

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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Position of the Opposition.

The Oppositionists are counting on another favorable turn of the wheel of public opinion. They are counting without their Leader. Mr. Blake has given way—"caved in"—on the only great question of principle which, at the present time, divides the two parties.

The Opposition Party is now only a faction—vainly striving after office. It is difficult to see how their position can be improved by a change of leaders. Age and a keen sense of the injustice to which he has been compelled to submit by his unfaithful partisans have broken the health and the spirit of the Hon. Alexander MacKenzie.

The National Policy was practically a dead issue. It was the only matter who was at the head of affairs. The manufacturers were expressing every confidence in Mr. Blake's stand on the question.

It is evident that Mr. Mowat, clever as he is, can never rally the free traders and will never attempt to do so.

Then, what successful leader can the Opposition hope to obtain? Mr. Laurier is out of the question. A man of poetic mind would not do for a political leader; and even the Grits of Ontario would refuse to follow the lead of a pro-Rielite!

Mr. Mills and Mr. Vail and Mr. M. C. Cameron, (familiarily known as Ananias) might be eligible, but they are all among the fallen. Mr. Charlton is too cold to make a successful leader, and moreover he hasn't sufficient ability; and Mr. L. H. Davies is too hot and hasty—he lacks discretion as well as knowledge.

Mr. Pater-son is a fluent speaker—only that and nothing more. Looking over the whole field, we see no man in the Opposition Party who can, as leader, hope to obtain the support and confidence of a majority of the people of Canada.

Retributive justice has overtaken with vengeance the Party which sacrificed Mr. Mackenzie!

It seems certain that Liberal-Conservatives will occupy the Treasury Benches throughout the present term of five years; and that, unless they commit some great blunder in the meantime, they may look forward with confidence to another renewal of their lease of office in 1892.

The many friends of Alexander Hayden, Esq., J. P., will learn with regret of his death, which occurred at his residence yesterday. Mr. Hayden was born in Charlottetown, in September, 1821, and was a son of Alexander Hayden, also of Charlottetown. He did business at Cranberry Point up to about twenty-seven years ago, when he removed to Charlottetown, where he has resided ever since.

In December, 1853, he married Margaret Hinson, daughter of the late James Moore, Esq. He had six children—four daughters and two sons. Mr. Hayden was one of the pioneer Justices of the Peace, having been appointed to that position in 1859. To his bereaved widow, family and friends we tender our sympathy.

The Patriot pleads as a set-off to the fact that it misled the people of Prince Edward Island, the fact that it was right about the result here. This won't do! The Patriot is guilty of having persistently and continuously represented that the Grit Party were in favor of Free Trade, after their Leader had distinctly stated that he would maintain the National Policy.

Mr. Conroy, of Souris, is asked by the Patriot to pardon its scurrilous attacks upon him. Mr. A. C. Shaw, who was bitterly assailed in the columns of the Patriot, and against whom the

High Sheriff was appealed to, is now told that his conduct as Returning officer at New Haven last Tuesday was perfectly fair and impartial. We are glad to see these glimmers of contrition, and hope our contemporary will continue to make amends for its transgressions.

The Patriot's figures for the First and Third Districts of Queen's County are incorrect; and the exultation over the result in the Third District might, in view of the facts, have been spared. The change in the vote for Fort Augustus is not due to a change in the sentiments of the electors, at least to any appreciable extent; add the 120 Conservative electors whose names are not recorded, and the Distr ct will be found nearly as strongly Liberal-Conservative as heretofore.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Sixty lives were lost in the recent floods in Brisbane, Queensland.

It is reported Ras Aloula demands 100,000 thalers ransom for the Italian prisoners.

Petitions asking for the repeal of the Scott Act are being prepared in Glengarry, Ont.

It pays to advertise. A Rockford, Ill., man advertised for a wife and got one worth \$10,000.

Five European Governments have applied to English firms for tenders for supplying several million cartridges.

