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THE MORNING GUARDIAN.

TUESDAY, FEB. 21, 1899.

NEW BRUNSWICK ELECTIONS.

The sweeping victory of the Emmerson government in New Brunswick as told in our despatches of yesterday is first of all an emphatic rebuke of those politicians in that province who sought to bring provincial politics within federal party lines. The moving cause of making this question an issue at the polls was the Moncton Conservative convention of last year at which it was resolved that the Conservative party in the province should make common cause against the Emmerson government. This was a party blunder, and it has resulted most disastrously indeed.

For this mistake Hon. George E. Foster and Dr. Stockton, the leader of the provincial opposition were largely responsible. Viewing the situation from the Conservative standpoint they saw that the provincial government was, as they thought, too friendly to Mr. Blair, the latter being the sole representative of the province in the Liberal government at Ottawa. It is true that there are Conservative members in the provincial government, but they had served under Mr. Blair as a provincial leader and still retained a strong friendship and admiration for him. To Mr. Foster's mind there was something closely resembling an alliance between the two governments and hence he resolved to fight them both together.

It ought to be observed that there were strong and influential men in the Liberal as well as the Conservative camp who desired to see local politics in New Brunswick run on party lines, as they are and have been in the other provinces. Two of the Liberal daily newspapers, the St. John Globe, of which Mr. Ellis, M.P., is editor, and the Moncton Transcript, were strong advocates of this system. But the result of the election shows that the people at large prefer the existing system of not having local parties divided on federal lines. The action of the opposition in adopting a strictly party platform, although it has now resulted so disastrously, might have succeeded better had that course been taken at a time when Conservative principles were in the ascendant throughout the Dominion. There is just now a flood tide of Liberalism, and hence the failure of the Moncton platform and those who established it.

Another point that must not be lost sight of is this, that when the Emmerson government was attacked by the Conservative party as a party it tended to throw the Liberal electorate into the provincial government ranks more unitedly than ever before. It also brought the provincial and federal governments into closer alliance. Fighting together in a common cause they have probably now become inseparably welded together. At the same time the Conservative members of the provincial government and Conservative supporters of the same, having been attacked by their federal party leaders and the Conservative party press, have naturally become estranged from their old party and more sympathetic with Liberalism.

The new House contains a larger number of straight Liberals than ever before since Confederation. Speaking generally it is two thirds staunchly Liberal. During the past thirty years the Liberals could probably never have claimed more than half the House, and that number but at rare intervals. Hereafter, owing to the causes to which we have adverted, both government and legislature may be considered as essentially Liberal—or what is much the same, supporters of Mr. Blair and opponents of Mr. Foster. If just now the federal parliament should be dissolved the chances are that a great Liberal sweep would be made in New Brunswick. A few years hence it might be very different. The present government in New Brunswick is the same in its general policy, and maybe said to be a continuation of that formed by Mr. Blair sixteen years ago, and which he led until 1896, when he entered the Laurier government. Hon. Mr. Mitchell, Conservative succeeded Mr. Blair as leader, and at his death the leadership fell to Mr. Emmerson, a pronounced Liberal. All of these were unmis-

take-ably able and reputable public men and Mr. Emmerson not the least so. As this is the first general election held under Mr. Emmerson's premiership the victory is a signal one for him and must add considerably to his prestige. He had been twice a candidate for the Commons, once in Westmorland and once in Albert, in both cases unsuccessfully. He was first elected to the provincial legislature in 1890. Mr. Emmerson is the son of a Baptist minister, born in 1853, and graduated at Acadia and the University Law School in Boston. He is yet comparatively a young man for so prominent a position in public life.

THE HIGH COMMISSION.

For some time past there have been repeated hints thrown out from Washington that the High Commission was likely to fail in coming to an agreement. These were met by counter statements that though difficulties were being encountered, they were likely to be overcome. A few days ago, in a western province Sir Charles Tupper expressed his anticipation that the Commission would fail to agree upon a treaty. Whether Sir Charles had or had not private sources of information it now appears that the correspondents of the leading London dailies have reached the same conclusion as he.

Our brief London despatch gives an unpleasant impression in several ways. It indicates that the American commissioners are disposed to exact hard conditions or not come to an agreement. This is disappointing in Canada, as it is in Britain. But it is quite as unsatisfactory to learn that strong pressure is being brought to bear by Mr. Chamberlain to induce the Canadian members of the Commission to make every possible concession. Our representatives ought to be left free to reject any terms that are not fair to Canada.

It may be that later despatches will put a more pleasant face on the situation, and we are the more inclined to hope that such will be the case from the conflicting reports that have emanated from Washington during some weeks past.

Our St. John despatch reports that Mr. Hazen, ex-M.P., is elected in Sunbury county in place of Mr. Harrison, who was reported elected. Mr. Hazen is a clever speaker and will be a valuable acquisition to the numerically small opposition in the legislature.

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The esteemed Examiner undertakes to correct THE GUARDIAN in regard to the New Brunswick election. Unfortunately our contemporary seems not to be aware that the two counties of Victoria and Madawaska are included in Mr. Costigan's constituency of Victoria. Each of the two counties returns two members to the provincial legislature. When the Examiner says that "Mr. Costigan's candidates in Victoria were victorious" it is a little doubtful what is meant. Porter and Lawson, both Liberals, were elected for the local county of Victoria. Mr. Lawson was the Liberal candidate who ran against Mr. Costigan in the election of 1891. In Madawaska, the other half of Mr. Costigan's constituency, Messrs. Laforest and Gagnon were elected. Mr. Laforest was Mr. Costigan's Liberal opponent in the election of 1896. What the GUARDIAN's despatch stated was that "Madawaska defeated the Costigan candidates by large majorities, electing Laforest and Gagnon, independents." This was strictly accurate.

MARRIED.

At St. Mary's Church, Indian River, on the 15th inst, Very Rev. Mgr. Gillis, John Roberts, Middleton to Miss Eva Frances Mullin, daughter of Peter Mullin, Kensington.

At Clinton, on the 1st inst, by Rev F. A. Wightman, Alexander Hiltz, of French River, to Janet, eldest daughter of Daniel Junning, of Clinton.

DIED.

In this city on February the 18th, 1899, Josie White, age 6 years and 8 months.

At Summerside, on the 13th inst, of bronchitis, Minnie Jane, age 2 years, youngest daughter of Albert E. and Mary Ferguson.

At Mount Mellick, Lot 49, on Wednesday the 8th inst., Annie B. Campbell, fourth daughter of the late Malcolm Campbell.

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