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THE DOINGS OF THE COUNCIL.

The majority of the town council at election times prate about economy in matters municipal, but the remainder of the year make their cry for economy subservient to party. This was demonstrated at the last meeting of the town council when Mr. Wm. Campbell was re-engaged at a salary of $500 for the coming year. Mr. Elliott, the so called municipal economist, voted against the motion, but when spoken to and egged on by the clerk, changed his vote to the squandersome side. If some man in Goderich is to get $500 for performing the duties of town clerk during the year, we would as soon see Mr. Campbell get that amount as any other man, but this does not change our belief that $500 is too large a salary for Goderich to pay to its clerk, be he whom he may.

Had Mr. Hood, the old inspector, been retained to collect taxes and inspect the streets, at a salary of $350 a year, as was proposed in the resolution of Messrs. Cameron and Mitchell; and had the two old assessors been re-elected to office at their former salaries the cost of running the three offices in a very efficient manner would be not a cent higher than the amount which is now paid to one man by Mr. Economical Elliott's omnibus resolution. But, then, Hood would not have been made to feel the personal enmity of some of those who hold seats in the council.

How was it when the special committee recommended that the offices of assessor, collector and street-inspector be combined at a salary of $500, that economical councillor, Mr. Elliott, moved that the report be amended by increasing the salary to $550? The foregoing question has been asked by scores of people during the past week, and the construction put upon the action of the member from St. David's ward, is that it was cut and dried that Mr. Gordon should get the billet, and it was thought the $50 extra should be given so Mr. Campbell could be reimbursed for giving some of his time to the careful revision of the rolls, owing to the fact that Mr. Gordon was a new man at the bellows. If the above be not the correct answer to the conundrum, we will be pleased to get a solution from Messrs. Elliott, Campbell, Gordon, or any of their friends.

Mr. Butler stated at the council meeting, and Mr. Johnston reiterated the statement, that if Mr. Foot were offered a "better thing" elsewhere than he was getting in Goderich he would immediately throw up his position here and go where the better situation was. To which we would reply: So would Mr. Campbell, and he would be very foolish if he did not. Mr. Ed. Moore and Mr. Harry E. Johnston, former holders of the office did so, and Mr. Campbell would follow suit to-morrow if the opportunity offered; and nobody with sense would blame him for doing so.

Mr. Butler also said Mr. Foot was making money by other means, and had an assured salary from another source, whereas Mr. Campbell was dependent to a large extent upon what he got from the clerk's office. That was a very nice sentimental argument, and, as such, did credit to Mr. Butler's kindness of heart; but how did it come almost immediately after when a motion was made by Mr. Bingham to keep Mr. Hood, an old and tried public servant, employed until the 1st of May, that Mr. Butler failed to remember that Mr. Hood had been wholly dependent upon the salary he derived from the street inspectorship. Mr. Butler evidently expended all his milk of human kindness upon Mr. Campbell, and had none left for Mr. Hood

This talk of the old fogies that a man should not be countenanced until after he has lived a term of years in the town is another relic of barbarism. The great trouble in Goderich is that more new blood is not coming into the town. We recollect a year or two ago that there was one wart on the body politic who used to cast up this to every new comer. Since then the "wart" has left the town, and for the town's good. If a few more of the croaker's would follow suit and new men take their places, Goderich would revive.

By-the-way, that was a "rich" argument advanced by Mr. Butler at the last meeting of the council when, in advocating the retaining of Mr. Campbell, he stated that Mr. Foot "had neither chick nor child," and for that reason should not have his application listened to. How would Mr. Butler like if some one should claim that he should not receive support in his undertakings because he had "neither chick nor child?"

It was really amusing to hear the indignant references made to the presumption of Mr. Foot in sending in an application for the clerkship. Nearly every member who spoke against that gentleman alluded to the fact that he was a new-comer to the town, and was not a heavy tax-payer. From the tone used by these gentlemen one would think they were to the manner born, when, in good faith, only one of them was a native of the town, and even he did not much enrich the town by his presence. The rest of those who spoke against Mr. Foot owed more to the town than the town did to them. The duty of the councillors was to discuss the propriety or inpropriety of reducing the salary, and not to argue about the personality of the applicants. We know comparatively little about Mr. Foot, but if he is not mentally, morally and educationally equal to any of the men who spoke against him, we pity his case.

