

ERIN GO BRAGH!

Masterly Sketch of the Home Rule Movement in Canada.

Blaise vs. Sir John and Costigan—Story of the Home Rule Resolutions of 1887. Mr. Blaise's Manly Protest—Tory Hatred of Home Rule—Sir John Shows the Cloven Hoof—The Minority Plan—Costigan's Abominable Amendment—A Review of the History of the Election—The Division List—Sever Trust Traitors.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Montreal Post, (Irish Catholic) sent the following succinct, accurate and readable history of the Home Rule movement in Canada to his paper a fortnight ago:—

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—Cuius est prole nullo cont. sany the Latin post; yet I think there is something more contemptible than a bald man who pretends to have hair. It is a man who, like the London monument, lifts his head and lies. There is, perhaps no episode in our party history more thoroughly exposed than the miserable, but unfortunately successful, dodge by which the Orange Tory Government of Sir John Macdonald

BURIED MR. BLAKE'S RESOLUTION in favor of Home Rule. Notwithstanding the great publicity given to the debate of the 4th and 6th May, 1866, and the very decisive character given thereto by the Orange members who voted for the amendment drawn up by Sir John Macdonald and moved by Mr. Costigan, both these worthies have attempted recently to deceive the friends of Home Rule representing that the "amendment was more beneficial than Mr. Blake's original resolution."

Let any one should be misled by the Orange anti Home Rule Premier or his Irish cot's paw, a brief review of the question is not out of place now that ministers are on their knees to the Irish clerical. The story of the Canadian parliament interfering with a suggestion to the Imperial government in favor of a measure of

JUSTICE TO IRELAND was first moved by Mr. Blake in the session of 1880, when he expressed the hope that the then recent occasion to a Liberal administration in England would lead very shortly to the concession of some measure of Home Rule to the Irish people.

There was no very hearty response by parliament to Mr. Blake's plea. Meantime the agitation grew in potency on both sides of the Atlantic, and in 1882 the question was again put in the house by formal resolution embodying an address to Her Majesty. Meetings had been held throughout the country in favor of Home Rule for Ireland. To give the popular feeling thus expressed its full weight, the Irish members of the Senate and House of Commons met Ottawa and

which they placed in the hands of Mr. Costigan for presentation to Parliament. That gentleman was chosen on account of his position as a member of the Cabinet. The resolutions were put on the Commons paper as agreed. Sir John Macdonald, who was the first to rise to relate, when the time came for moving them, Costigan apologized to the House for producing resolutions which were not the same as those on the paper.

He said the alterations had been made to overcome objections which had been made by certain members. The real truth of the matter was that Sir John Macdonald had toned down the resolutions to suit his own views, and Mr. Costigan humbly accepted the unsolicited copy. This was the first thing that aroused suspicions of Mr. Costigan's sincerity as a Home Ruler when his patriotism is conflicted with his party allegiance. In a speech of

MR. BLAKE supported the resolutions. But he expressed his regret that they were much weaker than the resolutions proposed in the first instance. Particularly he objected to the interpolation "if consistent with the integrity and well-being of the Empire," and the rights and status of the minority are fully protected and secured," etc. Mr. Blake said:—"There ought to be no ifs or ands in the expression of the views of the Canadian people on this most important subject." Mark this point, for we will find the same cloven hoof of "the minority" protruded by Sir John Macdonald in the Costigan amendment of 1886. The emasculated resolutions also contained another interpolation which roused the ire of Mr. Blake. It was when the hope was expressed that "the time has come when your Majesty's clemency may, without injury to the United Kingdom, be extended to those persons who are now imprisoned in Ireland charged with political offences only," etc. With reference to this

MR. BLAKE OBSERVED:—"It is not an application for clemency and mercy that they demand and that we should express, but a hope that the ordinary constitutional right of every British subject may be extended to these particular British subjects namely the right of habeas corpus and trial by their peers for any offence with which they may be charged against the law of the land to which they belong." In conclusion he urged the adoption of the resolutions, although on these points he thought they were weak and unsatisfactory, compared with the original draft. The next step in the evolution of

