

The Weekly Times

Victoria, Friday, June 14.

THEY HAVE A POLICY.

Dominion government organs and orators affect to believe that it is hard to ascertain what is the Liberal policy. The gravity with which they offer the statement is highly edifying in the face of the generous amount of instruction they receive on the subject. The ministerialists have the satisfaction of knowing that the Liberals cannot retaliate. They have a policy, and if any person were inclined to doubt this he would at once be convinced by reading over the following record of scandalous government jobs:

St. Charles branch railway (14 miles): Promised cost, \$136,000; expended upon it, \$1,740,000; outstanding claims, \$20,719; cost of road itself, \$822,000; cost of land damages, over \$900,000.

Tay Canal (6 miles): Estimated cost, \$132,660; expended upon it, \$476,123; revenue for 1894, \$126; cost of maintenance, 1894, \$2,458.

Little Rapids Lock: Contract estimate of cost, \$36,680; paid to contractor, \$260,000; contractor's claims still unpaid, \$6,100; no traffic and no receipts from the work.

Galops Rapids Channel (Cornwall Canal): Contract price, \$306,600; paid to contractor, \$446,500; contractor's claim still unpaid, \$130,000. The minister of canals declared in parliament after the work was taken over that no one would use it.

Sheik's Island dam (Cornwall Canal): The original contract was cancelled and a work abandoned upon which \$15,500 of money was absolutely thrown away. The new work was given to a favored firm of contractors without tenders, who have been allowed \$22,500.

Langview Block: Estimate of cost less than \$500,000; already paid, \$781,000; outstanding claims, \$250,000. Contractor Charlebois had this clause put into the contracts which other contractors on the building had with the government: The contractors will agree to bind themselves to buy the right of way from the contractor, Mr. Charlebois.

Connolly-McGreavy Works: Cost to contractors of work, \$2,184,250; cost to country, \$3,138,234; contractors' profits, \$953,975; loss to country after deducting a fair profit, \$700,000.

Printing bureau scandal: Seneca's commissions on purchases of supplies and machinery, \$50,000.

Curran bridge: Estimated cost, \$123,000; government commissioner's estimate of reasonable cost, \$109,000; actual cost, \$430,000; stolen from the country, \$270,000.

Campaign contributions paid by Senator Ross to Sir Adolphe Caron, and recouped by subsidy to Lake St. John railway, \$25,000.

Frederickton & St. Mary's bridge: Paid up capital of company, \$20,000; government loan at 4 per cent., \$300,000; government bonus, \$30,000; total cost of bridge, \$418,000; floating debt of bridge, \$19,000; interest due the government upon loan since 1888, \$66,000; total amount of public money sunk in this private speculation, \$396,000.

Carleton Place: \$224,000 of public money has been put into this sink-hole. The road is not paying running expenses, and the public expenditure, which was incurred for election purposes, is a total loss.

The government's policy may be summed up by the expressive word "bottle."

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

A New Zealander Discussing Commerce With Bowell.

Ottawa, June 10.—J. G. Ward, postmaster-general of New Zealand, is here on his way to the Pacific coast. He had an interview with Bowell this forenoon. His business with the government is said to be the making of preliminary arrangements looking to a commercial treaty between Canada and New Zealand. He also had an interview with Foster, and had luncheon with Lord Aberdeen and Bowell at Government House. Ward will leave for the Pacific coast to-morrow.

For the purpose of reducing the permanent militia corps it is proposed to lop off thirty men from each company. It is generally reported that the Hudson's Bay project will be put over till next year.

An officer of the interior department visited the Paradise colony in the Nipissing district and found sixty families there, all thriving.

Another change took place in the Bistley team on Saturday. Ellis, of the Ottawa Guards, resigning, Meadows, of the Queen's Own, takes his place.

The immense success of the garden fete held at Cloverdale last year has induced the ladies of St. Luke's, Cedar Hill, to announce a similar affair this year on Wednesday, July 3rd, the grounds of the Tolmie estate having kindly been placed at their disposal. Elaborate preparations are being made. The arrangements so far include a sale of work at 3 p.m., high tea from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and promenade concert at 8 p.m. Other special attractions will be announced in the advertising columns at an early date.

A MINER'S HORRIBLE DEATH LATE CABLE DISPATCHES.

Helplessly Mutilated by an Explosion, He Perishes in the Flames.

Many Former Conservatives Swelling the Opposition Forces—Big Rally.

