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to him to whom honor is due," and Greenway and Martin being the choice of the electors of Manitoba, they are entitled to the attention of the Governor-General. The Tories here are trying to force the public belief that there is a difference of opinion as to the disallowance of the Dominion Government of Manitoba railway charters, between Premier Grenville and Attorney-General Martin. The latter, in his usual style, in the House of Commons, yesterday said: "A rumor was spread yesterday to the effect that a coalition had sprung up between Premier Grenville and Attorney-General Martin. The trouble is said to have arisen in this way: The conversation, Mr. Martin, who is during a fire-brand, is reported to have said: 'I don't care (adjective) whether there is a coalition or not in Manitoba, there must be a coalition, to which Mr. Greenway is no compromise,' to which Mr. Martin had better credit with replying: 'Then you had better credit in your resignation.'"

A villager conceives of what is actually the determination of Manitoba's two honored representatives could not have been made. Both the Premier and the Attorney-General state positively that they are not here to compromise, but to secure to Manitoba all that she is entitled to, to secure to Manitoba, even though it be necessary to appeal to the Privy Council in England. There is no non-sense about these gentlemen. They are honorable and patriotic gentlemen, who have come to Ottawa to serve their province faithfully, and who will return home with no flimsy excuses.

Mr. L. A. Bily, Rimouski, who was elected M.P. for that constituency in 1882, has been appointed a Justice of the Superior Court of Quebec.

A deputation from the Montreal Board of Trade arrived in this city on Saturday and will interview the Government in regard to the St. Peter's Lake deputation.

Messrs. Hickey, Beryn and McMillan, M.P.s, have written to the Postmaster-General to urge that some better postal facilities should be introduced on the Canadian Pacific short line between Smith's Falls and Montreal. As matters stand they say no postal car is attached to any of the four passenger trains which daily run over that route.

The Militia General Orders issued on Saturday contain the following appointments: In permanent corps, Canadian Artillery, to be Lieutenant from 27th Dec., 1887: F. Mondet Gaudet, R.M.C., formerly a lieutenant in Militia; Lieut. Gaudet detailed for duty with "C" Battery until further orders. Lieut. Oscar C. Casgrain Pelletier, R.M.C., Canadian Artillery, has been confirmed in rank from June 10th, 1887.

Applications for letters patent of incorporation have been made by the Labrador Fishing Company. They are asking for power to catch fish in the Gulf and River St. Lawrence, to own steamships and other vessels, and to do all things which may be necessary for the purpose, etc. The head office is \$500,000. The incorporation is by Benoit, John Nelson, jr., W. H. Parle, G. S. Brush, A. Boyer, J. Lessard, F. A. Tetre and A. N. Montpetit.

The combinations are getting it hard and fast. The parliamentary committee on combinations has determined to go to work, and the first shot has been fired last Friday.

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1. Sugar combines did not originate on the part of the refiners, but were the result of action taken by wholesale grocers.

2. This action was taken in a meeting held in Montreal in April, 1887, when the refiners were told by representatives of the Wholesale Grocers' Guild, that there were certain merchants throughout the Dominion who refused to join the Guild, and were asked to discriminate against these merchants to the extent of half a cent a pound on granulated sugar.

3. The refiners agreed to charge a quarter of a cent more on this sugar against those who were outside the Guild, but she was found not to keep the trade in the hands of the Guild and the refiners agreed to charge half a cent more.

4. Even this, however, was found not to work, in consequence of the low state of the market, and a different action altogether was arrived at. For this time the retail grocer, outside the combination had not only to pay one eighth of a cent per lb. more, but were not allowed the two and a half cent discount.

5. In addition to this a person outside the combination who wished to purchase 500 bags of granulated sugar, was compelled also to purchase 1,000 bags of sugar.

6. All the refiners of Canada now belonged to this combination.

7. Any person could join the combination who did not sell direct to the consumer and was willing to sign the agreement.

8. The members of the Guild would probably make a gross profit of 5 per cent a pound on sugar.

9. The merchant realized about 3 of a cent per pound on 15 barrels and half a cent for quantities under.

10. There was no doubt that the profits on sugar had increased by these combines.

11. If the combination continued, it would spread from the wholesale to the retail grocer, who would insist upon getting his cent a pound.