TORY HATRED OF HOME RULE occurred in the session of 1886. Irish hearts everywhere were bounding with hope when Mr. Gladstone introduced his Home Rule bill. On the other hand Orange-Tory antipathy to the measure was boiling over in the old country and in Canada. Now is the time, it was thought, if the Canadian parliament was sincere in 1882, for the representatives of the Canadian people to speak out and strengthen the hands of the friends of Home Rule in the British Parliament. A resolution was appointed by the St. Patrick's Literary and Benevolent Society of this city, to wait upon Mr. Costigan and request him to move a resolution in the House of Commons ad-

voating Home Rule. To the intense disgust of the deputation

MR. COSTIGAN DECLINED TO MOVE. The society then determined to apply to Mr. Blake. When the deputation called on that gentleman he consented at once, and informed them that he had already made up his mind to do so, but was waiting for Mr. Costigan. On being informed of the Minister's refusal the matter was settled. The session was far advanced, but Mr. Blake took immediate action and moved the resolution which embodied the full expression of Irish sentiment regarding Mr. Gladstone's bill. It was presented in the form of an address to the Queen as that of 1882 had been. Sir John requested Mr. Blake to allow it to stand for a couple of days in order to give the House time to consider it and come to an understanding. Mr. Blake consented. That was on the 4th May. On the 6th May Mr. Blake moved again as agreed. Ministers had had no suggestion regarding the resolution in the meantime. But when Mr. Blake had concluded a powerful speech, Mr. Costigan, in a halting, miserable, mumbling manner, proposed an amendment, which was not an address to the Queen or anybody else, and which was a mere repetition of the substance of Mr. Blake's resolution and interposed, as in 1882, this time with emphasis of repetition, the wretched phrase "THE RIGHTS AND STATUS OF THE MINORITY."

As these were the words which Mr. Blake had formerly condemned as unnecessary and prejudicial, he refused to accept the amendment. I shall never forget the scene that followed. Sir John was furious. The Tory Irish contingent looked as if they would dry up and blow away. The Orange members flattened out their faces to the proper 12th July expression. Sir John scribbled notes to various members behind him, and there was a general settling down for a night's fight. It was evident, however, that the ministerials were

TERRIBLY DISTURBED. After a few speeches had been made Mr. McMullen (Liberal) moved, in amendment to the amendment, to add the following:—"And that this House is confirmed and strengthened, by the events which have occurred since the passage of the Home Rule resolutions in 1882, in its convictions that the true interests of both Ireland and the rest of the Empire will be served in the highest degree by the granting of Home Rule to Ireland."

In the debate that followed Mr. O'Brien (Orange Tory) made a speech in vehement opposition to Home Rule, and wound up by saying: "I shall vote for the amendment of Mr. Costigan simply on the ground that it is the best of all the things that I think likely to have the least effect."

Mr. Wallace, of York, another Orange Tory, followed this up by declaring he would not support Mr. Blake's resolution "because it asks the House to affirm the principle of Mr. Gladstone's Bill giving a measure of Home Rule to Ireland."

THE COSTIGAN ABORTIONAL AMENDMENT was carried. It was immediately cabled to the Irish press and party there and trumpeted forth as condemnatory of Home Rule by the Canadian Parliament. In the face of these indisputable facts, how more than monumental is the impudence of Sir John and Mr. Costigan in saying that the amendment was more beneficial to the Home Rule cause than Mr. Blake's resolution.