While on this question of combining the offices, does it not strike the casual observer that if three men of experience agree to do a certain amount of work for $550 a year, the public would be better served by the employing of the three men rather than by engaging one man, with no previous experience, to do the work at the same salary? How would anyone do in his own private business, in such an event?

Some persons have been foolishly charging The Signal with attempting to run the town council on party lines. There is not the least ground for it. In the matter of the Reeveship we have pointed out what we thought to be the best course for the electors to pursue, but in the election of town councillors we have at no time indicated who should or should not be elected. We defy any one to show an article by us in which the election of a town councillor has been urged from anything like a party standpoint. We have made it a point always to vote for the best man for town councillor, independent of politics. Our vote has already been given for several Tories in Goderich. We again deny that we have ever advocated the election of any town councillor for party purposes, or opposed the return of any good man. Let those who say otherwise give us instances.

A NEW NATION.

It would seem as if the facetious Robillard is the harbinger of a band of French-Canadians who are yet to make themselves felt in Ontario politics. At least that is the view taken of the matter by *Le Canada*, a Conservative paper printed in the French language, and published at Ottawa. Speaking of Mr. Robillard's speech, it says:—

"The French speech is quite an event. It may not be reported soon, *but a day will come when our language will finish by resounding in the legislative halls at Toronto.* The same will occur in the halls of the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia legislatures. M. Robillard is but the precursor of a numerous French phalanx. At this hour we could elect four or five French members if our element was less divided. Our numbers give us this right. We ought even to have a senator of our origin to represent the hundred thousand French Canadians of Ontario. This nomination cannot be refused to us very long. That which is not possible to-day will be very easy in accomplishment in some years hence, perhaps even at the next provincial elections. The following figures have an eloquent significance: In 1850 we counted 26,417 French Canadians in Ontario; 1860, 38,287; in 1870 75,385 and in 1880 102,743. This would say that before many decades of years there will be several hundreds of thousands of French in the most English province of the confederation. The French tide rises from Quebec toward the west; nothing can stop it."

Mr. Robillard's breaking into French in the chamber of the Ontario Legislature was cast into the shade by the doughty member for North Bruce winding up a reply to the Frenchman with a sentence of guttural Gælic. He was away above the reporters.

We read in the telegraphic dispatches the other day that Baron D'Eynecourt had been robbed of his robes, while on his way to attend the meeting of the House of Lords, and would, therefore, not be able to take part in the deliberations of that body until the lost raiment was restored, or a new set was obtained. We are not much in favor of the peerage business, and we didn't sympathise with Baron D'Eynecourt in his loss of garments, and particularly when we recollected that the gentleman who was masquerading with the hifalutin' name was none other than Alfred Tennyson, whose verse we had learned to love because of the democratic sentiment therein expressed, but who has so recently gone back on his record. We wonder what the old man now thinks of

"Howe'er it be, it seems to me,
'Tis only noble to be good;
Kind hearts are more than coronets,
And simple faith than Norman blood.

The divisions on the C. P. R. question have given the Government majorities ranging from 70 to 75.

Hon. Mr. Blake will deliver the oration at the celebration to be held at Ottawa on the 17th March, under the auspices of St. Patrick's Society of that city.

Bradlaugh was elected for Northampton on Tuesday last, for the fourth time, by a largly-increased majority. It is understood he will take the oath immediately.

A powder explosion in a hardware store in London on Saturday last caused the death of three persons. The law in regard to the storing of powder should be enforced all over the country.

A. W. Lauder, M.PP. for East Grey, died at his residence, Parkdale, on Wednesday last, after a short illness. He was a Conservative in politics, and was looked upon as one of the leading Opposition members.

Hon. John Costigan's resignation and subsequent reinstatement within the 24 hours is the talk of the country. At one time during the week it looked as if the whole Cabinet was going to pieces, but the family quarrels appear to be patched up for a time.

