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THE RESULT IN LISGAR.

The passing of R. L. Richardson is evidence that the man who betrays his party friends sooner or later falls to the ground. A few years ago Mr. Richardson was one of the leading Liberals of Winnipeg, the editor of the Winnipeg Tribune, an organ of the Liberal party. In 1896 Mr. Richardson was so well thought of by his party friends that he was nominated in Lisgar for Parliament, and elected. The change of government came at Ottawa immediately after the elections, and Mr. Richardson thought he was good cabinet timber. Sir Wilfrid Laurier thought otherwise, and called Mr. Sifton from the Manitoba local government to the new Liberal ministry at Ottawa. Mr. Richardson was sorely disappointed and his ardor for Liberalism cooled. In Parliament he became a carping critic of the government, and in his newspaper attacked Mr. Sifton and his policy in the North West.

Mr Richardson developed so fast as a soured Liberal, that when the general election of 1900 came on he ran as an Independent in Lisgar, and was elected by the aid of the Conservatives, over the regular Liberal candidate, Mr Winkler. A trial in the courts however, unseated Mr Richardson for corrupt practices, and a new election was called on, Mr Richardson again appearing as an alleged Independent, the other candidates being Mr Stewart, Liberal, and Mr Toombes, Conservative. Mr Sifton went into the constituency, taking charge of the Liberal campaign, and he and Mr Richardson met frequently on the stump. It was a red hot fight, terminating yesterday in the triumphant return of the Liberal candidate by a thousand majority over Richardson and the Tory nominee at the foot of the poll.

Mr Sifton returns to Ottawa with the scalp of his enemy suspended from his belt, and the Winnipeg editor and ex-M P is left at home to contemplate his failure to break the Liberal party, and especially to destroy Mr. Sifton.

MR. SPOUL OF KING'S.

The Sun in speaking of Mr. Sproule's campaign in King's Co. says:

"He addresses himself to the reason of the people, and to their sense of justice and fair play. There is no appeal to passion or prejudice, nor to the special interest and feeling of the place where he happens to speak. The campaign on Mr. Sproule's part is honorable and dignified."

Such testimony coming from an independent and unprejudiced source is of course very valuable and satisfactory, but what a change must have come over Mr. Sproule since he appeared a few weeks ago on the stump in York—a complete regeneration indeed, if the Sun's evidence is to be depended upon. Throughout this constituency Mr. Sproule made the narrowest appeals on behalf of the Tory candidate. He raised the race and religion cry; he was especially severe on the French. At Canterbury, he declared according to the Herald's well informed correspondent, that the French Canadians were on the eve of rebellion, and this was the general line he adopted in the county. He heaped unstinted abuse on Liberal leaders, and generally conducted a campaign that was neither honorable nor dignified. Mr. Sproule was especially imported into York to stir up the anti-Tarte, anti-French anti-Protestant feeling, but he failed. The electors of York had heard so much of that sort of clap trap, and they knew something of Mr. Sproule too, that his narrow appeals fell on deaf ears.

But it was on polling day that Mr.

Sproule particularly disgusted even his own party friends. He stood at the Prince William poll and although he knew there was no money on either side, he swore with one exception every voter who presented himself at the poll, Grit and Tory alike. Mr. McLeod's most devoted friends had the bribery oath put to them by Mr. Sproule, and his name is abhorred in that locality. Men who had voted the Tory ticket all their lives, honestly and without the thought of receiving a bribe, were compelled to swallow the bribery oath by this highminded man, who is held up to the people of Kings as a model candidate, and as one fitted to adorn the hall of the legislature.

The Herald has but slight knowledge of the political situation in King's, but it is free to express the opinion that even the opposition in this constituency who have some knowledge of Mr. Sproule and his methods, will be very much surprised if he is elected to the legislature.

The House of Commons sat only twenty minutes Tuesday. Mr. Fielding was ready to go on with the estimates but the opposition wanted time to examine the auditor general's report, and an adjournment was made. The Senate is still wrestling with the address which passed the Commons Monday, and when they have disposed of it will probably take a fortnight's vacation waiting for business to come up from the lower house.

