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ONTARIO BY-ELECTIONS.

The result of the three by-elections in Ontario seems to have surprised Liberals and Conservatives alike. No one seems to have been prepared to expect that the Government would carry all three seats as they have done. And the effects is to lift the Government out of its coffin, so to speak and give it a new lease of life. Thus we have another illustration of Disraeli's maxim that "it is the unexpected that happens." True, the power and patronage of a Government are potent forces in a by-election, and in this case both the federal and provincial powers concentrated their influence and exertions within the narrow limits of three electoral divisions.

Apart from this, and to do the party justice, the successive Liberal Governments in Ontario have administered the affairs of the Province with ability and honesty. The resources of the Province have been skilfully developed and conserved, while at the same time no provincial debt has been incurred. In this latter respect Ontario holds a proud position among the sister Provinces. Moreover it is much to say that in thirty years of continuous rule no grave scandals have developed in connection with the administration of public affairs, save in regard to corruption in elections, which seems to have grown rampant, and by which on many occasions the Government seems to have profited, while failing to punish the offenders.

People will forgive much to public men who manage their affairs with honesty and efficiency, and they have done this in the case of the Ross Government. Doubtless in the matter of electoral corruption many of them thought both parties about equally guilty, and saw no good reason for turning out one Government on account of corruption, where the result could only be to instal the other party whose record was no better. The referendum on prohibition in regard to which the Government's course was open to the gravest objection, seems not to have materially affected the result. As things now are Premier Ross is again pretty firmly established in his seat, and the chances seem to be that during the remainder of the present parliamentary term his present small majority of five may increase to larger proportions.

Whether Ontario is to be congratulated upon the result or not remains to be seen. The reign of one party there has been long beyond all the precedents of representative institutions. In the parliamentary history of Great Britain and the self-governing colonies there is no other instance of a continuous term of thirty years of power. This, however, proves nothing. We have our own opinion that more frequent changes in the control of provincial affairs would be found beneficial. We think the occasions rare indeed, when it will be found desirable to continue either party in power for a longer term than ten years without a break. But in these matters the people must have their way and if the majority in Ontario choose to maintain the Liberal control of their affairs for even half a century, no one outside the Province can find any reasonable objection to urge against the action.

Manitoba has now a factory in which native grown beets are being made to produce an excellent quality of syrup.

The Monetary Times mentions the names of 27 college graduates who are connected with the Canadian newspaper press. The list is a fine one and contains not a few notable names. And yet there are some rather notable omissions, among them being the Doctor of Laws and two M. A.'s who are editors of three leading dailies in St. John, not to mention many others.

It is gratifying to note that for the first time in a long period there has been a decrease in the death-rate from cancer in London. The cause of the rapid increase in mortality from this source, which has more than doubled within the past fifty years, is one which has entirely puzzled the medical and scientific world. Various theories have been set up only to be afterward abandoned as untenable. At one time vaccination was blamed, at another time the eating of meat, notably pork, but these causes would hardly account for the remarkable increase at the particular time when it occurred, of a malady which has afflicted the world for centuries.

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