The death is announced of Prince Czartoryski, who was prominent in Austria in 1863, and afterwards in Germany.

The Queen has asked Lord Dufferin to convey to the people of India her warmest thanks for their manifestation of loyalty.

An Austria inn-keeper and his wife have been arrested for committing a series of eleven murders extending over eleven years.

Missing settlers, dead cattle and suffering for want of food and fuel are consequences of the blizzards of the Western States.

Several wild bulls broke loose in the city of Mexico on Tuesday while being driven through the city and killed a number of persons.

Mr. Samuel Watson, of Amherst Island, Ont., fell from a load of hay one day last week, struck on the back of his neck, and was instantly killed.

French and German government agents are visiting fairs in the north of England making large purchases of horses suitable for military purposes.

A man in Seymour Township, Ont., has deserted a wife and sixteen children and eloped with a woman who left behind a husband and four children.

It is said that the Czar gets up every morning with war in his heart, but after he has had about four witski cocktails gentle peace begins to spread her wings.

A young man named Merrit Stevens, of Theford, Ont., while handling a revolver one day recently shot himself in the forehead and died very shortly afterward.

It cost the United States Government \$32,000 to rig up the Statue of Liberty with an electric light apparatus. The old gal is almost as extravagant as if she employed a milliner and a tailor.

Wm. Higgins, of Woodstock, Ont., accidentally shot himself last week. The bullet went directly through his heart, yet he lived for twenty minutes and was able to explain how the accident happened.

Michael Davitt, of Harbor Springs, Mich., recently cut a tree near that place that had an axe imbedded in it, covered with concentric growths that indicated that the axe was welded and thrust into the tree 100 years ago.

A Brussels despatch says: At Marchiennes-on-Pont last week two immense fly wheels in the Brisson rolling mills flew into fragments, totally wrecking the works. Thirty-five workmen were injured, 3 of whom have since died.

Mr. John Terry, aged 84 years, attended service in the Methodist church at Clarenceville, Que., on Sunday week; in the evening he ate a good supper and retired in his usual health. Next morning he was found placidly in his bed dead.

The bait bill has finally passed the Newfoundland legislature, and Sir Ambrose Shea and Premier Thorburn have left for England to interview the Imperial government upon the subject. They will also represent Newfoundland at the Imperial and Colonial conference.

In the event of a war in Europe Germany would require 400,000 horses; France, 375,000; Austria, 200,000 and Russia, 400,000. Should there be a war therefore, the powers would require 1,395,000 horses to begin with, and more from time to time as the horses should be killed or used up in service. England has no more horses than she needs.

Chapman's hotel, Pugwash, had a narrow escape from being entirely consumed by fire on Wednesday morning. Owing to some negligence, some old clothes came in contact with the stove pipe, and only after great exertion and prompt action on the part of a number of young men was the house saved. The damage was considerable. No insurance.

The bodies of five persons—a man, woman and three children—were taken from a cave in the Badlands of Dakota by a miner, and have been forwarded to St. Paul, Minn. The bodies are simply dried up, are not petrified, and are in a remarkable state of preservation. Scientific men say they belong to a race which existed two thousand years ago. The wretched family will be sent to the Smithsonian institute.

An English paper gives an account of a new munition which is being adopted by the German Army, and which is about to be manufactured under British patent rights at Millwall. The bullet is partly of lead and partly of steel, and is said to have a great penetrative power, and it is urged from the barrel by compressed powder. The new cartridge will keep for any length of time without deterioration and with safety, for the explosive portion need not be attached to them until they are required for use.

THE ELECTION.

CONCERNING THE RESULT.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS!

A MODERATE MAJORITY BEST.

