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NOV. 23. MANLY BENSON, of Toronto, "Men of the Future."

DEC. 10. LIN McCABE, of New York—"Side of Life in Liberty Prison."

JAN. 13. HUGH JOHNSTON, B.D., of Toronto, "London to Jerusalem."

FEB. 8. A. STAFFORD, B.A., of Toronto: "The 19th Century."

Admission to commence at 8 sharp. Tickets must be sold. h, Oct. 7th, 1885.

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FRIDAY, NOV. 19th, 1886.

Our Ticket.

For Dominion Premier, HON. EDWARD BLAKE.

For Ontario Premier, HON. OLIVER MOWAT.

West Huron in the Commons, M. C. CAMERON, Q.C.

West Huron in the Legislature, HON. A. M. ROSS.

"The Boodle Brigade Must Go."

A DAY AHEAD.

Owing to Thanks-giving Day falling on Thursday, we issue THE SIGNAL a day earlier than usual.

THE ONTARIO ELECTIONS.

The Ontario Legislature has been dissolved, and the writs have been issued. Nominations will take place on the 22nd of December, and polling on the 29th.

The only drawback to the dates fixed is the fact that they come on in the midst of the holiday season. Doubtless, however, Mr. Mowat has considered that point, and has for reasons important to the Province, selected his dates.

Let the Christmas spirit of peace and goodwill mark the Provincial elections.

READ Sir Donald A. Smith's letter, and keep your eye on Hon. Thos. White.

The remarks of the Dominion Cabinet Ministers on Friday night will partake of the nature of dying declarations. That will not add to the reliability of the statements, however, as the more the dying Ministers lie and cheat and wriggle, the stronger their hope of life.

Mr. BLAKE stamped Western Ontario alone during the past summer. It takes the Big Four of the Tories to try to equal him. He is immeasurable ahead of them all as an orator, a patriot and a man. "The People's Edward" has the heart of the country beating in sympathy with him. The young men are flocking to his standard, and under his banner of fraternity and progress Catholic and Protestant, English, French, Irish and German, clasp hands in brotherly love.

This contract has been let for the new Wingham branch railway, and work will be at once commenced on the line. J. A. Morton, the well known barrister, was in town last week looking up titles to the various properties on the Glenallen and Wingham line, as it is now called. Good for Wingham. Now let Goderich take hold of the matter in earnest.

The London Advertiser says:—"It is pointed out that Sir John has failed to keep his promise, made last session, to issue a commission to investigate the charges made by missionaries regarding the mismanagement of Indian affairs in the Northwest. There is not the slightest hope that he will do so before the elections, and it is doubtful if he ever will."

HON. MR. THOMPSON makes a clever argument on the Riel question. But he shirks the real issue with an Ontario audience—the Tory administration's responsibility for the uprising, by "cautious neglect." Let us admit for argument's sake, that Riel was deserving of death. Will his blood wash away the responsibility and the sin of the Dominion Government? Riel is dead; he died pluckily, let it be remembered. His faults were many, but he was true to those who deserted him. Macdonald is now on trial. He is at least equally guilty with Riel.

A GENTLEMAN who has travelled over a good portion of Canada and the United States this year, says that everywhere the word is "Macdonald is going to be beaten." Not from Liberals only, but from the more candid Tories themselves, this acknowledgment is forthcoming. It is in the air. The Tories on Friday may try to cheer it down, but the feeling is in the air that the days of Macdonaldism in Canada are almost run out. The "old fox," as he has called himself, is about run to the earth. For that reason Liberals can afford to attend the Tory gathering on Friday, and take serenely all that the members of the moribund Government may say.

A QUESTION OF ARITHMETIC.

At Toronto, on Tuesday of last week, Mr. M. C. Cameron, M.P. for West Huron, spoke as follows in reference to a timber applicant:

"George Taylor in his place in parliament, got up and denied the charge, not with cursing and swearing as we are told of in olden times, but in very unparliamentary language. (Laughter.) I answered George Taylor by producing from the Department of the Interior a letter written by him to the Minister of the Interior, dated October 3rd, 1882, in which he applied for the timber limits in nine townships in the Northwest Territory."

