

The Half Holiday Again.

The Opposition wasted the greater part of the afternoon, and the whole of the evening, session on Friday in discussing a series of resolutions brought up by Mr. Cameron, condemning the action of the Government in reference to certain matters pertaining to the work on the Central Prison, and censuring Hon. