

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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THE BYE-ELECTION.

The Opposition in the First District of Queen's County have promptly taken up the gauge so gleefully thrown down by the Government Party. Hon. William Campbell has been nominated to contest the election with Dr. Robertson. That is to say, a farmer well known throughout the district is pitted against a professional man who is not so well known. We have no desire to excite jealousies between farmers and professional men. All have their rightful place in the community, and a right to fair representation in the Legislature. But we say emphatically that the candidature of Dr. Robertson ought to put the farmers upon their mettle. The representation of professional and business men in the ranks of the Government Party of the Province is already out of proportion to the representation of farmers; and we are greatly surprised that a Liberal convention should have made the mistake of putting another professional man in the field when there are so many intelligent, well-informed, progressive and able farmers available. Will it be said that our farmers are not fit to sit in the Legislature under the Leadership of the Hon. Donald Farquharson? We know of nothing essential to representative in the Legislative Assembly in which many of the farmers of the First District of Queen's County are deficient or inferior to professional men; and we maintain that it will be well for the Province when the proportion of farmers in the Legislature shall have been increased. It is clear, at all events, that if there had been a larger proportion of practical and independent farmers in the Legislature, within the past six or seven years, almost every department of Government would not have been grossly mismanaged, and that the Province would not now be weighed down by a debt of half a million of dollars.

The Patriot reports that the hall in which the Liberal convention was held was "crowded with electors drawn thither by their enthusiasm and glee." It must be evident to every thoughtful man that the "enthusiasm and glee" are ill-timed and only to be accounted for upon the principle which actuated Nero to fiddle while Rome was burning. The state of this Province is such as to engage the serious attention of every patriotic elector; and the tendency continues to be from bad to worse. Something must be done to correct existing conditions, or the Province will ere long be involved in ruin. Direct taxation has been fastened upon us. The struggle now will be to prevent the loss of our Provincial independence. This is no laughing matter—nothing to be glee about, nor is this the proper time for a display of Liberal enthusiasm; and we greatly mistake the temper of the farmers of the first district of Queen's County, if they fail to show, in the approaching bye election, that they appreciate the gravity of the situation.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—It is hardly possible that the Maritime Board of Trade has done anything so utterly foolish as that which is reported in our despatches of today.

—It must be admitted that the Government of this Province needs a physician—its in a bad way! But we fear that the Government's case is beyond the skill of Dr. Robertson.

—The Grand Worthy Patriarch had no chance in the Liberal Convention. The gleeful spirits of the party caused them to neglect the head of a temperance order and a farmer, and to nominate Dr. Robertson!

—Mr Erastus Wiman in an interview as to the Quebec conference, he says that a wonderful change has taken place in the views of the American people toward Canada. Their vision has been widened and broadened by the war, and the present agitation for better relations with Canada comes at a most opportune time. He is in receipt of many letters from Americans upon the advisability of bettering these relations, and has been engaged in sending out literature on the subject, which has gone to all parts of the country.

—The Spanish nation, it is said, is not seeking a scapegoat. Spain recognizes that she has herself to blame, and that the colonies have impoverished instead of enriched her. With this way of thinking it is not surprising that the movement to bring Columbus' bones from Havana does not flourish. It is argued that Spain ought to have expanded along the northern coast of Africa which is no longer open to her. The lower classes are permeated with a spirit of fatalistic resignation. In Madrid a few nights ago the poor people celebrated an annual noturnal rite with undiminished gaiety.

May be your size is still among those half-priced shirt waists. If so you'd better hurry.—Moore & McLeod.

THE PLEBISCITE CAMPAIGN.

Opening Meeting in the Opera House.

