

The Evening Mercury

MONDAY EVENING JUNE 28, 1886.

The Reform Platform.

The great orations which Mr. Blake everywhere receives when he undertakes to address a meeting shows very strikingly the great fact that the people are with him. At Chelvey and at Owen Sound, where he delivered speeches last week, the crowds which greeted him with such enthusiasm afforded a fresh illustration of the overwhelming extent to which public opinion endorses his views. If only fair means were used by our opponents in election fights there is no doubt that long before this Mr. Blake would have filled the distinguished position of Premier of Canada. But unfortunately for this country fair means are not employed by the Tories. Bribery of every degree and kind is the weapon on which they depend, and in this way while Mr. Blake has in former elections had the sympathy and moral support of a majority, he has been deprived of the position which by right he ought to fill as the leader of a Reform Government.

At the approaching elections, come when they may—this year or next—the old corrupt practices which Sir John Macdonald knows so well how to put into practice, will once more be adopted. A few so-called leading men in each constituency, without any firmly fixed political—or it may be any other—principle, will be approached with seductive offers. If they should yield to the temptation and brazenly announce themselves as concessionary converts honest voters, who would upon a bribe, need not be alarmed, but let them withstand the influence of such individuals, remembering that they are nothing more than tools which can be bought and sold.

Certainly Mr. Blake's noble, elevated and able speeches should fortify all Liberals and cause them to stand steadfast. He shows that there is no class distinction among the Reform party, such as our opponents would fain make believe. In his Owen Sound speech he said the Reformers were divided into three bodies, the advance guard, the main body and the rear guard. To the young men composing the former he accorded full and free liberty of discussion. Between them and other Liberals there is no class distinction, but in the freshness of life they realize most keenly that we are climbing the hill tops and that there are ever appearing fresh prospects and new horizons beyond. Perfect freedom of thought and action is the first principle of Liberalism, and therefore, Mr. Blake, being a true Liberal, concedes the right to all his followers to bring forward innovations, believing that such as have no merit will wither and die, while those which are good will grow and endure.

It is an old and oft-repeated fable with Tory speakers and their press, that the Reform party have no policy. By this means they hope to mislead the people in order that attention may be directed from the gross misdeeds of the Macdonald Government. But Mr. Blake showed how absurd was this "no policy" cry. During the past six years, he said, the Reform party has had an alternative policy with respect to the Canadian Pacific Railway. The system of settlement. The Administration of the affairs of the Northwest. The relations between the Dominion and the Provinces. The Fisheries and Reciprocity negotiations. The Dominion Expenditure. The increase of debt. The Tariff. The plan of Taxation. License Legislation. Encroachment on Provincial Rights. The reform of the Senate by making it elective. The right, subject to securities for the Provinces, to amend our own constitution. The right to make our own Commercial Treaty.

Extradition. Copyright. Civil Service Reform. Superannuation. The right to aid immigration. The Franchise Question—either a return to the Provincial Franchise or Residential Manhood Suffrage and one man one vote. And Mr. Blake added:

"We propose also to restore the respectability and independence of Parliament by rendering impossible the continuance of the shocking state of affairs partly developed last session; a state of affairs which has shocked the community and should of itself insure the condemnation of the Government."

Temperance and labor and capital are questions which also demand attention. Such are the matters with which the main body desire to deal with promptly. The rear guard, while at one with the two preceding sections, urge the importance of moving cautiously.

Mr. Blake understands well his duty as leader of Liberals of every shade. On this point he said:

"I understand it as the duty of the leader to be, as far as possible, the leader of the whole party, and not of any section. It is a part of his duty to collect the common sense, and to see what I may call the average condition of party opinion upon the public questions of the day, so far as it consists with individual freedom of thought to guide, while he is himself acted on by that opinion to take care that this average opinion so settled is effectually represented, and pressed forward in Parliament, upon the platform, and by the press, and to secure, as far as he can, that the party which he has the honour of conducting retains and increases its efficiency as a powerful instrument for promoting good government and reform in the country which he serves."

Then speaking for the Liberal party and himself he closed as follows:

"Let us, as we approach the period of elections, close our ranks, advance our forces, push the enemy upon every favorable

able occasion from the indefensible positions which they have occupied for the last eight years, and press on those issues upon which the party is agreed, on which the party, as a party, is united, which it has made its platform of present practical reforms, and so acting and uniting, not for getting the future, but dealing manly with the present, which is the important thing as far as action is concerned, I believe we shall at no distant day march to an early, a glorious, and, I hope, a lasting victory."

The Bill authorizing the Dominion Parliament to give representation to the Northwest Territories received the Royal Assent on Saturday.

An Order in Council has been passed making the inspection of sheep from the United States compulsory before the animals are permitted to enter Manitoba or the Northwest Territories, in consequence of the reported prevalence of "scab" among them.

The returns of imports and exports for the month of May last show a considerable falling off in Customs revenue compared with the same month in 1885. In May last year the Customs collections reached \$1,604,768, compared with \$1,388,001 last month. The total imports for May, 1886, exceeded the exports by \$1,902,026, and the value of goods imported last month was nearly a million less than in May, 1885.