Nanaimo, June 7.—A company to be known as the Nanaimo-Rossland Mining Co., Ltd., is being formed for the purpose of mining in the Kootenay country. The capital stock of the company is placed at \$500,000 in shares of \$100 per share. It is only intended to issue \$25,000 worth of stock for the present. The Rossland Miner of June 1st says: "A. Hall, P. T. McCormick, J. Keeter, N. Mackenzie and A. M. Leitch received the cash payment on the sale of the White Elephant, Louise and Elizabeth No. 2 to-day. Colonel Jenkins came in last night and paid the money on behalf of the promoters of the Nanaimo-Rossland Mining corporation to-day. The deal was made for \$2,000 in cash and \$28,000 of paid up stock in the Nanaimo-Rossland corporation at the price of 25 cents per share. The company is to be formed and the shares divided within sixty days from to-day. This is one of the quickest and luckiest turns ever made in a mining camp. Hall & McCormick, who were grub-staked by the other partners, were out only a few days when they ran onto the big showing, and it was less than a week before the ground was snapped up by Colonel Jenkins. Development work will be commenced on the property on Monday. The Wellington Horticultural, Agricultural and Industrial Society will hold their first show on Sept. 20th and 21st. St. Alban's branch of the C. E. T. S. held their annual picnic yesterday on Newcastle Island. The outing was greatly enjoyed.

The sculling match, postponed from May 24, will be pulled on Saturday evening. There are quite a number of entries and the match promises to be interesting.

Nanaimo, June 8.—An important meeting of Liberals took place last evening in this city, when not only was there a large gathering of Liberals present, but quite a number of Conservatives, and they were frank in expressing their determination to support the Liberal party in the approaching election. One of the speakers stated that he had helped to put the present party in power, but he was sorry to have to state that they were not worthy of the confidence he had reposed in them, but on the contrary they were boodlers of the worst kind, and he intended working his utmost to defeat them in the future. Many other conservatives spoke in a like manner. It was decided to hold another convention on June 28, for the purpose of strengthening the candidate's position.

The pay roll of the N.Y.C. Co. to-day amounted close to \$60,000. The lecture by Snider delivered in the Wallace street Methodist church last evening was well attended.

At 2 o'clock this morning Jesse Smith, a miner of Wellington, met a horrible death by fire at his cabin on the new townsite. In some unaccountable way his cabin caught fire, and a keg of powder he had there exploded. By the explosion he must have lost a leg, as the helpless crowd outside could hear him inside the cabin making frantic appeals for help. After the fire was subdued his charred remains were taken out, and one leg was missing, which would account for his being unable to get out. Whether the keg of powder exploded first and set the cabin afire or the cabin afire and ignited the keg is a question not yet solved. Corner Dave impelled a jury this afternoon to inquire into the cause of death.

Nanaimo, June 10.—It is reported that a public meeting is to be held in this city at an early date to protest against the action of the provincial government in reducing the pay of men working on the government roads.

Although it was generally expected that the East Wellington mines would be started up as soon as they were purchased by the Wellington company, such will not be the case from present indications. Meanwhile the miners are waiting in the hope that some decision will be reached.

The walking match between Hancock, the English champion, and Sutton, the American champion, announced to take place on Saturday night, did not materialize. Sutton wanted to walk in the opposite direction, and the English champion would not agree to this, so the match fell through. The crowd was greatly disappointed in consequence.

The sculling match on Saturday evening was won by W. Martin. E. Eastham broke one of his oars or the race might have ended differently.

TWO FATAL ACCIDENTS.

Twelve Year Old Boy Heroically Saves a Young Lady's Life.

New Westminster, June 10.—Ernest Fortier, aged 17, of Vancouver, while visiting his sister at Nicomen yesterday, went out for a ride. The horse threw him and he fell on his head, fracturing his skull. He died an hour later.

Two daughters of Mr. McLeod, Lower Sumas, were drowned yesterday while crossing the slough at McGillivray's on their way to church. There were three sisters in the boat and a twelve year old boy named Lockhardt Chassey. When the boat accidentally capsized, Chassey seized the eldest girl, aged 16, and swam ashore with her. The other two, aged 12 and 14, were drowned. The accident took place in full view of the girls' parents, who could render no assistance. Both bodies were recovered.

A Heavy Consignment of Canadian Horses Have Been Sold in London.

W. G. Grace, the Celebrated Cricketer, May Receive a Knighthood.

London, June 10.—The Post in an editorial this morning says the odds in favor of the team selected from all the American universities would be very large. It would be very glorious for the universities of England to beat their American competitors, while defeat itself would not be discredit. Yale and Harvard vs. Oxford and Cambridge would be an even match, one that would be heartily welcomed by all interested. The Daily News in an editorial says the contest proposed between the English and American universities, besides promoting friendship between the two nations, would be of immense benefit to Englishmen, who would have an opportunity of witnessing American educational methods.