Mr. Cameron, of Huron, has pushed forward his bill relating to evidence in criminal cases with not a little vigor and with a great deal of ability, says the London *Advertiser*. He was vigorously attacked by Mr. Wood, by Mr. Landry, by Mr. Chapleau and Sir John Macdonald, but it nevertheless received 86 to 81 votes, so that Mr. Cameron is likely to succeed in carrying it through the House of Commons.

The French Canadian Tory press is a unit on the C. P. R. loan. *Le Canadien* has come out against it, and *Le Monde*, of Montreal, the leading Tory organ, says: "The more we examine the documents relative to the Pacific Railway and the explanations given, the more extraordinary and unjustifiable the measures appear. These gentleman absolutely wish the country to make their future without having to unfold their arms."

The Toronto *Telegram* views the demands of the Quebec Tories with alarm. The editor winds up an article on the subject by exclaiming:—"Sir Etienne Tache used to say that the last shot fired in defence of British connection would be fired by a French-Canadian. He might have added that the last dollar taken from the federal treasury would be taken by the same patriotic individual."

The Ottawa *Free Press* is keeping an interesting fact before the public. And it is this:—"Quebec started even with Ontario at confederation. Now after seventeen years Quebec is in debt $19,000,000. Ontario has no debt and a surplus of $5,000,000. Quebec has been governed by Tories, Ontario by Liberals. Quebec has taken Sir John by the throat and demands better terms; Ontario wants nothing but to be let alone. These are bare facts, but they contain volumes for the consideration of the people."

The bill introduced into the Ontario Legislature by the Hon. A. M. Ross, respecting noxious weeds, extends the operation of the Act respecting thistles. Municipal Councils may without petition appoint an inspector to secure the destruction of weeds, and must do so if fifty landholders petition that such appointment be made. The inspector's duty shall be to have thistles cut when they are not destroyed after due notice given, and the cost is to be assessed against the owner of the land.

'Squire Hanna, who tried the Weekes' case, is now being handled in a not very gingerly manner by the London *Free Press* and the Toronto *Mail*, simply because he would not allow the two organs to misrepresent his views as expressed in his decision on the case. What makes the case more interesting is the fact that 'Squire Hanna is a pronounced Conservative. So far the 'Squire has the big end of the stick, and the organs are not making much headway.

Speaking of M. C. Cameron's speech on the C.P.R. resolutions, the Globe correspondent says:—"Mr. M. C. Cameron's two hours' address after recess was certainly an able effort, and furnished the Tories with food for mental reflection for some time to come. The manner in which he exposed the fraudulent and hypocritical character of Tory pretensions to "patriotism" made even the Finance Minister wince. Quoting from the speeches of Sir John, Sir Leonard, and Sir Charles in 1878 and 1879, he proved that these gentlemen who now posed as patriots and undertook to lecture the Opposition, had themselves done their utmost to decry and discredit their country and to aggravate the then existing depression for the petty purpose of making a point against their political opponents. Mr. Cameron thoroughly exposed the unreliability of calculations and predictions put forward by the Minister of Railways by comparing them with his statements of 1880 and 1881.'

They have a gay and festive chief of police down at Hamilton, Stewart by name. He is a powerfully built Scotchman, and something of an athlete. On Friday last he gave an exhibition of his prowess as a boxer in competition with Joe Popp, the pugilist of Toronto, at the grand opera house in the ambitious city. The chief came out ahead in the first round, but at the close of the third was "knocked silly," in the elegant phraseology of the P. R. Stewart should either retire from public pugilistic performances or resign his position of chief of police in Hamilton.

It now turns out that Christopher W. Bunting, the managing director of the *Mail*, and Lawyer Meek, his solicitor, finding that Mowat's majority would not wither and decay at the bidding of the Tory organ, attempted to bribe a number of private members on the Liberal side, so that a Coalition Government could be formed, with Meredith premier. The members approached proved unpurchaseable, and let the cat out of the bag. The *Mail* is just now prating about bribery, and we ask that journal to publish Bunting's experience in connection with its other observations.

In advocating the reduction in the number of the County Council members the Collingwood *Enterprise* says:—"On so momentous a question it is a certainty that a great deal of discussion will take place, and the ball can be opened none too soon. It is conceded by all that we are too much governed and too expensively in the matter of County Councils, and we believe the people of Ontario are prepared to welcome any fair scheme of relief." We certainly agree with our contemporary that the agitation can be started none too soon, and would urge upon every municipality to take it up.

