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TWO POSSIBLE SURPRISES.

The liberal and the conservative parties are each of them working away on what each of them think to be its best card before the country. On the conservative side the National Policy is, to change the simile, the main plank and the strong one; it has in fact to carry the rest of the platform. Beyond all question the N. P. is to-day carrying the syndicate and several other things for which the Dominion government is responsible; it carries itself and a great deal else besides. We may well ask, where would the assailants of Sir John's government be to-day, if they had nothing else than the attack on the N. P. for their program? Why, they would be lost, so utterly lost that the country would not know where to find them, and would not recognize them if found. The N.P. is Sir John's strong issue; it carries itself, it carries him and his government, aye, and an enormous mass of unpopular deadweight besides, which it has no business to carry, and should not be burdened with it all. There are men who say—and good business men, too, among them—let us have Sir John and the N. P. by all means, even if it should be burdened with various unpopularities, rather than go back to the ruinous system of crushing Canadian enterprise and keeping the country in a state of abject commercial dependence on England and the United States, especially the United States. It may safely be said that business men, in all the provinces, will hear a tremendous deal from Sir John in the way of boundary questions, disallowances, and lots of other things, rather than see the country go back to the already repudiated system of commercial freedom for foreigners and commercial slavery for ourselves. This is Sir John's strong point, he holds to it strongly and he does not feel a bit ashamed of it. Even more than this must be said—before the manufacturing magnates of Lancashire he made the boldest declaration ever made by any Canadian statesman in England—he told them that the Canadian tariff was made with the express design of promoting Canadian interests first of all, and would be continued on that line. On this his government stands to-day.

The Dominion opposition for Ontario is practically the Dominion opposition; for it does not yet appear that the other provinces take much stock in it. And that opposition, as far as can be seen, is going before the country on the platform of provincial rights and antagonism to the Pacific railway syndicate. Other questions there may be, of minor importance, but these are the main ones pressed upon public attention. In Nova Scotia last summer Sir Charles Tupper said that the Dominion government would stand or fall on the N.P. and its Pacific railway policy. Other issues were trifling in comparison. If on these two great issues the country supported them they should stand, even in spite of minor faults in other respects; if on these issues they were condemned, no amount of well-doing in other respects could save them. There Sir Charles stated the case plainly; and the case as he put it is no doubt substantially the case that will go before the country in 1883, if not sooner. Only one more element has since come into prominence, that of Ontario's provincial rights; and the liberal party here have seized upon it with eager grasp, evidently determined to make as big a thing of it as they possibly can.

At public meetings, and in private gatherings too, whenever the affairs of the country are debated, this is how things go, at least in Ontario. Start the N.P. for the subject of discussion and Sir John's friends are strong and carry all before them. Even staunch grits assume an apologetic tone, and try to create the impression that after all they are not so much against reasonable protection as has been said. On the other hand, let the syndicate or the rights of Ontario come up, and immediately the grits appear to carry all before them and put on the airs of conquerors. Now, let us suppose two particular possibilities. Suppose Sir John has in his head the game of allowing his opponents here to waste their wind on provincial issues which he holds in his hand all the while, ready to concede before the election comes on, all that is required to put him right with Ontario. Suppose, further, that he may have something in reserve which when revealed will make the syndicate business look a good deal better before the country than it does at present. These two things coming together, would be a surprise in his favor, very much indeed. But there are possibilities of surprise on Mr. Blake's side too. Suppose that soon after parliament meets, or at some other time deemed proper for the business, a Dominion opposition caucus should consider, decide, and announce to the country, with tangible assurance offered, that the manufacturing interests would be perfectly safe even with a change of government, and that to put it plainly, the present opposition would renounce their alleged free trade principles, and that the N.P. would still be safe if they returned to power. These are the outlines of two possible surprises for the country, and both are probable enough to merit consideration.

THE PLAINTIVE MAIL.

It has been our lot to read some pretty sickly articles in the Mail of late; but for advanced imbecility and decrepitude, commend us to yesterday morning's column-long criticism of Mr. Fraser's manner in the house. We hardly know what to compare it to, but let us take, for instance, a wife, wailing because her husband doesn't wipe his feet on the door-mat; a boarding-school mistress lecturing ague on her exuberant spirits; an invalid with shattered nerves trembling at the slamming of a door. In one place the writer says with a sigh, "It is quite impossible to convey the *tone* of these remarks (Mr. Fraser's) to our readers; the reckless truculence of it was most offensive." We cannot accuse the writer of this article of "reckless truculence," it is the mildest flavored production we have tasted for many a day.

