

The Pacific Railway Scandal. Shameful Attempt to Choke off Inquiry.

Our special despatch from Ottawa on Monday contained the astounding intelligence that the Premier had succeeded in delaying the investigation of the charges made by Mr. Huntington in reference to the Pacific Railway. Our readers are aware that Mr. Huntington's motion preferring these charges was, without a word of explanation or denial on the part of the Government, voted down by its subservient majority. But the charges were of too grave a character to be thus thrust aside. Some of Sir John's followers felt pricked in their conscience at this barefaced attempt to choke off inquiry, and forced their leader to move for a committee of inquiry. That committee was appointed, the majority of its members of course being supporters of the Government. When the committee met, the first thing the minority, or Opposition members of it asked, was the passage of a bill authorizing them to examine witnesses on oath. The bill was introduced in the House, but was delayed in its passage by frivolous objections urged by the Premier, whose evident object was to keep it back as long as possible. It was at last passed, but was again delayed in its passage through the Senate, and even after it had passed that House, a third delay took place before it was assented to. The assent, however, was given to it on Saturday, and then on Monday the committee met with full power to examine witnesses under oath.

But here again Sir John's tricks and machinations were put in operation. When the committee met on Monday, he argued in favor of delaying the examination of witnesses till June or July, when Sir Geo. Cartier, Sir Hugh Allan and Hon. Mr. Abbott would be present. The whole thing was evidently planned, for no sooner did Sir John propose this delay than his obedient follower, Mr. Macdonald, of Picton, pulled a motion out of his pocket, all cut and dried, and moved an adjournment accordingly. Mr. Dighton and Mr. Blake opposed it with all their power, but the subservient majority carried it. And not only this, but they also carried another resolution to have the examination of witnesses conducted in secret, and forbade the evidence to be published.

No wonder such high handed proceedings have excited much feeling in Ottawa, and we are well satisfied that they will arouse the indignation of all right thinking men throughout the country. The Government have for the present triumphed, and succeeded in choking off all inquiry into their doings. But as a correspondent says: "It is quite possible, however, that the conspirators may find they have over-acted their part. Many members as well as other persons have hitherto been reluctant to believe the Ministry so guilty as was represented by Mr. Huntington's motion; but the obvious dread of inquiry exhibited by the Government and the desperate partisanship of their supporters on the Committee, have opened the eyes of the least easy to be convinced. There is no mistaking the real state of things now, and there are many very uncomfortable reflections on the probability that in the course of a few hours honorable gentlemen will have to choose between voting away the last shred of their political reputations, or making a manly protest against a line of conduct no one with a spark of self-respect can defend. The leader of the Opposition called a caucus of his party, which, although notice was so short, was very largely attended, and those present showed the most enthusiastic determination to do their part in resisting this dishonest attempt to defeat the ends of justice."

Redistribution of the Public Debt.

A vague rumor, which has been gaining ground since first mooted, to the effect, that the Dominion Government were about to assume that portion of the debt of old Canada which fell to Ontario and Quebec, and thus solve the difficulty of adjusting it, has, we are sorry to say, matured into fact. The debt is, in round numbers, about \$10,500,000. The award of the arbitrators, appointed to settle the proportions in which this amount should be borne by the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, was questioned by the latter province on the ground of illegality, because the award was made by two of the three arbitrators, after Judge Day, the third arbitrator had resigned. The question was of a purely legal character and it was agreed to refer it to the Privy Council for adjudication. To escape giving a decision which might result in the loss of some support, and in order to accede—after a fashion—to the impertinence of New Brunswick for "better terms," the Dominion Government has intervened with a proposal to assume the amount in dispute, and give the other provinces compensation by increasing their subsidies in the same proportion that Ontario and Quebec benefit by being released from the obligation to pay this debt. No more mistaken policy could, in our opinion, have been adopted. The attempt to please all parties by a new departure from the terms of union, will end by pleasing none. Better terms, all round, if they proceed on a principle of compensation as is pretended, will prove a delusion and a snare, since they leave all parties in substantially the same position as they

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occupied before. If any of the provinces have really any cause of complaint because their terms are not as favorable as those of Quebec or Ontario, to relieve the latter from the payment of interest on a debt of ten millions and a-half (which is equivalent to increasing their annual subsidies to that extent) and to compensate the other provinces in the same proportion—give them an equal amount of additional subsidy in proportion to their population—would not remove the grievance, but only tend to aggravate it. This will be the inevitable result, if the compensation be equitably adjusted. But if any inequality be allowed to find its way into the arrangement, a worse result will follow: injustice will be done somewhere.

What then is to be gained by the proposed arrangement? The settlement of a legal question; and at what a price is this end to be obtained? At the cost of a new violation of the British North American Act, and the cost of teaching grasping local governments, that they have only to institute a claim for better terms, backed by a threat of non-support, in order to obtain what they want. And this comes at a time when Ontario and Quebec have each a handsome surplus, and are in no need of any increase of their subsidies. Yet to retain power, the Dominion Government will shake the very foundation of our constitution! If the basis is to be thus trifled with, we may well become alarmed, for, until that basis is firmly settled, we may expect to see proposals to change it renewed year after year. Great and unmitigated evils will follow, if the feeling that the Government is provisional in its character is fostered, and what other result will follow these ever recurring changes in the original compact of Confederation, made in obedience to the demands of the provinces, backed by no just cause of complaint. If every demand is to be granted, we have little hope for the ultimate success of that scheme of Confederation which has hitherto worked so satisfactorily.

It is useless, we fear, to call upon the Government to ponder well the path it is about to tread. Power first, country afterwards, is their motto. We can only raise our voice in warning against a course, the end of which will be bitter; which will be regretted when the fruit thereof is falling thick and fast, but the mischief will have been done and regret will come too late.

A resolution was passed in the House of Commons on Saturday for continuing the Insolvency Act in force for another year. Many of the members were in favor of allowing the Act to expire, but the general feeling seemed to be that the present Act was better than none at all.

Col. Casault, D.A.G. and Col. Paret, of Quebec, have arrived at Ottawa to give evidence before the Public Accounts Committee relating to the Volunteer frauds at Point Levi last summer. Their testimony will completely establish the culpability and complicity of Adjutant-General Robertson. All the Volunteer officers express the hope that one who has disgraced his position by his conduct in this matter, and who has shown himself a petty and vindictive military tyrant will be speedily removed.

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400 acres of the best land in the Township of Arthur, Being Lots 43 and 14 in the 1st concession, containing 200 acres each, well timbered, situated one mile from a saw mill, and six miles from Arthur Station of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway. All particulars can be learned by applying (if by letter, post-paid) to CHAS. DAVIDSON, Land, Loan, and General Agents, Town Hall Building, Guelph, April 30th, 1873. stw

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