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AFTER THE BATTLE

The people of New Brunswick have spoken. The defeat of the Robinson government yesterday was the most significant political event of the last quarter of a century in the history of this province.

By their votes the people have given notice to spendthrift and shifty politicians that they are not to have their way any longer. The political principles which have ruled at Fredericton for so many years are to give place to others more in keeping with popular ideals of public duty and political morality. This is the most important lesson of the day, and it gives intense satisfaction to those who had almost begun to fear that the lax principles which ruled in high places had so permeated the whole citizenship that no appeal based on righteous principles could prevail against the "resources of civilization." The result of yesterday's contest shows that there has been a great awakening, and that when the public conscience is fully aroused neither sophistry nor appeals to self-interest can prevail against it. The electors of New Brunswick have declared for better government.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley returns to Ottawa a sadder and wiser man. The fact that he was made minister of public works, and that he was permitted to take his seat without opposition, somewhat distorted his sense of proportion, and he made the great mistake of believing that he was political leader of the province. He threw his whole influence into a contest when he should have kept out of it, and the result is so great a loss of prestige that he returns to Ottawa a much disappointed man. If he assured his colleagues at Ottawa that he could accomplish anything in this campaign they will be apt to regard him with a cold eye when he makes similar professions in the future. His attempt to introduce federal issues failed utterly, because it deserved to fail. Though he announced himself to be the leader of the New Brunswick Liberals the Globe notified him that he was acting without warrant, and the members of the party very generally repudiated his leadership.

The government press deserved the dish of crow served up to it yesterday. For gross and shameless misrepresentation and falsehood its record is almost without parallel. Even as late as last evening, when there was no object to be served by it, the St. John Star issued an extra misleading the people by false statements concerning the result of the contest. The St. John Sun and Star, Fredericton Herald, Moncton Transcript, Campbellton Graphic and some of the weeklies supporting the government have since the beginning of the campaign deceived their readers systematically from day to day, and from week to week. They have their reward.

For Premier Robinson there will be a feeling of sympathy which does not extend to any other member of the government. He owes his defeat very largely to the fact that he did not, when he became premier, dissociate himself from those persons and principles which had already provoked so much hostility throughout the province. Had he surrounded himself with new men, repudiated the policy of his predecessors, and declared for reform in the administration, and appealed to the people on that ground, he might have remained in power. He would not, at all events, have suffered such an overwhelming defeat. Mr. Robinson is an amiable and courteous gentleman, who has been compelled to bear the burden of political sins not all his own.

The people have taken Mr. Hazen at his word. Wary of misgovernment, they have turned to him and his party for a more honest and business-like administration of the affairs of the province. No man could ask for a more flattering endorsement, and it will be universally conceded that Mr. Hazen merits the declaration of confidence. He held to his post as leader of the opposition when he had but few followers, and his course has been consistent throughout. It is no light task that he now assumes, and he will no doubt realize that the strongest cabinet he can form should be selected to bring order out of chaos at Fredericton.

One of the heroes of the campaign was

Mr. Flemming, whose clear and convincing speeches did so much to inform the public concerning the misdeeds of the government, and the great need of reform in financial methods. It would have been a misfortune had Carleton failed to re-elect so able a man and so worthy a representative.

With regard to the result in St. John, the size of the majority was a surprise, although there was never any grave doubt of the success of the ticket. York also surprised everybody by the size of the majority for the opposition. The Times told its readers that one of the surprises of the campaign would come out of Queens county, and the prediction was verified. Indeed the predictions of this journal were generally verified. Its assertion that in every constituency the government was fighting for its life is shown to have been true, as well as the declaration that the great silent vote would be largely an opposition vote.

Premier Robinson will now see that he made a great mistake in the shuffle which sent Mr. Barnes out of the government into an office, and made Mr. E. H. Allen provincial secretary. Nor did he strengthen himself when he made Mr. McKeown attorney general, nor when at the last moment he took Mr. Purdy into the cabinet as a member without portfolio. These acts did not favorably impress the public, nor increase its faith in his good judgment; while his abandonment of the highway act, his reversal of his school book policy, and his play to the gallery when he employed the famous expert auditor further tended to weaken his hold upon public confidence. He also committed a serious blunder when he accepted to so large an extent the leadership of Dr. Pugsley.

Besides Dr. Pugsley, the Hon. Mr. Emmerson, Mr. Carvell, and Senators King and Gilmour will find serious food for reflection in the election returns. It is true that the senators are safely removed from popular clamor, and Mr. Emmerson is believed to be slated for an office that will remove him from the turmoil of election campaigns in Kent and Albert; but all these gentlemen stand politically discredited by the result of yesterday's contest. They are now free to resume their duties at Ottawa.

