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WEST PRINCE.

ALL advices from West Prince point to the election of Mr. Hackett. It is certain that Mr. Hackett will have the support of by far the larger number of those who attended the nomination at Alberton; and the feeling exhibited at Alberton on nomination day is believed to be representative of the feeling of the district as a whole.

While Mr. Hackett is generally respected, a good many Liberals are said to be dissatisfied with the candidature of Mr. McLellan. Their dissatisfaction is heightened, too, by the intimation openly resorted to by the Liberal canvassers. Independent Liberal voters do not like to hear that their friends and neighbors, however humble and poor, are being openly threatened with loss of work and loss of property if they should dare to vote for Mr. Hackett in preference to Mr. McLellan; and so they are inclined to teach Mr. McLellan and his friends a lesson. But it is, of course, possible that the party whip will be snapped to some purpose on election day, and that other persuasives may be used to bring dissatisfied Liberals up to the sticking point of voting for Mr. McLellan.

The reply of the Minister of Marine to Mr. Martin, a few days ago, has opened the eyes of a good many independent voters who know the facts. It was stated by the Minister that an inspector had not been appointed for the work on Tignish breakwater, because the work had not yet been begun. The fact is that about a third of the work is done,—and no inspector is appointed! The contractor is working his own sweet will in regard to the breakwater, and is, of course, making all the votes he can for the Liberal candidate, while the Government does not know that the work is even begun!

It is fortunate for the Liberal Conservatives that electors have the ballot and can vote as they please, independently of the diabolical arts and practices of the powers that be at Ottawa and Tignish; and it is significant that L'Impartial is strongly opposed to Mr. McLellan and enthusiastically favorable to the candidature of Mr. Hackett.

THE SCENE IS CHANGED.

Judging by the summary reports we have seen, the Minister of Finance, when delivering the budget speech, dealt in the most gingerly manner with certain points in Canadian Finance which were, erstwhile, considered to be of prime importance. When the Liberals were in opposition they passed, in convention, at Ottawa, the following resolution:

"We cannot but view with alarm the large increase of the public debt and of the controllable annual expenditure of the Dominion, and the consequent undue taxation of the people, and we demand the strictest economy in the administration of the Government of the country."

Let us look to the record in regard to expenditure, taxation and debt, the increase of which was so alarming to the Liberals. As to expenditure, we find,—

Expenditure, 1895-96.....\$36,949,142
Expenditure, 1896-97..... 38,349,750

Increase.....\$ 1,400,608

That is to say, the expenditures of the Government have been, in one year, enlarged by our economical Liberals by nearly a million and a half. The lesser expenditure of the late Government was "alarming"; but the greater expenditure of the present Government is regarded by our Liberals—at least by those in office—with perfect equanimity.

As to taxation, this is the record,
Taxation, 1894-95.....\$25,446,198
Taxation, 1895-96..... 27,759,285
Taxation, 1896-97..... 28,648,626

Thus it is shown that the taxes paid by the people amount to \$3,202,428 more in the first full year of Liberal rule than they did in the year in which the convention was held at which taxation was viewed with alarm, and \$889,341 more than it was in 1895-96! Yet there is no liberal alarm now.

Lastly, as to the debt, the report shows,—
Debt, 1896.....\$258,494,432
Debt, 1897..... 261,538,496
Increase.....\$ 3,044,164
the interest charged has been increased by \$115,000 a year. But on the other hand there is to be a cut in the interests paid on Savings Bank deposits, our thrifty saving people receiving only 2½ per cent for their money instead of 3½ per cent! So the alarm of the Liberals and their Financial Minister has given place to confidence and happiness.

So far we have,—
Increased debt.....\$3,044,164
Increased interest.....115,000
Increased expenditure.....1,400,608

Increased taxation.....889,341
Deficit.....519,972
But the arms of our Liberal Leaders at Ottawa, with \$8,000 or \$9,000 each per year, has given place to easy indifference and composure.

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

It will have been observed that a special standing committee has been appointed by the Legislature to take into consideration matters "pertaining to agriculture." The duties of this committee will be, this season, of more than ordinary importance. For several years back the Legislature voted, for exhibition purposes, some \$6,000 annually. This year a new arrangement, or a vote covering this or a larger grant, will be in order. The general opinion among leading exhibitors is that the example of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, last year, should be followed by this Province next autumn. That is to say, there should be one grand gathering of exhibits from the whole Province, to be held at the Provincial Exhibition grounds in Charlottetown, and that an arrangement should be made between the railway department and a special committee, to be appointed by the Government, to equalize as far as possible, the expenses incurred by exhibitors from east and west. This Provincial Exhibition to be open to competition to exhibitors from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, as were their exhibitions to the people of this Province last year. We hope that effort will not be spared to obtain the Dominion Government grant in aid of such an exhibition.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN ?

The Dominion Government proposed last session to pay a \$100,000 a year out of school fund to the Manitoba government. A few days ago, the Finance Minister gave notice of an amendment, making the amount for this year \$200,000. What is the meaning of this change? Some new "deal" in the wind!

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—The United States and Spain are now, apparently, in the attitude of two boxers in the ring, not quite ready to close, and sparring for time.

—While Christendom is celebrating the triumph of the Prince of Peace, Christendom is armed to the teeth, and in imminent expectation of war.

—Higher taxes on sugar! The manufacturers are pleased. But what about the people who were led to expect continuous advances towards free trade?

—A Halifax merchant says: "As far as can be gathered, the new tariff although it is not all that the refiners would like to have had in the way of protection, is still partly satisfactory to them, as well as to West Indian merchants."

