

The North West Committee.

The report of the Select Committee, appointed during last session of Parliament, to inquire into the causes of the troubles in the Red River in 1869 is not a long document, but it lets the light into some of the most nefarious transactions of the late Government. The evidence which the Committee publish is, however, the most important and interesting part of the book. It occupies over 200 pages. We cannot find room for even a synopsis of all the evidence, but will direct attention to a few of its leading points.

Mr. Langevin states that he was not aware of any promise of amnesty being given by the late Government, but in October 1870 he and Mr. Robitaille, one of his colleagues, tried in that hour of the extremity of the Government to force it to grant an amnesty by threatening to resign. Sir John Macdonald got over this difficulty by giving Mr. Langevin authority to tell his French friends that Sir John was soon going to England, when he would press the subject of amnesty on the British Government. Sir John did not go to England, but the Canadian Government represented to the British Government that an amnesty should be granted, and a reply was received that such amnesty might be granted with certain reservations if the Canadian Government would formally recommend it.

Bishop Tache in his evidence states that he was always assured an amnesty would be granted, and that the Government of Canada would only be too glad to do so, said amnesty to apply to all acts up to the time of his arrival from Rome, providing that the people would consent to unite with Canada. On another occasion he distinctly asked Sir John about an amnesty, and he said, "You may promise it to them." A year elapsed, and still there was no amnesty, and the Bishop, in Nov. 1871 told Sir George Cartier that he (Tache) had been deceived, and that the promise of such was positive and absolute. Sir George admitted this, but said there were such difficulties in the way that he would have to wait, but would not have to wait long. Sir John, also, when spoken to on the subject never denied that an amnesty had been promised, but in reply said, "No Government could stand on that question." With regard to bribing Riel to leave the country, Bishop Tache states that he suggested the giving money to Riel to get him out of the way, and Sir John agreed to do something after consulting Cartier. In Dec. '71 Sir John sent the following letter to him which he produced to the Committee:

(Private and strictly Confidential.)
OTTAWA, December 27th, 1871.
MY DEAR LORD ARCHBISHOP.—I have been able to make the arrangements for the individual that we have talked about. I now send you a sight draft on the Bank of Montreal for \$1,000; I need not press upon your Grace the importance of the money being paid to him periodically (say monthly or quarterly) and not in a lump, otherwise the money would be wasted and our embarrassment begin again. The payment should be spread over a year.
Believe me your Grace's
Very obedient servant,
(Signed) JOHN A. MACDONALD.
His Grace,
The Archbishop of Montreal.

It seems that Riel objected to the \$1,000, and demanded \$1,500 each for himself and Lepine, and \$40 or \$50 a month each for their families. Bishop Tache went to Governor Archibald for the balance of \$3,000 and that worthy went to D.A. Smith and got the sum named, assuring Smith that he would be reimbursed by the Dominion Government. On the question of the Provencher seal, it seems that the same medium that took the news of Cartier's defeat in Montreal to Manitoba, also carried a hint to Governor Archibald, who, on the 5th of September 1872, sent a note to Bishop Tache as follows:—"Now or never. Do not let the chance, which will never recur, be lost. Could you see me to-day?" The Bishop went to see Archibald, who told him it was highly advisable to get Riel to retire in favor of Cartier, and that his doing so "would bind Sir George so tightly that he could not help doing even more afterwards that he had already done towards the amnesty." The Bishop saw Riel, got from him the conditions on which he would retire. These were submitted to Cartier and Sir John, and the latter telegraphed back to Archibald that "Sir George will do all he can to meet the wishes of the parties. This statement should be satisfactory." The result was that Cartier, through Riel's influence, was elected by acclamation, and Riel and his confederates in telegraphing the fact, said "We have reason to hope in the success of the cause in your hands"—meaning amnesty of course.

Major Lutwyche testifies that in a conference between Cartier and Father Richot he heard Sir George say—"I guarantee that you shall have all that you have requested."
Sir John's evidence is long, and in places indefinite. The Government, he says, left the arrangement of matters with Cartier and himself. He explains the giving of the money to Riel in this way. At the time of the Fenian excitement on the borders of Manitoba, they found that Riel and Lepine were playing a double game, and were inciting an invasion of the Province. It was thought expedient to get them to withdraw, and the \$1,000 sent to Bishop Tache was to be used for that purpose. He states that he was ignorant of the money advanced by Smith having been paid till next session, and that he was staggered at the largeness of the sum. As to amnesty he states that it was only intended to cover offences up to the date of the instructions given to Bishop Tache at Ottawa.

The Hon. Mr. Royal testifies that Cartier before he left for Manitoba instructed him to tell Riel that "the amnesty is a matter decided upon; it is a thing accomplished."
Mr. Masson's evidence establishes the fact that it was Sir John's intention to advise the British Government to grant an amnesty to Riel and Lepine. He told Richot at Sir John's special request that it would be granted. After repeated delays and still no sign of it, the French members at the fall session of 1873, held a meeting, and threatened to withdraw their support if something was not done. Mr. Langevin, who was present, afterwards assured them that Sir John was going to England, and would have an amnesty granted. It is unnecessary to add a word of comment to these revelations, for they show in the clearest light the double dealings and trucking of Sir John Macdonald.

The St. Catherine's News says that in every Municipality in that County where the Conservatives are in the ascendant there has been outrageous and fraudulent tampering with the assessment rolls. In Grantham where the partisans of J. C. Rykert have held uncontrolled sway, and appointed all the municipal officers, it is made a matter of boasting that a large number of names have been fraudulently put upon the rolls, to swell the Conservative vote, while the names of some Reformers which ought to have been on the list have been omitted.

An Ottawa paper suggests that the Government should appoint forest rangers, whose duty it should be to watch over their special districts, to suppress bush fires on their first appearance, and see that the settlers take the proper precautions to prevent such. Some plan of this kind ought to be adopted, for the loss every summer by bush fires would pay more than ten times over for the expense of such rangers for three or four months in the summer.

On the 8th of the next month the Dominion Government have advertised to sell leases running for 21 years of the Ordnance Reserves on Lake Erie, at Points Pelee, Rondeau, and Turkey Point, containing respectively 4,200 acres, 500 acres, and 592 acres, more or less. The terms of the leases are that the land shall be held for fishing and shooting, for the proper preservation of the game, and the protection of the timber thereon.

It is said Lord Dufferin intends to visit New York after his present tour is finished.

BIRTHS.
FORBES.—In Hamilton, on the 24th, the wife of Mr. James Forbes, of a son.
MANSFIELD.—At Tecumseh, on the 21st inst., the wife of Mr. John Marshall, of a son.
TODD.—At Walkerton, on the 19th inst., the wife of Mr. Peter Todd, grain dealer, of a daughter.
MCLACHLAN.—At Clifford, on the 20th inst., the wife of James C. McLachlan, of a daughter.

I. O. G. T.
PEACH FESTIVAL.
A Peach Festival will be held by the Independent Order of Good Templars, in the Drill Shed, on
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Guelph, Aug. 19, 1874. ddt

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North half of Lot No. 27, in 1st concession, about 100 acres, or thereby under cultivation, good log dwelling house, frame barn and stable, about three quarters of a mile from railway station.
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3rd and 4th divisions of Lot No. 29, east of 8 road, 104 acres, 15 or thereby under cultivation, log buildings. This farm of land lies on the gravel road, about 3 1/2 miles from Arthur Village.
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