

Riel and the Government.
The Opposition paper in Ottawa, the Citizen, seems to be following the tactics of the Mail in its senseless and indiscriminate attacks on the Premier. It has adopted the policy of that rabid Conservative sheet, and keeps striking under the fifth rib every chance some of its venomous attacks may take effect. Its latest onslaught is in defiance of all honesty and candour, for it makes the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie responsible for Riel taking the parliamentary oath, and that he actually connived at the transaction. Here are its own words:—"It would seem that some of the Premier's colleagues connived at his being allowed to take the oath of office and subscribe to the members' roll; when it would seem that fear of a country's indignation, and not a regard for justice and the country's honour, has actuated the Premier throughout this deplorable controversy. The Government is stultified already, and the hour Louis Riel was permitted to attach his signature to the roll, and press his lips to the Word of God preparatory to claiming the protection of the House, that hour the Premier of the Dominion countenanced an unrighteous act, proved beyond cavil his vacillation and treachery, and the blood of a murdered patriot, the voice of one of Canada's sons, cried in vain for vengeance."

A more absurd or unjust charge cannot be conceived. Mr. Mackenzie did not know that Riel had taken the oath till after that worthy had left the Parliament Building, and was again in hiding. Yet the attack of the Citizen shows to what desperate straits the Opposition organs are put when they manufacture such absurd charges. If responsibility is to be attached to any one for bringing Riel to the Parliament House it must be on some of the Opposition members, and the Ottawa Free Press brings it home to them in the following extract:—"That Mr. Riel is sheltered, protected, and screened from the pursuit of the officers of justice, is a matter of fact patent to all, but to assume that he is so protected by the Government, leads us to notice more closely the circumstances. If Riel is in the charge of any members of the House as we believe he is, let the Citizen enquire of the joint-leader of the Opposition which it serves, how and why he is so sheltered. Perhaps Mr. Masson, who so eloquently argues that Riel did nothing wrong in the murder of Scott, will be able to give the Ottawa organ some definite information of Riel's whereabouts. Perhaps Messrs. Proulx and Quimet, whose political views the Citizen is bound to sustain, will declare to the Citizen how it was that Mr. Riel was able to be smuggled into the House to take the oath. Perhaps those gentlemen will be able to tell the Citizen whether the two gentlemen who applied for Mr. Riel's mileage were members of Mr. Mackenzie's Government, or political friends of the Citizen. The writer in the Citizen is not accustomed to the use of the double-edged sword, which he swings so valiantly, and in his insane desire to fasten some stigma upon the Government, he cuts and wounds most grievously the reputation of his friends, his leaders, and his party."

We observe that the celebrated Mr. Johnston, of Ballykilbeg, in his place in the British House of Commons, supported the motion to accord the privilege of Home Rule to Ireland.

Mr. Irvine, M. P. for Hamilton, has taken steps in favor of two popular reforms, having given notice of enquiry whether it is the intention of the Government to abolish the postage on newspapers, and whether it intends to establish a free delivery of letters and postal matters in cities.

The importers of Montreal have signed a memorial to the Government praying that any change made in the tariff for revenue purposes only, that all duties imposed be moderate, and the free list comprise no manufactured articles.

Mr. Brydges' Resignation.—The Montreal Herald says:—"We have the authority of Mr. Brydges for stating that last week he sent to England his definite resignation of Managing Director of the Grand Trunk Railway, which he has held for the last 12 years. We understand that he tendered his resignation about two years ago, but at the urgent solicitations of the Board did not press it. Mr. Brydges will attend to the Bill promoted by the Grand Trunk Company to be submitted during this session, and will carry on the business of the Company until his successor is appointed." It is stated that Mr. Brydges is to be appointed Manager of the Intercolonial Railway.

The Nation has a stricture on a speech delivered in Dundee recently by Edward Jenkins, M. P. for that city, and at the same time agent of the Canadian Government in England. After a reference to the magnitude of the country which he has been chosen to represent, Mr. Jenkins pleased his Scotch constituents by saying that Mr. Disraeli's "malicious ingenuity" had suggested the title of a "Pennan Lawyer," and by calling Mr. Gladstone a "mole-droit politician." "Canadians may be willing," says the Nation, "to acknowledge the two-fold capacity of agent and member of the House of Commons, but only on the condition that the functions be kept separate, that Mr. Jenkins does not utter diatribes and speak nonsense in their name."

"CANADA FIRST."—We have been favored with the initial number of the Nation, published in Toronto in the interest of the new "Canada First" party. The prospectus sets forth its claims to support by Canadians on the ground that as the present moment when party lines are so loosely drawn there is special need for the expression of purely national views on subjects of general interest. Hence the title, and the determination to carry out the idea expressed in it by advocating national politics, national culture, and national progress. It is said that Goldwin Smith will occupy the position of editor on his return from England. The appearance of this journal will no doubt dissipate the illusion that the National, Jimmel Briggs' paper, is the organ of the new party.

Trade and Navigation Returns.