In viewing the share it has taken in bringing about the triumph of the opposition, the Times is able to claim with justice that it has not dealt in personalities. The issues were of sufficient importance to command attention. This journal has endeavored to conduct a fair and clean campaign, and those of its critics who may have protested that it dealt in exaggeration are respectfully requested to study the election returns. Now that the fight is over it may be said that the measure of support the new government will receive from the Times will be determined by the wisdom of its policy. The province has rid itself of a government that was far too long in power, and the new administration must prove itself worthy of public confidence by honest methods and a progressive policy, or subject itself to independent criticism.

Mayor Sears will doubtless derive some comfort from Dr. Pugsley's assurance at the meeting in Carleton. When an unregenerate elector suggested that the mayor be made postmaster of Carleton, in the enlarged edifice pictured by the minister of public works, the latter is reported by the Sun to have said that they might do better than that for his friend Mr. Sears.

The Sun this morning sadly observes: "There is apparently little room for doubt that the people of New Brunswick do not want provincial politics run on federal lines. They said so in 1899 and they have repeated it with emphasis in 1908."

The government publicity bureau has retired from business. It was very expensive and altogether useless. Even the Tom Lawson advertisements failed to convince.

The Sun and Star may today reflect on the extent of their influence. The province was flooded with them, at no small cost to the government party.

The Globe intimates that Mr. Turgeon had his revenge upon Dr. Pugsley in the Gloucester election. The Globe agrees with the Times on this point.

The railway vote in Moncton defeated the opposition candidates in Westmorland. Federal lines were more closely drawn there than elsewhere.

It is rather early for the Sun to begin to worry about Mr. Hazen's federal aspirations. He has some work to do at Fredericton.

Mr. Hazen must organize a strong cabinet. He has before him an example of what happens to a weak one.

The Sun urges the Liberals to organize at once for the Dominion fight. The value of organization has just been demonstrated.

Mr. W. H. Thorne's estimate was within the mark. The Sun congratulates him.

The Star will no doubt admit that "primer politicians" have their uses.

Mr. McKeown was wise to remain in St. John county.

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BILLION DOLLARS IN GOLD

One Rather Remarkable Showing for a Treasury in Panic Times

Attention was called in a congressional debate this week, to the fact that, for the first time in fiscal history, the gold coin and bullion in the United States treasury has reached and passed the sum of a billion dollars. Representative Bostell observed:

"This is an event so extraordinary that it will be chronicled and commented upon with surprise and amazement in every financial centre in the world; an event which all citizens of our republic, with regard to party affiliation, may well contemplate with satisfaction and pride."

Our people certainly love to reach billion-dollar marks. When speaker Reed and his party were denounced in 1892 for their "billion-dollar Congress," the speaker defended the wildly extravagant appropriations by retorting that this was a "billion-dollar country," and to a good many people the answer was sufficient. When the country's export trade passed the billion-dollar total in 1896, there was a chorus of jubilation. When imports crossed the same figure in 1894, even hardened protectionists expanded their chests a little. The "billion-dollar Steel Trust" may have owed some of its success with investors to a similar emotion.

The treasury does not own this billion dollars of gold. It is true that \$1,000,000,000 was held this week in the vaults of government, as against \$912,075,000 a year ago, and only \$177,483,000 at this date in 1894. But of the great sum, thus held today, no less than \$830,420,000 was pledged against gold certificates in use as currency, and \$150,000,000 had, since the law of 1890, been reserved as security for United States notes. This left only 20,062,000 gold actually held as a surplus in the treasury; whereas, on November 16, 1896, the treasury held \$117,954,000 "free gold,"

although the total gold in its vaults was only \$740,987,000. But the fact of the enormous gold fund in the government's hands remains. No foreign government stands in the class with our treasury. The great state banks hold Europe's gold, and the maximum holdings of the Bank of France, reached in April, 1906, were \$599,100,000; of the Imperial Bank of Russia, \$391,000,000, in January, 1898. The Bank of England's gold never rose above the \$245,000,000 of February, 1896.

A natural query is just what the great disparity in this country's favor means. The only answer is, that in actual resources and in potential industrial activity, our country is as much more powerful than England, France, or Russia as our stock of gold is larger. Whether, with resources at present somewhat impaired, and activity diminished, some of this gold will not be drawn away from us, is an economic question presently to be settled.

How Teddy Lost the Bear

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RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

HOPEWELL CAPE, March 2.—A special business meeting of the Hopewell United Baptist church held this afternoon at Hopewell Hill to consider the resignation of the Pastor Rev. H. D. Worden, decided after due deliberation to accept the resignation, to take place at once. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Worden who has been in very poor health for some months.

HE SCOOPED \$670

TORONTO, March 3 (Special).—At the annual meeting of the Ontario Rifle Association today the amount of Capt. Harbottle's embezzlement was reported at \$670. He was secretary treasurer.

