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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1882.

The exodus to the North-West this summer threatens to be something enormous. If all go who now talk of going from here, only the editors and a few others too poor to invest in tickets will be left at this point.

Mr. F. W. Johnston is generally credited with writing the special "Toronto correspondence" which has appeared in a local Tory print in Goderich of late. If the report be true, the people of Huron will remember the young Warden of Huron wrote them down as "box trotters and bashwackers." It's just like his elegant, high-toned style.

The steamship Sardinian, of the Allan Line, for the safety of which fears were entertained during the past week, arrived at Queenstown on Tuesday last, several days overdue. She had been disabled, and would in all probability have foundered, had it not been for the steamship Texas, which came along, and towed her into port. They who go down to the sea in ships run great risks.

Hon. Mr. McLELLAN, the new President of the Council, not only said at one time that Dr. Tupper was "the great high priest of jobbery and corruption," and that he had his arms "dipped in the public chest," but he also put on record the following opinion of Tupper's career:

I know not what to call it—I shall not venture an opinion; but in private life it is called extortion money under false pretence, and our laws make it an indictable offence. Tupper's reputation for probity has not improved since those scathing words were first uttered.

"STEEL-RAILS." Jimmy Johnston, of West Wawanosh, is a possible candidate for Parliamentary honors against Col. Ross at the next election. This individual is the same who gave the exhaustive discourse on steel rails at Clinton in 1878, and gained his sobriquet of "Steel-Rails Jimmy," which will stick to him to his dying day. He must not be confounded with Warden Johnston, as he is really a shrewder and more intelligent man, although nearly as gassy.

The saying of J. G. Macdonnell, U. E. Club secretary, and wire-puller for the Tories, that young men "should stick to the party whether it was right or wrong, and the more it was in the wrong the more they should stick to it," is so ugly a statement that even one or two of the most brazen supporters of the party feel ashamed of it. J. J. Hawkins says that he never said such a thing. We believe him. There's little danger of J. J. Hawkins sticking to any party for any length of time.

BRADLAUGH, the member for Northampton, took the oath on Tuesday last, but was declared by the Speaker from taking his seat, and Northampton is still unrepresented in the councils of the nation. There is no earthly reason why Northampton should be disfranchised. If Bradlaugh is ineligible, a new election for member should be had, and Bradlaugh declared from nomination. If, on the other hand, there is no legal objection to his candidature, the majority vote of Northampton should ensure him a seat in the House of Commons.

The following, from the Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto World, will give an idea of how Plumb, Hesson, and others of that ilk degenerate into buffoons when away from home. Mr. Patterson, of Brant, was speaking on the question of the export trade under the so-called benign influence of the N. P., and received a number of interruptions from the members mentioned and others. But the member for Brant is not the man to be put down by interruptions, and turned the laugh upon the would-be wits. The report says:

To one of the speaker's arguments Plumb made assailable and sarcastic noise to which Patterson replied that a cat could mew with just as much effect as that. (Great laughter.) While the speaker was referring to confectionery as among articles in which there had been decrease of export, White of Hastings said, "Oh, yes, you manufacture candy." Yes, said Patterson, and I wish you had some of it to put in your mouth and Plumb's. (Great laughter.) The next one to turn the shaft of ridicule against himself was Mr. Hesson. While Patterson was speaking of the laboring man's condition, that member said: "Yes, but he has a long tail to his shirt now." Patterson—"Then sit on yours, if you have one." (Laughter.)

The *Licensed Victualer's Journal*, "owing to the incorporation of the trade, and the request of our numerous patrons," has decided to change its name to the *Canadian Weekly Review*. No stronger proof of the advance of temperance sentiment is needed than the fact that the organ of the licensed victuallers and liquor dealers is ashamed of its old name.

A BILL of some importance to farmers was introduced in the Ontario Legislature some days since by Mr. Graham. It provides that no owner or occupier of land shall erect or keep up on any division line any barbed wire fence unless it is protected by two by four inch scantling, a pole three inches in diameter, or a board six inches wide running along the top of the fence. A penalty of five dollars is imposed for infractions of this provision.

