## SUPPLEMENT THE PACIFIC RAILWAY CONTRACT

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SYNDICATE MASS MEETING.

AN IMMENSE AUDIENCE PRESENT

The Wealth and Intelligence of the City Present.

Telling Speeches by Messrs Blake and Laurier.

Great Enthusiasm Over Them.

Condemnatory Resolutions Passed.

RECEPTION OF THE HON. MESSES, BLAKE AND LAURIER, ing the glorious flag of reform which yo

This morning we give our readers a co

plete report of the able addresses made by the Hons. Edward Blake and W. Laurier at the mass-meeting, held at the Queen's Hall on Thursday evening. No comment is necessary, the whole bargain has been made clear and intelligible, and it only now rests with the electors to do their duty to their country, and see that their representatives in Parliament fulfil theirs. On the platform were Rev Canon Ellegoode Rev A J Bray, Hon D A Macdonald, ex-Lieut-Governor of Ontario, Hon Messre Thibeaudeau, Mercier, Watts, Laflamme ex-Minister of Justice, Ald Nelson, Grenier, Kennedy, Mooney, Fairbairn, Proctor, Greene, Laurent, Gilman, Hagar, Messrs Edward Holton, M P, Dr Christie (Lachute), A. F. McIntyre (Ottawa), John Crawford, W.S. Simpson, H. Beaugrand J. Stewart, Sidney Fisher, N. W. Trenholme H. Sanfield Macdonald (Cornwall), Hector McKenzie, J Geoffrion, QC, Louis Perrault, Ovide Perrault, Dr Desrosiers, W Clendenovide Perrault, Dr Desrosiers, W. Clenden-ning, A. Perry, H. Mackay, Ed. Mackay, Hon John Hamilton, A. r. Poirier, Juo-Johnston, J. Doutre, Q.C., Chas Alexander, E. McLennan, J. N. Greenshields, J.C. Mc-near future be established on its proper Corkill, Hy Joseph, Hy Lyman, J Robillard, D Barry, F Darling, F B McNamee, Thos Workman, H Paton, F Wolferstan Thomas, J J McLaren, Q C, C R Black, J Fortin, J We feel satisfied that the reception you Ralston, C W Scullon, R A Labourveau and | will meet with to-night from the citizens of

Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, and the Hon. Wilfred Laurier arrived in town yes-terday at one o'clook from Ottawa, by the Q, M, O. & O. Railway. The hon, gentle-men were met at the Mile-End Station by come of the leading gentlemen of the Liberal party in the city. Among others present were Hon. R Laflamme, J J McLaren, C Black, J S McLaughlin, A Perry, Henry Lyman, T Cramp, Hon D A Macdonald, ex-Lieutenant Governor of Ontario; J J Watts, M P P; N W Trenholme, E A Leboureau and L O David. was in readiness the party at once repaired to the repast. About 3.30 p.m., 500 or 600 citizens of all shades of politics assembled in the large corridor of the Wiss sor for the purpose of greeting the Hon.
Messrs. Blake and Laurier, and hearing that I wish I could feel myself deserving of read the addresses from the several Reform them. We have experienced, as you saywe noticed Messrs, J. J. McLaren, W. S. coursiderable reverses. One of the first con-Walker, A. Perry, H. Lyman, J. J. Arnton, J. S. dittons of success in the future is the recog-McLaughlin, Alex Walker, Ald Nelson, J nition of that fact, and a recognition McLaughlin, Alex Walker, Ald Nelson, J. Horne, Mr Thomas, ColWalker, London; Dr. Christie, Lachute; W.J. Watts, MPP, Drumnond; M. W. Trenholme, J. C. McCorkill, J. M. Greenshields, James Stewart, C.R. Black, T. Merry, Ed Holton, M. P., Hugh McKay, Hector Munroe, R. A. Lebourveau, J. Territin, W. Weir, Mr. Wells, A. E. Poirier, is no use in attempting a political battle, Hon Mr Laflamme, Hon Mr Mercier, M. W. any more than a battle on the fields of war, Tremblay, H. Beaugrand, Mr. Robidoux, L. of a mob against a disciplined host; and O David, L S Perrault, L Forget, J Ralston, Chartrand, and many others. Punctually and patronage of the Government, have on time Messes. Blake and Laurier were all the more necessity, in the intervals presented to the deputation by Mr. A. which are to clapse between the general Perry, and were received with lond cheers and the greatest enthusiasm by the assembly. On silence being restored Mr. N. Trenholme came forward and read the following

