

Reform Gatherings.

Last week a series of highly important and largely attended Reform gatherings were held in various parts of the Province, at which members of the Government, and prominent Reform members of the Legislature made vigorous and timely speeches in support of the present Administration, in vindication of its policy, in exposing the fallacies and falsehoods of the Opposition in regard to the state of our finances, and in explaining the beneficial measures, which since the advent of the present Government have been carried, and made the law of the land.

Perhaps the most valuable and the most elaborate of these was the brilliant speech made by the Hon. Mr. Fraser at Glencoe on Tuesday, in which he boldly met and fully answered the charge often made against the present Government on the score of extravagance. He showed that, contrary to the statements of Mr. Rykert and others of the Opposition, the present Government had not exceeded the appropriations any more than did that of John Sandfield Macdonald. He showed that the proportionate increase of expenditure under the present Government had not been more than under the previous one. In doing so he did not satisfy himself with vague statements, but proved his assertions from official documents, the figures of which could not be gainsaid or denied. Of course we all know that the Provincial expenditure has increased, but it was shown on the best evidence that such additional expenditure was necessary, and that its progress would have been retarded and its interests injured had not this additional expenditure been made.

We look upon Mr. Fraser's vindication of the policy of the present Government as the most complete and unanswerable that has yet been made, as it presents in the clearest light the policy of the Government, and furnishes a good and sufficient reason for every item of expenditure.

At the Grimby picnic, held on Friday, the Hon. Mr. McKellar knocked the bottom out of the story circulated by Mr. Rykert that the Ontario surplus is only eighteen dollars. He showed that after paying every dollar of the railway grants, and the Municipal Aid Fund, there would still be left the handsome sum of two million dollars of a surplus at the end of the present year. He also made a very able defence of the Government policy in regard to the Central Prison. A stupid objection made to this institution by the Opposition is that in employing criminal labor the value of free labor is depreciated. He showed how careful the Government were to avoid this in restricting their work to the construction of cars, and thereby coming as little as possible into serious contact with ordinary trades. Besides it is not to the advantage of the prisoners themselves to be employed in some useful labour instead of idling away their time in county gaols and plotting mischief; and is it not also advantageous to the Province, in getting some remuneration from the labour of men whose maintenance would otherwise be only a burden on the people. Before the prison had been in operation four months, it had become self-sustaining. This is surely a gratifying proof of the benefits of such a prison, where men live to work for their living; where they do not cost the taxpayer a cent, and where they are compelled in some measure to restore what their crimes have cost the Province in the administration of justice. The number of prisoners—215—promised by the Government to the contractors, has been made up, and yet there are more now lying in our County gaols ready to be transferred to the Prison, were the contractors able to find room for them.

In Picton, Prince Edward County, the Hon. Mr. Mowat made a telling speech, in which he ably reviewed the early history of the Reform party. He dwelt at some length on the legislation which his Government had been the means of carrying into effect for the settlement of the Municipal Loan Fund indebtedness, and pointed out what is patent to all—the immense benefits which will follow the settlement of that difficult question. He also referred to the important work of the revision and consolidation of the School Law, which the Government last session accomplished; to the measure which they carried for enlarging the Judiciary, and for the better administration of justice, and to their financial record, which he showed was honest and straightforward.

These speeches—delivered in different parts of the Province—have made a most favourable impression on the people, and the facts, figures, and unanswerable arguments presented by the several speakers cannot but have their due effect in imparting greater strength to the Government, not only in the Legislative Assembly, but throughout the Province.

Dr. Jukes has at last consented to oppose Capt. Norris in Lincoln. A brigade camp will be formed at Holland Landing on the 29th inst., for the purpose of performing twelve days' drill. The 31st (Grey) battalion will form part of the force expected to be present.

The Frochinkers of the counties of Grey and Bruce intend holding a meeting in Owen Sound early in October next.

Town Council.

At the meeting of the Council on Monday evening, all the members were present except Mr. Raymond.