INTERFUSED

We can not lie every morning and repeat the lie at night;
We can not blacken our souls all day and each day wash them white;
Though the pardoning blood availeth to cleanse the mortal stain,
For the sin that goes on sinning that blood was shed in vain.

We must buy and sell in the market; we must earn our daily bread;
But just in the doing these usual acts may the soul be helped and fed.
It is not in keeping the day's work and the day's prayer separate so,
But by mixing the prayer with the labor that the soul is taught to grow.

For if sweeping a room by God's law is a service He designs to bless,
And mending a kettle worthily is working for Him no less
Than steering steady the ship of state, or welding the sword in war,
Or lifting the soul of man by songs to the heights where the angels are—

Then none may deem it wasted time who stands in a humble spot
And digs and waters a little space which the hurrying world deems not;
For the Lord who loves us equally sends His blessed sun and rain
On the large work and the little work, and none of it is in vain. —Susan Coolidge.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

NO SUCH THING.

"Are you a valetudinarian, sir?"
"No, sir, I ain't no such a thing, sir; I'm an out-and-out Prohibitionist."—Baltimore American.

GLAD HIPS ARE OUT.

(New York World.)
"Well, I'm glad hips are no longer in fashion."
"What difference does it make to you?"
"My wife and I can sit side by side in our flat."

BOTH THIRSTY.

Tourist (to Irish harpist, to whom he has just given a nip of whiskey):—"That's made another man of you Pat!"
Harpist—"Faith, it has, yer honor. But he's just as thirsty as the other one!"—London Opinion.

OBJECTION TO THE DOCTOR.

Mr. McQuire (to hospital attendant):—"Phwat did ye say the doctor's name was?"
Attendant—"Dr. Kilpatrick."
Mr. McQuire—"There's no one here. No doctor will touch cognomen will git a chance to operate on me—not if I know it."
Attendant—"Why not?"
Mr. McQuire—"Well, ye see, my name is Patrick."—Judge.

HAD A CONSCIENCE.

Charles R. Thorne used to tell the following story: "During a very bad performance of Hamlet by a barn-storming party in one of the interior towns of New York state, the audience in its entirety commenced to hiss with the exception of one man. At last the man next to him said: 'Why don't you hiss this tart show?' 'It wouldn't hardly be fair,' the other said, 'as I came in on a complimentary, but if they don't do better pretty soon, darned if I don't go and buy a ticket and come back and raise Cain.'—Music and Drama.

JOY ABIDES.

Let 'em raise the rates on foodstuffs; let 'em boost the price of meat;
Let 'em form each day a corner in the things we have to eat.
In the face of soaring markets we can still be gay, my boy,
For whatever else they corner, they can never corner mirth.

We have quite a lot of blessings, for the air is very free,
And as yet there is no bonus on the water in the sea.
We can smile and still be happy, for of glee there is no dearth;
And whatever else they corner, they can never corner mirth. —Washington Herald.

THE MATERIAL HELL

(Windsor Record.)
Referring to the statement of Rev. Dr. Henderson in the Dominion Methodist church at Ottawa to the effect that he did not believe in the existence of a material hell where the souls of the wicked were subjected to material physical torments the Woodstock Sentinel-Review under this heading quotes that the old popular conception of hell is changed, that "man's" moral nature seems to have outgrown the belief in a material hell just as, long ago, in ancient Greece and Rome, it had outgrown the old mythologies.
The fact is, however, that the softening of the old harsh conception has kept pace with the vastly improved view of the character of the Deity himself and is a necessary corollary to that. The church may yet reach the idea that hell is an asylum mercifully provided for the spiritually dead and that its punishments are merely incidental, inflicted for and growing out of violations of law there.

LIQUOR IN MANITOBA

(Toronto News.)
The new temperance legislation before the Manitoba Legislature seems certain to give the anti-liquor crusade a fresh impetus. The view of total prohibition is fast becoming the dominant one in Winnipeg is predicted. But there are still many sympathizers with the movement who doubt if it is feasible at present wholly to abolish the liquor traffic in large cities. The alternative suggested is the elimination of government shops for the sale of liquor in sealed packages. This abolishes the treating habit, which is the most harmful custom incident to the open bar, and which gives it half its power for evil.

Princess Beach Limerick.

St. John, N. B., March 2, 1908.

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Under the circumstances, we have decided to stop the limerick contest, refunding our patrons every cent invested by them for the contest, and permitting them to be the patrons of January to hold their lots.

We think this is the only fair course to pursue, whereby we will protect ourselves and our patrons, and while we are disappointed that our efforts were not better appreciated, we thank our patrons most heartily for their patronage, and trust that they may feel assured of fair treatment, at least if it ever may be their privilege to patronize any efforts made by us along similar lines.

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