The Trade and Navigation Returns were laid on the table of the House on Tuesday. The main fact of importance in these returns was long ago made public, viz., that the imports for the year ending June 30, 1874, were \$128,011,231; entered for consumption, \$137,513,574; duty collected, \$13,017,730; exports, \$89,789,922. So that the imports exceeded the exports by \$38,221,351, and the goods entered for consumption by \$37,724,572. In six years the imports have increased 77.13 per cent., and the exports 55.95 per cent. Of our total exports only \$2,921,802 represented manufactured goods. Of our total trade 90.73 per cent. was with Great Britain and the United States. The unwisdom of the restrictions placed by Imperial legislation upon our trade with the British West Indies is shown in the fact that while our imports from the Spanish West Indies aggregated \$11,433,241, those from British West Indies amounted only to \$964,005. Our total trade with Britain and British possessions, including Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island, aggregated \$115,809,724. Shipbuilding showed a very gratifying increase over that of the previous year, the total tonnage built amounting to 140,370 tons embracing 45 steam and 571 sailing vessels, against 37 steam 377 sailing vessels in 1873, aggregating 114,065 tons. The returns of sea-going shipping inwards and outwards at the seaports of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and British Columbia, show an increase of tonnage engaged in that branch of the carrying trade in the fiscal year of 11,089 vessels, of 3,032,746 tons, entering inwards, and 10,508 vessels, of 8,052,779 tons, cleared outwards, showing the total tonnage inwards and outwards to have been 21,597 vessels, of 6,085,535 tons. The inland trade shows a falling off in the tonnage of vessels employed, notwithstanding the increase of our trade with the United States. The Commissioner of Customs attributes this to the great increase of traffic on railways crossing the international boundary. The total tonnage inwards and outwards, employed in the inland trade, was 5,663,462 tons, against 6,800,456 tons in the year 1871-72. The proportion of revenue yielded by each Province to the whole was Ontario, 23.01 per cent.; Quebec, 45.15 per cent.; Nova Scotia, 9.56; New Brunswick, 9.57; British Columbia, 2.33; and Manitoba, 0.38. Ontario shows an increase of 3.37 per cent.; Quebec, a decrease of 2.19 per cent.; Nova Scotia, a decrease of 0.69 per cent.; New Brunswick, a decrease of 0.21 per cent.; British Columbia, a decrease of 0.30 per cent.; and Manitoba, an increase of 0.62 per cent.

All England is in a rave over a witticism of the Queen. Some one at the court had spoken disparagingly of the criticism pronounced by Sir Charles Dilke on the civil list. "It is strange," Queen Victoria is said to have replied, "for I remember having him as a boy on my knee and stroking his hair. I suppose," added Her Majesty, "I must have stroked it the wrong way."

A policeman asked an Ethiopian whom he could scarcely see in the dim light of his cell, "Are you colored?" "Colored? no, dis yer chile born so."

List of Letters

REMAINING in the Guelph Post Office on the 1st of April, 1874.

- A B C
Adams Thos
A'Hearn N
Ails R
Aunt G
Anthony George
Arnell J & T
Atkinson Geo
B
Badeau Miss M
Barns Mrs B
Barr Geo
Beattie & Co A
Birmingham Robt
Billing W H
Bissett A L
Black Sam
Blanchard Miss G
Bourk Miss A
Bowling G T
Bowers Wm
Bowman & Zencan
Bradley James
Braman Mrs Jh
Brown Miss H
Brown O L
Bruce Wm
Burns John
Burns Mrs L
Byres Miss L
C
Care J M
Carrill & Wheelban
Carter Daniel Mrs
Carter Mrs
Chittas Geo
Clark Miss M
Clark John
Chlo Simon
Collins J
Coop George
Conlon R
Coco S
Crawley J
Crosbie Jas
Culena John
D
Dawby R
Davies Mrs S
Day E T (2)
Day L A
Decker W H
Donnelly Miss E
Dunsell D
E
Ehmore Major
F
Fagen Wm
Farrow Mrs A (2)
Fitzel A
Foster Mr A
Fricke Miss M
Fritz Mrs A
G
Gavin Miss M
Gilson Jas
Gilmore G
Gorow J A
Goud B
Green Mrs CE
Griffin R
Growth Wm
Guelph P
H
Hamilton Miss L
Hamilton Geo
Harding Thomas
Harrington M
Hindmarsh W J
Hineman G C
Holland Henry
Hold Geo
Hunt Mrs (2)
I
Irons Wm (2)
J
Johnson Miss L
Johnson A C
Joyce Wm
K
Keane Robt
King E A
King J
Kirk Thomas
L
Laird Joseph
Lammond Jas
Lammond J M
Lesdel Wm
Leonard Robt
Lipstof Hy
Lynch John
Lynch John
Lynch Thomas
M
Mair, Louis & Co
Malloy Wm
Mannon Miss M
Martin Miss L
Massales Mary
May Joseph
Milne A
Moore J O L
Morris George
Munro Alex
Murphy J
N
Nolan Mrs C
Norris George
O
O'Brien Miss M
O'Brien J
O'Connor Wm
O'Donnell Mary
O'Flaherty T
Oragon Con
P
Palmer E G
Patterson James
Payne A
Pearson Geo
Pearson T (2)
Peltou Carrie
Powell Chas
Prindley G
R
Road Miss T A
Reid B
Reid W G
Richter J E
Robbins Miss A
Robinson M
Robinson Miss E J
Royce E J
Rumstater E
Ryan Thomas
S
Sanderson A
Sariel Mr Geo
Scott Wm
Sharp Mrs C E
Shlenger Mrs A
Shumack A
Stimpson Robt
Slagen James
Smith Lizzie
Smith G H
Smith John
Storey Robert
Stinson Miss E
T
Taylor R (2)
Taylor Wm
Taylor Wm H
Thompson J
Travis J J
Trotter Wm
U
Vanwick James
Venerable Mary A
W
Waddell & Co A
Wallon Wm
Walton J
Wald V
Warron W
Waters Mas A
Walkin Mrs
Welch John
Willcock S
Wilkinson J H
Wilson Jno
Y
Young U A
REGISTERED
Brown Geo
Coulson Robert
Davis J S
Johnson Mrs B

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