The Mail proceeds to publish the following letter to the Department by Mr. George Taylor, and endeavors to prove from it that Mr. Cameron falsified the record:

"Gananoque, October 3rd, 1882
To the Hon. the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa.

"DEAR SIR,—A friend of mine wishes me to enquire on what terms the Department will grant a timber limit in the Northwest Territories in townships supposed to be 39, 40 and 41 in ranges 18, 19 and 20 west of a place called Passenger Hill. He is anxious to secure a limit. Your early reply will much oblige.

"I have the honor to be, sir,
"Your obedient servant,
"GEORGE TAYLOR"

"There is no reference there to nine townships," shrieks the Mail, and forthwith it proceeds to argue that Mr. Cameron has falsified the record. But the Mail shrieks without pausing to reflect that Mr. George Taylor, the member for South Leeds, applied for three townships in three ranges, and three townships in three ranges would be nine townships; and Mr. Cameron is right, after all. The Mail will now have to find an excuse for its absurd mistake in the language of the old dork whose tally on the stick did not correspond with the written record of the owner of the corralled; "I declare to mass dat I aint much of a multipliator, an' in' arithmetic I niver pas' detraction."

INDIAN AFFAIRS PAMPHLET.

Last session, M. C. Cameron, M.P. for West Huron, on the floor of parliament, made a most scathing exposure of the Indian Department, and proved from the Blue Books and other official records that a policy of dishonesty, starvation and immorality had been pursued by the employees of the department toward the Indians, with the knowledge if not the consent of the Department. Quotation after quotation was produced by West Huron's able representative in proof of his statements, and when he resumed his seat the Government of the day stood convicted of the most disgraceful treatment of the Dominion wards, of brutality to those under its care, of culpable crime to the Indians whose protector it should have been.

Of the fourteen ministers and one hundred and thirty supporters of the Government who sat in the House not one ever attempted to refute the contentions of the member for West Huron. The speech of the latter appeared in *Hansard* and was conned and scrutinized, the Blue Books and other records were at hand to confute the bold statements of the member for West Huron, had there been any possible chance to do so, but the Cabinet Ministers and their subject followers sat like cravens, and allowed to go unchallenged the grave indictment. It is quite true that Sir John Macdonald, in his place in the House, stated that he would take an early opportunity of replying to the strictures of the member for West Huron in a pamphlet, but thus far the Premier has failed to come forward over his own signature and attempt a refutation of the charges made. Within the past month, however, a brochure has appeared, from the pen of a hired pamphleteer, who is editor of the *Hamilton Spectator*. The author does not append his name to the pamphlet; Sir John Macdonald does not father the ranting—it is nameless and an outcast.

A CHALLENGE.

The Mail of Toronto, has challenged Mr. M. C. Cameron, M.P., for West Huron to submit his citations from the Blue Books to Hon. Alex. Mackenzie, or to three clerymen selected by Mr. Cameron, as to whether he garbled the extracts which he presented on the floor of the House. The Mail does not say that it will support Mr. Cameron and the Reform party if the extracts are held to be bona fide, but it would like Mr. Cameron to step down and out if the decision be against him. The Mail is anxious to play a game of "Heads up, I win; tails up, you lose," with the member for West Huron, but that level-headed politician has cut his eye-teeth, and can see as far through a stone fence as any man who ever tickled the literary palate of Mail readers. For some time past the Mail has had a series of articles running through its columns against Messrs. Blake and Cameron, and the Indian department revelations. The articles teem with falsehoods and misrepresentations from the pen of a Hamilton Tory scribe. It is the intention of Mr. Cameron to pillory this falsifier shortly, and show the depth of his lying on this particular subject. When Mr. Cameron presents his side of the question, he is willing to have it and the bogus defence of the Indian Affairs Department submitted to the decision of any honest-minded Tory in Toronto. If the decision is adverse to Mr. Cameron that gentleman pledges himself to retire into private life, on condition that the Tory organ will agree to support the Reform party if he proves that the Mail has garbled the records. There is a fair offer. Will the Mail accept?