Writing on the 22nd, while the election was in progress, the Montreal Star said:—"We are numbered among those who believe that it will be better for Canada if the party obtaining power has only a good working majority large enough to ensure a consistent, permanent policy without the worry attending a sense of insecurity, but not large enough to make the Government reckless in asking for appropriations or undertaking new schemes requiring large expenditures of money. The Government's majority is too large, the temptation of the politicians is to become over-confident and neglect the interests of the people, or at all events to act with less consideration for the welfare of all sections of the people. On the other hand, if the majority is too small the politicians are apt to be so busy trying to form new alliances by bribing doubtful members that they have little thought for measures to develop the resources of the country and maintain the national credit. For these reasons we trust that whichever party is successful in this election will have a majority large enough to ensure a permanent government for the next five years, but small enough to make them respectful to their masters, the Canadian people, to whom they owe everything."

WHAT OUR NEIGHBORS THINK.

The Union Advocate, of Chatham, says: In Prince Edward Island the people have decided that they do not want a railway or other expenditures of Dominion funds by going solid against the Government, having returned six members in Opposition.

The same paper says: "We gave the electors of Northumberland more credit for independence and intelligence than to allow themselves to be bargained for and bought and sold as they have been by the political firm of Snowball and Mitchell, but the course of lying and misrepresentation indulged in by the Grit press, led by that most rabid one of all, the Montreal Herald, owned by Mr. Mitchell, and which, as stated by Mr. Adams on the hustings, 'has been a curse to the people of this County,' where it has been distributed broadcast, misleading the people on public questions of the day and leading them by fallacious arguments and lying misrepresentations to support the owner of that paper in preference to a resident of the County. The majority has, however, decided that Mr. Mitchell shall represent her, and we wish them joy in their bargain, and can only express the wish that the county may not have cause to regret that it has come to such a decision."

A STORY OF CORRUPTION.

The Quebec Chronicle relates the following anecdote: "The stories of corruption are many, but one more only need be told. An incorruptible constituent promised to vote for Mr. McGreevy. He was known to be a Conservative from principle. A canvasser approached him from the other side, and offered him five dollars to vote for Mr. McGreevy,—really the man of his choice. This looked like a joke to him, but a wiser friend, who saw through the little game, rushed up and told him not to take the money, as if he did, he would be sworn at once when in the polling station and his vote would be at once lost to his political friend. All sorts of tricks were indulged in."

ANOTHER ELECTION.

The Toronto News (Ind.) says the Conservatives have been successful in redeeming twenty seats formerly held by their opponents, and the Liberals (including in that term Nationalists and bleu bolters) who will probably support the Government on most questions have changed the political complexion of thirty-eight seats. Another general election may be looked for at no distant date.

POETIC JUSTICE.

The Quebec Chronicle says:—Sir John returns to power with a decreased majority it is true, but it may confidently be expected that by the time Parliament meets, his majority will reach the snug figures of forty or so. The elections, to be held in Gaspe, Algoma, British Columbia and the North-West Territories may be relied on to go in favor of the Government. The Liberals made a gallant fight, but the superior tactics of the Conservatives early discomfited them, and they were defeated. We hear of a large amount of money having been employed by the Liberals to corrupt the electors. This money is said to have come from Chicago. The electors took the cash probably from the bribers, and then voted as they pleased. This, they did as a sort of poetic justice. The fight fought out last Tuesday was a stubborn one in every respect, but it was well fought and the result demonstrated clearly that this country is still Conservative, is still in favor of the National Policy, and is still friendly in the strongest manner possible to Sir John Macdonald.

A DISAPPOINTMENT.

The Toronto Globe says: "It is probable, however, that the influence of the government in the Territories and in British Columbia will secure to the party in power a small majority. The result is certainly a disappointment to the Liberals."

HOW IT WORKED IN ST. JOHN.

