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THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENT AND THE NATIONAL POLICY.

Two years ago the movement which culminated in the adoption of the National Policy, began in the Canadian house of commons. In 1876 Workman's amendment asking for protection to manufacturers was defeated by a majority of fifty-four.

The affirmative vote was sixty-five and the negative vote one hundred and sixteen. Later in the same session Sir John Macdonald moved a resolution expressing regret that the government generally had not been advised to recommend to parliament a measure for a readjustment of the tariff which would afford protection to manufacturers and industries as well as to agriculture.

The motion was lost after several days discussion. The majority was forty-six, the vote being seventy to one hundred and sixteen. In 1877 the subject was again brought up on Mr. Wood's motion that the deficiency in the revenue should be met in part by a readjustment imposing additional duties on such goods and wares as may be produced in Canada, thereby affording increased protection.

The majority against this amendment to the government motion for supply was only thirty-one, twenty-eight members voting for it and one hundred and nine against it.

In 1878 Sir John moved his general resolution for the adoption of a national policy of protection. After a debate which occupied a week the motion was voted down by a majority of thirty-seven; seventy-seven against one hundred and fourteen.

The election of 1878 brought a change of government, and gave Canada a parliament favoring protection for home industries. The National Policy was introduced in 1879. The test vote of the session was taken on the night of April, when Mr. Mackenzie's anti-protection amendment was defeated by a majority of eighty-three. Fifty-three members voted for the amendment and one hundred and thirty-six against it.

At that time it was declared by opposition leaders that the people of Canada would be tired of protection before many years, and would reverse their policy at the next election. Three years went by before another direct vote was taken on the question.

In 1882, the last session of the first protection parliament, the next fight was made. This time the opposition began the policy of moving resolutions condemning particular features of the National Policy, as the flour and coal duties. Mr. Laurier's condemnation of the duty on flour, grain, and coal was defeated on the floor of March by a vote of one hundred and twenty to forty-seven. The majority was greater by one than when proposed two days ago by Mr. Mitchell.

On the fifth of April, Laurier's motion against the sugar duties obtained thirty-five votes against eighty-five—majority forty-nine. On the twenty-sixth Mr. Anglin's condemnation of the tariff on cotton and woolen goods was defeated. For the motion the vote was fifty-two and against it one hundred and eighteen, the majority being sixty-six. A subsequent resolution moved by Mr. Isaac Burpee relating to iron and hardware duties was defeated by forty-seven to one hundred and fourteen, majority sixty-seven.

Meanwhile Mr. Blake, Mr. Cartwright and other leaders were discussing the question in public meetings through the Dominion, educating the people, as they said, against the system. The elections of 1882 were run mainly on the tariff issue, and the government's tariff policy was endorsed by the people.

The only division taken in regard to the question in 1883 was on a motion proposed by Mr. Blake, which was regarded as a test vote. Sixty-five members voted with Blake and one hundred and fifteen against him, the majority being fifty in a large house. This seemed to be a slight falling off in the protectionist majority.

The next direct vote on the tariff issue was taken on Wednesday of this week. Only forty-seven members voted against the government policy, while one hundred and nineteen voted in favor of protection to our agricultural and mining interests. The history of this protection movement for the last ten years is a comfortable subject for the contemplation of the Premier of Canada, the Governor of New Brunswick, and the Liberal Conservative party generally. When a combination of the second and third parties in the Canadian house of commons cannot command more than forty-seven votes against the trade policy of the government, it may be taken for granted that the country is with the ministry on this question at least.

DURING the summer a good deal will be learned as to the possibilities of the Prince Edward Island subsidy scheme. The survey steamer Grinnar was today to commence soundings between Cape Traverser and Cape Tormentine.

THE RELIGIOUS POPULATION OF ULSTER.

A correspondent of THE SUN thinks that Archbishop O'Brien was wrong if he made the statement that more than half the people of Ulster are Roman Catholic. The census of 1881 sustains the view of our correspondent. According to the returns for that year the religious classification was as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Religion and Population. Roman Catholics: 831,784; Protestants: 377,898; Methodists: 184,494; Other denominations: 29,221.