The campaign for prohibition has been well opened in this city by Mr. Buchanan. His addresses in the Opera House yesterday were stirring; and the attendance in the evening represented all classes of the community. In the course of his address Mr. Buchanan emphasized the fact that the plebiscite gave no opportunity for any other division of the people than the straight issue between prohibitionists and anti-prohibitionists. All friends of the reform were bound by the character of the question to vote "yea," and to lend their aid to the achievement of a victory for the sound principle. Mr. Buchanan also argued that no tributary question such as that of revenue, enforcement, or compensation was involved. The plebiscite was taken merely and solely to ascertain the opinion of the people upon prohibition. When a responsible administration came to the task of legislating, or making the law, then the Parliament would have to face these subsidiary questions, but they were not germane to the present issue. The man who recognized intemperance as a great evil, who believed that the liquor traffic produced and sustained the evil, and that the proper attitude of the Government to a traffic which produced and sustained evil, was to interdict and prohibit it, was bound by every consideration of common sense to vote "yea" on the ballot. Prohibitionists, Mr. Buchanan said, had so much faith in the righteousness of their cause and in their ability to establish it in the face of all opponents, that they were delighted to find the opportunity of meeting this opposition, and could be depended upon to turn the present occasion to the best possible account, in making and strengthening public opinion for the final struggle of concretizing sentiment into legislation and administration. The anti-prohibitionists would put up the battle at three points mainly; 1st, that prohibition was an arbitrary invasion of personal liberty; 2nd, that the public chest could not stand the strain of the loss to revenue which would follow the enactment of such a law; 3rd, that it could not be enforced. The first of those Mr. Buchanan dealt with at some length, making a forcible argument; the latter two points will be dealt with this evening.

Montreal Gazette: There is a New York discussion going on as to whether the name "Old Glory," applied to the United States flag, is like the air of the United States National Anthem, taken from the British. One writer, in a New York paper, says the Union Jack has been thus designated for two hundred years, a time longer than the existence of the Stars and Stripes. If the Yankees like the name, however, British people might well be willing that they should have a monopoly of it. It is a somewhat boastful appellation for a national ensign, and is really not often used by British people to designate the national standard, which, in a good many regiments is appropriately, and lovingly, alluded to as "the rag."

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Valuable Ware.

At the Saveton sale, in London, a few years ago, a service of old Sevres ware was sold for \$5,000. The genuineness of this set was proved by certificates issued to the owners by the French Government, writes F. Vizetelly in Godey's. But by far the most valuable service turned out at the Sevres pottery (in 1778) was made for the Czarina Catherine II of Russia and consisted of 745 pieces, which cost \$65,630.

The Sevres ware, old or modern, is usually light in color and daintily decorated with flowers or figure subjects tastefully arranged. The porcelain itself, although of good texture, is inferior to that of the English potteries. Decorated pieces generally bear pictorial panels on white ground, surrounded by frames of gilt scrollwork. These, as well as the tableware, are quite in keeping with the national character. Although the Sevres works are still in operation, they are kept busy in copying ancient Chinese and Japanese models instead of increasing their reputation in the manufacture of the wares which made them famous.

Blew Off the Fly.

"I was once speaking at a temperance meeting in Green Bay," says ex-Governor Peck of Milwaukee, "and in the course of my remarks I looked about for some water. A mug had been placed beside me, and how it could have happened at a temperance convention I do not know, but it was a beer mug filled with water. Well, it was a warm day and where there is convention food spread out on a warm day there are likely to be flies.

"There were flies, and one had lighted trustfully on the surface of the water in that mug. I saw him as I lifted it, and I did the most natural and humane thing I could think of—blew him off the water. Well, they cheered for five minutes. And to this day I suppose you can't persuade a Green Bay man that anybody from Milwaukee can drink a glass of water, even at a temperance convention, without first blowing off the foam."

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I quake not at the thunder's crack; I tremble not at noise of war; I swoon not at the news of wrack, I shrink not at a blazing star; I fear not loss, I hope not gain; I envy none, I none disdain.

I see ambition never pleased; I see some Tantalus starved in store; I see gold's drops seldom eased; I see even Midas gape for more; I neither want nor yet abound—Enough's a feast, content is crowned.

I feign not friendship where I hate; I fawn not on the great (in show); I prize, I praise a mean estate. Neither too lofty nor too low, This, this is all my choice, my cheer—A mind content, a conscience clear.

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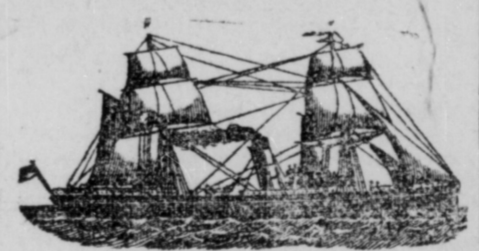
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