The Countess of Essex, who before her marriage was Miss Adele Grant, daughter of Mrs. Beach Grant, New York, has been accouched of a daughter.

A dispatch from Buda Pesth says the fire which broke out at Mereny was not under control until 320 houses were destroyed. Several persons lost their lives.

A Trieste dispatch says that city was thrown into a terrible panic early this morning by two severe earthquakes. People rushed in terror to the streets and camped out till the panic subsided.

A dispatch received at Rome from Rimini announces that Signor Ferrari, who was recently elected member of the chamber of deputies, defeating the socialist candidate in his district, and who was shot by unknown men during a dispute last Monday week, is dead.

The Spanish war office announces that reinforcements of ten battalions of infantry and other troops, intended for the island of Cuba, will leave Spain on Monday, June 17.

London, June 9.—A special dispatch received here from Riga, the capital of the province of Livonia, Russia, says a sailing vessel has been captured on Stint lake and twelve out of sixteen persons on board were drowned. A woman who was saved lost five children through the accident.

The United States cruisers Columbia and New York sailed from Southampton to-day for the Baltic in order to take part with the San Francisco and the Marblehead in the ceremonies attending the opening of the Baltic and North sea canal.

Going to the Whitsuntide holidays, these who could do so fitted to the country or flew to the seaside, and the town is deserted by those who furnish food for the gossip of millions. But they are now flocking back to London, doubtless refreshed by their trips, and are again plunging into the whirl of metropolitan life.

The rumors so persistently circulated recently as to the probability of an early dissolution of parliament are gradually dying out, as the moving spirits, both Conservative and Liberal, admit that it is to their interest to avoid a dissolution during the season.

It is announced that Dr. Pim, the English lawn tennis champion, who has just for the third time captured the Irish championship and thereby won outright the Fitzwilliam cup, has decided to retire from the tennis field owing to his growing practice as a medical man. It is considered likely, however, that he will once more defend the championship at Wimbledon in July.

It is expected that Viscount Gough, first secretary of the British embassy at Washington, who by the recent death of his father will succeed to the title and family estate at Lough Cutra castle, county Galway, and St. Helen's, county Dublin, will soon return to Ireland from Washington.

Mr. Arthur George Vansittart, secretary of the British legation at Munich, who has been gazetted British consul at Chicago in succession to Mr. J. Sandler, has been in the diplomatic service for twenty years, being transferred from the latter service to the consular service—a very rare departure, but promotion in the British diplomatic service is slow and the consular post at Chicago is worth £1,200 yearly.

Mr. Marshall Field, jr., has taken Earl Russell's beautiful palace at Maidhead. The earl, whose troubles with his wife have brought him so much before the public in an unenviable light, has lately been delivering addresses at Sewing.

Great crowds of English and American people are leaving London to-day for Paris to witness the race for the Grand Prix de Paris of two hundred thousand francs for entire coits and horses foaled in 1892, which takes place to-morrow over the grand course, about one mile and seven furlongs.

A heavy consignment of American and Canadian horses were sold here yesterday. Twenty-six Canadian horses averaged 30 guineas apiece, and 24 Canadian horses which were landed from the steamer Carlisle City a few days ago, were sold at the same average price. Nineteen American horses, exported by W. H. Forester, of Iowa, brought an average of 28 guineas each.

Lord Leamington's wedding next week will be a very quiet affair owing to death in the family. Over three hundred presents have already been received. Lord Leamington was private secretary to Lord Salisbury while the latter was prime minister from 1885 to 1886.

Mrs. Frank Leslie, of New York, is in the city. The Marquis de Louville intimates that he is once more engaged to be married to her.

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The Dominion Government and Its Friends Resort to Misrepresentation.

Tariff Policy of the Liberals—The Booming of Montague for Leader.

Ottawa, June 2.—The debate on the budget is over. It lasted from May 22d to May 29th. Nearly a week of that time was, however, covered with the Queen's birthday holidays. There were just as many speeches delivered by the Tories as the Liberals and about the same time was occupied by both parties. The line of argument pursued by the Tory speakers was that the policy of the opposition was free trade and that it would be therefore necessary, if such a policy was adopted, to have direct taxation as well. For instance, Dr. Montague admitted that the platform of the Liberals said that the policy of the party was a tariff for revenue only, but the speeches of the leaders put it forward as free trade. The Tories delight in misrepresentation. They, for instance, hold that no one can understand the Liberal policy, and that the tariff has got to be just as Mr. Foster put it else it must be free trade. No one can be deceived by such talk as that. Sir John Macdonald's government down to 1874 from confederation had a policy of a tariff for revenue only and the Tories never said it was free trade. Hon. Alexander Mackenzie had a tariff for revenue only from 1874 to 1879 and it was perfectly understood by everybody. The Tories forget this, or rather they pretend to.

