

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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AFTER THE BATTLE.

A fourth time in succession the Liberal party under the leadership of Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been victorious at the polls. The majority appears an ample one, and will probably be increased in the elections that are delayed and possibly in future by-elections. It is the way of the world for the indifferent and the expectant to join the victors.

While the general anticipation that the Government would be sustained by a diminished majority has proved true, there have been a number of surprises, as for instance in New Brunswick and Ontario, where the Opposition had hoped for large gains following their provincial victories of last spring. These hopes did not materialise, and on the contrary, while the late Province did better for the Liberal side than was expected, our sister Province across the Strait gave an approximately solid phalanx of Government supporters.

The Quebec people as was expected, remained loyal to their great patriot and leader by an over-whelming majority, yet with some Opposition gains which produced a little more equal division of the representation there. Nova Scotia made a considerable change toward the Opposition side, but still gives a Government majority, while the metropolitan constituency of Halifax is now again in the Conservative column.

The section of the Dominion West of Ontario, so far as heard from at this writing shows no startling change. Here in Prince Edward Island all our late representatives went down to defeat and there has been an exact reversal of our party strength in the Comox. To the late house we sent three Conservatives and one Liberal; now we send three Liberals and one Conservative. And yet the change in the number of votes for each party in the whole Island has been very slight. Even in the election of Monday the Conservative majority in King's nearly equaled the Liberal majority in Queens and Prince. Thus popular sentiment has been and is very closely divided in our home Province.

We believe that other influences than those of party had something to do with the result and in the sister Provinces of the East. One of these was the notorious salary grab. Our people are mainly workers who realise the value of the hard earned dollar. They did not view with complacency the action by which our Members and Senators legislated hurriedly into their own pockets \$1,000 yearly for the four years term. In some respects this action injured the Opposition members more than the Government supporters—they were looked upon as unfaithful watch-dogs. Cries of extravagance and graft against the Government were urged in vain by men whom the people felt had shared in the plunder. This incident gave an immense advantage to new candidates who were opposed to former members.

The acceptance of a salary of \$7,000 by the leader of the Opposition, and his concurrence in the indemnity grab also greatly weakened his hands in the same way throughout the entire country. He and his followers lost the opportunity of a lifetime by becoming accomplices instead of opposing this nefarious transaction.

There are many who believe that it is an advantage, especially in the case of a small and weak Province, to stand to Ottawa supporters rather than opponents of the Government of the day. The advantage is real, assuming that the public policy of the Administration is what it ought to be. Let us hope that we have gained something in this way, and that Island interests notably in regard to

our winter communications and fair through freight rates will be better guarded and promoted than before. Great expectations have been raised on this score. At least Queen's County will no longer be less influential with the powers that be than Kings. Our four new representatives are all announced supporters of the Tunnel project. Three of them will have influence with the Government, which we hope and trust will be energetical in putting forth to secure the early commencement of that work. We accept the verdict of the people hopefully, with congratulations to the successful candidates, all, we believe honestly elected, and with kindly condolence to the unsuccessful ones, who according to their lights and opportunities fought manfully for the rights of the Province or the interests of their respective counties.

We have often said that as a rule we keep our Governments too long. It was not for the good of the Conservative party or of the country that it was kept in power so long before 1896. Only the future course of events can determine whether it is best for the Liberal party or the country that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has obtained a fourth term of power. No one doubts his good intentions or his patriotism. He has a number of capable men associated with him, and also some whom the majority in the country are a little distrustful.

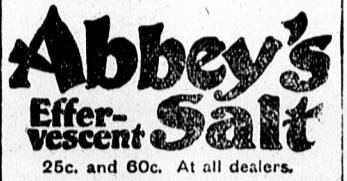
These facts remain clear: The country, choosing between two leaders and two parties, has made up its mind by a decisive majority in favor of the Liberal leader and his party. In that view the three Maritime Provinces have concurred by a more than two-thirds majority. There is a lesson for both parties in the popular verdict. The victors will do well to remember that sweeping victory has its dangers that are only a little less than those of defeat. For the Opposition it becomes obligatory to study well the causes which made it impossible for them to succeed at this time, and which made the inherent weakness of the Conservative party an important source of strength to the Government.

OCTOBER PARTY.

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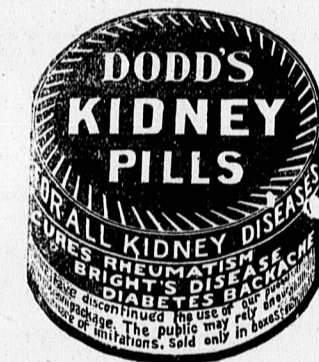
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