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD says all the young men are becoming Lib. Cons. The young men of Goderich don't take to turkey-buzzard, thank you.

WHAT'S UP?

Things That Are Happening Around Us.

Just a little about Sir John—Good advice given gratis.

—I see there are great preparations being made for the reception of Sir John Macdonald and his able-bodied assistants in the Cabinet on Friday next, and the neighbors of the Tory faith are making ready for a big time, if appearances are anything to go by. From the names on the committee I am of opinion that the members must have been picked haphazard from the voters lists, for I notice several who have no sympathy with the Boodle Brigade have been put on the list. Very likely this system has been adopted to give an air of respectability to the committee; mebbe.

—And while I'm on this subject, I want to give a little advice, amongst others, to my friends the Grit editors. I want to see these gentlemen act in a decorous manner on the occasion, and not follow the example of a certain local quill-driver who, four years ago, last June, when Hon. Edward Blake spoke in the Square, mounted the rail of the stand and wildly waving his battered pug hat, made a fool of himself before the eyes of the assembled multitude, and proved that a rusty "plug" and a white necktie doesn't always constitute a gentleman.

—And to the rank and file of the Reform party I would also raise my tuneful voice in deprecation of any rowdyism on the occasion. I know that the Tory party as a rule are prone to raise disturbances at Reform meetings, but they only do that because they don't know any better, and because they have had a bad example set them oftentimes by their leaders. Why, it isn't many decades since the courtly Sir John, who has supplied with her most gracious Majesty the Queen, and hobnobbed with real live lords, and dukes and earls and marquises and such, that even he threatened to "slap Mowat's d—n little chops;" nor is it long since the same gentleman par excellence threatened to "lick Mr. Letellier quicker than h—ll could scorch a feather," and no later than 1878, the great Liberal Conservative Chieftain is on record as having remarked on the floor of parliament, of Donald A. Smith, "That fellow Smith is the biggest liar I ever knew." Under these circumstances, who who know better ought to bear with the Tories and their defective education, and I hope the Liberals who will be present at the Palace Rink in large numbers on Friday night will allow the demonstration to be a harmonious undertaking.

—And speaking about Sir John's visit, do you remember that shortly after the visit of the Chieftain to Goderich, occurred the famous Pacific scandal exposures, and that the Old Man, as his intimates call him, was hurried from placid and peaceful retirement to the scene of the circumstances, I may just say that it's a true bill, all the same. He didn't appear to great advantage on the occasion, and those of us who know the real facts of the case, are willing to throw the mantle of charity over the affair. Shall history repeat itself immediately after this visit of the Chieftain by overturning a corrupt Dominion Government?

—And while I've the floor I would like to suggest a few questions for the Premier to answer when he is on his feet Friday evening:

1. Did he deny that he sent Riel \$3,000 after the murder of Scott to coax him to keep out of the way?
2. Was he not a party to inducing Riel to resign for Provencher in favor of Sir George Cartier, in 1872?
3. Did he not, after sending Riel money, hold up his hands at Peterborough and wish to God he could catch him?
4. Did he not delude the Roman Catholic Bishops in 1882, by writing them that Hon. John O'Donohoe would be made a Cabinet Minister?
5. Did he not also tell Sir Charles Tupper that he "had no confidence in the press"—referring to Roman Catholics?
6. Did he not also pull the wool over the eyes of the Orangemen in the matter of the O'Donohoe deal?
7. Did he not in the last session of the House burke temperance legislation?
8. Has he not shown himself to be an enemy of Provincial Rights?
9. Has he not systematically opposed the dearest interests of Irish Canadians in his opposition to Home Rule?
10. Has he helped Goderich or any town in Huron by the N. P.; and can he raise the price of grain by act of parliament?
11. Has he stopped the exodus to the States from Huron and the other counties of Ontario?
12. Can he name ten followers of his in the House, who are not bound to the Government by the ties of "Boodle."

