

NEWS BY THE HIBERNIA. LATEST NEWS.

ENGLAND. A cabinet council, was held at the Foreign Office yesterday—sat one hour and a half.

A committee of naval officers has been appointed by the Admiralty, to consider the most advisable means for securing the safe return of the fleet.

FRANCE. The President of the Republic has issued a decree, appointing a commission to inquire into the conduct of the late President.

SPAIN. The Cortes have passed a law, providing for the reorganization of the judicial system.

IRELAND. The Government have announced their intention to introduce a bill, for the purpose of amending the law relating to the land.

SCOTLAND. The House of Commons have passed a resolution, in relation to the proposed union with the United States.

AMERICA. The President has issued a proclamation, in relation to the late war.

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News from this City. We have never heard this singular phenomenon accounted for—Where is Bannan—Wilmington Chicken.

HURON SIGNAL.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1850.

THE POLITICAL MYSTERY.

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and mangle and actually suspend the operation of the said Act of Parliament to suit his own individual interests, the glittering gem-gaw "Responsible Government" should just be blown out as a substanceless bubble.

It is full time that this great sham system were thrown aside, even in Canada—there is now so much of it in this country.

The people will not be fascinated nor deluded with specious phrases, such as "Responsible Government"—they care not about the phraseology—they look to the thing itself—the reality—and we to the reputation of that man or that Ministry that will attempt to charm with the shadow while the substance is withheld.

When the University question was under discussion, last Spring, Bishop STRACHAN presented a Memorial, or a Manifesto, or a something to the Legislature, placing his own views and wishes in direct opposition to the views and wishes of a very large majority of the Legislators, and of the inhabitants of the Province, and warning and beseeching the Parliament to "stay proceedings" in the case of the University.

Dr. STRACHAN'S Manifesto was looked on as a piece of unqualified presumption, founded on no choice self-interest; and although the rejection of it led to a ruffian attempt at rebellion and treason, we are not aware that it was ever honored with an answer.

But the presumption of Bishop STRACHAN dwindles into insignificance compared with the presumption of Dr. RYANSON. The University question was still under discussion or deliberation, the Legislature may be supposed to have been collecting facts and arguments to guide it to a proper decision, Bishop STRACHAN had a perfect right to bring his views into this collection of facts and arguments, and his manifesto was addressed to the very parties who held the power of deciding.

But Dr. RYANSON allowed the School Bill to be discussed and amended—six months before the public as a lesson which they were bound to learn, and a law to which they were allowed to yield obedience.

And then, after the Act of the Legislature was a mere animal authority, his *ipso facto* comes with a full consent to blot the new School Act from the Statute Book.

Dr. RYANSON may or may not have been the mercenaryologist of Sir CHARLES METCALLE's unconstitutional policy. He may or may not have been the hired lawyer of the former Baldwin Administration, or he may or may not be guilty of taking a professional or official tour of Upper Canada on the eve of last general election, with the hidden intention of denigrating the Reform interests.

But whether guilty or innocent of any or all of these charges, he should not be allowed to appropriate the Act of the Legislature by his views and opinions. It is obvious that if a single individual is allowed to set aside or delay the legitimate action of an Act of Parliament, Provincial Legislation is a mere farce.

Dr. RYANSON suggests the prospect of relapsing and ultimately withdrawing the new School Act, and by *ipso facto* and unceremoniously by the Government; any individual may suggest the propriety of withdrawing the new Municipal Act—a third he should object to the Election law, and Bishop STRACHAN declares that the University Bill will become a golden hotel of infidelity.

Each of these individuals has the same ground of objection, and the same right to be heard as Dr. RYANSON. Bishop STRACHAN'S "official knowledge of the workings" of State Churchism equities his opinion as much weight on the Church or University question, as is the opinion of Dr. RYANSON on the School question.

And he would do nothing and say nothing on this principle, we will appeal, just as we appeal, to the blessings of "Responsible Government" being living under a variety of little, petty, individual despots, a thousand fold worse than Family Connection.

It is with the deepest reluctance and regret that we condemn the proceedings of the present Government—but certainly these are not the real friends of the Ministry, who attempt to justify errors upon which public opinion rises up in condemnation. We cannot cry "Peace! Peace!" when there is no peace, and hence we State our humble but honest conviction on this subject.

It is also asserted, and we dare say believed by numbers, that the real meaning of this affair between the Administration and Dr. RYANSON, is a prelude to a second series of "Lionel's" Letters—the "pen of all work," it is said, will again come forth in defence of an inflated, inflated and unpopular Ministry.

We do not believe this—because we sincerely believe that the members of the present Government will never require an apologist between them and an insulted people. Besides, the Ministry are perfectly aware that a defence written by ELEANOR TROTT would have no more weight with the Canadian public than it did when written by Tom Thump!

