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THE LEGISLATURE.

Thoughtful readers of our Legislative reports must have been pained and grieved with the scenes of disorder, the acrimonious bickering, the open discourtesy and want of dignity which have characterized the opening days of the session. Members have repeatedly used language toward each other and toward the Speaker which ought not to be tolerated for a moment in any deliberative assembly. Apart from the shocking disorder and exhibition of angry passion displayed during the discussions in the House we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that there have been extraordinary and surprising developments in regard to the attitude of two members. We refer to Mr. Wise and Mr. Pineau. Mr. Wise was elected as a Liberal, but in recent years developed a tendency towards Opposition. He was even thought to have left his former party, and to have become hostile to Premier Farquharson, when the public learned through the newspapers that he had written out his resignation, coupled with certain conditions and placed the same in the Premier's hands.

It is contended on Mr. Wise's behalf that having been elected as a Liberal and having become convinced that he ought not to oppose the party in power, he wished before the Legislature met to acquaint his constituents with his change of attitude and receive at their hands either their endorsement or condemnation. If we are to accept this view of the case, we must ask why did not Mr. Wise place his resignation at once directly in the Speaker's hands, in which case, under the law as it stands the writ must have been promptly issued and an election would have been held before the Legislature met. Mr. Wise did not take this course. His resignation was apparently detained in other hands and we have had the sorry exhibition of him endeavoring to occupy the seat, which he tried to resign, and being forcibly ejected from the House.

And then we have the case of Mr. Pineau, who was elected in direct opposition to the Government of the day, defeating the regular Government candidate in his district. Mr. Pineau comes to the House to take his seat for the first time as a legislator, at a time when the relative strength of parties in the Legislature is almost equal. At such a time it is usual for every party man to be in his place, doing his utmost to promote the principles which he has espoused and to bring victory to the banner under which he fights. Mr. Pineau had much in his power. He was real-

ly master of the situation politically, inasmuch as his vote cast against the Government must have defeated the Government and given the Conservative party control of the Legislature.

Under these conditions we cannot wonder that members of the Conservative party are both angry and indignant. That party has been now a long time in opposition and having by strenuous efforts in successive by-elections won their way up to a majority in the House now find the cup snatched from their lips by the desertion of Mr. Pineau. Just at the moment when his single vote has become sufficient to turn the scale and give a triumph to his party that vote is turned over to the party whom Mr. Pineau was elected to oppose. We are not told what are the grave and weighty reasons which so quickly and at such a critical moment have brought about this change of attitude. Mr. Pineau has not by public meeting among his constituents, or by any statement through the public press, or by speech in the Legislature acquainted the public with his reasons for his most sudden and remarkable change of party.

We think he is in honor bound to render a reason, and permit the public to judge of its sufficiency. Many will think that the frank and honorable course for him, if he had honestly changed his political opinions, would have been to have at once resigned his seat and called upon his constituents to decide upon the validity of such reasons as he had to offer, and if they thought his reasons insufficient, then to give them the opportunity to elect another in his stead. Mr. Pineau has not taken this course, and he can hardly be surprised if the leaders he was elected to follow and support should place an unfavorable and severe construction upon his motives and conduct.

THE GUARDIAN greatly regrets that conditions are as they are. The disorderly scenes in the Legislature and the conduct of some of our representative public men have been such as to lower the dignity of public life, degrade the Provincial Parliament, and give to the people an exhibition of the party system at its worst. The public mind has been greatly excited by the events to which we have adverted and the outlook is most unfavorable for anything like calm deliberation and fair and reasonable discussion which are required in the conduct of public affairs.

We are now reaping the fruits developed by the party system in its worst form. And it was in apprehension of such conditions arising that THE GUARDIAN has from time to time condemned the needless continuation of the party system in our Provincial affairs. Surely there might be some better way than that along which we are now struggling. At least it might be hard to find a worse one.

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