ALEX.

THAT PAMPHLET.

A Tory Scribbler in Hamilton Replies to Mr. Cameron.

And Sir John A. Macdonald Palms It Off as His Own.

The *Hamilton Times* thus shows up the crookedness in connection with the issuing of the alleged reply to M. C. Cameron, M. P.:

The coolness with which Tory Ministers appropriate the people's money for their own purposes is amazing. The *Times* is in receipt of a pamphlet of 74 pages, "issued by the Department of Indian Affairs," purporting to be an answer to the charges made by Mr. M. C. Cameron, M. P. for West Huron, that there has been mismanagement in the Department. The subject is political. If Mr. Cameron shows that the Indians have been misused, and that the people's money has been wasted, he gives reason why the people should turn Sir John Macdonald and his colleagues out of office and let better men take their places. If Sir John Macdonald wishes to deny or controvert Mr. Cameron's charges, so that he can retain his office and salary, he has a right to meet the charges as Mr. Cameron makes them, at his own expense, by word of mouth in Parliament, on the platform or through the press. Sir John has coolly used the people's money to do his private work. He has had the editor of the *Spectator* write a pamphlet for him, and he has had 24,000 copies of the pamphlet printed in the *Spectator* office for free distribution as an official report. Thus Sir John has done a good turn for his organ, while placing his defence before the public without cost to himself. He has no more right to use the money donated to all the citizens for such a purpose than he has to walk into any citizen's house and help himself to money, food or clothing. The people of Canada as a whole do not pay taxes with the intention of having the money applied to pay for Tory campaign literature, nor to add to the profits of Tory newspapers. But Sir John has done so much of that sort of thing that he takes no pains to cover up his tracks. There stands the proof on the cover of the pamphlet—"Issued by the Department of Indian Affairs"—and money voted by the people to feed the Indians is handed to the *Spectator* in exchange for a compilation of slanders and impudence about Mr. M. C. Cameron.



M. C. CAMERON Points the Finger of Scorn at the "Boodle Brigade." From Grip.

MR. MEREDITH is washing powder and shot gunning in West Huron. Hon. A. M. Ross is solid with his constituents.

WHAT has Macdonaldism done for Goderich? Extra taxation and no appreciable benefits. The Liberal policy will be to give a boom to our lake shipping, encourage our inland fisheries, and help ports like Goderich. Suitable public buildings will be erected here when the Liberals are returned to power. The Tories have promised much and done nothing for us. With the overthrow of Macdonaldism there will be a chance for Goderich.

TEMPERANCE people will be glad to hear that owing to the present License Inspector being incapacitated from attending to his duties a fit substitute will be appointed until he can resume his full duties. Mr. Paisley, Clinton's able constable, is likely to be appointed provincial officer.

THE Toronto World, which supports Sir John A. Macdonald, is losing heart. Speaking of the likelihood of his defeat at the next election it candidly says:—"His defeat will be due to the immoral dishonesty of some of his followers, and, to be euphemistic, to the vivacity of his French supporters."

amongst political authorities. Our friends, the Tories in this section, have been claiming that the pamphlet was an official document, and their claim turns out to be without foundation. Elsewhere in this issue we give the proof that it is the work of a hired slanderer, who, like the assassins in some of the European countries, can be hired to stab and slay for a price. This literary Thug is a man of no reputation, and his name if attached to the pamphlet as an authority would evoke but a contemptuous smile from any intelligent person. He is paid for each line he writes, and his responsibility ends when his last falsehood is told. Sir John Macdonald pays him for his slanders out of the public chest, and sends broadcast at the expense of the Dominion the result of his libellous labors.