GENTLEMEN,—The Reform Association of Montreal extend to you a hearty welcome to this city on the present or asion. They sincerely congratulate you on the ablu and patriotic manner in which you, with the ablulant progress. (Loud applause.) They had been invited to address the citizens of Montreal, and had responded to this invitation. (Applause.) When it triumphant progress. (Loud applause.) patriotic manner in which you, with the small band of Reformers in Parliament here, in the all-important matter of the Pacific Railway Contract, defended the vital interests of the people against the assaults of the men to whom, unfortunately, their interests were, in a moment of pepular delusion, for a time committed. They sind deas in which we act. You have referred to economy, justice, progress and liberty. These are noble words; they represent ideas in which we do. lusion, for a time committed. They sindered the committed that those cerely tope that your efforts, having, as they believe, the support of the great majority of the Canadian people, will provesuccessful in preventing the passage of the successful in preventing the passage of the proposed measure. They deny the right of the present Parliament to pass the measure, on which the people of Canada have had no opportunity to pronounce, and which the present Parliament were not of pursuing the more arduous elected to pass. They feel prounder by far of their leaders and of the present attitude and position of the Liberal party, defeated and few in number in the House, as a conons and the common welfare, than we could possibly do at their policy and means power by resorting to the policy and means by which the present men in power owe that the the conduct of its public affairs; for the conduct of its public affairs. their position. It is our belief that the people of this country will, upon the first opportunity afforded them to do so in a constitutional way, in a fitting manner acknowledge the great error they made in September, 1878, and declare that the National honour and interests are not safe in the hands of those now in office, who,

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RECEPTION HON. MESSES. BLAKE AND LAURIER.

The Hon. Edward Blake, M.P., leader of the Majesty's Loyal Opposition, and the distribution of the sympathy with you in your contest against the attempt to impose upon the country—the greatest act of injustice and the most inde-

Pavid, L. S. Perrault, L. Forget, J. Ralston, those who compete against forces which a Scallon, H. T. St. Pierre, P. H. Roy, R. have on their side all the power, influence,

as soon as possible they get into the othe path, broader perhaps, but not leading in the right direction, and to us given only the honour and privile have referred. We are bound to realize those ideas, and this particular occasion one which, I think you will agree with me, gives occasion for the exercise of several of those virtues, and for the practical exhibition of those principles to which you have referred, of the exercise of the great virtue. one which, I think you will agree with m could possibly do at their retention of tion of those principles to which you have

tutions, not cramped, controlled and fetter-ed, for a generation to come, in principles in which there has been no attempt, that I know of in the world heretofore, to cramp

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Hon. Mr. Mercier, at the request of recomed by the gentlemen present, at once the Windsor Hotel, where they you have thought fit to honour me on this drove to the Windsor Hotel, where they have thought fit to honour me on this ranks of the party.

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Hon. Mr. Mercier, at the request of research calls, also briefly spoke, and strongly advised complete organization in the ranks of the party.

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sently, not only an abundance of intellectual light, but of material light. (He had evidently not obtained his information from the caretaker in the matter of the material light.) The Chairman said that while they were letting on the light, he would take the opportunity of stating the business of the meeting, and read the announcement calling the meeting together. He said the de monstration of the evening was one of a most magnificent character, and had the Hall been twice or three times the size it would have been filled. He took it as an indicaaddress from the Montreal Reform Association —

To the Hon Edward Blake and the Hon War feel Laurier:

Gentlemen — The Reform Association of Montreal extend to you a hearty welcome to triumphant progress. (Loud applause.)
You have referred, in one of these addresses, to these general principles upon which we act. You have referred to was contrary to the inclination of those who made the invitation. They concluded to invite these gentlemen t enter into a discussion, and consequently the hon gentlemen had not declined a discussion. A discussion could not be carried on satisfactorily, as it would limit the cakers to only a few minutes. It was no a party demonstration, for all parties we

vited, and the speakers would address to night gentlemen of BOTH POLITICAL PARTIES.