We hope Mr. Fraser will take the Mail's plaintive rebuke to heart. Henceforth let him eschew the reckless rowdy hat, and go about in a mild looking Christy, or a dignified plug, always remembering to doff it when he sits inside the house. Let him shave off every hirsute appendage, save a clerical and highly proper looking side-whisker. Let him gargle his throat with oil and powdered chalk, that his voice may be mild and sweet, and "roar you like any sucking dove." Let him tame the fire of his eye, and get rid of the undescribable "truculence" of his manner. Oscar Wild is coming—a few lessons from him might work such a marvellous change as would gladden the heart of the Mail.

SOME OF THE conservatives are beginning to see that they are not only unpatriotic in supporting the federal authorities in the present dispute with the province as to powers and rights, but that they are being made the catspaws of the French Canadians of Quebec, who for some reason or other are very anxious that Ontario should be crippled wherever possible. Stick up for your province, gentlemen! The letter signed Salmoneus is timely in the present discussion of the rights of the provinces as against the Dominion authorities. While not agreeing with all he says, yet we must admit that it is a fact that if there had been a conservative government in power in Toronto there would have been no disputes about jurisdiction; and probably the same would have been the case if reformers were in power at both capitals. The bitterness of party unfortunately too often creeps into these issues. But the conservatives, whether at Ottawa or in the local legislature, may rest assured that the people of this province will stand up for their rights to a man. For, as the Telegram puts it, if the people of Ontario do not do this who will?

THE FAILURE of Mr. Thomas Hughes's Rugby colony is announced by the Rugbean, which says that the venture was "a fiasco almost before the echoes of applause over its beginning had died away." The location of the settlement in the wild mountains of Tennessee was unfortunate, and the men who joined it were not of a kind to new success out of a forest.

THE LOCAL OPPOSITION lost considerable weight by the illness of the member for South Simcoe. Mr. Parkhill resumes his seat at only 195 lbs. Last session he turned the scale at 260 lbs.

EVILS OF CENTRALIZATION.

They Must be Put Down—Party at the Basis of the Present Disputes.

TO THE WORLD: The drift of the conservative party is plainly in the direction of centralization. But shall we, a democratic and liberal loving people, remain inactive while our rights and privileges are being gradually but surely, and even difiantly, wrested from us? The concentration of power now going on is diametrically opposed to the interest of the masses, and to those principles for which the liberal party has for years labored. Decentralization is the motto of the reform party, and to that party we must look if we wish to preserve our rights, and to extend our liberties. It has been said by some that our

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are expensive and useless; but those who so express themselves are either ignorant of the subject, or otherwise they are opposed to liberalism. For in the maintainence of our provincial legislatures lies the safety of many of these liberties we hold dear. Better by far dispense with the services of the federal house than give up our local parliament. Therefore it behooves us all to be on the alert and prevent, while we have the power, the rights of our legislatures from being infringed upon. For if we allowed the federal government to usurp the powers of our local legislatures at will we virtually surrender our rights and liberties into the hands of a few unscrupulous and powerful men whose actions of the last few years have been extremely characteristic of that bitter partisan spirit. So much to be deplored in this young and growing country. First came

THE LETELLIER CASE,

in which the federal government arrogated to itself the power of dismissing lieutenant governors which should never have been tolerated by the people. But having succeeded in this Sir John Macdonald became emboldened to carry his partisan animosity further; for it is safe to say that if a conservative government had been in power in Ontario there would have been no trouble concerning

THE BOUNDARY AWARD,

and it would have been speedily ratified; and the streams act would have been allowed to become law without a discussion at Ottawa; and in all probability the present dispute concerning the right of the Ontario government to dispose of the Mercer estate would not have arisen if a conservative government had been in power at Toronto. All this assumption of powers by the federal government which does not belong to it, is palpably the outcome of that bitter partisan feeling which has long prevailed to the detriment of the county's interest. Intelligence and information should be given to the people that they may rightly understand their position and know that to secure their liberties they must insist that both the provincial and federal governments be each supreme within its sphere.

SALMONEUS.

"Before I was married," said Mr. Wiggs, with a mournful wag of the head, "I used to think I'd like to be a great poet." "And what would you like to be now?" "Anything," he answered solemnly, "that could run faster than a mad woman."

In consequence of the assassination we have sold more papers than we otherwise would have done. For these extra sales we are indebted to Guiteau. We wish to do the fair thing, and will therefore furnish the funds with which to purchase the rope, the only consideration being that the authorities will guarantee to use it immediately.—Oil City Derrick.

Years pass by! Friends depart! Charity and kindness—we might almost add happiness—are things of by-gone ages. The past is full of unpleasant memories. The future dark. The common destiny is the grave. Life is but a struggle between the builders-up and the tearers-down. It is unhappiness to many. Can it be improved? Those who commit suicide think it can. Are they righ or wrong?