MR. CREIGHTON the other day in the Ontario Assembly found fault with the form of ballot papers issued for elections to the Local Legislature. Of course the system is not yet perfect, although we consider that in some respects the plan adopted by Ontario is superior to that of the Dominion. If the sapient member for East Grey were candid, he would say at once that the greatest fault the Opposition have with the ballots is that his party does not get enough of them in the Provincial elections.

When is the Council railway committee likely to take steps to prosecute any of the schemes mooted last year, or when will a new scheme be developed? Will the committee lie quiet and serene, and do nothing, or will it be necessary for a public meeting to galvanize it into life, as was the case last year? It is time something was done to start the matter, and we would like to see some of the new members of the committee take action, or resign in favor of men who know what to do, and how to do it.

SHORTLY after the Tory Convention that nominated Dr. Coleman to contest Centre Huron, we were informed by one who was present, that Mr. S. Platt, our townsman, had come within three of getting the nomination. We were told that Goderich and Colborne delegates went strong for Platt, but that McKillop and Seaford stayed with Coleman; some of the other municipalities went one way, and some the other, and Grey was divided. In the published list we find that Grey was represented wholly and solely by Mr. Matt. Morrison. It must have gone hard with Mr. Morrison to be divided.

The question of the amalgamation of the Toronto, Grey & Bruce R. R. and the Grand Trunk R. R. was before the Parliamentary Railway Committee on Tuesday last. Petitions in favor of the amalgamation were presented, backed by an influential delegation favoring the scheme. A petition against the amalgamation was also presented. The committee decided that the application for the fusion of the two lines should be rejected, and it was intimated that the question would have to be settled in Court.

When Mr. Fred W. Johnston said at Carleton last week, that "at Duncannon they (the Reformers) had a great difficulty in getting a man for North Huron," he spoke with his usual neglect of accuracy. The Reform meeting at Duncannon was a West Huron convention, attended solely by representatives from that Riding, and had nothing to do with selecting a candidate in the Reform interest for North Huron. When the day comes for nominating a Reform standard-bearer for North Huron, it will not be difficult to get half a dozen men, any one of whom would beat the ambitious young barrister of long standing and few cases who now aspires to be the Tory nominee.

Times have changed since the days of the singing barber.

Whose voice was so sweet,
He could fairly entice people out of the street,
With his "Lather and shave!"
Lather and shave!
And frizzle-up!"

and now it seems, in large cities like Toronto, many of the tonsorial artists are forced by the competition of trade, to labor on the Lord's Day, contrary to the Statute, made and provided. One Taylor, of Yorkville, a suburb of Toronto, applied on Saturday last, before Justice Wilson, to have a conviction against him for shaving on Sunday quashed. The motion was discharged, and the Justice decided that a barber doing business without being liable to a fine, but if a knight of the razor is connected with a hotel or boarding house, and labors on Sabbath he is not contravening the Statute. This decision will have the effect of getting a number of signs painted for Sunday service by the disciples of the mug, razor and lather-brush, possibly after the following style, "Absalom Johnsing, Barber on Sunday to the 'Hole-in-the-wall Hotel'; 'Nicodemus Shave 'em-quick, Sabbath shaver in connection with Miss Take-'em-in's hab'ery," &c., &c. At any rate the decision is a peculiar one, and smacks more of the law than of the gospel.

It is a curious fact that while the greater number of the Tory newspapers insert the Dominion Government's statement of its position on the Boundary Award matter, none of them are willing to present the case of the Province as put by Hon. Mr. Meredith. This unfairness is doubly mean, when it is taken into consideration that the Dominion Government is endeavoring to prevent our Province from getting its rights. It puts them in the position of being enemies to the best interests of Ontario.

It has been boasted frequently by the Tories that it mattered little to them when the next election took place—in year or in 1883—their party was safe in any event. The bottom has fallen out of this boast since Parliament met, for it is now an open secret that the Cabinet favored dissolution of the House this year, and the rank and file opposed it strenuously at the first caucus meeting at Ottawa. Such men as Mr. Farrow, Hesson, Boulton, Arkell and Plumb, knowing re-election to be impossible, did not favor the idea of being hustled into oblivion. And there the matter rests for the present.