But supposing the Liberals were advocates of a free trade policy, which every Liberal believes to be the great goal to be attained providing that the country was in a position to fight along without an imposition of a customs tariff, who would be injured thereby? A few favored manufacturers would not make the big profits they now do, and some of the combines would have to do with less plunder from the treasury, but the industries which Canada requires, and which an increased population would of necessity demand, would go on all the same and the increased and open market would make up more for the manufacturers than they could lose by the removal of protection which now hampers trade. The Canadian people are not to be frightened by the cry of free trade, and Dr. Montague ought to know it. In fact the more he preaches that the doctrine of the Liberals is free trade the more will that policy be appreciated by the farmers, the fishermen and those engaged in the great lumbering and mineral operations of Canada. Free trade is just what all these want, and it is to be regretted that it could not be adopted. To obtain a revenue for many years yet it will be necessary to have a customs tariff, but what Mr. Laurier and his colleagues are determined to do is that not one dollar shall be placed on anything for the purpose of protection, but for revenue alone. In other words the Liberals believe in paying taxes for the public treasury, but they object to paying tribute to the cotton and sugar lords. That is a policy that is plain and easily understood. If soundness is shown well in the fact that the Tories cannot attack it, and therefore they must resort to misrepresentation.

Speaking of Dr. Montague, it may be said that he has already reached the front ranks of the government, and is an aspirant for the premiership. Nothing could better illustrate the calibre of the cabinet. Four years ago Sir John Macdonald was at the head of the government. Then there came as premier Sir John Abbott, Sir John Thompson and now Sir Mackenzie Bowell. The descent from Sir John Macdonald to Dr. Montague is a big one. But Mr. Haggart is determined to depose Sir Mackenzie Bowell and to put the doctor in his place. What Mr. Haggart takes in hand in the government he generally accomplishes sooner or later. He, no doubt, will succeed in raising the doctor to the leadership, but the country will not appreciate very highly the leader they are asked to support.

Members of the government are already beginning to be anxious that the session was over. The weakness of Mr. Foster as a leader is apparent to them. Several instances of this have been shown during the session. But after all he is by far the best man that they could select within their ranks. He is a good and ready debater, but lacks tact to lead, and has no following in the government or out of it. The helpless condition of the government was well shown on Friday afternoon, when Mr. Brodeur resigned the administration for withdrawing from him a return ordered by the house four years ago, but not yet brought down. What he principally wanted was the report of a postoffice inspector in Quebec, who, he said, had made an untruthful and malicious report against a postmaster, and had the latter dismissed. The postmaster was accused of forgery by the inspector. The courts had since showed that there was not any foundation for the charge. At the time the postmaster was dismissed Mr. Haggart was postmaster-general. When Mr. Brodeur had asked Mr. Haggart's successor, Sir Adolphe Caron, for the papers and correspondence he said they were lost with the exception of the inspector's report, which was confidential and which he would not bring down. Since that time Mr. Brodeur had seen the papers in the court in Montreal, being engaged on the alleged forgery case. On Friday last he told Sir Adolphe Caron that the papers were in his department and that the postmaster in Montreal had returned them there, showing that the postmaster-general had told an untruth when he said they were lost. Several of the leading Liberals spoke in support of Mr. Brodeur. Mr. Laurier protested strongly against the action of the government in ignoring the order of the house.

Sir Haggart and Mr. Haggart and Sir Adolphe Caron all maintained that the report of the inspector, notwithstanding that he was charged with fraud and conspiracy to ruin another official of the government, should not be given to parliament. And so the debate went on for some time, when Mr. Davies said that Sir John Thompson had promised that the report should be given to the house.

Mr. Foster said that if after a debate of the character which was then going on, Sir John Thompson had made any promise of the kind he (Foster) would see that the report was brought down. And then the minister of finance sat down amidst the smiles of his colleagues, who thought he had spoken cleverly and that no such debate and no such promise was ever made. Mr. Davies drew the attention of Mr. Foster to Hansard of last year, and gave the pages on which the debate appeared, and the promise not only given, but an amended resolution passed embodying this very report. Mr. Foster said that the report would be correct and that the report would be given. But Sir Adolphe still held out, as did also Sir Haggart and Mr. Haggart. It will be interesting to watch whether the document is to be forthcoming or not. It well shows how little the government cares for the order of parliament when they had no record of an amended order of last session. No better proof could be given of the incapacity and incompetency of the administration. SLABTOWN.