12. It would be right enough for the grocers to combine among themselves, but the great objection was that they combined with the refiners, who were supported by the tariff and had no right to join the combination.

13. The merchants should either be compelled to leave the combinations or the Government should lower the duties.

14. The combines owed their origin to the Grocers' Guild.

15. The law should clearly define what constituted a combination, and make an arrangement between the refiners and the wholesale merchants a combination as reasonable at law.

be pursued towards Manitoba. They are opposed to giving up the money unless they are well compensated. Another instance of Shylock wanting the pound of flesh.

The writ having been issued for L'Assomption, the nomination of candidates will take place on the 27th instant, and polling on the third of April.

Mr. G. R. Popley, President of the Regina and Long Lake Railway, is at the Russell.

Representatives of the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific railways have arrived in the city, and are expected to-day to confer with the Government re the ocean mail contract. Messrs. Oler, Q. O., and McNeill, Q. O., arrived in September.

A deputation has arrived in the city from Montreal composed of Messrs. G. A. Drummond, A. W. Ogilvie, McNeill and Ward of the Allan Line to ask the Government to take over the St. Peter's channel debt, which amounts to about \$2,000,000 or an annual interest charge of \$50,000. They are accompanied by Sir Donald Smith and Mr. J. J. Curran and were there this morning before the Privy Council. The speaker was Messrs. Oler and McNeill, and Ogilvie. The Government promised to consider the matter.

The Earl of Arran is a guest at Rideau Hall.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

Mr. O'Brien's Speech.

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THE CASE OF LORD DE FREYRE, in County Roscommon. Just as this Act was passing Lord De Freyre's agent, Mr. MacDougall, wrote:

Spot the men in your district who are able to pay rent and won't. We will see, now that the Coercion Bill has become law, whether we won't make them honest men.

(Laughter.) It turned out that the dishonest men were Mr. MacDougall and his master (cheers). Mr. MacDougall had confidence in the Coercion Bill and in the right hon. gentleman last autumn. Where is Mr. MacDougall to-day? He is gone (cheers), he is dismissed, and everything that the tenants were then demanding has been conceded (renewed cheers).

It was the very day after I came out of prison that I learnt that the new agent had had an interview with two of the most prominent of the campaigners of the estate, and that he not only agreed to the tenants' terms, but that he agreed to refund a sum of over \$1,700 which Mr. MacDougall had dishonestly extorted from them on a portion of the estate before the Plan of Campaign was started (cheers). This money was wrung from the tenants by sheer terror, by paying 150 writs of distress against the tenants before they had the protection of the Plan of Campaign; and now, such is the force of the Plan, with the Coercion Act in full vigor, that this landlord has not only been obliged to concede the tenants' terms, but he has been

OBLIGED TO DISBURSE THE MONEY that was unjustly and dishonestly wrung from these poor people while they were defenceless, and has been obliged to pay every shilling of the costs of 150 ejectments. (Cheers.)

That is to say, that Lord de Freyre, a Liberal opinionist, is that Lord de Freyre, jumping as between the Coercion Act and the Plan of Campaign after six months. (Laughter.) Now, I will quote another instance—the famous, or rather infamous, estate management of Bodysky, which horrified England last summer, and for which Her Majesty's Government provided no remedy whatever. What is the result? Last year Colonel O'Donnell, one of the most hardened rack-renters and one of the most desperate fighting men besides, in Ireland, refused to accept 29/10 to cover 14 years' rent of 57 tenants. He has now accepted \$1,000 to wipe off two years' rent of 72 tenants, after incurring some \$200 in legal expenses (cheers and laughter).