"TICKET SCALPING" cannot be prevented so long as the railways discriminate against local travel. We know a man who, when about to return from the Western States recently, found that he could get a Toronto ticket for \$24, while one to Stratford, eighty-eight miles nearer on the same route, cost \$27. He bought a Toronto ticket, and getting off at Stratford, saved \$3 by the transaction. He subsequently visited Toronto, getting from Stratford to Toronto on his old ticket free. While such unjust discriminations are made in favor of big cities, "ticket scalping" will prevail. The railways should first mend their own ways.

THE TWO SURPLUSES.
"Great was the applause of the Government party when Mr. Wood made the announcement of his surplus yesterday. Now why was this? In Dominion finance the surplus is denounced as robbery. Why should the Provincial surplus be no robbery too? If the 'Tory' surplus should be returned to the pockets of the people, why should not the Ontario surplus be also returned in like manner?"—Toronto Mail.

So! The Mail pretends not to be able to see the difference between a surplus gleaned from the natural wealth of the Province, and one extorted from the consumers by a grinding tariff in order that a few capitalists may blind to their hoards. If the Mail be really blind, the people of Ontario are not so. No man is this county will say that the Ontario surplus came out of his pocket; the piling up of the Dominion surplus has been mingled with the expropriations of the garroted populace. And again! The Ontario Legislature has returned its surplus, or a large portion of it, to the Province in the shape of Municipal Loan Fund distribution and railway appropriations, and the people have thereby been benefited. When will the municipalities get a benefit from the Tilley surplus; or will the Tory Government fritter it away on Onderdonk, Tupper & Co., and kindred contract brokers?

THE SNUB DIRECT.

So Mr. Fred Johnston, the "button-hole" Warden of Huron, is anxious to get foisted upon North Huron, because he thinks that Riding would be safe for a County Master of Conservative leanings, were the Tory convention to select such an one as the party nominee. He has almost made up his mind to relinquish his designs on West Huron, for the Local, owing to Mr. Ross' increasing popularity, and is even willing to throw it as a bone of contention for Messrs. Platt, Campbell, Racey, Ben Wilson and Dr. Tennant to wrangle over. Meantime while they quarrel about the candidature of West Huron, Mr. Johnston purposes playing cut-throat to Mr. Tom Farrow, the sitting member for North Huron, and putting on the shoes of the politically deceased, after the job is done. Even the Tories see through Mr. Johnston's little game, and the Wingham correspondent of the *Mitchell Advocate* (Tory) has the following notice regarding the ambitious young barrister's intentions, and the probable result of his cheeky efforts:

It is rumored that an aspiring young politician—an outsider—intends to represent some safe Conservative constituency in the next Parliament, and has an eye upon North Huron, and is even now feeling his way with that object in view. We are not in want of a candidate at present, so that our young friend had better turn his eyes in some other direction.

HURON'S POPULATION.

We give the following statement of the population of Huron, taken from the census report. The county is one of the most populous in the Province. The full population of the village of Lucknow does not appear, as part of that municipality lies in South Bruce:

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McKillop.....	4,451 Bayfield.....	673	
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Parker.....	1,725 Clinton.....	2,006	
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NORTH HURON—POPULATION, 27,103.			
Howick.....	5,616 Turnberry.....	3,074	
Morris.....	3,815 Wawanosh E.....	2,074	
Wawanosh W.....	2,795 Ashfield.....	4,766	
Brussels.....	561 Wingham.....	1,918	
Ryth.....	914 Wrexham.....	590	
Lucknow.....	444		

The Liberals hold two of the seats, and expect to win the third at the next election.

ARE THEY HONEST AND TRUE?

On the third day of March, 1881, not one year ago, Mr. Meredith and every member save one of the Ontario Opposition in the House, voted for the following resolutions:

"1. That this House deeply regrets that notwithstanding the unanimous award made on the 3rd of August, 1878, by the Arbitrators appointed by the joint and concurrent action of the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario, to determine the northern and westerly boundaries of this Province, no legislation has been submitted by the Government of Canada to the Dominion Parliament for the purpose of confirming that award, nor has the validity of the award yet been recognized by the Government of Canada."

