

Extracts from our English Files.

SIR FRANCIS HEAD.

Sir Francis Head requests permission to place on record in the Times newspaper the following plain unvarnished statement of facts:— For several months the Commander Drew of the navy has been living in England. Having been acquitted by the court martial, before which he had been arraigned illegally (for it is against the law to try a naval officer on half-pay), of every one of the charges for which he had been deprived of his command on Lake Erie, he crossed the Atlantic to urge Her Majesty's government to comply with the address submitted in his behalf to the Queen by both houses of the provincial parliament of Upper Canada; he came, in short, to ask the government to heal his wounded honour by granting him some slight acknowledgment of the service he had rendered to his country by the capture of the Caroline, an act officially declared by Lord Glenelg to have been "justifiable and praiseworthy."

In his address to Lord John Russell he detailed the pecuniary losses to which he had been subjected, and, informing his lordship that ruffians from the United States had three times crossed over to Canada on purpose to assassinate him, for the same vindictive reasons for which they had assassinated Captain Unwin, he modestly petitioned his lordship for his continuance and support. The reply he received was a cold unfeeling denial, and his requests to the Admiralty being equally fruitless, without expressing even to me in private a single word of disrespect, or even of complaint, against the Admiralty or the government, he this day sails from England with the determination to sell his farm in the back woods, to abandon the land he had cleared from the wilderness with his own hands, and to lead his wife and children to some other region of the globe, in which, at least, their protector's life may be safe from the rifle of the assassin!

I trust that, without offence to any political party, I may be permitted to say that my heart bleeds when I reflect on Captain Drew's misfortune. Whether or not I was justified, in order to defend Her Majesty's territory, in calling in the Queen's name upon the naval officer, Captain Drew, to capture and destroy the pirate steamer the Caroline, is a question on which it would be unbecomingly should offer an opinion; but there can be no doubt that those who obediently responded to the appeal performed a noble duty, and that they had no reason to expect that the laurels they so fairly won would be forcibly exchanged by their country for a cypress-bough mourning over their disgrace; and yet such has been their unhappy fate. Lieut. McCormick, who in the attack upon the Caroline was shot through the body in five places, and whose promotion has likewise been refused, has also, to avoid assassination, been obliged, followed by his family, to abandon his little farm on the frontier, while several of his seafaring comrades, who at my call left the trading vessels they commanded to join in the attack, finding themselves disconcerted by the home government, have been obliged to give up their crafts, lest they should be numbered on the list of the idle, the idle, the idle. Every individual of Captain Drew's gallant band lives disappointed and disheartened, and while he is yet in sight of the English coast, embarked on that noble element on which he gained in actions every professional step he has received, it is impossible, for me at least, to help reflecting what must be his feelings, as, standing in melancholy silence upon the deck, he sees his ungrateful country gradually fading from his view; for with Lord Byron no longer can he proudly exclaim—

"Over the glad waters of the dark blue sea,
Thy thoughts are homeward and my soul are free;
Far as the breeze can blow, the idle, idle foam,
Kiss my empire's shore, and bid me home."

But, leaving Captain Drew to his reflections, let us at once cross the Atlantic to the British colony towards which he is slowly proceeding, to sympathize with another victim of our inexplicable policy.

The services of Colonel Sir Allan M'Nab need not be detailed. In the loyal House of Assembly, of which he was the speaker, he had long been the fearless supporter of British institutions, the undoubted enemy of democracy; and accordingly, when the rebellion broke out, leaving the senate for the field, he rallied around him the militia of his country, and not only promptly suppressed the rebellion, but successfully expelled the Americans, who, regardless of the sacred treaty which contained between the two nations, perfidiously attempted to contaminate by invasion the British soil; and yet will shortly appear in the return for such services that he has been deemed eligible by the another country to treat Sir Allan M'Nab and his followers as "a family compact," which ought to be broken up and destroyed!

