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THE GOVERNMENT'S TROUBLES

The net result of Saturday's events in the realm of provincial politics is the nomination of a winning opposition ticket in the county of Westmorland, the selection of an untied map to replace Mr. McCain on the government ticket in Carleton county, and Premier Robinson's refusal to accept Mr. Fleming's challenge to settle in public debate the financial question at issue between them, which the St. John Sun says "should not be difficult or slow of settlement."

Mr. Hazen and his friends may regard with great complacency these developments the more so because in Gloucester county also fresh trouble for the government has been aroused. Premier Robinson must choose his friends in Gloucester before he goes much further with the assertion that his appeal is only to Liberals in this contest.

The county of Westmorland is politically aroused. The convention at Sackville on Saturday was one of the most impressive political demonstrations ever held in that county of fierce campaigns, and was declared by Mr. Hazen to be the finest of all the eleven opposition conventions he has attended in the present campaign. The opposition party in Westmorland have shown a degree of political wisdom such as governments are traditionally reluctant to credit an opposition with possessing. It has placed an invincible ticket in the field, and made it necessary for two members of the government to stay close at home to fight their own battle. In Messrs. Sumner, Black, Mahoney and Melanson the opposition have a ticket representative of all parts of the county, and composed of men of political experience, who are well fitted not only to conduct a fighting campaign but to do credit to themselves and their constituency on the floors of the legislature. The hope of the government was that in some way one or more of these gentlemen might decline a nomination, and the hysterical assertions in the Sun's Sackville correspondence this morning indicate the panic feeling that prevails in the government ranks.

Premier Robinson has developed a caution worthy of Dr. Pugsley. He wants now a group of experts to decide whether he or Mr. Fleming is right about the provincial finances. Clearly the premier is afraid of Mr. Fleming. No amount of argument or special pleading will overcome this conviction in the public mind. If the premier were sure of his ground he would welcome an opportunity to confound a demonstrative opponent. The people like a leader who stands up and fights for his own hand, and does not delegate the task to another.

Meanwhile the government has as yet no ticket in the city of St. John. The holiday season is over, and the convention has not yet been summoned. The difficulties in the way do not disappear as time goes on, but rather grow more formidable. The position of the government, clinging to the skirts of a federal minister, is neither impressive nor inspiring to its followers in this or any other constituency.

The liberal convention at Carleton on Friday selected J. Paul Byrne of Bathurst, P. P. Morris of Shippeagan and Dr. S. Morris of Shippeagan as its candidates for the legislature. The government was not represented at this liberal convention.

BUSINESS CONFIDENCE

Of business conditions in western Canada the Toronto Mail and Empire remarks that long familiarity with prosperity had begun to produce inaction, which has been followed by a timely check, due chiefly to a less favorable crop in the west. Business generally has sobered down without any violent collapse, and people are asking, "What next?"

"We believe," says the Mail and Empire, "that the lowering of the business pulse the few degrees it has dropped will prove altogether salutary. When the present quieter condition has been recovered from, as it will be in a short time, trade and industry will be as active as ever. What we may not expect, however, is recklessness in expansion. There will be a disposition to be cautious in the matter of plant enlargements, and money formerly spared for the purchase of luxuries will be kept in productive work. If there were no other influence to restrain the impetuosity of enterprise there would be

that of the banks. Business of all kinds will continue to grow, but it will be kept on sound lines."

LOSING GROUND

The Toronto News (Independent) takes the trouble to correct mis-statements made in a portion of the Ontario press concerning the Ontario constituency of Centre York, where the Conservative candidate, Mr. Tom Wallace, came within a few votes of being elected. The News says:—

"Certain Liberal papers throughout the country describe Centre York as 'a former Tory hive' and argue that under the circumstances the Liberal candidate did well in the by-election. As a matter of fact, however, Centre York was created by the redistribution of 1901 and it was made a safe constituency for Mr. Arch. Campbell. But Mr. Campbell ran badly in the last general election, and Dr. McLean, although a much stronger candidate, came out of the by-election with a still smaller majority. It was the confident expectation of the Liberals that his majority would have reached two or three hundred. This was a reasonable expectation and the fact that the majority was so small is signal proof of the declining strength of the Laurier government in Ontario. There is to be added to the loss of strength in Centre York the election of a Conservative in London, the reduction of the Liberal majority in North Wellington, and the increase of the Conservative majority in East Northumberland. In Nova Scotia, also, a seat has been captured by the Opposition. Indeed the government seems to be holding its own only in Quebec."

The following remarks by the Charlotte-town Guardian apply to St. John as well as to the island city, and are worthy of more attention than they are likely to receive from many people, who dislike to have responsibility thrust upon them:—"Citizens will be called to exercise their public duties largely this year in the care of the city, the province and the dominion. We shall have to elect a mayor and council and a new legislature, with also the probability of a federal general election. Truly patriotic citizens will give some thought to the choice of men who are to legislate and bear rule for us in the different elective bodies, and it would be well that all should exercise their best judgment in these matters on which the public welfare largely depends."