That is the story of the so-called "official pamphlet." In 1884 the *Hamilton Spectator* was paid by the Dominion Government to the extent of over \$17,000. This year, as we have shown, it has another bonanza in hand, and its editor has had fat pickings also. It is little wonder the Tory editors and the Tory papers are loyal to the Chieftain—the hogs always give grunts of satisfaction to the swill-carrier.

Sir John Macdonald will speak at the Palace Rink on Thursday. But he will not dare to assume the responsibility of the Hamilton scribbler's pamphlet as an "official document."

D. D. WILSON and Dr. Browing are mentioned as rivals to A. Bishop for the Liberal nomination for South Huron to the Legislature. Both are sound temperance men, and although Wilson is our choice, we would prefer the Doctor to Bishop.

BLAKE's idea of Home Rule for the land of his fathers, is like a living, breathing, growing child. The Tories in some places profess an admiration for Home Rule for Ireland, but their conception is a wax-faced doll, padded with saw-dust. Tory "Home Rule" won't take out west. Watch the "Big Four" closely if they handle the question, and see the sawdust drop out as they dangle the child.

DOES Sir John Macdonald believe in omens? If so, does not the recollection of his last visit to Goderich haunt his memory like a ghost? It was just before his downfall. We will not describe his condition, but he was more blatant than he will be on Friday. He had just heard the false report of Cameron's defeat in South Huron, and was jubilant. He harangued a crowd in the open air, and said "It has been Huron (yours) heretofore, now it's mine." But the truth came out, and the defeat was not Cameron's but Macdonald's.

THE COMING VISIT.

The following from the *Sarnia Observer* is so appropriate to Goderich in many respects that we reproduce it:—

It is announced that Sir John Macdonald will visit Lambton on the invitation of his supporters about the 22nd inst., and that Sarnia is being selected as the place where he will address them. Though the memory of Sir John's last visit to Sarnia is not so savory as his friends could desire, the people of Lambton are of a forgiving disposition and will not allow the unfavorable impression made by the Tory leader on that memorable occasion to interfere with their hospitality to the stranger who enters their gates. Sir John will receive a hearty reception and a respectful hearing. His admirers will no doubt see to it, that it is also as enthusiastic as it is possible to make in a Scott Act county. Under judicious coaching Sir John will no doubt promise post offices and customs houses to Sarnia and Petrolia, if the Lambtons will bow down and worship him; repeat Sir Hector's mass covered pledge to dredge the bay; claim credit for the Alpha Oil works and the tunnel, and the tall chimneys; congratulate the hotel keepers on the way in which he released them from the bondage of that little tyrant Mowat, and the temperance men on the success of the Scott Act. Of course he will not visit the reserve on political business, but he may talk across the fence to Indian voters, as he did at Haldimand, and explain how it is that the annuities are growing less while the charges for management grow greater each year. In fact, the woods are full of fruitful topics for the Tory chief to enlarge upon and place in their most seductive form before the people of Lambton. There are many outside of the Conservative ranks who will be anxious to gaze upon Sir John's "clean hands," and listen to the eloquence of his truthful tongue.

LETTER WHICH THE MAIL DARE NOT PRINT.

(Letter from Sir John A. Macdonald to the Roman Catholic Bishops of Ontario, Toronto, June 5th, 1882. (Private and confidential).)

MY DEAR LORD,—

Mr. O'Donohoe will tell you of the tempest that has been raised here in Toronto on account of the supposition that his views are extreme as to the Irish question. This might destroy his future, and it has therefore been arranged between the Hon. F. Smith and O'Donohoe that the former is to represent the Irish Catholics in Cabinet, while O'D will get a seat in the Senate.

"FRANK SMITH IS TO MAKE WAY FOR O'DONOHOE IN THE MINISTRY WHEN THEY THINK THE TIME OPPORTUNE. These two gentlemen are acting in perfect accord, and desire that I should explain to your Lordship the nature of their arrangement, which of course MUST BE KEPT A PROFOUND SECRET AT PRESENT. Believe me, my dear Lord, faithfully yours,

(Signed) JOHN A. MACDONALD.