JACK RABBITS IN TEXAS.

History of this Interesting Southern and Western Quadruped.

(From the Austin, Tex., Siftings.)

The jack rabbit is an inhabitant of Texas and of some other western states. He is often called the "mule-eared rabbit," and by the cowboy he is familiarly spoken of as the "muley." He is not a rabbit at all. A rabbit is an unobtrusive little animal, which is found by school boys in a hole in the ground at the end of a long track in the snow. The so-called jack rabbit is quite a different kind of soup meat. He is identical with the British hare, except that he is larger, his color lighter, and his ears much longer. His avoirdupois is about twelve pounds, and his ears measure, from tip to tip, about sixteen inches. He does not burrow in the ground. He lies under cover of a bunch of prairie grass, but is very seldom found at home, his office hours being between sunset and sunrise. He is to be found during the day on the open prairie, where he feeds on the tender shoots of the mesquite or sage grass. He is not a ferocious animal, as a stranger might be led to suppose from an examination of what purports to be his picture under the alias of "The Texian Hare," in Governor Roberts's book. The jack rabbit has several enemies, among them the cowboy, who shoots him with his rifle; the coyote and the dog, that try to run him down, and the governor of Texas, above alluded to, who libels him in his book. He has two ways of protecting himself against his enemies. One way is to squat when he suspects danger and fold his ears along his sides. By doing this he often escapes observation, as only his back is exposed, the color of which harmonizes with the brown of the withered grass. The other plan, that he uses when discovered and pursued, is to create remoteness between himself and his pursuer. In giving his whole attention to this matter, when necessary, he is a stupendous success and earnest to a fault. When disturbed he unlimbers his long legs, unfurls his ears, and goes off with a bound. He generally stops after running about a hundred yards and looks back to see if his pursuer is enjoying the chase as much as he thought he would, and then he leaves for parts unknown. There are many fast things, from an iceboat to a note maturing in the bank, but nothing to equal the jack rabbit. An unfounded rumor gets around pretty lively, but could not keep up with him for two blocks. When an ordinary cur dog tries to expedite a jack rabbit route he makes a humiliating failure of it. He only gives the rabbit gentle exercise. The latter merely throws up his ears, and, under easy sail, skims easily along, tacking occasionally to give the funeral procession time to catch up. But if you want to see velocity, urgent speed, and precipitated haste, you have only to turn loose a greyhound in the wake of a jack rabbit. Pursued by a greyhound he will "let himself out" in a manner that would astonish a prepaid half-rate message. If he is a rabbit that has never had any experience with a greyhound before he will start off at an easy pace, but as he turns to wink derisively at what he supposes to be an ordinary yellow dog he realizes that there is a force in nature hitherto unknown to him, and his look of astonishment, alarm, and disgust, as he furls his ears and promptly declines the nomination, is amusing. Under such circumstances he goes too fast for the eye to follow his movements, and presents the optical illusion of a streak of jack rabbit a mile and a half long.

Exploring the Pyramids.

M. Gabriel Charmes is now traveling in Egypt with M. Maspero, the director of the Egyptian museums, who was determined on opening all the pyramids that have not yet been explored, and on further searching those not thoroughly known. Among the pyramids situated on the borders of the Lybian desert is that of Meydeum, said to be the most mysterious of all. It appears that its entrance had never been discovered. Ibrahim Pasha even endeavored to effect a breach in its walls with artillery, in the hope of finding a treasure concealed therein. It is to this pyramid that M. Maspero is now devoting his attention. Thirteen days of hard labor, with skilled workmen, have sufficed for the discovery of a secret which was believed to be undiscoverable. On entering the pyramid the visitor passes through a corridor, admirably constructed, which takes him about 40 yards in a gentle decline, as is the case of the great Gizeh pyramids. Here for the moment, he is stopped by the debris, which is being rapidly cleared away. M. Maspero has already found two sacred inscriptions, in the style of the twentieth dynasty, giving the names of two scribes who had visited the pyramid. Hopes are entertained that no one may have set foot in it since, and that it may be found to be intact; "but," concludes Mr. Gabriel Charmes, "whatever happens, the opening of the Meydoum pyramid will still unravel one of those mysteries which have for so many centuries hung over ancient Europe, and which one by one are yielding to the efforts of modern science."

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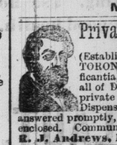

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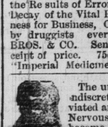

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RAILWAYS.

GRAND TRUNK.

Union Station, foot of York and Simcoe Streets.