Although in the execution of this dreadful policy Chief Justice Robinson, the ornament of our North American colonies, was by the executive government deprived of the Speakership of the Upper House, and although similar indignities were heaped upon other individuals who had equally distinguished themselves by their loyalty, yet Sir Allan M'Nab, relying upon the repeated services he had rendered to his Sovereign, naturally expected that he at least would be spared from such unbecoming oppression; and, accordingly, on the union of the Canadas, he again came forward for Hamilton, his native town, which he had long and so honourably represented in parliament, and by the inhabitants of which he was enthusiastically loved. The executive government, however, resolutely determined to carry out their policy, and (therefore as it must stand) dispatched the provincial secretary to oppose Sir Allan M'Nab in his own home. To the utter astonishment of our North American colonies, the British government thus ungenerously turned upon him: an unnatural conflict between the parent state and its most devoted and dutiful son ensued. Sir Allan M'Nab triumphed (if triumph it can be called), and the government secretary was obliged to return "to the place whence he came," defeated in a contest unparalleled in the history of the world!

But the mortified feelings of Sir Allan M'Nab and his loyal associates had yet another suffering to undergo. An individual who had been the original cause of the disturbances in which I had been involved—who had been the associate of Dr. Duncombe, the leader of the second division of the rebels of Dr. Hays, and Mr. Mackenzie, who, in 1837, actually planned the rebellion, and who, when the rebellion burst out, was the only respectable inhabitant in Toronto that refused to take arms to suppress it, was deliberately selected, and over the head of Sir Allan M'Nab, and every other pretension of the bar, was appointed Solicitor General of the Province, or, in other words, the representative of her Majesty in the court of justice. No sooner did he receive this appointment than he publicly proclaimed himself the supporter of Mr. Mackenzie's infamous theory of "responsible government," and, powerfully supported by the government, he offered himself as a candidate for the city of Toronto. Another unnatural and irreparable contest between the parent state and the loyal inhabitants of the province took place, and the government candidate was again defeated. Encouraged and supported by the executive government as strongly as he was repudiated by the loyal, he retreated to the only part of the province in which he felt he had any chance of being elected, and to the district of every loyal British subject in our North American provinces, her Majesty's Solicitor General was thus triumphantly returned by a people who, headed by Mr. Mackenzie during his attack on Toronto, had been the murderers of the gallant Colonel Moodie, and whose last representative in parliament, Mr. Lount, a blacksmith, had actually been hanged at Toronto as a convicted traitor.

Considering the services that Sir Allan M'Nab rendered to me at a moment when, abandoned by the government at home, and without troops, I had nothing but the loyal militia to depend upon, I trust that without offence to any one, I may be permitted, in common gratitude, to sympathize with him and his followers in the cruel indignities they have received from their country; for no reason than because they had distinguished themselves in the province as defenders of monarchical institutions, and as enemies of democracy under the mask of reform.

The case of Mr. McLeod is considered by the loyal inhabitants of our North American provinces as the last blow, the coup de grace by which the parent state has deliberately determined to sever its connection with its colonies. This gallant soldier (for previous to his becoming a settler in Canada he had been an old sergeant-major in one of our Dragoon regiments) was seized by the American authorities, and, in violation of the laws of nations, was thrown into prison, charged with having, under the orders of the Queen's government in Upper Canada, assisted in defending his country from the invasion of American citizens. As soon as his arrest was known in this country, both Captain Drew and I lost not a moment in apprising the Secretary of State, that from our personal knowledge we could certify Mr. McLeod had not belonged to the party that had captured the Caroline; nevertheless, notwithstanding this knowledge of his innocence, her Majesty's government deemed it necessary, in pursuance of their fatal policy, to allow this gallant British subject to lie for months and months as a malefactor in an American gaol, as a warning to our North American colonists, never again on the confines of America to presume to rise in arms against democracy.