The following account from W. P. Smith, late Overseer of Highways, was referred to the Finance Committee:—To service for 140 days at \$2 per day, \$280; to 100 hours overtime, at 20 cents per hour, \$20; total \$300. By cash \$155. Balance due \$145.

A communication was read from Alex. McKenzie, requesting that the drain be re-opened through Huskisson and Gordon Streets. A motion was passed to comply with the request after the leave of D. Stirton, on behalf of Jas. Barclay, had been obtained.

An account of \$12 from Bookless & Gaylor, for carting the Governor-General's baggage, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition was presented from T. J. Day, asking for liberty to remove a bank of earth in front of lots 21 and 22, Duke Street. Granted, subject to the approval of the R. and B. Committee.

A communication was read from Dan. Doyle, requesting the Council to take charge of three children belonging to Mrs. Cass, who had been committed to gaol as a vagrant. The children had been in charge of Mr. Doyle since the 10th, and unless they were removed by the 22nd inst., they would be turned out on the street again.

The Mayor explained that these children—of whom there were three, the eldest ten and the youngest six years—had been sent with their mother to the gaol, but had been turned away again. In the meantime their father, a Chicago policeman, was written to, and requested that the town would take charge of them for a month or two, after which he would take them home.

The matter was referred to the Relief Committee. On a call being made for a report of the Road and Bridge Committee, Mr. Coffee stated that he had called two meetings, but neither was held on account of the absence of a quorum of members.

The accounts in connection with the Governor's visit were taken up and discussed. The bills for conveyances—\$94—were on motion of Mr. Petrie, seconded by Mr. Hood, ordered to be paid.

A motion by Mr. Crowe to adopt the report of the Decoration Committee, with bills amounting to \$339.07, was lost, only four voting in its favor.

A resolution made by Mr. Davidson, recommending the payment of these accounts on the approval of the Chairman of the Committee, was ruled in order, although the former one had been lost. It was therefore put, but lost by a vote of 7 to 6, Mr. McCrae not voting.

The report of the Entertainment Committee was then taken up, and after a great deal of discussion, was, on motion of Mr. Harvey, passed. The amount of the liability was \$419.95.

Mr. Lemon's account for expenses in entertaining the Governor—\$291.69—was, on motion of Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Coffee, ordered to be paid.

Accounts for telegraphing, \$3.84; and deputation to Toronto, \$3.25, were referred to the Reception Committee.

A bill of \$50 from Mr. Howard, of Toronto, for engraving the address presented to the Governor, was referred to the Committee on the Address.

A request from the Rev. Mr. Alexander for the use of the Exhibition Grounds on the 29th, for the St. George's S. S. picnic, was on motion granted.

Mr. Coffee presented an account from T. W. Cooper, Town Engineer, amounting to \$20.70, which was ordered to be paid.

Mr. Coffee then tendered his resignation as a member of the Council. He considered the motion passed at the last meeting as implying a want of confidence in him on the part of the Councilors. He therefore felt it his duty to resign in justice to himself, the Council and the public. He did so, however, without any ill feeling towards his associates in the Council.

Mr. Petrie moved, seconded by Mr. Hood, that the resignation be received, and that Mr. Coffee's seat be declared vacant.

Mr. Davidson said a statement had been asked from the Road and Bridge Committee, and until Mr. Coffee brings in that statement the Council is left without facts and figures in reference thereto. Mr. Coffee had given orders for which no one but himself was responsible, and his resignation placed the Council in an awkward position.

Mr. Petrie stated that Mr. Coffee had requested that the Inspector be kept in office to aid him in making out his statement, but when Mr. Smith was discharged, and when the Road and Bridge Committee did not meet at the call of the Chairman, Mr. Coffee was in a very awkward position, with a charge still hanging over his head.

Mr. Heffernan thought that after the Committee had refused, by their absence, to attend the meetings, and after the vote of censure had been passed on Mr. Coffee, a resignation was the only honorable course he could pursue.

Mr. Elliott was of opinion that the affairs of the Road and Bridge Committee should be made perfectly clear before Mr. Coffee should resign. It was the ordinary course for men to do what they could to vindicate their character, and Mr. Coffee's action was unlooked for.