The Sun, commenting on the result in St. John, says:—"We speak what every ward worker on both sides knows to be true, when we say that the great bulk of the purchasable vote in St. John, be it much or little, was cast for Messrs. Ellis, Weldon and Skinner, and that the electors who were in public employ and were coerced into voting were not threatened on behalf of the government but of the opposition. Every man who is posted in election matters knows that the most uncertain vote is the vote of public employes at all times and under all governments. But while the vote of office holders was divided, that of the office seekers was solid for the opposition. The Grit candidates had promised a clean sweep of Tory office holders, from the post office to the railway switch. There were probably two hundred prospective official at the Institute to hear the election returns on Tuesday night. When Wednesday morning dawned they laid aside their official robes, buried their staves, and took

up the burden of life again. The mistake of calculation was pardonable, but its results are bad for St. John."

The Chignecto Post says: "It is to be regretted that St. John has fallen out of line with the party of progress, and that P. E. Island has chosen to be isolated politically as well as geographically, but taken altogether the results are fairly gratifying to all true friends of Canada and honest government."

THE SITUATION.

The St. John Sun says:

"The exact situation cannot be given until after the elections take place in British Columbia and the territories. Sir John may have a majority of forty-five, and it may be as low as thirty. In any case it will be as large as needed. Outside of the districts affected by the Riel agitation Sir John is as strong as ever. The loss of support because of the course of the government in this Riel matter may be regretted, but every true friend of the government and of the country will prefer to have it so rather than that an ignoble sacrifice of principle should have been made to retain political support. The sober second thought of the French speaking people will bring them out all right in the long run, and the Government stands to gain in Quebec, where already a majority is secured. It is a great thing to have the administration of affairs in the hands of men of firmness whom the clamor of the crowd excited to evil cannot bend from their purpose. The great body of the people feel this and they have made it possible for future governments to act justly and live."

DIED.

In this city, on the 26th inst., Ava Irene, infant daughter of Thomas A. and Aggie McLean, aged 10 weeks.

[Funeral to-morrow at 2 p. m. by sleighs to Sherwood Cemetery.]

Fell asleep in Jesus, Sunday, 27th Feb., of Adenia, Alexander Hayden, Esq., aged 63.

[Funeral from late residence to People's Cemetery, at 2:30 p. m., Wednesday, 2nd March.]

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REV. JAS. CARRUTHERS

will deliver the 6th Lecture of the course, on TUESDAY EVENING next, March 1st, at 8 o'clock, in ST. JAMES' HALL.

SUBJECT—The Queen—as Wife, Mother and Widow. Admission, 15 cents. ALBERT E. MORRISON, Secretary.

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LECTURE

REV. DR. O'RYAN, Professor of Philosophy, of St. Dunstan's College, will deliver a Lecture in the

LYCEUM,

—ON— MONDAY, the 28th Inst.

SUBJECT: "CHRISTIANITY AND ITS FOUNDATION." The subject will be treated from a purely non-sectarian standpoint.

Proceeds to go towards purchasing a Piano for the College. Doors open at 7 p. m.; Lecture to commence at 8. Admission, 15 cts.; Reserved seats, 2 cts. Tickets for sale at Reddin's Drug Store and Diamond Book Store. Feb. 23—21

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THE Annual Meeting of said Company will be held at the office of Messrs. Palmer & McLeod, on WEDNESDAY EVENING, 9th March, at 8 p. m.

GEO. R. BEER, Secretary. Feb. 28, 1887—eod 11 date

Household Furniture

AT AUCTION.

I AM instructed by Mr. James Ballem to Sell by Auction, at his residence, Kent Street, on THURSDAY, the 3rd March, 1887, his Household Furniture, consisting in part of, 1 Parlor Set (in hair cloth), 1 Dining-room Set, 5 Bed-room Sets, Kitchen Furniture, Crockery ware, &c., 1 Kitchen Stove (Charles model), nearly new, 1 Parlor Stove, Carpets, Oilcloth, &c. This Furniture is all nearly new, having been only three months in use.

A. H. B. MACGOWAN, Auctioneer. Feb. 28—11 sale

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