That is to say, after losing all his money, and after costing his British taxpayer over \$1,000 for expenses for his evictions (hear, hear), he has now come to the conclusion that the Coercion Act is "no go," and he has struck his flag to the Plan of Campaign. Far worse terms to him than he would have got before the Coercion Act was passed (cheers). Let me read a letter which was sent this very day from the principal man on the estate to my hon. friend, the member for East Mayo. The Rev. Father Peter Murphy says:

"My dear Mr. Dillon: A thousand thanks for cheque. You have acted bravely by us, and we have every reason to thank and be grateful to you. What pleases me most of all is that our victory over Colonel O'Donnell is complete, and approved by all who understand the matter. He did not refuse to let the tenants to terms, rather than yield to the Plan, but he absolutely refused to purchase as long as the type remained around our necks. We would not entertain the idea of purchase as all until restored to the holdings, and free as the mountain air to meet on equal terms. The next goal is not to be reached until the end of June, reductions conceded on the different degrees of poverty were 15 per cent upwards to 25, 30, 40. The costs of evictions were \$450, and the other costs in legal proceedings were at least \$150. He said he should pay the agent \$50 out of the \$1,000 given him, and that he was paying \$500 for money borrowed by him. He is a very great number of letters congratulating us on our success. We have a conceded wonderfully I thank God and all our friends, and you amongst them."

(Cheers.) This is the way in which the right hon. gentleman has beaten the power of the Plan of Campaign. These poor tenants have won in spite of him, by merely adhering to that Plan of Campaign. What other lesson has he taught them? The tenants have won, and every man who was evicted, who lost possession of his holding in defiance of the Coercion Act (cheers). The other lesson the right hon. gentleman is this—that, thanks to their own pluck and not to the right hon. gentleman's mercy, they are

MORE SECURE IN THEIR HOMES TO-DAY than the right honorable gentleman is in his seat of the Treasury Bench. (Cheers and laughter.) It is the same way with every estate we have had to deal with. I am at this moment officially aware that on several estates where the right hon. gentleman has been the landlord or his agent, the tenants have won, and are opening their negotiations, not with the right hon. gentleman of Dublin Castle, but with the members of the criminal and illegal conspiracy, a conspiracy on whose dishonesty we have heard so many homilies from right hon. gentlemen opposite. There are at this moment only three really great estates in Ireland on which the landlords are offering any great resistance. One of them is the Brooke estate in the County Wexford, where Captain Hamilton is emergencyman by profession. The next is Lord Massereene's property, where the agents are also emergencymen by profession; and the third is the estate of Lord Clarendon, where the agent is a Lord Clarendon. It must be a grand thing for Englishmen to know that on the last property the right hon. gentleman is exercising one of the most abominable systems of petty persecutions that ever was practised in order to strike down the defences of these poor people, to smother their voice, and to tie their hands in their struggle with a man who in the Queen's own law courts has been branded

as a MONSTER OF CRUELTY AND AVARICE (loud cheers). I will only say that I wish Her Majesty's Government joy of all the credit that will get out of their holy alliance with Lord Clarendon, and I wish Lord Clarendon joy of all the credit he can get out of his tenants (cheers and laughter). The fact of it is—there is no use in blinking it—instead of overthrowing the Plan of Campaign, the right hon. gentleman has only driven us to do our work with less publicity. The machinery of the Plan has now been perfected to

such a degree that we find that one single campaign estate is sufficient to keep the peace of the whole community (cheers)—and to settle the rents of a whole community more satisfactory and more honestly than an army of Land Commissioners (cheers).

It may be a rough and ready method, and no doubt it has succeeded in some cases out of 100 throughout last winter without any struggle at all, and to refute this we challenge those who talk about the dishonesty or the criminality of the Plan of Campaign (cheers). We challenge them. The right hon. gentleman will have an opportunity of forcing my words down his throat if I am wrong, and if I am right, I name any single deed of outrage or of crime that is traceable to the Plan of Campaign from end to end of Ireland (loud cheers). I challenge you to name any one case in which the demands have been put forward have been declared by any tribunal or commission in the country to be dishonest or exaggerated, and I challenge you to adduce any single case in which the right hon. gentleman has succeeded with all his powers and all his terrors in breaking up a combination once formed (Irish cheers). I think his is