CLUB A CONSTABLE.

Reported Assault of Officer Spang by Unruly Aboushet Indians.

Whiskey is king at Aboushet. The aborigines are having a "high old time" at the little way-off village on the western coast of the island. They have clubbed a provincial police constable and put a government agent in a boat and sent him home, and they are having things all their own way, just as much as if they were the rulers of the land. Whiskey is the cause of the hilarity, and it is supposed to have been supplied from Victoria. The Maude brought this story down from the West Coast, and the provincial police and the customs authorities have received private advices to the same effect. Constable Spain is the officer assaulted by the whiskey-mad aborigines, and Indian Agent Gillard, of Alberni, is said to be the man whom the Indians put into a boat and sent home. No particulars have been received, and an official confirmation of the story is wanting. But it is not thought improbable on this account. The Aboushet Indians are a wild, unruly set, and have more than once caused considerable trouble. Superintendent of Provincial Police Hussey was asked to tell what he knew of the trouble. He replied: "I have only heard what you say. It is all private information; no official confirmation has been received. I have not yet been able to collect any particulars; in fact I do not know whether any particular can be obtained at present. If the story is true, we must uphold the dignity of the local constable. It is little use placing a constable up there if his authority is to count for nothing. I may learn something further of the matter later on."

W. H. Smith, a passenger by the Maude, says: "The report of the trouble was heard at Clayquot, but later on an Indian came aboard and denied the story. I cannot say whether the story is true or not. That is all that is known of the matter."

Mrs. Wickwire threw down the paper in a way that betokened some irritation. "What is the matter, dear?" asked Mr. Wickwire. "Oh, nothing. 'Oh, yes, there was something. What was it?' 'Well, if you must know, I saw something in the paper about 'China worsted,' and it turned out to be something about that tire-some war. I thought it was some new kind of dress goods."

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Rich Finds Rep Creek—General Intelligence

Renewed Activity Mining—The and Victoria

The Nelson An English company Mr. Hughes, is prospected near Lillooet considered good, and brought from Cayuse will be some heavy.

On the Lambert claim men are engaged to stave a channel in the course of the river, the bed, which is rich. There are rich ther up the river. Mr. J. B. Hobson, Cariboo Hydraulic Co., writes that more to Cariboo than can number are destitute charity to dissuade means from going up. Reports of rich find Alberni are brought Saunders, of Victoria, Tenallan and Childs \$1 to the cubic yard. Rose there is a two which assays of \$500. The Alberni, further, by some of the C promise well.

The Victoria company gaged on its claims opening up a ditch us and expect to have a forty-five claims ha private parties near being worked by ha cleanups as high as been made.

Geo. T. Gardner an likely open two hydr mer near North Bend Horsely Hydraulic quoted at \$25, making the property \$1,500,000.

It is strange that so badly misinformed its neighborhood as issue it states that tramway is to end at Sheppard depot, which as untrue. In another a Scotch company, of Pet is the "president," en hold of the Silver wrong again. This la made on the authority of Vancouver, and the Dilsheimer Review, the paper is content to dep in the street" for its making ridiculous blun.

The proprietors of t about ten tons of ore latest assay shows \$12 The Mabel has been The O.K. is now turn worth of ore a day. T works well.

F. S. Algiers and H made two locations Samples of their ore at copper.

A. Hall and P. Mc cated a claim called on Stony Creek. The gold and 70 ounces in coat of the island. They have clubbed a provincial police constable and put a government agent in a boat and sent him home, and they are having things all their own way, just as much as if they were the rulers of the land.

The Grand Prize No ing prospect with a led 20 feet have bearing and galeons. The St. Elmo has Messrs. Loring and C M. A. Burbridge rep of free milling ore ne Assays show an avera ounce of gold and a r neighborhood is expected.

There has been som ing the last few days on Eight Mile Creek of Claims have been stat for two or three years, ing very great was the. Late some very good made.

Two claims have been tely opposite New Den surface rock show \$6 in Vernon N.

The agricultural socie minister have invited H Governor-General to ohibition in October. A on about the same dat good idea for the Okat umchen Agricultural S or to secure the presen deen before he makes a sagements.

On Monday afternoon migrants from Washing for Northern Alberta, having come up on the deen. They took with of horses, among whi fine looking animals.

Red Deer district a large number of sett from the northwest A There can be seen at of fall rye forwarded farm of Mr. Charles Mission road, which is what this country can grain, which is a volu headed out, and on the it measured 6 feet 2 inc there is any part of this can beat this we would of it.

Trout fishing in Long lakes is still pursued by