The Montreal Gazette says:—"The St. John Globe complains that mails which reached the post office of that city on Saturday night were not distributed at ten o'clock on Monday evening, and that other mails which arrived at one o'clock on Monday were not sorted at eight o'clock on Monday night. It does not blame the staff, which did all that it could do. The fault lay in the fact that the office was insufficiently manned. The St. John complaint could be repeated in almost every Canadian city. The 'surplus' of the post office department is in part at any rate the price of inefficiency."

An Ontario exchange observes:—"The suggestion of the London Times that Great Britain, India, and the colonies should be jointly represented in a commission to deal with the question of Oriental immigration is a good one. The problem is one which affects the British empire more than any other people, and it is essential that the question should be dealt with jointly, and a general solution arrived at, in which, so far as possible, all the empire's widespread interests would be considered."

Touching civic commissions or boards of control, an Ottawa clergyman takes a somewhat cynical view. An Ottawa despatch says:—"A civic board of control as a system does not find favor with Rev. Father Jacques, pastor of St. Jean Baptiste Church, and he speaks his mind freely. He says it opens the doors to civic corruption, for it is much easier for corporations and contractors to get hold of three men than thirteen and to turn them from their duty."

A London cable says:—"While the suffragette, Mrs. Pankhurst, was conducting a meeting at Newton Abbot, Devonshire, a farmer in the audience stood up and publicly offered to marry her. Mrs. Pankhurst replied, freezingly, that she was not there to answer personal questions. The farmer rejoined that he thought as she was a widow a husband would be useful to her as a vote." The English audience is noted for the freedom with which it badgers a speaker, but the Newton Abbot folk exceed the ordinary limit.

A Toronto letter, which states that the Liberals are in a majority in the new city council adds:—"At the same time the Conservative party could go into a federal or provincial election tomorrow and carry every seat."

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Of other days around me.
The smiles, the tears
Of boyhood's years,
The words of love then spoken:
The eyes that shone,
Now dimm'd and gone,
The cheerful hearts now broken?
Thus in the still night,
Ere slumber's chain has bound me,
Sad memory brings the light
Of other days around me.
When I remember all—
The friends, so link'd together,
I've seen around me fall
Like leaves in wintry weather,
Torn like me from life's tree,
Who tread alone
Some banquet-hall deserted,
Whose lights are dead,
Whose garlands dead,
And all but he departed:
Thus in the still night,
Ere slumber's chain has bound me,
Sad memory brings the light
Of other days around me.
—Thomas Moore (1779-1832.)

IN LIGHTER VEIN

REALISM.

Playwright—Is her acting natural?
Manager (enthusiastically)—Natural!
Why, when she appeared as the dying mother last night an insurance agent who, has her life insured for \$5,000, and who was in the audience, actually fainted.—Tit-Bits.

TAKE IT EASY.

"You shouldn't run after a car during the rush hour," said the conductor, reprovingly.
"Why not?" panted the man addressed, climbing aboard.

"The abnormal chest expansion, due to the effort to draw into the lungs a sufficient supply of oxygen to repair the waste caused by accelerated heart action crowds the other passengers," explained the conductor.—Philadelphia Ledger.

THE MATTER WITH IT.

"What is the matter with my poem?" asked the amateur contributor; "sent the metre all right?"
"Oh, yes," replied the editor, "the metre is excellent."

"I think if you will look again you will find that the rhymes are faultless."
"The rhymes are good; quite ingenious, I might say."

"Then why do you decline it?"
"You have forgotten to say anything."

SORRY SHE SPOKE.

"Oh, thank you," exclaimed an elderly lady to a laborer who surrendered her seat in a crowded tram car: "thank you very much."
"That's all right mum," was the rejoinder.

As the lady sat down the chivalrous laborer added: "Wot I see is a man never ort to let a woman stand. Some men never get up unless she's pretty but to see, mum, it don't make no difference to me!"—Judy.

FORCE OF HABIT.

"Fine day," said the barber.
No reply.

"Looks a little like snow," he said as he stropped his razor.

Silence.
"Lots of talk about a third term for Teddy," he said, as he rubbed the lather in.

More silence.
"Got a mighty tender face," he went on, as he made a sweep with the razor.

"Don't shave, please, do you?"
Profound silence.

"Never like to bleed a man, it looks bad. That's a mole on your chin, isn't it?"

No reply.
"Once over? Sure. That's enough for you. What will you have on your face, witch hazel or lilac? Witch? All right. Always use that myself."

Deep silence.
"A little powder? It takes the shine off, you know. There you are, sir. Pay cashier."

And then the knight of the blade stared round in amazement.
He had been shaving himself.—Chicago Journal.

PEOPLE OF NOTE



Marquis Antonio Yamagata

The veteran Marquis Yamagata is the oldest field marshal in the Japanese service. He was the instructor in war tactics of General Kuroki, who was so successful during the Russian-Japanese conflict. Marquis Yamagata was himself one of the big feudal chiefs of old Japan and sided with the emperor. When the imperial forces won over the reactionary party he was made head of the national army and it was his work that transformed the old-time soldiers that whipped China and then Russia. He in person commanded the Japanese armies against China in 1905 and he is frequently termed the Von Moltke of Japan. He is very influential with the Mikado and is a member of the close circle of elder statesmen which really governs the Japanese empire.

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