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WHY MR. CAMPBELL WAS ELECTED.

Sir,—Some of the petty office holders and slavish supporters of the Liberal party are greatly chagrined over the election of Hon. Wm. Campbell in the First District of Queen's, and are putting forward all kinds of silly excuses and absurd reasons for Dr. Robertson's defeat. One of these gentlemen (?) who signs himself Norman, has actually rushed into print and gives vent to his pent-up feelings in the Patriot of the 8th inst. Just listen to what Norman says:

"This was his (Mr. Campbell's) canvass throughout. It makes no difference at this election, it will not change the Government though I be elected. You may as well give me your support. Well, if you can't support me, at least stay at home," and Norman adds "many being lousy at the harvest thought it made no difference and stayed at home."

It is surprising that any person could be found in the First District of Queen's so lost to all sense of shame and public decency as to send to any respectable journal such an absurd untruthful statement as the one just quoted. And what are the facts regarding Mr. Campbell's canvass. It is well known to every elector in the First District, that at every meeting during the campaign, Mr. Campbell vigorously denounced the Government for its broken promises, its corrupt and extravagant expenditures, its annual deficits and enormous increase of the public debt, as well as for its barefaced boodling and jobbery. Nor did he forget to tell the people, if they elected him that he would do all in his power to overthrow the most corrupt and extravagant government that ever ruled the destinies of this Province. Where was "Norman" that he did not hear. Truly there are none so deaf as those who have ears to hear and will not hear. "Norman" being a good Liberal, I presume, reads the Guardian, Patriot and Pioneer. Now, what action did these journals take during the campaign and what did they advise their Liberal friends to do? Did not the Christian, independent, Guardian open the ball with a bitter personal attack on Mr. Campbell in the hope of lessening his chances of election? Did not the Patriot tell its Liberal friends that "the contest was a political one and not a question of farmers or doctors." Did it not tell them that Dr. Robertson "stood for the same political principles as did Hon. Mr. Warburton and does Hon. Mr. Sinclair?" Did it not call upon all good Liberals to rally around the Government candidate and return the doctor with a handsome majority to help galvanize into life Premier Farquharson's Government. The Pioneer, in its cracked voice, piped the same tune and all three journals predicted a glorious victory for the Government on the 31st of August. Surely "Norman" does not mean to insinuate that the Liberals of the First District have lost all faith in the oracles of their party. Again, if the Liberal's looked upon Mr. Campbell's election as unimportant, will "Norman" tell us what brought Premier Farquharson, Attorney General McDonald, and Mr. John H. Bell into the District to oppose him. What did the Attorney General say about the issue? What did Premier Farquharson tell the people at the meetings and in his house to house canvass, and what did Mr. John H. Bell tell the electors on the platform and in his meanderings through the District. Simply this, "Mr. Campbell is a determined opponent of the Liberal party; if elected he will wage continual war upon them, and it would be nothing short of a Liberal calamity to elect such a formidable opponent to oppose the Government in its present weak and unfeebled condition." This was the burden of the brilliant trio's song, and they did all in their power and used every means in their power to defeat Mr. Campbell. Mr. Bell went so far as to threaten the district with the wrath and vengeance of Sir Louis Davies if they voted for Mr. Campbell. He said Mr. Campbell was a lifelong opponent of Sir Louis, and he would be morally offended if the 1st District elected Mr. Campbell to oppose the Farquharson Government. He feared that Sir Louis would sulk and be so indignant that he would not allow the Dominion Government to pay the Island one cent of that million dollars that they dangled before the eyes of the people at the last election. Now, according to Norman's showing, the Liberals of the 1st District disregarded the advice of the Guardian, Patriot and Pioneer, laughed at the urgent and frantic appeals of Attorney General McDonald, Premier Farquharson and Mr. John H. Bell, and were not the least awed by the threatened vengeance of Sir Louis, but listened with a willing ear to Mr. Campbell and quietly stayed at home at his bidding. What a wonderful man Mr. Campbell must be, even in Norman's eyes, and what a wonderful influence he must have over the liberal voters. On the other hand what a compliment "Norman" pays to the ability of the Attorney General, Premier Farquharson and Mr. John H. Bell in the 1st District of Queen's. Well may these three snubbed and belittled gentlemen exclaim, "O save us from such friends as Norman." If Norman wishes to know why so many liberals "stayed at home" he may find some of the reasons in the letter signed "Liberal" in the Guardian of the 8th inst. But if he is anxious to know the real cause of the change in the district, I will tell him: It was the unfulfilled promises and broken pledges of the government, their repeated deficits and enormous increase of the public debt, their corrupt and extravagant expenditures, their lowering and degrading the public service by converting every department into a machine to purchase support, together with their bungling, boodling and jobbery. These were the things which the honest independent Liberals of the First District could no longer condone and many of them "stayed at home" disgusted with the party they had so long supported,