He knew that distinguished gentlemen of the Conservative persuasion had been invited to be present, and if they were not ther were of the same persuasion as himself. But that was no reason why new issues or

But that was no reason why new issues or other questions should not be dealt with on their intrinsic merits.

Hon. Mr. LAURIER said he was proul to be present on an occasion like this, when the Chief of the Liberal party himself was present to explain the stand taken by the the conduct of its public affairs; for the exercise, in reference to the future of this country, of a wise provision of liberal institutions, of a wise provision of liberal institutions. Hon. Mr. Laurer said he was prou 1 to be sent to explain the stand taken by the party of which he is the leader. He was glad to see that the citizens of Montreal considered this great national enterprise of such importance that they had thought fit to invite discussion on the subject. It was SR.—The Club Sationale, of Montreal of the consecutive duty of a continued living later the consecutive duty of a continued living later the consecutive duty of a continued living later than the consecutive duty of a continued living later than the consecutive duty of a continued living later than the consecutive duty of a continued living later than the consecutive duty of a continued living later than the consecutive duty of a continued living later than the consecutive duty of a continued living later than the consecutive duty of a continued living later than the consecutive duty of a continued living later than the consecutive duty of a continued living later than the consecutive duty of a continued living later than the consecutive duty of a continued living later than the consecutive duty of a continued living later than the consecutive duty of a continued living later than the lateral party which has a name of the lateral party which has a name of the consecutive duty of a continued living lateral than the consecutive duty of the lateral party which has present procedured that the consecutive duty of the lateral party which has present procedured that the consecutive duty of the lateral party which has present procedured that the lateral party we do not depart of sub-constant and the lateral party which he represents has only the lateral party which he represents have a constant lateral party which he represents hav

remaining to apply on the interest of the money borrowed for its construction; suppose the Government of the Province had handed that over to McGreevy would there not have been a righteous indignation exhibited throughout the whole Province? and this is just what the Government was to do with the C.P.B. W.

ernment want to do with the C. P. R. He PASSED INTO LAW BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

THE LAST GENERAL ELECTION. the expenditure of \$60,000,000 of your commenced his journey to discover this land, and travelled every day up to the present, he would not yet have arrived at the other extremity of this stretch of acres! (Cheers and laughter.) Then the Syndicate are to be exempt from taxes forever.

The privileges and exemptions of a most oppressive character, and both novel and hitherto unknown. I maintain that it hitherto unknown. money for the construction of the Canadian would have been more in accordance with the spirit of popular government that the people should have been given an oppor-tunity of pronouncing at the polls upon such a question, before it was decided by Parliament (Loud applause.) I maintain

be so great that had Christopher Columbus

commenced at one end at the same time he

commenced his journey to discover this

cate are to be exempt from taxes forever. Their road will cost them nothing; they own all the land of any value around the road;

they are the only means whereby the farmers and people of the North-West can ship their goods or do their traffic; they will

charge exorbitant prices for carriage, and will regulate their profits so as to leave

question after this fashion at all. I say that both parties before the general election were united upon the basis of the agree ment of 1876; that the work should be so

to, in the smallest figures,

SEVENTY MILLION OF LINE

The Government therein oblige themselves to build what are acknowledged the most difficult sections of the road. Then premature, and the contract was ultimately meet the obligations of the Dominion.

WHAT WAS THE PRINCIPLE

which the Government laid down some sible, but not a large increase in the rate, but that sensible increase was not for the purposes of the Pacific Railway, but to meet the obligations of the Dominion.

of the people, whilst we adhered to the debe rement want to do with the C.P. R. He hoped there were Conservatives present; the wanted to ask them; can they approve in the wanted to ask them; can they approve in the conscience of this arrangement?