Whether Mr. McLeod be eventually hanged or not, I firmly believe no man on earth cares less than himself; but, even supposing he should be executed, it must surely be quite evident, that if the principle be admitted, that a British subject, who has taken upon himself the responsibility of an act of self-defence, those who gallantly defended her territory are liable to be imprisoned or tried for their lives by the foreign nation whose unwarrantable aggression they had repulsed, the precedent becomes established, and from that moment Great Britain loses that station in the world, and that unswerving character, which it has cost so much blood and money to maintain:

in fact, monarely constitutionally dies "felix de se" the moment the Sovereign formally refuses to give that protection to her subjects, in return for which she is entitled to claim them from the fulcrum of the throne of the sovereign.

With reference, however, to the noble compact, how degrading to our country is the contrast which at this moment exists between the manner in which British subjects and American citizens have been protected by their respective governments! In February, 1838, when a band of American ruffians, armed with muskets from the United States' arsenals, invaded Upper Canada, shot down 30 of our brave soldiers of the 32nd regiment, and then ran back into their republic, no notice whatever was taken by us of this cowardly and infamous murder, no reparation was demanded, no indignation evinced—indeed, if our soldiers had been so many dogs, their carcasses could not have been less regarded by the British government; in short, their murder was so little noticed, that to this day it is scarcely even known to the public. On the other hand, after they had fired from this portion of the Queen's territory upon her Majesty's subjects for a fortnight with 22 pieces of artillery taken from the United States' arsenals, and after our fortification had been thus completely exhausted, no sooner did we strike a single blow by capturing the Caroline, which, before our faces, was transporting cannon to our invaders, than the President of the United States, as the protector of his people, immediately stepped forward to demand from our Minister at Washington "reparation" for the act of self-defence we had committed; and, not satisfied with this, but as determined "to make security doubly sure," he is at this moment authorizing at New York the imprisonment and trial of a British subject, who, after all, bore no part in the act; and to this outrage—to this unheard-of insult—our government indignantly submits, to the great indignation of our North American colonies, and through every inhabitant of the civilized globe, in calling "shame" upon us.

I have now placed on record a few facts which have long been a burden on my mind, and which I think ought to be made public before the approaching elections are determined. I belong to no political party, and would not willingly offer to any one personal offence. Although Lord Melbourne, on my return from Canada, refused me any equivalent for the appointments I gave up to serve the Crown, yet I have pleasure in acknowledging he has invariably treated me with that kindness of manner, and with that noble bearing, which in all situations of life have distinguished him.

On the other hand, I owe but little to the constitutional party, for, excepting two of them, they have seen Captain Drew, Sir Allan M'Nab, Chief Justice Robinson, the soldiers of the 32nd regiment, the loyal militia of the Canadas, and myself, one after another, fall in defence of the principles they advocated, without extending their arms to us, or without ever uttering a word of regret. Still, however, the sins of omission and of commission are essentially different, and therefore, leaving all minor considerations entirely out of the question, it now must be for the electors of England, Ireland and Scotland, to determine whether Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies is to continue to be considered in our North American provinces as the leader of the rebels, or whether by a change of policy the loyal are henceforward to look upon him as their patron, their supporter, and their friend.

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LAUNCH OF THE TRAFALGAR.

