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FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 5, 1908.

THE CHANCES IN ONTARIO.

On Monday next Ontario will elect the balance of 99 members to its Legislature, seven Conservatives having been already returned unopposed. There will be 106 members in the New House as against 96 in the late House. The Toronto newspapers to hand contain a number of guesses as to the result of the polling, but, as Sir John Macdonald used to say elections like horse races are uncertain.

The Globe predicts "a big turnover" from the Conservative to the Liberal ranks, and names 17 seats which the Opposition have excellent chances of winning, with "good fighting chances in not a few others." This would indicate a very close election, with even a chance of Liberal victory. The Whitney Government had a majority of 42 in the late House, and a change of 21 to the Liberal side would make an even divide of the old constituencies, omitting the eight new seats.

On the other extreme is The News, which while nominally independent is supporting the Whitney Government. This journal makes an elaborate review of the constituencies in detail and claims that probabilities indicate the return of 72 Conservatives, and 34 Liberals, giving the Government a majority of 38. The News admits however that 11 of the seats thus classified are doubtful. Another Toronto paper gives practically the same estimate.

The World, Conservative, is by no means so sure of a large majority for Premier Whitney. It takes up an estimate which gives 54 sure Conservative seats, 21 sure Liberal seats and 31 doubtful and then gives the Liberals 23 of these doubtful seats, the result being a Conservative majority of 18. Possibly 28 majority may be obtained, The World thinks, but closes its review with the significant words, "If the Whitney Government is to retain its majority unabated it has a week's hard work ahead of it."

It is significant that The World is by no means so confident of Mr. Whitney sweeping the Province as the so-called independent papers are. The World says the Opposition have been much more indefatigable in the campaign than the Conservatives, that the Liberals who turned against the Ross Government three years ago, have largely returned to their old party standard, on the ground that "the party has had its lesson," and that the Liberal party is now again a solid fighting party in Ontario.

Ontario had been a Liberal Province for 34 years down to 1905 and there appears to have been a notable rallying and consolidation of the Liberal party there of late, which is aided by the unpopularity of the three-fifths clause of the local option act, brought in by the Whitney Gov-

ernment. Still the consensus of press opinion points to the return of the Government by a decreased majority. But when once a decrease is admitted on the eve of an election it frequently turns out to be more sweeping than was expected.

THE CAMPAIGN IN QUEBEC.

Federal interest in the elections of Ontario and Quebec is shown by the fact that half the Ottawa ministers and a large majority of the rank and file of members are absent from their parliamentary duties, taking part in the provincial campaigns. Premier Gouin scored a considerable advantage on nomination day, gaining four seats by acclamation, while in five other seats Liberals are the only contestants. This leaves sixty-three seats contested. In nine of these there are three-cornered fights. All the ministers are opposed.

Much interest centres in the duel between Premier Gouin and Mr. Bourassa in St. James division. Montreal. The Premier was returned by acclamation there at the last election, but his present antagonist Mr. Bourassa is a strong and popular campaigner. Mr. Bourassa is the active spirit of the Opposition in the Montreal district while Mr. Leblanc, the regular Conservative leader, is devoting his attention to the Quebec district. Both the Premier and Mr. Bourassa are contesting two seats each.

At the last general elections in November 1904 the Conservatives declined the contest, with the result that 37 Liberals were returned by acclamation, and in many other electoral divisions the contests were between rival Liberal candidates only. In twenty-by-elections since the general election only one Conservative was returned. There were but seven Conservatives in all in the House recently dissolved, and there are but 11 Conservatives representing Quebec in the House of Commons.

In the present contest the Gouin Government has the all-powerful support of the Liberal Government at Ottawa, and will doubtless be sustained by a large majority. Various estimates count on an Opposition gain of seven to fifteen seats, making a possible Conservative-Nationalist muster in the new House of 14 to 22. It seems on all grounds desirable that the Opposition should be strengthened, as in the late House it was too weak in numbers and fighting strength to be effective in promoting good administration.

As the trial of Dougherty for the shooting of Joseph McMillan approaches—it is fixed to open at Summerside next Tuesday—there are indications pointing to a defence on the grounds of insanity. It is understood that Dr. Goodwill, of Falconwood and Dr. Carruthers of this

city went to Summerside yesterday to examine the prisoner's condition.

The death of General Sir Redvers Buller serves to recall the excellent earlier services of his military career, marred by his ill-success in the Boer War. He was a sturdy fighter and had many warm admirers who stood by him even in the dark hours of defeat and failure. He always gave due credit to his men and never shirked his own share of responsibility whatever happened. Even at Colenso his word was that "the men were splendid."

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Our love and toil in the years to be;
When we are grown and take our
place,
As men and women with our race.

Father in Heaven who lovest all,
Oh help Thy children when they call;
That they may build from age to
age,
An undelimited heritage.

Teach us to bear the yoke in youth,
With steadfastness and careful truth;
That, in our time, Thy Grace may
give
The Truth whereby the Nations live.

Teach us to rule ourselves always,
Controlled and cleanly night and day
That we may bring, if need arise,
No maimed or worthless sacrifice.

Teach us to look in all our ends,
On Thee for judge, and not our
friends;
That we, with Thee, may walk un-
cowed
By fear or favor of the crowd.

Teach us the Strength that cannot
seek
By deed or thought, to hurt the
weak;
That, under Thee, we may possess
Man's strength to comfort man's dis-
tress.

Teach us delight in simple things,
And mirth that has no bitter springs
Forgiveness free of evil done,
And love to all men 'neath the sun!

Land of our Birth, our Faith, our
Fide,
For whose dear sake our fathers died
O Motherland, we pledge to thee,
Head, heart and hand through the
years to be!
—Rudyard Kipling.

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