Total: 1,423,397. A Roman Catholic numbered 47.8 per cent. of the population, or a little less than half. In 1861 the Catholic population was 50.5 per cent. of the whole. The Anglicans have considerably increased in relative strength and other Protestant denominations have made small relative gains, but the Roman Catholic have not quite held their own. Whether this is due to Catholic emigration or other causes we do not know, but between 1861 and 1881 some 500,000 persons emigrated from Ulster provinces. Unless some striking change has taken place since 1881, the archbishop was not quite correct if he made the statement credited to him. More than 55 per cent. of the Leinster folk, nearly 94 per cent. of the people of Munster, and over 98 per cent. of the population of Connaught are Catholics. But except in Connaught, a slight falling off in the Roman Catholic proportion has taken place in the past twenty years. Taking Ireland altogether, the Catholic percentage was 77.7 in 1861 and 76.6 in 1881.

"Mr. Costigan having failed to work the Irish Catholic of Ontario in 1882, was sent down to my province," remarked Senator Dwyer in a recent debate. We do not quite know how New Brunswick came to belong any more to Senator Dwyer than to Mr. Costigan. It is true that the Minister of Inland Revenue was not born in the province, but neither was Senator Dwyer. It is true that the senator has sat for New Brunswick in the senate since 1868, but Mr. Costigan was elected as a representative of a New Brunswick county seven years before that time. Mr. Costigan has been at least eight times elected as the representative of Victoria. Mr. Dwyer has been once appointed. Mr. Costigan is as wise a man as Senator Dwyer. He is certainly more popular, and is equally good looking. He is not less public spirited than Senator Dwyer. The senator has not performed more or better public services and is not likely to distinguish himself or make his name famous in the future. There seems to be no good reason why Senator Dwyer should lay claim to New Brunswick or displace Mr. Costigan's right to come to the province.

A DISPATCH to THE SUN from Baddeck, N. S., several days ago, said the Cape Breton bait fishermen were angry because they were denied the privilege of selling bait to United States fishing vessels. This may be true of the inhabitants of some particular cove, of which the residents are not interested in deep sea fishing. But so far as can be learned, the fishermen of eastern Nova Scotia generally demand that the treaty of 1818 shall be strictly enforced. It was reported that the Grand Manan folk were especially annoyed at the Dominion interference with the bait trade. To ascertain the truth of this report, a member of THE SUN's staff has visited both islands. Our correspondent has seen that neighborhood proves that the fishermen of Grand Manan and Campbell are much pleased with the course adopted by the government.

It is stated that the Dominion government has declined to enter at present into engagements with the government of Nova Scotia with the view of co-operation in railway construction. The provincial government has declared its intention to secure a repeal of the union, provided the government is satisfied in the coming election. Mr. Fielding and his associates cannot see that their official declarations shall be regarded as dishonest. They cannot, therefore, find any fault if the Canadian administration refuse to make arrangements such as would be inconsistent with repeal. If Nova Scotia is to go off by herself, she must not take any Canadian railway engagements with her.

The Toronto Mail newspaper has met with another scorching, the third in two years. The Mail has become the leading newspaper in the Dominion. As a political journal the Mail more than holds its own. It has perhaps gained in dignity and has lost nothing in readiness by its change of editorial management. There is no disparagement to the parliamentary liberality, for Mr. Farrar is one of the cleverest journalists in America. Such a paper as the Toronto Mail is proof against the elements.

Westmorland Notes. (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.) The weather has been cold and wet for some days, so that farming operations are not proceeding so satisfactorily as they would under other circumstances. There has been considerable sickness in Faldes during the last month. Diphtheria has made its appearance in two or three families, and two deaths have occurred; all the others attacked are recovering. Mrs. McQueen, wife of the Hon. A. McQueen, is still very ill with inflammation of the lungs, but is recovering.

The elections are over, but do not seem to be satisfactory to some of the most interested participants in the campaign. Mr. Smith takes his defeat with very bad grace. According to his declaration speech, for some of those who voted against him he has no forgiveness, and just now there are all kinds of reports in reference to a new election; but I think wiser counsel will prevail.

The best sales continue dull. No word yet of any spring shipment to England, and St. John is taking very few orders. There is, however, the number of cattle in the country there was in some former years, so the price of hay last fall was a figure that led farmers to believe there was more money in selling hay than in fattening cattle.

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As each corp marched into the rink they were greeted with the most hearty cheering from those in the building especially the St. John contingent which being the largest was received with the most enthusiasm. All the detachments had in addition a fine and drum band of twelve pieces, which played several times during the evening. The St. John contingent, running through to Bangor, and the fast freight will thereafter leave Bangor Sunday night, instead of Saturday as at present. The only train protected from the St. John contingent will be a train service, with Pullman coaches, leaving St. John Saturday night and Bangor every night in the week, an arrangement which will be appreciated by the travelling public.—Zephyrus.