It was announced that Patliament should git from day to day, to the exclusion of all other business, for the purpose of accomplished, but the period to the wastering aside all prejudicial feelings, calmly reflect over the matter—and he was constituted that there was not one with any pretent over the matter—and he was constituted that there was not one with any pretent over the matter—and he was constituted that there was not one with any pretent over the matter—and he was constituted that there was not one with any pretent over the matter—and he was constituted that there was not one with any pretent one of the propular opinion to react upon their resentatives before they come to a considering from the popular opinion to react upon their resentatives before they come to a consider. The propular opinion to react upon their resentatives before they come to a consider of the popular opinion to react upon their resentatives before they come to a consider of the propular opinion to react upon their resentatives before they come to a consider of the popular opinion to react upon their resentatives before they come to a consider of the propular opinion to react upon their resentatives before they come to a consider of the popular opinion to react upon their resentatives before they come to a consider of the propular opinion to react upon their resentatives before they come to a consider of the propular opinion to react upon their resentatives before they come to a consider of the propular opinion to react upon their resentatives before they come to a consider of the propular opinion to react upon their resentatives before they come to a consider of the propular opinion to react upon their resentatives before they come to a consider opinion to react upon their resentatives before they come to a consider opinion to re termination not to give up the work, but to

mercial point of view, you are seriously burdened. How stands the seriously burdened. How stands the case? Your taxation has increased 43 per cent. since 1871; and it is proposed now to increase the rat: by about half as much again, and I ask if that proposal commuch again, and I ask if the proposal commuch again, and I as charge exorbitant prices for carriage, and will regulate their profits so as to leave the people merely in a position to exist and no more, and the effect thereof will be disaster to not only the North-West, but to the whole country in the future; and when it becomes unendurable then will the people rise and will determine, at any cost, to remove this monopoly created by their fathers, and not only the North-West. has been imposed upon you through the act of the Conservative Government, who made such a bargain as that of which I have spoken. Now, I don't myself attach a great deal of importance to the question of the relative merits of this and former proposals for the construction of this railway. My own opinion is that, as practical, sensible busistic proposal on the proposal of the construction of the relative merits of this and former proposals for the construction of this railway. My own opinion is that, as practical, sensible busistic proposal on the construction of the relative merits of this proposal on the construction of the relative merits of the proposal of the construction of the relative merits of the proposals of the propo ness men, we should take this proposal on its merits, and look upon it as it stands, and

Hon. Mr. Mercher, at the requestion peated calls, also briefly spoke, and strong-peated calls, also briefly spoke, and strong yadvised complete organization in the ranks of the party.

There were loud cries for Hon. Mr. Lather which can be writtened to the solution of the whole road. Why not retain the road was present to the Syndicate of the whole road. Why not retain the road was present to the Syndicate of the whole road. Why not retain the road was present to the Syndicate of the whole road. Why not retain the road was present to the Syndicate of the whole road. Why not retain the road was present to the Syndicate of the whole road. Why not retain the road was present to the Syndicate of the whole road. Why not retain the road was present to the Syndicate of the whole road. Why not retain the road was present to the Syndicate of the whole road. Why not retain the road was present to the Syndicate of the whole road. Why not retain the road was present to the Syndicate of the month of October, but its true tenor and feath to enter into any negotiations, or make any arrangements whereby the taxaction of 1871 should be increased. But they ment that misleading announcements where the mounts of 1871 should be increased. But they ment that misleading announcements were the present that misleading announcements that the truth should be made known to type of 1871 should be increased. But they were added to the truth of 1871 should be increased. But they have any arrangements whereby the taxaction of 1871 should be increased. But they were added to the truth of 1871 should be increased. But they were added to the truth of 1871 should be increased. But they were added to the truth of 1871 should be increased. But they were added to the truth of 1871 should be increased. But they arrangements whereby the taxaction of 1871 should be increased. But they are the worth the results of 1871 should be increased to the truth of 1871 should be increased to the truth of 1871 should be increased. But they are the worth of 1871 sh 85 land, five, perhaps, at \$4, five at \$2, and more at the lower prices. You may take about \$3.18 per acre as the average

it will be \$200,000,000 before you get to the end of the work. Just consider that for an instant, and see whether you think it prudent for a country just emerging from

A PERIOD OF GREAT DEPRESSION.

You will have to bear the burden of the extra taxation which will have to be imposed to meet the payment for the interest upon that, so that, in a commercial point of view, you are seriously burdened. How stands the determined by the Government and not more plainly than to say that fair average means a fair average. It was to be a fair average all over the line from Winnipeg to the Pacific, but as to that you may remem; dition that the Provincial Government was to place so much land in our hands for the railway, the same as we give elsewhere, and it has not been found to be worth very much. The former proposal was that the land, for the purpose of building the rail-way, was to be taken all over the line, of