

Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1887.

IT WAS A GLORIOUS VICTORY.

Throughout the Dominion universal joy will prevail to-day. The fate of the true government of progress and reform hung in the balance, and there were found many to predict that the 22nd day of February would find it gloriously defeated. The reasons for such a supposition were many. Sir John Macdonald and his government had had the courage of their convictions, and in doing so had brought down upon their heads the imputation of a misguided faction in the province of Quebec, which, headed by that "artful dodger," Menard, hoped to stand at the Regina scaffold a platform upon which his liberal allies should attain the reins of power. For the same reason Fielding and Jones in Nova Scotia raised the cry of Repeal, and at the risk of "smashing" the Union proclaimed themselves "traitors" in that prosperous province by the act of voting against the measure of man could invent was brought to bear in order to assure a liberal victory, and no stone was left unturned to place Edward Blake in the proud position of premier of the Dominion of Canada. We have never failed to proclaim our belief that the electors of the Dominion would elect a chief and carry him and the great liberal-conservative government of which he is the honored head to victory. We have said that a people never wilfully committed political suicide and we had sufficient faith in the intelligence and progressiveness of the electors of the Dominion to believe that the measure was squarely placed before them they would be found on the right side. We have not failed to read them aright. The glorious victory achieved yesterday sends a thrill through the bosom of every lover of this "bulky young giant," telling them that for five years the grand liberal-conservative party will rule wisely and well over the fortunes of this fair Canada of ours. Ontario has done nobly, she has withstood all the altitudes placed before her, and, as in the old days, has gone soldier to the "Grand Old Man," now Brunswick, as we long ago prophesied, has done herself proud, while Nova Scotia is not backward in the race. The "light little" has thrown in its lot with the liberal party, loving the fine record which she might have made for herself. "Riel" was the rallying cry in Quebec, but in the face of such an influence all the ministers were elected, and their following made considerable. Every member of the cabinet has been returned, and in most cases by heavy majorities. The chieftain has won Kingston from the enemy and again taken his old seat for Carleton. "Old Union Jack" must have been a proud man last night! Sir Charles Tupper's majority in Canada would be considered enormous, since he defeated by a large majority the ex-premier of the province, Mr. Phipps, one of the most popular of Acadia's sons. We heartily congratulate our readers on the result. It means great things for this young country. It means a continuance of the National Policy, reciprocity with our neighbors are ready to reciprocate with us, and a continuation until the end of the great Confederation founded on such an enduring basis in 1867. Sir John comes West, as we predicted, with a good working majority. It was never believed, it was never hoped, that he would go back to power with such a majority as he had in the last House of Commons. The Territories with a solid contingent, to be increased by ten square votes there and in British Columbia. In the flush of victory we would fain cover over with the mantle of charity those over-zealous devotees who in this crisis raised the banner of "Reform" - they "loved not wisely but too well." "Victory" is the jubilee song throughout the Dominion to-day - British Columbia and this fair city of Victoria echo the glad refrain. Hail to the Chief!

THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY.

The opening of the annual fur sales of this company in London recently gave promise of higher prices for fur than larger previous years. The speculators and sales were those of better favor, and in the course of the first day an advance of 25 per cent was made. The second day prices ranged 20 per cent in advance of the preceding year, and the recent advance consequently placed the market at a high level of those ruling two years ago. In connection with the advance it is stated that private stocks of furs are very high everywhere. The market is very busy during the year was fully up to the average. Under the circumstances, the prospect of large dividends to stockholders are encouraging. The following is a table of profits and dividends paid each year since 1861:

Year	Profit	Dividend
1861-62	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000
1862-63	2,500,000	1,250,000
1863-64	3,000,000	1,500,000
1864-65	3,500,000	1,750,000
1865-66	4,000,000	2,000,000
1866-67	4,500,000	2,250,000
1867-68	5,000,000	2,500,000
1868-69	5,500,000	2,750,000
1869-70	6,000,000	3,000,000
1870-71	6,500,000	3,250,000
1871-72	7,000,000	3,500,000
1872-73	7,500,000	3,750,000
1873-74	8,000,000	4,000,000
1874-75	8,500,000	4,250,000
1875-76	9,000,000	4,500,000
1876-77	9,500,000	4,750,000
1877-78	10,000,000	5,000,000
1878-79	10,500,000	5,250,000
1879-80	11,000,000	5,500,000
1880-81	11,500,000	5,750,000
1881-82	12,000,000	6,000,000
1882-83	12,500,000	6,250,000
1883-84	13,000,000	6,500,000
1884-85	13,500,000	6,750,000
1885-86	14,000,000	7,000,000
1886-87	14,500,000	7,250,000