—The common habit of crossing the legs at the knees when sitting is earnestly protested against, by a writer quoted in The Health Magazine. It is claimed that this habit is at least one cause of cold feet, headache, varicose veins, ulcers and other troubles due to poor circulation in the lower limbs. The reason of this lies in the fact that just under the knee, where the greatest pressure comes in this position, there are large veins, arteries and nerves, whose walls are pressed together, thus interfering more or less with the circulation and the sensation. If the doctors keep on we will learn that it is dangerous to breathe.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—It was pointed out at the Navy department yesterday, that an advantage will accrue to the United States by a short postponement of radical action, since it will insure the safety of recently purchased war ships, the delivery of ordnance material now afloat, and the departure from what would be neutral ports, of several other vessels recently acquired for the navy.

PAUL THE CRIPPLE.—Don't fail to see Paul the Cripple at the Opera House Easter Monday night by St. Dunstan's College Dramatic Club. Proceeds in aid of New Cathedral.

Our special millinery opening days are Friday and Saturday, April 15th and 16th. Drop in and see samples of expert work by our Miss McKeiver.—Moore & McLeod.

The citizens of Calais, Maine, are circulating a petition to have the city bell ring at 9 o'clock each evening, when all young people under the age of 16 years must be in their respective homes, unless accompanied by a guardian.

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DOMINION ALLIANCE.

Interesting Meeting on Thursday—

The Officers Elected.

The Executive committee of the P. E. Island branch of the Dominion Alliance had a meeting in the Y. M. C. A. Hall on Thursday morning, at which the conduct of the approaching plebiscite campaign was discussed. The matter of the circulation of temperance literature was considered and it was decided to forward sample copies to the Island clergy of all denominations for examination, and make enquiry as to their willingness to make weekly distribution of same during the campaign if the Alliance will provide the leaflets.

The matter of finances was left to the discussion of the convention.

The committee meeting was presided over by Alex. Horne, Esq., President of the Alliance.

At two o'clock the Convention was called to order by the President. The report of the executive was received and adopted and a collection was taken to defray expenses of literature to carry out the scheme of the executive.

The prohibition plebiscite was then discussed and the following resolution was unanimously adopted and ordered to be forwarded to Ottawa:

"That this Branch of the Dominion Alliance now in session assembled, respectfully protest against the government submitting the question of prohibition to plebiscite, accompanying it with any other issue."

The election of officers was then proceeded with. The election resulted as follows:—

President—Alex Horne (re-elected)
Vice Pres—for Queen's, D P Irving.
Vice Pres—for Prince, David Rogers.
Vice Pres—for King's, Rev Wm Phelan.
Secretary—J E Matthews.
Treas—A W Sterne.

Executive Committee—the above officers and Revs. John Goldsmith, and E C Corey, and Messrs James Carruthers, John Anderson, A D Fraser, R C Goff and Mrs (Dr) Johnson, Mrs L Pook, and Mrs Chas Matheson.

The amendments to the Scott Act to be brought before the Federal government by F McLure, M P, of Nova Scotia were referred to by the G Scribe of the S of T and the following resolution carried unanimously.

That this branch of the Dominion Alliance do hereby endorse the proposed amendments to the C T A as placed before parliament by Mr. F. McLure, M P, and would deem them very helpful in enforcing the Act.

It was on motion decided that the next meeting of this Alliance be called by circular letter.

After an informal discussion regarding the liquor bill that is to come before the Provincial Legislature the convention adjourned.

In the evening at eight o'clock a rousing public meeting was held at which the matter of prohibition was interestingly and eloquently discussed by Mr James E Birch, M L A, and J T Mellish, Esq. David Rogers, Esq. Vice President for Prince County of the Alliance, presided and also made a fitting address, after the meeting had been opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Emory. During the evening there was partising and a vocal by Miss Stentford. The attendance was large.

Business in Great Britain.

The aggregate gross receipts from Imperial and local taxes for the fiscal year, which ended on March 31st, were £116,016,314, or £3,817,767 more than the receipts for 1896-97. The total amount constitutes a record. The chief increases were as follows: Customs, \$542,734; excise, £900,256; estate, duties, £1,364,661; stamps, £360,000; property and income tax, £600,000; telegraphs and post office, £410,000.

There were fewer applications than usual for new capital during the month of March, but the Chinese loan brings the total amount offered to the public to nearly £16,500,000. This makes the total for the first quarter of 1898 nearly £40,000,000, the biggest in many years.

The ship building boom is unprecedented, as can be gauged from the figures of the Clyde Bank, where 40,000 tons were turned out in March for 120,000 tons, and the work now on hand and ordered totals up 625,000 tons, almost double the whole output of 1897.

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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

THURSDAY, April 7.
The House met this afternoon at three o'clock and adjourned until Tuesday next at ten o'clock.

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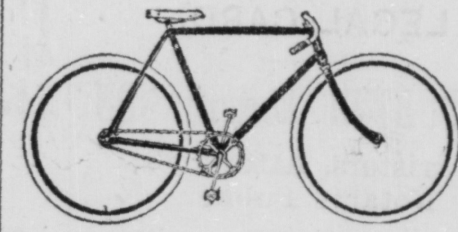
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TUESDAY,

May 3rd, at 12 o'clock,

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A portion of the purchase money may remain secured on the premises. Terms at sale.

E. H. NORTON, Auctioneer

TENDERS.

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned will be received at this office until Tuesday next, the 12th inst., from persons willing to contract for cleaning off cement from the outside walls of the Merchants Bank of P. E. I., building, also from persons willing to paint the outside of said building. Specifications to be seen at this office.

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