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## THE DAILY EXAMINER.

AUGUST 7, 1897.

### THE GOVERNMENT'S BLUNDER.

Good sometimes results from evil actions, and right often follows close upon wrong. So it has happened that the denunciation of the German and Belgian treaties—long and vainly contended for in a legitimate way by the Conservatives of Canada—has proceeded from that which has been condemned by the highest authorities in the British Empire as a mere blunder of the Liberals. It has been decided by the Crown Law Officers of Great Britain that the action of the Canadian Government and Parliament in giving Great Britain preference over Germany and Belgium, and all the nations enjoying the advantage of the most favored nations clause, was wrong and that the Government of Canada must refund to each of those nations the amount of the difference between the duties imposed upon British goods and upon foreign goods,—that is to say 12 1/2 per cent. of the amount collected upon imported goods the products of all those nations. The Government of Canada foolishly took a leap in the dark; and it has been saved from a disastrous fall only by the kindly intervention of Lord Salisbury, Mr. Chamberlain and their colleagues in the British Cabinet. As it is, the refund of twelve and a half per cent. of the duties collected must have a serious effect upon the revenue. That the refund will amount to no small sum is evident from the fact that, in addition to all the goods imported from Belgium and Germany, it will have to be paid on all goods imported from the following countries enjoying the advantage of the Most Favored Nation's Clause, viz:

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| The Arg. Confed.   | Persia              |
| Austria-Hungary    | Portugal            |
| Bolivia            | Russia              |
| Chili              | Sandwich Islands    |
| Colombia           | Siam                |
| Korea              | South African Repub |
| Costa Rica         | Spain               |
| Denmark            | Sweden & Norway     |
| Dominican Republic | Swiss Confederation |
| Liberia            | Tunis               |
| Madagascar         | Uruguay             |
| Morocco            | Venezuela           |
| Muscot             |                     |

All the goods imported from all these countries will, until this time next year, at least, come in at the lower rate of duties imposed upon goods imported from Great Britain. In view of the great and widespread interests involved, and the loss of revenue which must result, it seems a questionable, at first sight, whether Sir Wilfrid and Sir Louis had not better hurry home at once and call a special session of Parliament for the correction of their blunder. But this cannot be done without a breach of the good understanding with Great Britain on the strength of which the treaties were denounced. So the risk to industry and the loss of the revenue must be borne until next year, when a readjustment may be made to meet the altered circumstances of the case.

It is notable that the contention of Sir Charles Tupper, Mr. Foster, Mr. Borden and other Conservatives who took part in the Parliamentary discussion of the tariff last session has been sustained upon every point. This fact must redound greatly to the credit of the Conservative Party which stands, with the Crown Law Officers of Great Britain, for that which is right between nation and nation as well as between man and man. As for Sir Wilfrid, and Sir Louis, and Sir Richard and the other knights and gentlemen who forced the Reciprocity Clause of the tariff through Parliament,—their fame as statesmen went up like a rocket and it has come down as a stick. Only by the lucky determination of the British Government to denounce the treaties—a determination reached as a result of the efforts of Sir Charles Tupper and the Conservatives—have they been saved from one of the most disastrous and ridiculous situations in which a political party was ever placed.

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### SHERIFF M'DONALD'S ACTION.

FURTHER advices from King's County show that Sheriff McDonald's action on Wednesday last in rejecting special votes cast for Mr. Murdoch McKinnon is simply indefensible and if persisted in will be an outrage on the electors of the Fourth District of King's County. It appears that Mr. McKinnon had a majority of votes cast in the district, and that on declaration day the High Sheriff proceeded to count the special votes which had been properly and legally polled. Amongst these, were votes given for Mr. McKinnon. Two of them the Sheriff rejected, and then by counting all the votes given for Mr. Aiken the Liberal candidate, a tie between him and Mr. McKinnon was reached. One of the two rejected special votes polled for the Conservative candidate was rejected on the most flimsy ground that it is possible to imagine. The statute under which special votes are polled gives a form of schedule which the law says shall be "substantially" followed and the first paragraph of that form is as follows:

"That I (the elector) am a British subject by birth (or naturalization) and that I am the of the full age of twenty-one years."

The printer in printing the forms left out the words "by birth or naturalization" in order that each person could insert the words applicable to himself. The voter in the present instance did not fill in how he came to be a British Subject, but simply left the form as the printer put it, and swore that he was a British Subject, without stating by birth. The schedule in all other respects was filled out according to the act and properly delivered to the presiding officer, and the vote was duly recorded by the poll clerk as a vote for Murdoch McKinnon. The Sheriff, notwithstanding all this regularity refused to count the vote on the highly technical ground above mentioned and as a result the Conservative has not been returned as the duly elected member.

