Listowel Standard Supplement.

NORTH PERTH.

How the Stratford Herald Views the Situation.

Mr. D. D. Hay, unable in this contest to raise the sectional cry which secured his return at the last general elections, seems somewhat at a loss what course to pursue. As a preliminary, we find him publishing a letter once more to the electors of Elma and Wallace on the Improvement Fund, due to these municipalities. This is an old trick of his. At each recurring election he takes a lively interest in the subject. On the strength of his promises to secure for these municipalities large sums of money from this fund, he obtained many votes at the last election. It would be in order now to inquire in how far he has kept these promises.

A supporter of the Mowat Government and an ardent admirer of the Mackenzie Administration we might have expected him to have accomplished something, to have exercised some influence towards recovering for these municipalities the amounts, which, we believe, they are justly entitled to. When, a few weeks ago, he asked the electors of Elma and Wallace to give him an opportunity of addressing their Councils on the subject, the people thought, that perhaps he had been able to do something for them. Imagine their feelings towards him when he told them that the money was still in the hands of the Dominion Government, and that the first thing to be done would be to petition the Dominion Government, through our member Mr. Bresson, of the same, thus volunteering his valuable assistance. This request on his part was respectfully declined by the Wallace Council at least, as they, correctly enough thought that, in petitioning the Government at Ottawa, their case would be prejudiced by an influence so far opposed to Mr. Hay's whole early object in life—one to be to utility, slender and [illegible] John Macdonald and his colleagues. He cannot be ignorant of the opposition he has to encounter in the Northern Ontario, for how years, or rather for the last twelve years, he has been opposed to the Government, and has been supposed to have no disposition to do anything to assist the towns in question.

We imagine that the Improvement Fund will be likely to [illegible] Mr. Hay, this time.

In regard to affairs Mr. Hay has been even more unfortunate. He suggested to the people of Mitchell the importance of getting a branch of the Grand Trunk Railway into their village. The idea was at once seized upon. The Company agreed to build the road on condition of being guaranteed a certain aid in a bonus from the section of Mornington adjacent to Mitchell. Mr. Hay wrote to the leading men in the village that he had been promised the aid required. Meetings were called and the money in the necessary bonuses. The people of the Mitchell people ran high. The scheme was sure to succeed. The Company came and work was commenced, but completed, which, in fact it never was, that the Company had never promised to aid in the construction of the road. In the excitement of the moment Mr. Hay and the Government had acted a part [illegible] the people, [illegible] which, [illegible] was thought, [illegible] the House [illegible] by a member of the Opposition. Mr. Hay [illegible] from the House, so that he might not be called on to answer any explanations he should desire. This caused the Mitchell people, which, as soon as Mr. Hay [illegible] left, but not while the people and bonds who have had to pay all the expenses of advertising and obtaining the signatures to the [illegible] Less than Mr. Hay will mend his fences [illegible] that he will hear better of it [illegible] on the 9th of June. In this election [illegible] Mr. Hay has not one friend [illegible] who [illegible] Mr. Hay as [illegible] who has a spark of [illegible] in his breast. But Mr. Hay's railway [illegible] has not terminate here. Wallace [illegible] granting a bonus to assist in constructing the S. & L. R. R. through the township of Listowel. The time set in the by-law for the construction of the road expires in August, and the company had done nothing. It would not do to lose the bonus, and fearing opposition it was resolved to immediately get a bill passed by the Legislature extending the time for the commencement of the road to two years and for the completion of the road for four years.

The Company found a pliant tool in the person of Mr. D. D. Hay. He introduced and carried this Bill through the House. By it the conditions entered into by the Company with the township of Wallace when the bonus was granted, were set aside. Could any one imagine that was done without the knowledge, not to say consent, of the people of Wallace? But such, however, was the case. No ratepayer of Wallace was made acquainted with what was going on. No Bill was sent to the Reeve, clerk, or any of the councillors. Thus darkly and secretly was the deed done, and it is this that has arose the just indignation of the people of that township.

On the part of the Company the deed was cowardly enough in all conscience, but on the part of Mr. Hay it was treacherous and unmanly in the extreme.

To many, the conduct of Mr. Hay may appear inexplicable, but to those who know him best, to those who know his besetting sin, there is nothing surprising in it. History repeats itself. It is just the story of the "Unjust Steward" told over again. Mr. Hay feels in his very bones the stewardship will soon be taken from him. Unable to dig and ashamed to beg, he resolved to throw himself on the tender mercies of the R. R. Company that aforetime was no unmindful of his claims and those of "my brother William."

Finding himself fairly cornered he has applied to the Company to assist him out of the difficulty. One of the directors, Mr. Tisdale, comes to the rescue. In this Mr. Tisdale shows his goodness of heart for having accomplished Mr. Hay's ruin, he *seems* unwilling to desert or utterly cast him off.

Mr. Tisdale sets out with proclaiming his devotion to the Conservative cause. We cannot help exclaiming that we always *did admire* the *politics* of railway men, and we have tried to forget the course pursued by the Conservative officials of this road and its sister end, [illegible] to the south, closing the contest between Mr. Crooks and Mr. Hopkins in South Oxford. Mr. Tisdale, however, makes an attempt to deny that this whole matter, so far as Wallace was concerned, was done in the dark, was purposely kept secret from the people, and hoodwinked the unconscious of it. Mr. Tisdale asserts Mr. Hay's course as "generous and unselfish assistance to the S. & L. R. R. scheme," but how would it strike the people whom he assumes to represent. He will not be surprised, we think, when we say that they cannot see anything but ingenuous and unselfish towards them.

Mr. Tisdale says that he "desires to see the political contest on their merits and merits." In what way are we to get at the politics of this Local Legislature, if railway matters nothing to do with its politics? If not, what have? We are of the opinion that the Local House, with its politics, have been largely controlled by railway rings, and that it would be in the interest of the people to break up these rings and rescue the House from their control.

If we remember aright, the Railway Act is the only bit of legislation for which Mr. Hay can claim credit—credit forsooth! If this were his whole record it would be sufficient to show the corruption of his heart, but it is only one of the many dishonorable acts of his perfidious career, which we will take another opportunity of exposing. What a hypocrite for such a man to ask the electors of this riding to elect him to be the tool, to trifle with their rights and legislate away their rights.

Come, let us forward, honorable, true-spirited men, for a moment hesitate how they should cast their votes as between this man, and a man of sterling integrity like John McDermott.

Every honest right-minded Liberal should oppose the attempt of the candidature of Mr. Hay, and heartily support Mr. McDermott, who for more than twenty years has been the respected Reeve of his township, and who is now the Warden of the County, and who, better than all, has maintained an unblemished character during his long public career.

Let all who can endorse truth and honesty, vote for D. D. Hay, but let every elector who values manly worth and upright honesty cast his vote for John McDermott.

Happy France! Tom Say, the keeper of its purse, having satisfied the Budget Committee that the receipts of the Government for the first four months of 1879 will exceed the estimates by 50,000,000 francs. France is a highly protected country.

THE CARTON INQUEST.—THE VERDICT.—The jury after two hours deliberation brought in a verdict to the effect that the deceased James Gooderham came to his death as the result of injuries received at the recent collision. The verdict also censured the engine driver Cross for running his engine at such a high rate of speed, switchman Mayne for opening his switch in opposition to the regulation of the company, and the Grand Trunk Company for not enforcing their rules.

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