In the annals of our "wooden walls." From the days of the famed ship Harry Grace de Dieu downwards, it would be difficult to point out an event of the kind which created so high and general interest as did the launch of this splendid vessel—and the excitement was not confined to naval or seafaring men. The Trafalgar, her size, her equipment, and the arrangement to be observed in conveying her to her destined element, have lately been the all-engrossing topic among every rank and class; and all the world, from Her Majesty and her suite down to every cit that could obtain a holiday, flocked yesterday to Woolwich. The roads from London to the dockyard presented early in the day a perfect stream of vehicles, equestrians, and pedestrians, hurrying to the scene of action. The weather looked gloomy and threatening in the morning; but, notwithstanding, many of the more eager of the sight-seeing public were on foot, and early in the afternoon the sun shone brightly on the day brightened; the sun shone merrily out, and open carriages and pleasure vans of every description were in the most active requisition. By water all was bustle, as well as by land. The "silent highway" was as much crowded by stanzas and craft of every size and shape as the noisy and very dirty highway on terra firma was by cabs and omnibuses. On the outskirts of the town, and at Greenwich, the roads were lined with curious spectators, patiently expecting the approach of the Royal cortege. Near the church at Greenwich a triumphal arch had been erected, formed of flowers and evergreens, and surmounted by the royal standard, and by all the various editions of the flag that for a thousand years braved the battle and the breeze, while the utmost animation and cheerfulness seemed to pervade the whole assemblage. On arriving at Woolwich, we found the gates of the dockyard perfectly besieged by the crowds; but the thanks to the admirable arrangements in force, all was order and calm. The dockyard presented a very gay and animated appearance. Detachments of Hussars, the Foot Guards, and Artillery were drawn up in line from the west gate to the station reserved for the Queen, and their military bands were discoursing "eloquent music," to the great delight of the immense and brilliant assemblage who were patiently waiting the grand event of the day. Sitting accommodation had been provided for about 3000 persons, and every seat was occupied. On each side of the enormous vessel, under the lofty shed in which she was built, booths had been erected, the pillars and the seats covered over with bunting of every hue, and as substantial and solid as they were gay and glittering in appearance. At the bows too, and for a considerable space back, stages and platforms had been reared among the ordinary buildings of the dockyard in every spot commanding a view of the grand point of attraction.

Before one o'clock the booths were crowded, and the scene was splendid in the extreme. In the centre lay the magnificent ship, in all her vast proportions, a stupendous yet a beautifully-moulded fabric, which might well appear to bid defiance to the winds and waves for ages. Her lofty decks were crowded with people, diminished almost to dwarfs to those who were staring up from beneath. The pensioners at Greenwich, who had been present at the battle of Trafalgar, were ranged on the main-deck, while busy peering heads were projected curiously from every port hole. The dockyard-men were busily employed in the various necessary preparations, and in the intervals of the martial music, the hammering and cheering of the workmen as they knocked away the shores rose above the hum of the thousands around. On all sides, towering one above the other to nearly the height of the bulwarks of the ship, rose the pyramids of the masts with a gorgeous and imposing rank and beauty. The brilliant dress of the ladies, and the rich uniforms of the many naval and military officers present, made altogether a most gorgeous show. On the water to the right, were the beautiful cutters of the Thames Yacht Club, dressed in their gayest colours; the Admiralty yachts and steamers, and a whole flotilla of private craft of every description, were anchored before the dockyard, and crowded with dense masses of human beings; and not only on the decks and bulwarks, but in the rigging, hanging on by the ratlines, and perched upon every yard-arm, and cross-tree, half hidden by the bright waving colours, had those desirous of an elevated position, taken up their station. Steamers, too, were every moment arriving, covered with ensigns of every colour and device, and the vessels themselves perfectly hidden by the dense crowds that thronged them. Upwards of 50 of these vessels, in requisition, and they were all crammed to excess. It is no exaggeration to say that they alone contained 30,000 persons. Smaller craft also, of every description, barges, gigs, and wherries, were shooting about amongst the fleets of larger vessels, and reconnoitring the stern and quarters of the gigantic vessel, so soon to be added to the number of those already upon the waters. Even the opposite shore boasted its quota of spectators lining the banks, although they could have seen but little through the forest of rigging they had to gaze through. At one o'clock the doors of the dockyard were thrown open to the public, and a tremendous rush soon filled every corner from whence a view might be obtained. About two, a royal salute, fired by the dockyard guns, announced the arrival of the Queen and the Royal cortege. Her Majesty's standard was immediately fitted up on the extreme left of the dockyard, close under the starboard quarter of the Trafalgar. 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