NOT A VERY VICTORIOUS RECORD so far as the Plan of Campaign is concerned. (Irish cheers.) Remember always that the Plan of Campaign is the most serious of the Irish difficulty. It is a mere rough and ready way to cure the blunders of your legislation, and to cure your blunders not done by the bill of my hon. friend the member for Cork (Irish cheers). We are the more Uhlans and veterans of millions of Irishmen who take rank under the standard of my hon. friend. (Cheers.) Let me for a moment examine the statements of the right hon. gentleman. We heard it stated over and over again in the most momentous manner that the authority of the National League in which the right hon. gentleman's Government could not exist in Ireland—that on or the other must pack up and go (laughter). Is the National League going? Does it show the slightest sign of going? (Irish cheers.) There are 1,000 branches of the National League in Ireland (cries of "More"). There are rather more, because the right hon. gentleman has added more by his Act (Irish cheers). No more than two hundred and thirty branches have ever been nominally grappled with. There are 1,500 branches, something like five-sixths of the whole organization, on which not a finger has been laid (cheers). Why? Is it because the right hon. gentleman has conceived a certain aversion for the National League? Or is it because the right hon. gentleman is declining in power or has altered his principles because of this Act of Parliament? No, it is because the Government have made such a disastrous and grotesque mess in attempting to suppress 200 branches that

THEY DARED NOT FACE THE RIDICULE, the colossal collapse, that would result from any attempt to crush the whole of the organization (loud cheers). Everyone who knows the people of the counties of Kerry, Clare, and my own county knows that the branches hold their meetings just as usual. We know by the figures and the cash that come in that the subscriptions, instead of falling off, have increased, that the resolutions of the League are passed in the usual way, and that they are regarded with the same sacredness and efficacy that they were by the whole people. I have told you that the branch meetings are being held. I will read you a report of one at Duhallow, which appeared in *United Ireland*:

"At the meeting Mr. Pomeroy was in the chair. Ballotting for officers to go on the committee for the present year took place with the following result."

Mind you, there was a most vigorous competition and close voting for office, the only element of which, as the Chief Secretary for Ireland knows, is that the right hon. gentleman is a coward. (Irish cheers.) The right hon. gentleman is a coward. (Irish cheers.) The right hon. gentleman is a coward. (Irish cheers.) The right hon. gentleman is a coward. (Irish cheers.)

SENT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TO JAIL, and gladly would they go there rather than give you one tithe of information. With all your resources and your terrors it is one of our proudest boasts that, with an organization of over 500,000 members, you cannot find another single member who can tell you all through Ireland (loud cheers), though I have no doubt that the market price for the article was high enough (Irish cheers). I want to ask the right hon. gentleman to tell us here to-night what it is that he has got by his wild and vicious lunges at the life and liberties of the people? (Irish cheers.) What has he gained by it? I have no patience with those who talk about crime in connection with a country like Ireland. Outside Kerry there is none, and the Moonlighters and the Government have had Kerry to themselves for the last five or six years. We could only stand by. Between them be it, and let them divide the spoils. (Opposition cheers.) Indeed, that the number of persons partially boycotted has decreased. Well, I don't know what local policemen may be pleased to call "persons partially boycotted" (hear, hear). I am very sure, however, that the list would go up and down according to the requirements of the Government (loud cheers). I will give you a list of a hundred names who have taken farms (Irish cheers), and let him give us a list, and I only wish he would, of the land-grabbers who, even since this Act has been in force, have dropped their neighbor's goods like hot potatoes (renewed cheers). Boycotting? I say that, so far as unjust or wicked or dishonest, it is not a crime. It has been done to suppress it, and put it down by my hon. friend the member for the Harbor Dublin, the secretary of the National League, that right hon. gentleman could do in a century. (Irish cheers.) I shall always, as long as I live, hold that there is a perfect right in the people to exercise its legitimate influence, and that for their own sake and greedy purposes are

