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ELECTIONS IN PRINCE

The political record of Prince County as a Dominion constituency begins with September, 1873, when the first federal election was held, of which we have for the moment no record at hand. At the general election of 1874 and the succeeding contests down to date the following were the results:

1874.	
LIBERAL.	CONSERVATIVE.
Yeo, 2,188	Ramsay, 669
Perry, 1,804	McNeill, 337
1878.	
Yeo, 1,717	Hackett, 1,655
Perry, 1,491	Howatt, 1,605
1882.	
Yeo, 2,388	Hackett, 2,325
Perry, 2,178	Rogers, 2,134
1887.	
Yeo, 3,184	Hackett, 2,763
Perry, 2,988	Lefurgey, 2,600
1891.	
Yeo, 3,279	Hunt, 2,661
Perry, 3,182	Howlan, 2,903

Before the general election of 1896 took place the constituency was divided into two ridings respectively known as East Prince and West Prince. At the election of June in that year the following was the result in the two divisions respectively:

East Prince: Hon. John Yeo, Liberal, 1916; Richard Hunt, Conservative, 1799.

West Prince: Edward Hackett, Conservative, 1593, S. F. Perry, Liberal, 1548; James Yeo, 321.

Mr. Hackett being unseated by the election court a by-election was held at which Hon. S. F. Perry was returned, and after his death Mr. McLellan, Liberal, was returned for the same seat. It will be seen from the above record that down to date Mr. Hackett is the only Conservative candidate who secured a return in Prince County during the quarter century from 1874 down to the present date. One of the two seats has been continuously held by a Liberal, and the other has been in Liberal possession during fifteen years out of twenty-four.

We are sorry to find the esteemed Examiner apparently unwilling that an effort shall be made to secure a pure election in East Prince. The sum of its two paragraphs devoted to the subject is that it is impossible to have a pure election with the "Grits" in power in federal and provincial affairs, and that the experiment was once tried in Charlottetown at which time "the Conservatives held to the agreement and were defeated; the Liberals didn't and got in." These are the stock arguments of those who defend corrupt practices in elections. A public journal ought to support honest and law-abiding methods within its own party, whether the opposing party is honest and law-abiding or not. We do not suppose that the Liberal party is any worse than equally guilty with the Conservative party. Honest, patriotic citizens have had too frequent occasion to blush for them both.

When Uncle Sam takes the census of his new possessions in the year 1900 we shall be possessed of a more accurate knowledge of the numbers of his insular subjects. As to the Philippines the various estimates of the population range from six to fifteen millions, though it seems probable that the smaller number number of millions is much nearer the truth than the larger number.

The Montreal Herald, which is showing great vigor and enterprise under its present management, issued a special edition the other day which is of unusual interest. It has no fewer than 62 pages. The special part is bound in a handsome illustrated cover showing the famous Maisonneuve statue. It contains a history of Montreal, and a review of its many great industries. It is profusely illustrated and shows photo engravings of most of the prominent men of Montreal.

The Acadian Recorder tells of a curious election incident in Nova Scotia in the olden time. In 1829 a candidate who had been defeated at an election brought an action against his victorious competitor for damage, in that he had given 20 shillings to the wife of a freeholder to enlist her services in inducing her husband to vote for him. The jury, in spite of the defence of Solicitor-General Archibald, returned a verdict for the plaintiff, awarding him £500 damages. The hint is worth bearing in mind by defeated candidates hereafter.

It is amusing to read in our United States exchanges that reciprocity between the two countries would be unfair and unequal, because Canadians would secure a market of seventy millions of people in return for one of five millions. This form of argument is repeated and re-repeated, apparently without a thought being given to its delusive character. Under the old reciprocity treaty the number of people in the two countries sustained similar proportions to each other that they do today, and yet the United States sold many millions worth

more of her products in Canada than Canada sold in the States. Our neighbors are in quite as much danger of being conquered by Canadian military force as they are of being seriously harmed by Canadian industrial and productive competition. We think we can hold our own with them in a fair field and ask nothing more than such a treaty as would enlarge our commercial interchange with them and equally benefit both countries.

EDITOR'S MAIL.

Agamemnon Answered.

SIR,—Agamemnon in Saturday's Examiner concludes his letter with "Give me liberty or give me death." Now these appear to be strong and inconsistent expressions to come from one, who has perverted the clear meaning and intent of my letter on "ritualism," which appeared in the GUARDIAN. Surely anyone who stoops to garble plain statements, is not capable of entertaining such high-souled sentiments, as quoted above, or worthy to sign himself "Agamemnon."

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