The Quebec elections, it is said, will come off about the end of July. The young Conservative candidate for Montreal West, Mr. John S. Hall, jr., has already begun his canvass and is prosecuting it with vigour, knowing full well he has a tough opponent in Mr. George W. Stephens. This constituency will see a hard struggle, as both candidates are known as good reliable men with excellent records. The Tories intend to spend plenty of "bottle" to place their man in, but in this they will be well watched. For the Centre it will be a win for Mr. Stephens as against the Tory, C. J. Doherty, and in the East a strong opponent will be ready to face Mr. Taitton. It is thought, however, the latter, sooner than face defeat, will place himself in the Legislative Council, vice the late Hon. Mr. Beaudry.

Says the London Advertiser:—Mr. Lister tells this story to a Windsor audience: "During the session of 1885 a small boy was observed by many of the members amusing himself around the House and playing cricket with the juniors when the weather was fine. The boy was a son of Mr. Henry Smyth, M.P., and it was supposed he went down to Ottawa, to have a holiday with his papa; but when the accounts were published it was found the little fellow was on the pay list as an extra clerk at \$3 or \$4 per day." Mr. Lister is comparatively new in the halls of Parliament. When he has sat through a few more P. M. sessions he will be able to fill a tolerably large-sized volume with just such incidents. There are various ways, it may be observed, for providing for "the boy."

Monetary Times.—Ought members of Parliament to be directors in companies to which Parliament votes subsidies? To ask this question is to answer it. The double capacity of voter of subsidies and receiver of subsidies has on its distinctive stamp of incompatibility. And yet, such is the looseness with which this kind of public business has been conducted, that the rule has never been insisted on; it has not been erected into a law, and members of Parliament have been allowed to run counter to it. A remedy ought, though late, to be applied, and perhaps it will be next session. But even from a legislative inhibition we must not expect too much. The law could sometimes be violated, by the use of indirect methods. No doubt this would happen; but the law would at least be on the side of public morality, and its violation would have a restraining influence strong enough to prevent much of what is at present done simply because it is perfectly legal to do it.

Twice within the present century Parliaments in Britain have been dissolved within less than six months of their meeting. The Parliament which met on the 15th December, 1806, lasted only till the 29th of April in the following year. And again, the one which met on the 26th of October, 1830, was dissolved on the 22nd of April, 1831. In both these cases the incoming Ministry appealed to the country against the House which had been elected (in pre-reform days) under the auspices of their predecessors. In the eighteenth century there was only one very brief Parliament—that, namely, which having been elected a few weeks before the death of William III., in December, 1701, ceased by law to exist within a space of six months after the accession of Queen Anne. The shortest Parliament since the Restoration was called by Charles II. to meet at Oxford in 1681. It assembled on the 21st of March, and that day week it was dissolved.

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We would raise the warning signal now while there is time to retrieve our past mistakes and profit by our experience. If we let the cycle of prosperous years, which believe me, are just ahead of us, roll round without improving our opportunities the next prosperous term may see us so far in the van that it will be a hopeless chase to overtake those that are now behind us in everything, except a desire to see their own community increase. If we allow our manufacturers to close up and move away without any effort on our part to retain them; if we see manufacturers starting up in other places, which we might have had for very little cost to the city; if we sit idly by in indolent lassitude and allow the G. T. R. to have a monopoly of our trade and the C. P. R. to cut off a large section of country, with which we at one time did a large trade, without any effort on our part to counter the action of the G. T. R. on the one hand, and reconquer a large trade which we have lost on the other, which line we have reason to believe would prove a paying speculation from the first. The result must prove disastrous.

It seems to us very strange that a large place like Guelph occupying such a central position in this country of railroads should have actually only one line and that the greatest monopoly, perhaps with one exception, in the land.

We can have the proposed railway, but we have got to build it, and furthermore we can build it and make it pay. If the city will not take the responsibility let a joint stock company be formed. We have confidence enough in the good judgment of the ratepayers of Guelph to believe that they would see it to their interest to bonus such a company handsomely.

The advantage of such a line would be innumerable. Some of the immediate benefits would be the reopening of Mr. Spence's mill, enlarging the trade of all our manufacturers, especially in the iron and milling line, where the freightage is heavy, the cultivation of a wholesale and the increase of the retail trade of our merchants, our market would increase and Guelph would become more of a shipping port. Manufacturers would settle here without any further inducements than those offered by the natural advantages of Guelph. We have no doubt that this railway would make Guelph boom for years to come, and would give her such a start as would enable her soon to take rank among the first cities in the land. Then let her boom, for boom must it. If we could only recognize the value of our heritage there is no place like her in Ontario.

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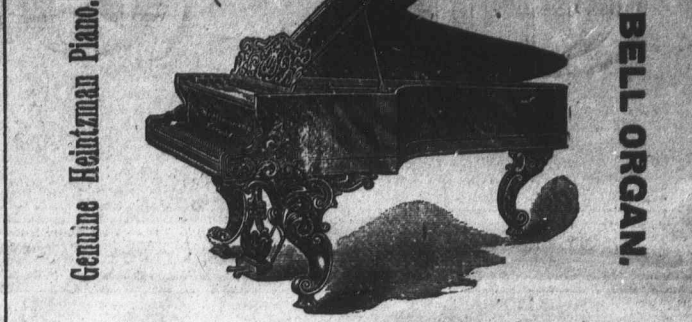
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