Now that the general election is close at hand it would be well for all Irishmen to know who were with the Tory against them, on that memorable occasion. Here is the division list: FOR THE HOME RULE RESOLUTIONS: Years—Allen, Amyot, Auger, Armstrong, Bain (Wentworth), Bechar, Bergeron, Bernier, BLAKE, Bourassa, Burpee, CAMERON, (Huron), Cameron (Middlesex), Campbell (Bonaventure), Cartwright (St. Richard), Casey, Casgrain, Cook, Courno, Davies, Desaulniers (Maskinonge), Desjardins, Dupont, Fairbank, Fisher, Forbes, Giguault, Gillmore, Glen, Guay, Gunn, Harley, Holton, Jones, Irvine, Jackson, Kirk, Kirk, Leard, Leckie, McIntyre, McMillan, Mills, Mitchell, Mulock, Paterson (Braut), Platt, Ray, Rinfret, Scriver, Somerville (Braut), Somerville (Brook), Springer, Sutherland (Oxford), Trow, Wall, Watson, Weldon, Wilson, Wright and Yeob-

AGAINST THE RESOLUTIONS. Years—Abbott, Allison, Bain (Soulange), Baker (Missisquoi), Baker (Vernon), Barker, Barnard, Beatty, Bell, Beland, Blondeau, Bourbon, Bowell, Bryson, Burnham, Burns, Cameron (Inverness), Cameron (Victoria), Campbell (Cimron), Cochrane, Costigan, Coughlin, Curran, Cuthbert, Daly, Daoust, Dawson, Desaulniers (St. Maurice), Dickson, Dodd, Dugas, Dundas, Egan, Farrow, Ferguson (Leeds and Grenville), Ferguson (Leeds and Grenville), Ferguson (Welland), Forin, Foster, Gauce, Girouard, Gordon, Grandbois, Guilbault, Guillett, Hackett, Haggart, Hall, Hay, Benson, Hickey, Homer, Hurston, Jamieson, Jenkins, Kaulech, Kivert, Kinney, Kranz, Labrosse, Landry (Kent), Landry (Montmagny), Langevin (Sir Hector), Lesage, Macdonald (King's), Macdonald (St. John), Mackintosh, Macmaster, Macmillan (Middlesex), McMillan (Yamoussil), McCallum, McCarthy, McDougall (Cape Breton), McGreevy, McLeelan, McNeil, Massau, Moffat, Montplaisir, O'Brien, Orton, Quimet, Paine, Patterson (East), Piquinonau, Pravo, Reed, Riopel, Robertson (Hamilton), Robertson (Hastings), Royal, Rykert, Scott, Shakespeare, Small, Sproule, Stairs, Thacher, Tasse, Taylor, Temple, Thompson, Townshend, Tupper, Tyrell, Vallin, Vanasse, Wallace (Albert), Wallace, (York), Ward, White (Cardwell), White (Hastings), White (Renfrew), Wigle, Wood (Brookville), Wood (Westmoreland)—118.

Having adopted the mutilated bantling, the question arose what to do with it. Blake proposed to send it to Gladstone and Farnell. Sir John suggested Lord Salisbury. Finally, amid roars of derision, it was ordered to be sent to—

TUPPER! Irish Nationalist papers tried to put the best they could on this contemptible proceeding by styling the amendment "a watered down motion." Mr. O'Brien,

ex-M.P. for South Tyrone, while in Canada last year, expressed regret that Mr. Blake's resolution was defeated. He told Rather Flannery, of St. Thomas, Ont., that if it had been carried it would have materially helped the Home Rule cause in the British Parliament. These are

THE PLAIN, INDISPURTABLE FACTS. They prove Mr. Costigan and the Irish Tories who voted with him to have been recalcitrant, cowardly, and slaves to Orange Tory masters. No epithet, even the worst that angry men bestow in their exasperation on traitors, is too harsh to apply to them. No punishment that can be imposed by the ballot, by universal contempt and execration, is too severe for men who, claiming to be Irish, deserted and betrayed the cause of Ireland at a most critical moment in her history. Remember the admonition of Cicero—Nemo unquam sapiens profidit credendum putavit—and never trust a traitor.

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"Had they had votes, like white men, or, like the Indians they had been numerous enough to command respect and overawe red tape, without doubt the office would have been resolved for them; but being only Half-breeds, they were put off with an eternal promise, until patience ceased to be a virtue. We repeat again the departmental system under which such a case could be so long delayed, and a portion of the community was possible, was wrong and should be corrected."

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