His last defence of misgovernment fell powerless and harmless before the indignation of the intelligent Electors, and his second would meet a similar or worse fate. Mr. RYANSON says he is prepared to adduce evidence in support of the calamities which he has published against the new School Act; and in our next we shall adduce evidence to show that every one of his objections are either frivolous or false.

The New York Albion, of the 24th says that the island of Ygre is a valuable acquisition to any naval power. It is well wooded and watered.

THE LAST MEETING OF THE LEAGUE!

Our readers have already been informed that an "overflowing" meeting of the "Great League" of Goderich, was held in the Hall of the British Hotel on Saturday, the 22nd ultimo, and we promised to pay our compliments to the loyal enthusiasts manifested by our own League patriots on the occasion.

But, notwithstanding the vast assemblage of twenty-two persons who were present, we have only been able to learn that what Jonathan would call "a very loud meeting." Whether it was unanimously resolved "that the League had actually cried to death of its own foolishness, or had been pounded into dust and ashes by its own heresy of Annexation—whether it was resolved to frame a "New Constitution" out of the fragments of the Clergy Reserves, or to surround the Rector's with a wall of mud and humbug, or to announce *salutis* not.

But having the utmost confidence in the sterling loyalty of our Townsmen, we shall take for granted that the first business of the "overflowing" was to annihilate the very idea of Annexation—and having a personal knowledge of their extreme love of "liberal institutions," we will presume that the next business of the meeting was to resolve that the Legislative Council should, henceforth and forever, be elective!

And upon these two important topics, we shall take the liberty of offering a few salutory observations. We lately wrote an article under the foolish title of "Who owns the Jackdaw?" the object of which was to impress upon the mind of our readers, the important fact that this same "British American League," and this same *anti-British* Annexation League, had the same common origin, that is, that these two Leagues were manufactured and brought to market by the same identical parties—that they had both sprung from the ashes of the Parliament Buildings and the Provincial Libraries, and were the last of a series of miserable "shifts" adopted by the "great Conservative party" in the absurd hope of again "shifting" the said party into power!

We are perfectly aware that perhaps fully three-fourths of the members of both Leagues are mere dupes—that is, they are simple, unthinking men, who are totally ignorant and innocent of the real design of their leaders, and therefore, they are more the objects of pity than of ridicule.

Every man who is familiar with the affairs of Canada, for the last nine months, must be aware that the Tory party has fallen never again to rise—and have by their own base conduct forfeited every claim to public confidence, or even to public consideration, and cannot reasonably hope ever to be recognized as a political party. The word "Loyalty," which in former days had formed the marrow and the mystery of their power and policy, has been spurned and trampled on, and their future breathings of disgust on the public mind. In this hopeless and degraded condition, any stratagem or deception that could afford an opportunity for their being thrown out of the political arena, would be deemed a glorious discovery!

And for this purpose the great League the first was ushered into existence. But this was immediately discovered to be useless—it had no field of action—the attempt to get up a mock rebellion in Montreal had proved abortive—and there being no treason or sedition among the people, consequently the contemplated burst of Loyalty could not come forth!

If there were no darkness, the value of light could not be properly appreciated, and if there was no revolt or sedition, the splendour of Tory Loyalty would forever remain invisible! Sedition must be created, or the stratagem of the great Conservative League must fall to the ground!

But the people refuse to become seditionists—they see no cause for it—their *trick* went off, and therefore the jugglers resort to the miserable expedient of becoming *seditionists* among themselves!

The less influential hall of the "great League" got up a great little clamor about Annexation in order that the other hall may have an opportunity of becoming hysterical in denouncing the reasonable *rise* of their own manufacturing! They have made the Conservatives call "a man of straw" mere that they may acquire a little of the Falstaff glory in knocking him down!

If there is anything in these days of dulled insipidity that can correctly be called amusing, it is the fact of a League meeting denouncing Annexation—kicking their own *straw* man, and calling lustily on the Reformers to come and assist them!

Now the plain meaning of all this nonsense is openly to generate a new reputation of spurious loyalty, for the purposes of the next general election. And hence, we were every honest man to stand back and partake not of these Tory mantras. Have no dealing and no sympathies with these specious deceptions of the great Conservative League. When they invite you to join them for Annexation, laugh heartily—and when they invite you to join them in denouncing Annexation, laugh more heartily, but in neither case suffer your credulity to be imposed on by uniting with them.

And in reference to a coming election, let not the question of annexation be once named—let it never enter into the platform, nor be once uttered on the hustings. There is no party in this country who have the idea of annexation seriously at heart—and, even although that section of the great League which is called the annexation party, was sincere in its pretensions, it is so pitifully insignificant that the clamour would scarcely produce an echo.

*Anti-annexation* will be the great striking-chord of dilapidated torism at next election, and we trust the electors will estimate it at its real value: as the last fragments of the *six penny* Loyalty. A certain class of the League-men seem very anxious to have it believed that the annexation sedition is spreading like wild-fire over the

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