Two striking features will be observed in the above table - one, the extreme fluctuations in the profits of the company, and the other, the close correspondence between the two sets of fluctuations. This made a difference of \$200,000 in the fur profits, raising that of the company to \$76,000. The directors, utilizing part of the balance brought forward from 1885, now divided 10 shillings per share. The total return to the shareholders in the five years was 62 1/2 per cent, which, on 212 shares, represents 28 per cent, or the rate of 5 1/2 per cent per annum from the fur trading account alone.

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MAINE.

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Montreal, and never drawn. Thousands of Scotchmen in all parts of Canada who could be depended upon to do for this country what their forefathers had done in Britain time and again. In the event of an American war putting in an appearance this side of the island it would become the duty of the Toronto Irish brigade to turn out and fight for the flag. It seems almost as if our neighbors to the north were constrained to cry out to the United States to stop their gun-boats, and that their great cities are at the mercy of the first comer.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Mr. Higgins protested against the house delegating the power to pass to France, and to vote on a committee. He wanted the house to frame them. Mr. Semlin followed in the same strain; but the house did not regard the objection with favor and the amendment was authorized.

There was a lively breeze upon a resolution of Mr. Mason to exempt mining machinery from customs duties. Mr. Dineen, who had the protection of local industry and was ably seconded by Mr. Beaven; but their opposition proved no avail. The resolution passed with only four votes in opposition. It was a queer set of D. and B. voting on this matter. The resolution was passed by the vote of 10 to 4.

Mr. Beaven made a ridiculous slip on Monday by opposing Mr. Anderson's resolution to stimulate trade with China. Mr. Beaven's hostility to Chinese goods is well known. He is a sort of Senator Ingalls and advocates non-intercourse. He is opposed to Chinese immigration; he is also opposed to making money out of the Canadian goods. Mr. B.'s logical mind seems distraught, for no sane person would object to making money out of an enemy in an honest sort of way. If John Chinaman prefers Canadian flour, fish, clothing and shoes to those of his own manufacture, is not his money as good as anyone else's? It would seem to be the only way open to a sane man to get the good Canadian dollars that John Chinaman has persistently exported since the beginning of our civilization.

LATEST CANADIAN NEWS.

The disgraceful election fight which occurred at Ottawa was caused by the question of whether a liberal or Tory should be chairman. Dr. Grant took the chair and immediately the free fight commenced which raged around him for two hours. The result was a narrow victory for the speakers addressed the crowd from the balcony. The adherents of the Liberal party were broken and general demoralization was the result. Every body that the city's reputation for fair play has received a blemish which it will take a long time to eradicate. The affair has a really serious and important bearing on the evening. No attempt, however, was made to create a disturbance there, as was the case in the last House of Commons. The damage to the city hall furniture was considerable.

MANITOBA.

Portage La Prairie has again been visited by fire, which broke out in the Rossin house, situated on the corner of Main and one hundred feet from Main. The hotel and contents were entirely consumed. The building and furniture were owned by W. J. Rossin, who was a resident of Portage. The fire was caused by a gas stove, which was a new one, and was a very dangerous one. The fire was extinguished by the fire department, and the loss was estimated at \$20,000. The fire was a great loss to the community, and the fire department was well equipped to deal with it.

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NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

Lady Macdonald has sent a cheque for \$30 to Lieut. Governor Davidson in aid of a new church at the police barracks, Regina.

QUEBEC.

Mr. Curry, of Quebec, charged Charles Langlois, a French Canadian, with the name of thirteen persons, whom the bottle was divided. The mayor is charged with having received \$4,300 from the names of thirteen persons, who have received from \$2,300 to \$500. The exposure has created an immense sensation and the names of the thirteen persons are being published.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

There were lively scenes on several of the New Brunswick railways. It is said that in twenty-four days, 131 first-class tickets were sold. The railway companies are doing well, and the public are very satisfied with the service. The railway companies are doing well, and the public are very satisfied with the service.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH.

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OUTLET TRADE.

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