	Leave.	Arrive.
East.		
Montreal Day Express	7.15 a.m.	11.07 a.m.
" Night Express	6.52 p.m.	10.52 a.m.
Mixed	11.12 a.m.	6.22 p.m.
Belleville Local	5.07 p.m.	9.37 a.m.
West.		
Chicago Day Express	12.15 p.m.	6.10 p.m
" Night Express	11.45 p.m.	6.15 a.m.
Stratford and London Mixed	7.30 a.m.	11.10 p.m.
" Local	3.45 p.m.	1.05 p.m
Stratford Local	8.25 p.m.	11.00 a.m.
Georgetown Mixed	6.40 p.m.	8.25 a.m.

GREAT WESTERN.

Stations—Foot of Yonge and foot of Simcoe streets.

	Leave.	Arrive.
New York Mail	3.30 p.m.	6.45 p.m
N. Y. (Central) & Erie Express	9.55 a.m.	4.30 p.m
London Local & Detroit Express	7.10 a.m.	1.15 p.m
Susp. Bridge & Detroit Express	5.55 p.m.	10.20 a.m
Detroit & Chicago Express	12.50 p.m.	10.35 p.m
New York & Chicago Express	11.45 p.m.	9.15 a.m

Trains leave Simcoe street five minutes later.

SUBURBAN TRAINS.

For Mimico, calling at Union station, Queen's wharf, Parkdale, High Park, and the Humber, going and returning (every day except Sunday).

Leave Yonge street 10.30 a. m., 2.00, 4.10, and 6 20 p. m.

Returning, leave Mimico 8.15, 11.15 a. m., 2.00, 4.30, and 7.10 p. m.

NORTHERN AND NORTHWESTERN

Stations—City Hall, Union and Brock street.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Express	4.50 p. m.	10.10 a.m.
Accommodation	12.45 p. m.	2.15 p.m.
Mail	7.50 a. m.	9.40 p.m

Trains leave Union Station Eight minutes and Brock Street Fifteen minutes later.

CREDIT VALLEY.

Station—Union depot.

LEAVE

St. Louis Express. To the North, West, Southwest, South and Northwest ..... 7.4 a.m.
Pacific Express. To West, South, Northwest, West and Southwest ..... 12.50 a.m.
Express. To the West and North ..... 4.30 p.m.
Through cars, Toronto to Detroit, on 7.45 a.m. and 12 noon.

ARRIVE

From Grangeville, Elora and Fergus ..... 9.40 a.m.
From St. Louis, Toledo, Chicago and Detroit ..... 10.20 a.m.
From St. Louis, Toledo, Chicago and Detroit ..... 1.10 p.m.
From Orangeville, Elora and Fergus ..... 6.25 p.m.
From Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago ..... 9.25 p.m

TORONTO, GREY, AND BRUCE.

Union Station, foot of York and Simcoe streets.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Owen Sound, Harriston, and Teeswater, Mail	7.15 a m	11.15 a.m.
Owen Sound, Harriston and Teeswater Express	4.10 p.m.	9.50 p.m

TORONTO AND NIPISSING.

Station, foot of Berkeley street.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Through Mail	7.45 a.m.	6.30 p.m
Local	4.00 p.m.	11.15 a.m.

STAGES.

EGLINGTON STAGE.

Leaves Bay Horse hotel, Yonge street, 11.10 a.m .30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6.20 p.m.
Arrives 8.45, 9.55 a.m., 2.30 and 6 p.m

THORNHILL STAGE.

Leaves Bay Horse hotel, Yonge street, 3.30 p.m.
Arrives 10.30 a.m.
Mail stage leaves Clyde hotel, King street east 3.20 p.m.

COOKSVILLE STAGE.

Leaves Bay Horse hotel, Yonge street, p.m.
Arrives 11 a.m.

RICHMOND HILL STAGE.

Leaves Clyde hotel, King street east, 3.10 p.m.
Arrives 10.30 a.m.

HIGHLAND CREEK STAGE.

Leaves Clyde hotel, King street east, 3.15 p.m.
Arrives 11 a.m.

KINGSTON ROAD TRAMWAY,

for Leslieville, Woodbine driving park, Victoria park, and Ben Lamond.

Station, Don bridge, foot o King street.

Leaves Don Station 6.30, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 a.m. 12.00 noon; 1.30, 2.30, 3.30, 4.30, 5.40, 6.30, 7.30 8 30, 9.30 p.m.

Returning leaves Ben Lamond 6.00, 8.20, 9.10 10 10, 11.10 a.m.; 12.10, 1.40, 2.40, 3.40 4.40, 5.40 00, 7.40 8.40, 9.40 p.m.