"2. That the omission of the Government and Parliament of Canada to confirm the award is attended with grave inconvenience, has the effect of retarding settlement and municipal organization, embarrasses the administration of the laws, and interferes with the preservation of the peace, the maintenance of order, and the establishment of good government in the northern and north-westerly parts of the Province of Ontario."

"3. That it is the duty of the Government of Ontario to assert and maintain the just claims and rights of the Province of Ontario as determined by the award of the arbitrators; and this House hereby reaffirms its determination to give its cordial support to the Government of Ontario in any steps it may be necessary to take to sustain the award, and to assert and maintain the just claims and rights of the Province as thereby declared and determined."

By voting for these resolutions, Mr. Meredith and his followers, as well as the Ministry and their supporters, committed themselves to the three following conclusions:

(1.) That the award was valid and should be confirmed.

(2.) That neglect to do so retarded settlement and did other injury to the Province.

(3.) That the just claims of Ontario, as determined by the arbitrators, should be asserted and maintained.

Scarcely had the echo of the year, and the solitary nay, died away, before the members of the Opposition were found plotting with the enemy for the betrayal of those rights, which Ontario was to "assert and maintain."

Such political treachery deserves but one punishment. Not one of the men who went back on their record of March 3rd, 1881, should be returned to the Legislature.

Grip has pictured the Opposition leaders as "Deserters," leaving the ranks of the Provincial patriots. They are to our mind more like a mutinous crew, who, failing to get command of the ship, are determined to scuttle her.

Louise Wasn't There.

MR. S. MENNER, M. P. (Tory) writes from Ottawa to the *Hamburg Independent*: "I was invited to dine with the Governor-General on Friday and have received an invitation to a ball on Thursday night, but I don't know yet whether I shall accept, for Louise will be absent." Mr. Menner speaks as familiarly now of "Louise" as he used to of "John A." during the election campaign. (Stratford Herald.)

A Recreant Leader.

Mr. Meredith's attitude on the Boundary Award has made it impossible for the people of Ontario to place him at the head of a Provincial Administration. In fact, as a man of honor, he could not take the oath to defend the interests of Ontario and preserve her territory intact, after placing himself on record as favorable to the robbery of 100,000 square miles of our rightful territory, as proposed by his political leader at Ottawa.—[Saturn Observer.]

Tupper and Onderdonk.

The story of the way Tupper manipulated the Emory and Port Moody contract is given as follows: It appears that while the tenders were being made, the Chief Engineer received orders from Sir Charles Tupper to alter the quantities. For sufficient reason, that official declined, and the work was entrusted to another engineer, who did as he was directed. The nature of the alteration was privately communicated to Mr. Onderdonk, but somehow Charles and McDonald also became aware of them, and were thus enabled to construct their tender in accordance with the changes. But Sir Charles was not to be balked in his determination to award the contract to Onderdonk & Co., with whom rumor connects him by more than mere ties of friendship. He accordingly took advantage of the circumstance that Charles & McDonald's cheque was only marked good for two days, and having waited that time, gave the contract to Onderdonk & Co. Charles & McDonald immediately petitioned the Privy Council, setting forth the facts of the case and praying that their right to the contract under the terms of the tender being superior to that of Onderdonk & Co., it should be awarded to them. Certain ministers inclined to their view, but having got so far Sir Charles was not to be balked in his purpose, and threatened to bring on a Ministerial crisis by resigning if his report on the award of the contract to the Privy Council were not adopted. This threat appears to have been effective. The petition of Charles & McDonald was rejected, and the contract has been confirmed by order-in-Council.

J. C. Carrie's Sale List.

Credit auction sale of Michael Dalton's farm stock and implements on Lot 20, Lake Range, township of Ashfield, near Kintail on Thursday, March 2nd, 1882, commencing at one o'clock.

Credit auction sale of John Boyd's farm stock, implements and household furniture, on Lot 21, Lake Range, township of Ashfield, adjoining Kintail, on Wednesday, 8th March, 1882, sale commences sharp at one o'clock.

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