while many good Liberals, to their credit be it said, went to the polls and emphasized their disapproval of political jobbery and rascality by voting for Mr. Campbell. Now, Norman says the Conservatives are exulting over their victory. Well, the Conservatives are pleased that their old, tried and faithful representative, Mr. Campbell is again elected by a handsome majority, notwithstanding the influences that were used to defeat him. But it is not the practice of Conservatives to exult over a fallen foe. They have too much respect for Dr. Robertson to exult over his defeat. It was not Dr. Robertson they were fighting, but a corrupt extravagant Government that, in a few years plunged this Province into half a million dollars debt. Many Conservatives as well as Liberals regretted that the doctor allowed himself to become the nominee of the Farquharson Combination at a time when the best men in the Liberal party were withdrawing their support from it. Dr. Robertson was treated courteously, respectfully, by the Conservatives, as he deserved to be, all through the campaign, and the Conservative press refrained from publishing anything calculated to hurt his feelings in the slightest degree. Their treatment of Dr. Robertson in this respect compares favorably with the bitter personal attack made on Mr. Campbell by the Guardian and the mean insinuations of the Patriot, together with the low, squeaky, contemptible tactics of the Liberal canvassers from Premier Farquharson down to bumpkins like "Norman". Nor did the Conservatives on the night of the election howl themselves hoarse, or use any unbecoming, disrespectful language towards Dr. Robertson, as liberals of the Norman stripe would have done if Mr. Campbell had been defeated. "Norman," of course, abhors the use of stimulants at elections; but for a good temperance man, he must have a wonderfully well cultivated, well developed olfactory organ to be able to scent the ardent as far off as Bonshaw. If Prohibition comes around, I would recommend that Premier Farquharson appoint Norman chief of the smuggling detectives as no shebeen still or smuggler's den could exist within a radius of five miles of his well trained proboscis. But, to be serious, men of the Norman type are very little support to any cause, and their silly scribbles in the newspapers only call the attention of the public to the weakness of their party. Therefore I would advise Norman's friends to look after him and restrain him from again rushing into print and making a fool of himself. In his ravings he makes some incoherent remarks about poetry. Well, if he is a lover of poetry I would recommend him to read and ponder over the lines:

"O wad some power the giftie gie us
To see ourselves as others see us;
It wad frae monie a blunder free us
and foolish notion."

Norman insinuates that he is anxious to unbosom himself in the Patriot. Well, if it is not true he is looking for, some person may take the trouble to unmask him and strip him of the hypocritical cloak which apparently has weighed very heavily on his shoulders of late. In the meantime, as the Premier is said to be an out and out reformer, I would respectfully suggest that he begin with Norman. It might mend his manners a little if Premier Farquharson would lay him across his paternal knee and administer a good sound spanking which he richly deserves. Good-bye Norman mind your p's and q's for I understand the Premier has a rod in pickle for you.

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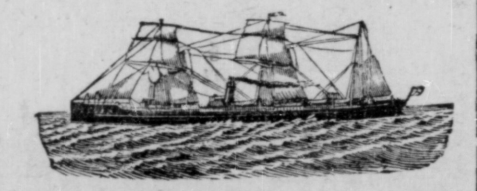
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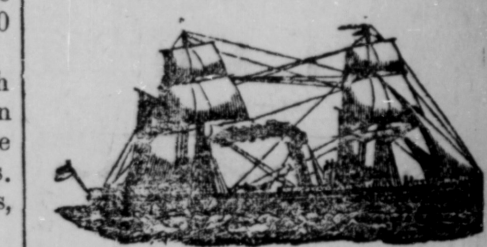
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