THE PESTS OF SOCIETY (cheers). I admit that there are two classes of criminals at the right hon. gentleman's mercy: public speakers and public offenders. Public speakers are the most appendages of our organization, but why are they at his mercy? Simply because we refuse to be driven from the daylight, and because we choose to try this question by public meetings, as Mr. Wilfrid Blunt (cheers) tried it at Loughrea by the light of day (Irish cheers). If we chose to go about in a coach and box through every provision of this act with the most absolute impunity (hear, hear). My friends, the members for East Cork and West Cork, were for months and months engaged in the business of the Plan of Campaign, and also my friend the member for South Galway. They have actually been for months on the business of the Plan of Campaign, even with warrants over their heads for speeches that they delivered to the people (Irish cheers). Again, perhaps, I may be giving the Chief Secretary a tip (laughter), but I don't object to a bit. My hon. friend, the member for South Tipperary, was a far and away more formidable person than I was in the Plan of Campaign organization. He was a man of few words, but he was with us in the lobby to-morrow night instead of reposing on a plank bed in Tulamore, as he would if he had spoken out his mind at the market cross (cheers). I don't mind telling it either, now that his work is done, and done victoriously. Then about the right hon. gentleman's glorious

man's failure from week to week (loud cheers). That is the sting of the offence that meetings are held in spite of him (hear, hear). He might as well issue a proclamation suppressing the sun in the heavens, and then go about smashing the faces of the sun-dials, for so he might as well do (loud cheers). Worse still is the manner in which he has treated the miserable gullible and the intimidated and intimidated children (hear, hear). The Chief Secretary might have remarked that the right hon. gentleman who sits next to him is a person who, in former years, might as easily have come under the same category (Irish cheers). The right hon. gentleman made no approach to him, for he was an extremely good customer (laughter). If he had not parted with his Irish business as he did, in a most timely manner in view of subsequent legislation, the right hon. gentleman would be liable to three months on a plank bed. (Home Rule cheers and some Ministerial interruption.)

THE right honorable gentleman has not succeeded in burying one of his own party's report. He has not daunted a single newspaper, and I promise you that he never will (Irish cheers)—even if he proceeds from the editors to the printers, and from the printers to the printers' press, as he probably will do. There is absolutely

ONLY ONE REDEMPTIVE FEATURE of the right hon. gentleman's policy in Ireland, and that is its colossal and monumental failure, and that is the one thing that softens the minds of the Irish people against the deeds he has done. Within the last few weeks—probably in view of the ending of Parliament—the right hon. gentleman has made a more prodigious show of energy than ever, striking out right, left and centre, outraging the feelings of the Irish people, and insulting and mistreating men of honor and courage. Notwithstanding that for the last few weeks he has been so busy, and so deeply so, he has not the feeling against the right hon. gentleman in Ireland has been steadily settling down from a passionate and almost uncontrollable sense of indignation to a feeling not quite flattering to the right hon. gentleman's vanity, though perfectly reassuring to his friends who surround him with detectives—a feeling—well, it is more particularly descriptive of it than say that the hon. member for Cork very aptly illustrated it the other night by the epilogue of the lion and the cat (Irish cheers). The right hon. gentleman has the distinction of having developed an entirely new department of the Irish difficulty among Her Majesty's soldiers (cheers). When my friend Mandeville and I were in the middle of the night in Tulamore I rather keenly, but I was considerably consoled when I learned that the next day the right hon. gentleman had made of special trains was to ship Her Majesty's soldiers away from Tulamore for cheering Mandeville and me (Irish cheers), and do not let them ride off upon the streets of the town in their Irish soldiers.

The Chief Secretary was understood to say that they were Irish soldiers.