As THE EXAMINER stated yesterday, no power is given to the Sheriff to investigate or pass upon the legality of special votes. On the contrary, his duties on Declaration Day are plainly defined and pointed out, and consist merely in the simple and arithmetical duty of recapitulating the votes cast and of adding the special votes transmitted to him, and then in returning as elected the candidate with the majority of votes. Moreover if the sheriff had the power of scrutiny, which he appears to have exercised, the ground upon which the vote was rejected was clearly insufficient. The schedule was "substantially" in the form given by the statute, and that is all the law requires. The voter swore he was a British subject, and the omission to add the words "by birth" is not such an omission as to render the vote not substantially in the form. Surely the sheriff must have overlooked the sections of the law which define his duty as well as the section relating to the special vote schedules, which only requires the form to be substantially followed, which in the present case was certainly done.

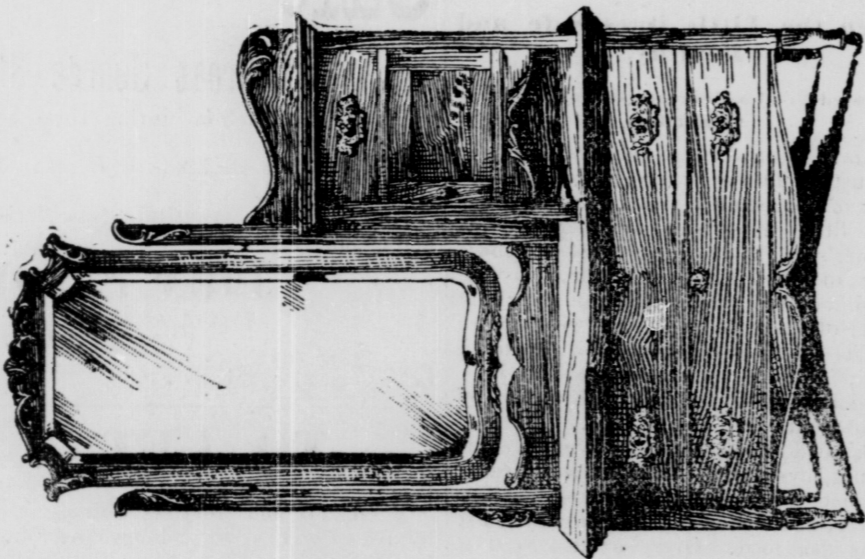
We again ask Sheriff McDonald to return the candidate with the highest number

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of votes as elected. It is not too late for him to add the rejected vote and give Mr. McKinnon, the duly elected candidate, the seat. The sheriff is but a ministerial officer. His duties are clearly defined, and the error that he has committed in neglecting to add the special vote referred to can be rectified by the return of Mr. McKinnon whom the people by a majority of votes have said shall be their representative. Let effect be given to their votes. As for Mr. Aiken, we feel sure that he does not want a seat in the Legislature when a majority of votes, small though it may be, is against him.

### THE SCOTT ACT CONVICTS.

It is to be hoped that a full explanation, and a satisfactory one at that, will be immediately given for the withdrawal of the warrants of commitment against the Scott Act convicts, referred to in our issue of yesterday. The public require this explanation and must have it. The City Marshal, we learn, states that the warrants were called in. If that is so, then those who called them in must explain and justify their action.

The Scott Act is still law, and will be law for some weeks yet. But notwithstanding this we see persons summoned before the Police Court and fined under the Lord's Day Act for selling liquor on Sunday. Why were they not fined under the Scott Act? There appears to be something very queer about the whole matter; for by convicting under the Lord's Day Act the authorities seem to admit that if the sale had taken place on any other day but Sunday it would be all right. This is simply nonsense, for no person outside the vendors and druggists can legally sell liquor in Charlottetown while the Scott Act remains in force. Did the "deal" guarantee immunity from further prosecutions under the Scott Act?

### THE FACT ADMITTED.

ADVICES from Washington state that it is admitted by the authorities there that a careful examination of all the reliable charts and maps, made far enough back to be free from suspicion of influence from the recent heavy gold finds, has convinced the Government officials that so far as the Klondike fields as defined by the latest reports are concerned, there can be no question that they lie east of the 141st meridian, which defines the boundary line, and so are within British territory by about 135 miles at least. As for the meridian itself, it is said that it has been so closely located by the surveyor that here is not at any point a difference of more than 700 feet in the claimed boundary, which, of course, would not substantially affect any controversy that might grow out of the title. The territory in dispute between Canada and the United States lies south of the Klondike.

### ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

Montreal Star: We now know the origin of the Aurora Borealis. It is the reflection on the sky of that Klondike gold.