"Lugs" McIntyre, (so-called because of his *penchant* for keyhole reporting) the reporter of the London *Free Press* who wrote up the alleged interview with Squire Hanna, is now anxious to make an affidavit that his report was correct in every particular. We don't doubt "Lug's" ability to swear to any statement he ever made, be it of never so Munchausen a complexion, for making affidavits is a way young Tories have nowadays of getting out of ugly scrapes. But we would inform Mr. "Lugs" McIntyre, of the London *Free Press*, that a young Tory named Weekes, of polling subdivision No 3, township of Caradoc, county of Middlesex, undertook to make affidavit to a statement that was untrue, and drew upon himself and his friends a pack of trouble. For this reason we would warn "Lugs" to keep out of the affidavit business. It isn't a healthy occupation. If he has doubts on the subject we would refer him to Messrs. Jas. Weekes and W. R. Meredith, who had a copartnership in that line during the West Middlesex election.

Tory "Patriots" at Ottawa.

Sir John gave his followers the wink and "Patriotism" has been the shout of every Government speaker.

The Commons Chamber has heard more about patriotism within the last few weeks than it ever did before.

But it is a poor kind of patriotism.

It is patriotism for revenue only,

The "patriots" are the men who have been filling the public offices with their relatives.

The "patriots" are the men who have filled or expect to fill their pockets with the people's cash.

The "patriots" are those who are not respectable enough to claim any other virtue.

In the same sense Boss Tweed was a "patriot."

Boss Tweed built sewers, and straightened the streets of New York, and was enterprising.

He spent millions, but when he was accused of squandering the city's money he claimed to be a patriot.

He said he was providing for the future of the great metropolis of the New World; that he was making a great future possible.

But Boss Tweed died in prison. His "patriotism" didn't excuse his dishonesty.

For Boss Tweed and his heelers to stand up and abuse his prosecutors was natural enough, but the prosecution was not thereby put on the defensive.—[Toronto News.

A Cabinet Row.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. Chapleau had a row at the cabinet council meeting Saturday. Mr. Chapleau accused Sir Charles Tupper of bringing the country into its present uncertain financial position, and took him to task for his railway policy. Sir Charles said he had done the best he could under the circumstances, but intimated that this would be his last session in parliament. Mr. Chapleau asked him to resign at once. The matter was smoothed over by Sir John.

A Dakota Blizzard.

Lamoure, Dak., Feb. 19—Three out of four stages due here yesterday have not been heard from. It is believed the drivers and passengers have perished in the blizzard. The Ellendale coach was found half-way between Lamoure and Yankton, turned bottom side up and the driver found in a house two miles distant, badly frozen. He had no passengers. M. J. Saunders started with a lady passenger from Lamoure at the same time as the coach and has not since been heard from. It is believed both perished. Search parties are looking for them in all directions. No tidings from Jamestown coach, and the worst is feared.

Tory Troubles.

We have received documents exposing the grievances and setting forth the redress required from the following provinces:—

Nova Scotia, demanding better terms.

Prince Edward Island, demanding fulfilment of terms of union.

New Brunswick, demanding settlement of outstanding claims.

Quebec, demanding better terms.

Ontario, resisting federal encroachments.

Manitoba, demanding abolition of monopoly, the right to charter railways reduction of the tariff, etc.

The North west Territories seeking land law reform and representation in Parliament.

British Columbia, against disallowance of railway charters, and protests against the Campbell settlement.

Verily Macdonaldite tyranny is among breakers.—[Ottawa Free Press.

A Lieut.-Governor's Hoggishness.

It appears the pig is a power in Canadian as well as American politics. A Sherbrooke paper states with considerable pride that the Lieutenant-Governor had to apologize to the Hon. J. G. Robertson before the latter would consent to be sworn in as Treasurer. The key to this is, that when Mr. Robertson was Treasurer before, he had some misunderstanding with the Lieutenant-Governor on a little matter of pigs, which resulted in the Treasurer throwing up or being bounced from his portfolio. His Honor's private pigs kept at the public expense had cost the province a sweet penny. One day his Honor approached Treasurer Robertson on the subject of a Brussels carpet for his pig sty. That was too much. Mr. Robertson kicked, and the story runs that the Lieutenant-Governor retaliated so effectively that Mr. Robertson in consequence lost his official head. The apology now makes a case of "peace with honor" so far as Mr. Robertson is concerned. Thus another crisis in Quebec politics has been tided over.—[Ottawa Free Press.

