken to Amherst on the night of the celebration of Mafeking. He escaped leaving a note saying as they had relieved Mafeking he thought he would relieve Johnson. The above gang stayed two days in St. John with Johnson who at present resides on Union St. in that city, so officer Belyea says.

Jerry Brown has also done a term for burglary.

Anent this Billy Johnson, Officer Belyea recently procured the picture of the St. John man, and taking it to a Moncton ex-convict asked him if he knew whose picture it was. "Why," replied the Monctonian, "that's Billy Johnson!"

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"I suppose," said the supercilious stranger in town, "your city has had its ups and downs notwithstanding its present prosperity."

"Yep," replied the resident cheerfully; "still got 'em—streets being torn up and old buildings being torn down."

Roman Boxers.

A boxer of ancient Rome would have laughed contemptuously at the suggestion that he should use gloves in his boxing matches. To make his blows more effective it was the custom to hold in each hand a heavy ball of metal. With his fist thus weighted nearly every blow brought blood.

Twenty-five villages have been swept away and six thousand persons have been rendered homeless by floods due to the overflowing of rivers in the southern part of the Presidency of Bengal. Relief camps for the sufferers have been started.

Ethel—Why, what's the matter, Gertrude? Gertrude—Oh, nothing. Only Jack and I had a quarrel the other day, and I wrote and told him never to dare speak or write to me again—and the wretch hasn't even had the decency to answer my letter.

FREDERICTON POST OFFICE.

Arrival and Departure of Mails Schedule Now in Force.

Mails close at the Fredericton post office as follows:

6.00 a. m.—St. John, United States; St. Stephen, and Charlotte, Carleton, Victoria, Madawaska counties, Fredericton Jct., Waasis Station, Rusiagornis Station.
7.00 a. m.—Mouth of Keswick, Upper Keswick, Millville, Woodstock.
7.30 a. m.—Down river mails—Oromocto, Sheffield, Gagetown, etc.
9.15 a. m.—St. John and C. P. R. stations east—Nova Scotia, P. E. Island.
3.30 p. m.—C. E. Station—Chatham, Newcastle and I. C. R. points north, Quebec city and province.
5.30 p. m.—St. John, United States, Nova Scotia, P. E. I., Woodstock, St. Stephen, Moncton, etc., Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and N. W. provinces.

Arrivals.

9.15 a. m.—St. John, Nova Scotia, P. E. I., etc.
11.30 a. m.—United States, St. Stephen, etc.; Montreal, Ottawa and N. W. Provinces.
1.45 p. m.—Canada Eastern Mails, North Shore and Quebec.
4.30 p. m.—Down river mails.
8.10 p. m.—St. John, Nova Scotia, P. E. I., etc.
8.50 p. m.—Mouth of Keswick, etc., Woodstock.
2wds.

Mufkins—Supposing a fellow was going to choose a wife, Colonel, how would you advise him to select one. Mufkins—What for? The Colonel—Because when it is a question of evils it is best to choose the least.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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SAME OLD STORY.

A Loving Coup'e Rejected Parents' Advice

AND FLED TO NEW WORLD FOR MATRIMONIAL BLISS.

Elopers from Belgium Land at Montreal.

Montreal, Sept. 18.—An eloping couple from Belgium are spending their honeymoon in Montreal, where, if all goes well, the groom expects to make their home. They are Mr. Louis Franka and his wife, who was Miss Marie Henry, both members of prominent and wealthy Belgium families.

They arrived in New York on the Holland-American line steamship Rydam, on Saturday, and immediately the boat reached her dock, Belgian Consul Mali boarded the ship, and after scanning the passenger list, requested Boarding Officer Flannery to detain the two young people, whose names he had discovered among those of the first cabin passengers. The Consul said he had a cablegram from the young man's father asking that his son be sent back on account of illness at home. After many protests the young people were taken to Ellis Island, where they spent the night.

The case came up for trial in New York on Sunday, and when he had heard all sides of the story, the commissioner asked the Belgian Consul if he knew of any other cause why the pair should be sent back. The Consul replied that the cablegram was all he had, whereupon the commissioner said that the reason was not sufficient, and inasmuch as they had come over under their own names, and had plenty of money he could do nothing but discharge them. Besides, Franka had told the Commissioner that, if he could not marry Marie, he would stay single for the rest of his life.

"So let them go ahead," said the Commissioner.

It was the beautiful old story. They were desperately in love, and the parents had different views. The parents' views didn't weigh a great deal with either party, and the only thing that seemed open to them was to elope. They managed to conceal the fact that each was the whole little world to the other during the nine-day trip across, beating all records thereby at the art of dissembling. None of the four hundred other passengers became wise to the fact that Mr. Louis Franka and Miss Marie Henry, who scarcely spoke to each other and met only casually, were flying to a life of united happiness. Mr. Franka states that they took particular care to act towards each other as casual acquaintances and were most discreet.

The girl is a vivacious and attractive brunette of twenty-two years. It is apparent that Mr. Franka considers her the great prize of his life. His explanation of their successful concealment was:

"Oh, we fixed that up beforehand. We got cabins in different parts of the ship, and our seats at the saloon table were far apart. We didn't talk to each other much on the voyage, but sometimes—"

The girl raised a warning finger, and Mr. Franka blushed a pleasant pink, but seemed to gloat over something.

It is understood that a brother of Miss Henry lives in Montreal, and will give Franka employment, should the parental forgiveness be not forthcoming.

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"It isn't true in all cases," said Uncle Allen Sparks, "that familiarity breeds contempt. The more you know about the hind feet of a mule the more respect you have for them.—Chicago Tribune.

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