Toronto Globe: It would be a decided innovation if somebody would advise people to go to the Klondike. Everybody who knows anything of the country advises everybody to keep away, but the stories of yellow metal in abundance have more influence than abstract advice.

St. John Sun: The opposition in parliament contend that the preferential offer of the government conflicted with Great Britain's treaties with Belgium and Germany and that it could not be operative until these treaties were denounced. The government, on the other hand, held that the German and Belgian treaties did not conflict with the minimum tariff programme. The action of Great Britain in denouncing these treaties fully sustains the position taken by Sir Charles Tupper, Mr. Foster and their supporters in the house.

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### DECEIVED THE FARMERS.

(St. John Sun)

Place us in power, said the liberal orators in the last campaign, and we will at once secure a reciprocity treaty with the United States that will make the farmers happy and prosperous. "We can do it, because the American people like us and detest the wicked and arrogant protectionist Tories." And in harping on reciprocity the liberal stump speakers were only reaching the talk of their leaders in parliament. Take the words of Sir Richard Cartwright, for example, uttered from his place on the floor of the commons: "I do not hesitate to say here that as regards any advantage or immediate relief to the farmers of Canada, I know of but one remedy, and that is the obtaining of access on fair and reasonable terms to the markets of the United States."

Deluded by statements like these, many farmers voted for the liberal candidates. The liberal party triumphed at the polls. But the promised reciprocity failed to materialize. In its stead came the erection by the United States of a tariff wall higher than ever before against Canadian farm products.

When Laurier, Tarte and Blair took up the ruling of Canada, the American duty on sheep was 20 per cent. It is now \$1.50 per head.

Wool was then free. It is now taxed 11 to 12 cents per pound. Hides, then free, are now 20 per cent.

Lumber was free. It is now taxed \$2 a thousand.

Potatoes were 15 cents a bushel then. They now pay 25 cents.

Berries were then free. They are now taxed one cent a box, and the duty on apples has been advanced from 20 per cent to 25 cents a bushel.

Lambs were 20 per cent. and are now 75 cents per head. Oats were 20 per cent. and are now 15 cents a bushel.

Milk, formerly free, is now charged 2 cents a gallon, and the duty on butter has been raised from 4 to 6 cents a pound.

The duty on hay and lard has been doubled.

Eggs were 3 cents a dozen. They now pay 5 cents.

Hogs were 20 per cent. They are now \$1.50 per head.

Straw, formerly 15 per cent. is now charged \$1.50 a ton.

Fresh veal, mutton and pork was 20 per cent. and are now 2 cents a pound.

The duty on live poultry has been raised from 2 to 3 cents a pound and on dead poultry from 3 to 5 cents.

The farmers of the maritime provinces as they look over these figures might with profit ask themselves, what further faith can we put in grit promises?

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List of Events.

- 1 mile novice
- 1/2 mile C. W. A. Maritime Championship
- 1 mile (boys under 16)
- 1 mile (250 class)
- 1 mile (C. W. A. Maritime Championship)
- 1/2 mile race
- 3 mile (lap race)
- 2 mile (handicap)
- 5 mile C. W. A. Maritime Championship
- 1 mile Tandem
11. 220 yards flat race
12. 1/4 mile flat race
13. 1/2 mile flat race
14. High jump

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For prospectus and further information, apply to the Rector. 246

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF Cymbria Park Races**  
—TO BE HELD ON—  
**Saturday, August 14th**

Over Cymbria Trotting Park, situated near Oyster Bed Bridge.

The meeting will consist of a

- Two-forty-five-class, purse of \$25.00
- Three-minute class, purse of 20.00
- Green Race, purse of 15.00

In all sixty dollars will be hung out for competition over this beautiful track, where winners may be sure of their money, and all—fair play. The purses will be divided as usual into three parts; 50, 25 and 10 per cent. respectively. Any horse distancing the field entitled to first money only, the remaining horses to finish the race. All races to be mile heats, best three in five to harness, and open to trotters only. Five horses to enter in each class, and three or more to start. Entrance fee 10 per cent. of purse. The first race will be called at 1 o'clock, sharp.

Refreshments and amusements of various kinds will be supplied on the grounds. No liquors allowed at or near the place.

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All communications must be addressed to  
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Cymbria Trotting Park.

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**RACES AT AVONDALE.**

There will be a race for horses in the 238 class and a green race at Prairie Track (one of the best tracks on the Island), Avondale, Lot 49, on THURSDAY, August 19. A liberal purse will be provided.

Refreshments on the grounds. Admission 20 cents; boys half price; ladies free. Races will begin at 1 p. m. sharp.

Entries will close August 15th at 6 p. m. If the day is not favorable the races will be held on the Saturday following.

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