Congratulations to the Hon. Senator Wark, who today celebrated the ninety-eighth anniversary of his birth. The venerable Senator is in good health, and expects to leave in a few days for Ottawa to attend to his parliamentary duties.

New Zealand has sent its ninth contingent to South Africa, and that country's total contribution is 5,000 men, a number on a population basis equal to 35,000 from Canada, 24,000 from Australia and 271,000 from the United Kingdom. New Zealand has done wonderfully well.

Upper province papers agree that Hon. F. P. Thompson made an excellent impression in the senate by his speech seconding the address.

The Tory candidate in Lisgar lost his deposit, although all the members of the Manitoba government were working for him.

Miss Stone has been released, this time the despatches say for certain.

SCATTERED DEWET'S FORCES.

Exciting Contact With the Enemy—Boer Peace Delegates.

Heilbron, Orange River Colony, Feb. 18.—The British columns have again come in contact with De Wet's forces near Reitz, Orange River Colony. These latter were split up and dispersed.

Brussels, Feb. 18.—The Belgian League for the Rights of Man has addressed an appeal to President Roosevelt, asking him "for the love of God to intervene to prevent the possible execution of the Boer commandant, Kritzinger, and others."

Cape Town, Feb. 18.—While the British troops were engaging a party of 50 Boers near the junction of Wilge River and Leenweppuit, 100 men of Wessels' commando crossed the Wilge lower down, and rushed and drove in the Light Horse rearguard.

A most exciting incident occurred. Seventy Boers, wearing British cavalry cloaks, in the rain and under cover of the fire of a number of Boers who were in a kraal on a hill, boldly charged the Light Horse position, evidently with the object of capturing the Light Horse pom-pom. The enemy fired from their horses while charging the hill, but received a heavy fire from the Light Horse defending the pom-poms, which expended all its ammunition. The enemy came within 500 yards, and then broke and fled, the New Zealanders' Maxim and pom-pom helping to scatter them. Four Boers were killed and many wounded.

Paris, Feb. 18.—Dr. Leyds, the European agent of the Boers, who is now in this city, questioned regarding the object of the mission to the United States of the Boer delegates, Wessels and Wolmarens, who sailed for New York Feb. 14, replied that they were merely going to America in response to invitations from American pro-Boers, with the view of reaching an arrangement for the distribution of funds and other assistance contributed by the

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THAT RUNAWAY GIRL.

Some Further Particulars Regarding a Rather Interesting Case.

Joseph Richards, the Brockton man who came here last week after his runaway daughter, appears to have been accompanied from home by a detective, and a genuine specimen of the dime novel variety at that. When he reached McAdam on the way to Fredericton the "fly-cop" had the appearance of a tottering, grey-haired old man about ready to pass in his checks. Several persons whom he questioned at McAdam advised him to leave the train at Salamanca at the outskirts of this city, so he would have a better chance to work, and it is not unlikely that he acted on the advice for he was not seen by the Fredericton police or did not assist in the capture of the runaway girl. The detective returned home on the train with the girl and her father the same afternoon. Before reaching McAdam he had thrown off his disguise, and was no ways backwards in telling the railway men at that point that he and the aged traveller were one and the same person.

Richards on his arrival invoked the aid of the Fredericton police and soon located his erring daughter at her boarding house on York street. The girl, it seems had started down street with a lady acquaintance and was somewhat shocked to discover her father on the opposite side of the street in the company of a policeman. It is needless to say that she retraced her steps at once, and managed to warn her lover of the "old gent's" presence in the city.

The girl returned home that afternoon with her father, but if she had had any choice in the matter would have remained here. Her age was given by her father as seventeen years, but it is said that she is in reality eighteen. The young man, who figured in the case, really intended marrying the girl and will probably do so yet, as it said to be her intention to return to this city in the near future. It seems that a letter which he wrote to the girl at Brockton enquiring if she intended accepting his invitation to Fredericton contained in a previous letter, fell into the father's hands after the girl had left home, and furnished the clue which enabled him to trace her to this city. The father gave as the principal reason for opposing the girl's marriage, that she belonged to the Roman Catholic faith, and the young man was a Protestant.

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