A GOOD TRAIN SERVICE.—COMMENCING with the next change of time tables of the New Brunswick and Maine Central Railroads a Pullman sleeping car will be attached to the fast freight train leaving St. John Saturday night, running through to Bangor, and the fast freight will thereafter leave Bangor Sunday night, instead of Saturday as at present. The only train protected from the St. John contingent will be a train service, with Pullman coaches, leaving St. John Saturday night and Bangor every night in the week, an arrangement which will be appreciated by the travelling public.—Zephyrus.

MICHAEL ANTHONY COAL MINING COMPANY.—This company has just been organized under special act of incorporation, passed at the last session of the New Brunswick legislature, empowering the company to acquire lands, mining leases and all kinds of mining properties in the counties of St. John, Charlotte and Kings, and to carry on mining operations in connection with same. The capital stock of the company has been fixed at six hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, with authority to increase the same to one million dollars whenever required. At a meeting of the company, held on the 17th inst., the following gentlemen were named as directors, viz: James S. Gilbert, J. S. Boies, D. Veber, John H. Kinney, C. N. Shindler, Wm. W. Wainwright, and James W. Robertson (Liverpool), and at a subsequent meeting of the company, held on the 20th inst., the following gentlemen were named as directors, viz: S. Gilbert, president, and S. Schofield, treasurer and secretary of the company.

CELEBRATE BOSSOM.—A quiet wedding was celebrated at St. Dunstan's church at an early hour this morning, the principals being Timothy McCarthy, the well known Regent street grocer, and Mrs. Sterling, widow of the late J. Stirling, M.P.P., for Sunbury. The marriage ceremony was performed by Father McNeill. The happy couple have a son, the best wishes of all.—Saturday's Fredericton Observer.

CORONER'S INQUEST.—On Thursday night May 21st, a young unmarried woman who had been employed as a server in the Dufferin Hotel at Carleton, was delivered of a child which, owing to accident, died. Coroner White held an inquest on Saturday, at which it was shown that the mother was not to blame in the matter. It appeared that she told the occupant of a child that she was in the bed. The verdict of the jury was that the child was found dead without any malicious intent on the part of the mother.

THE NEW RESERVE for the Redemption of the Fisheries of Portland, shortly to be commenced, is to be built by the order of America, while the contract will be built by the congregation of St. Peter's church. The Rev. provincial of the United States has been ordered to \$100 towards the erection of the convent.

A MAN who attends to the Carleton electric lights, while attempting to carbon one near Hayford & Stearns' mill on Saturday, received a shock and almost fell to the wharf. Chas. Clark subsequently started to ascend the pole and got a shock, due to the fact that the pole was not grounded.

THE SINE WAVE in Hillsboro and vicinity keeps quite a little fleet of vessels carrying away the productions of their toil, and the Albert Manufacturing Company are not behind their usual output of calico, so that business may be said to be.—Harvey's Observer.

RESTRICTED.—McDonald and Friars have been sentenced to seven years each in Dorchester penitentiary, after which the court adjourned.

TEMPERANCE NOTES. Albert County District Lodge held its quarterly session at Cape Breton on 15th inst. Dr. C. T. Rev. M. Gross, presided. There were 40 representatives present, making a total attendance of 100. The reports showed the lodges in the county in a very prosperous state. The district is composed of 13 lodges, 10 of which are in the county of Albert, Pleasant Valley, Rosedale, Hopewell, Alma, Eastern Star, White Star, Oceanic, Electric, and the Grand Rapids. The finances of the district were shown to be healthy. The grand secretary was requested to confer the degrees of Fellowship and Chartered Master, which he accomplished the unwritten work of the subordinate lodge. The next session will be held at Hillsboro on the 22nd inst. A public meeting was held in the Baptist church. The chair was occupied by Henry Calhoun. Addresses were made by S. T. Fife, Rev. M. Gross, Rev. Mr. Paley, Judson Jones, Lewis Woodworth, W. Kommler, Alex. Smith, W. Buchanan, Edson Peck, and others, who were highly commended by the choir. The lodge at this place is fitting up a new and spacious hall, about a mile to the eastward of the Albert mill.