General Luard's Departure.

True friends of the volunteer force will regret the departure of General Luard, whose bluff, soldierly criticism, tempered by praise where it could honestly be given, was beginning to revive a spirit of healthy emulation in the force, which bade fair to restore it to something like its efficiency in the days of Fenian raids. The officers who beslobbered every battalion with indescriminate praise and flattered the most inefficient by assuring them that they are a trifle ahead of the regulars, disgusted good men with the service, and reduced the force to an armed mob, costly to the taxpayer, but of no real use.—[Orillia Packet.

Death of a Great Orator.

The nation in which for half his lifetime Wendell Phillips was a social outcast and political Ishmaelite will generally and sincerely deplore his loss. He lived long enough to live down the old hatred, to conquer not only the admiration of his old foes—that he always had, but to conquer also their respect and often their affection. And yet he lived too long for his own fame. If Mr. Phillips had passed away, like Lincoln, at the very close of the contest which crowned the triumph of his life, he would have stood far higher in the esteem of posterity than is now possible. Up to that time his career had been one brilliant, magnificent struggle for human freedom. That won, he could not keep quiet, and could not find themes worthy his matchless eloquence and courage. All his life an agitator, silence was impossible to him, yet he could not continue his agitation without what he was accustomed to call a "Cause." And so he floundered about for a Cause. Once he thought he had it in green-backs; again in trades unionism; once in woman's rights and then in fighting the Chinese. His last years brought him many strange comrades and no added honor. But his great anti-slavery work makes his place in history sure and high; his courage and interity will always be the pride of his countrymen; he leaves a spotless name, and does not leave his equal in oratory in England or America.—[N. Y. Tribune.

A Frozen Fish Alive.

A fish dealer down in Salineville, Ohio, says that he received a box of frozen fish from Cleveland during the recent blizzard. They were so hard and brittle that they had to be handled with care to keep them from breaking in pieces. He sold one to an old lady, who took it home and put it in a bucket of cold water to thaw out gradually. During the night she heard something splashing and flopping around the kitchen. Supposing it was the cat trying to get the fish, she jumped out of bed, seized the broom, and broke for the scene. There was no cat visible, but the fish was making the water fly in every direction. As near as could be learned, these fish had been lain out in the cold two nights before being packed in boxes, and had been out of the water more than two weeks.

A Warning to Girls.—Henrietta Burgess left her home in Collingwood six weeks ago with a hired man named Evans. A private detective found Henrietta on Monday in a house of ill-fame in Toronto, and notified her relatives, who took her home this afternoon. She is not yet 17. Evans deserted her after he had squandered $80, stolen by her from her mother. A warrant is out for Evans' arrest.

A convention has been called to meet at Winnipeg on March 5 to consider provincial grievances.

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AN INDEPENDENT CITY.

St. John Not Amenable to Ordinary Canadian Laws.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 18.—The mayor of St. John refuses to act on the license board created by the Dominion liquor license act, of which he is a member ex-officio, on the ground that under the city charter the sole right to issue liquor licenses was vested in the mayor, and that all the acts that have been passed by the Local Legislature subsequent to this have recognized the rights contained in the charter, the only operative being in the amounts to be charged for licenses. The common clerk, one of the ablest lawyers in the Province, contends that the charter granted by George III. to the citizens of St. John, and dated May 18, 1785, clearly vested the issuing of liquor licenses in the hands of the mayor and commonalty of the city of St. John. This charter, said the clerk, gives peculiar privileges over the rest of the Dominion. For instance, in the matter of our harbor the city corporation and not the Dominion Government are given sole control of it. The situation has created much interest. The other two members of the license board are transacting the necessary business to carry out the law.

Action has been taken against the returning officer in the last Soulanges Dominion election for making certain ballots in such a way that they could be recognised in case of a re-count.

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