Mr. Coffee had no fault to find with the members of his Committee. He felt that he was not, running away from the Council, but he was going back to the people who sent him. He desired to be tried by impartial judges. He was not in the Council on sufferance of that body, and he was satisfied the people would send him back in time. If the Council at its last sitting had told the Inspector to bring in reports before dis-

continuing his labors, the Committee would have had something to work on, but in the absence of such action they had not.

Mr. Howard asked the Chairman if he made any statement and submitted it to his Committee.

Mr. Coffee replied that he had not, and the Reeve knew it. The Council had branded the Inspector as a thief and a drunkard, and had crowded him out of office before a proper statement could be made out.

Mr. Robertson was opposed to Mr. Coffee's resignation, but if the gentleman would absent him from the meetings his object would be attained.

A motion to go into Committee, moved by Mr. Heffernan, was lost, six voting in favor of it.

After some further discussion, the motion to accept the resignation was put. The Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. Coffee, and resulted as follows:—

YEAS—Coffee, Hood, Hall, Heffernan, Petrie and the Mayor—6.

NAYS—Howard, Davidson, McCrae, Elliott, Bruce, Crowe, Robertson, Harvey and Mills—9.

Council adjourned.

**Nobody's Child.**—The Walkerton Herald tells the following story:—"A young lad, about twenty years of age, was committed to the Walkerton gaol on the 19th June for horse stealing. He was in the employ of Mr. Henry Elliott, of the township of Brant, from whom he took the horse, and went to Owen Sound and sold it there. The gaoler has been trying to find his relatives, but so far without success. The lad, who appears to be weak in intellect, cannot give any satisfactory account of himself. He says that he has been in the penitentiary for killing a boy. His thought the place where he killed the child and where his parents live was called Mount Forest, but is not sure about the name. The gaoler wrote to Mount Forest, but nothing is known about the boy or his family, and no such act as he described had been committed there. The name he gives, or as near as can be made out, is George Patena. He is to be tried at the Assizes in October."

Mr. Deacon, of Mount Forest, showed the editor of the Examiner a large cauliflower lately. The circumference of the head, minus leaves and other incidentals, was 2 feet 10 1/2 inches.

**MARRIED.**  
Cook—(HISAN)—In Rockwood, on the 21st inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. P. W. Jones, Mr. Charles Cook, eldest son of Mr. Elizabeth Hinn, daughter of Mr. George Coran, of Rockwood.

**ELLIOTT—GOULD.**—In Guelph, at the residence of Mr. Elliott, on the 15th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Warrope, Mr. Thomas Elliott, carpenter, to Miss Elizabeth Ellen Gould, both of Guelph.

**DEATHS.**  
JOHNSTON—In Carleton, on the 10th inst., Agnes Davidson, wife of Mr. George Johnston, aged 60 years.

**BLAIR.**—In Guelph, on the 21st inst., Elsie, daughter of the late Andrew Blair, aged 18 months.

**Stoves, Stoves.**—Mr. John Horsman, the enterprising hardware merchant of this town, has added stoves and tinware to his establishment making it the most complete in Ontario. Stoves of all kinds can now be had of him. Farmers and all others requiring any would do well to call at Mr. Horsman's and see his immense stock of superior stoves with all the latest improvements. He assures us that he will keep none that cannot be fully recommended as the best to be had in this country or elsewhere. He has also engaged careful and experienced workmen and is prepared to execute all orders for eavertroughs, conductor pipes and every other kind of tinsmith's work.

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FOUR YEARS AGO.

It is just four years ago to-day since the Fashionable West End became an established institution on Upper Wyndham Street. At that time, many of the business men in town ridiculed the idea of doing a successful retail Dry Goods business here as absurd, if not altogether foolish. By industry, perseverance, and a determination to succeed, we have dispelled those fears to such an extent that those who were loudest in their prophetic denunciations are now beginning to think there are worse places than Upper Wyndham Street, and are rather inclined to wish themselves up this way.

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