Mr. O'Brien—They were, undoubtedly, but there was a Scotch regiment there, a regiment of his own countrymen, the Scottish Fusiliers, and by some unhappy accident they also had to be driven away by special train for some awkward manifestations at Mitchelstown (Irish cheers and laughter). He had to employ police to guard the Scotch regiment (Irish cheers). Yes, the police patrol in Tulamore jail was not between the outer world and me, but between me and the jail officials, and not only that, but to my own knowledge—the right hon. gentleman cannot even count on the Royal Irish Constabulary—to my own knowledge, he had to employ police to guard the Royal Irish Constabulary (Irish cheers). That is what the right hon. gentleman calls holding his own in Ireland (Irish cheers). He has done one thing, and really now I remember it is about the only thing he succeeded in, and he botched that (laughter), or nearly succeeded in—kicking about a number of bonfires that were lighted through Ireland on the occasion of our victory, which, in many instances, and had the heads of the great crests who lit bonfires and who cheered for us and for the right hon. gentleman, the member for Midlothian. He has kicked out a few bonfires of Irish Nationality, but the spirit that lighted them is beyond his power (loud Irish and Opposition cheers). The late Mr. Forster and I do not regret the circumstances for the purpose of insulting his memory—the late Mr. Forster went down to Tulamore and addressed the people from the hotel windows, under the protection of a regiment of police, and he came back to this House, and there are many men in this House who can still remember the triumphant account he gave of his experiences at Tulamore, and the great success of the struggle, in which he assured this House that he was winning, and the people were with him, and that the flowers of my hon. friend were a mere pack of broken men and reckless boys. If they only gave him

A LITTLE TIME, said Mr. Forster, for his policy in Ireland, it would make him a great man. That was seven years ago. Does the right hon. gentleman imagine that the second experiment at Tulamore is going to be more successful? Do any of the right hon. gentleman's best friends claim that he is a better man or a braver man than Mr. Forster, or that he is the deeper statesman of the two? No, sir, the right hon. gentleman is, no doubt, in position to reflect nicely on our people's misery and our own suffering. We acknowledge that the mere sufferings of the people are only a part, and a very small part, of the frightful sufferings, calamities and troubles the right hon. gentleman is bringing upon many a humble family in Ireland.

A DRUTAL PERSECUTION is going on at the hands of every village constable, every brutal constable who has a quarrel with the people; but the Irish people, you may depend upon it, will bear the strain (Opposition cheers). We have now tested the right hon. gentleman's strength and our own, and we are not cowed (Irish cheers). We are not cowed (Irish cheers). We are not cowed (Irish cheers). We are not cowed (Irish cheers).

THE right hon. gentleman, the member for Midlothian, has accomplished within two years what seven hundred years of coercion have not accomplished—(Opposition cheers)—and what seven hundred years more of coercion will leave unaccomplished still. (Loud Opposition cheers.) He has knitted the hearts of the two nations, the British and the Irish, by a sacred and enduring bond that is a bond of terror and of brute force. He has done that, and our quarrel with England, our bitterness towards England, has gone—(Opposition cheers)—and it will be your fault, it will be your crime if it ever returns, a crime for which history will stigmatize you forever. (Loud Opposition cheers.)

YOU ARE THE SEPARATISTS TO-DAY. (Opposition cheers.) We are for peace and for the happiness and for the brotherhood of the two nations (cheers). If you are for eternal repression and eternal discord and eternal misery to you as well as for us, we are enabled for appealing the dark passions of the past. (Opposition cheers.) We shall be amply compensated if we should be destined, as I hope, please God, we may, to be the last of the long and mournful list of men who have had to fight for it, and believe upon the day of victory we will give the hearts of the two nations to the right hon. gentleman, and we will bless his policy yet as one of the most powerful, though unconscious, instruments in the delivery of our country (loud and prolonged cheers).

When Mr. O'Brien sat down, the House felt the Conservative side as well as the Opposition—Mr. Balfour, Mr. Chamberlain, without doubt to his reputation, defer his reply to the following day. A shout for "Balfour, Balfour" filled the House, and was not repeated, but the Chief Secretary would not stir. Mr. Finlay, a renegade Liberal, was on his legs, but could not speak, so vehement was the demand for Balfour. The right hon. gentleman was glued to his seat. The House felt the Conservative side as well as the Opposition—Mr. Balfour, Mr. Chamberlain, without doubt to his reputation, defer his reply to the following day. A shout for "Balfour, Balfour" filled the House, and was not repeated, but the Chief Secretary would not stir. Mr. Finlay, a renegade Liberal, was on his legs, but could not speak, so vehement was the demand for Balfour. The right hon. gentleman was glued to his seat. 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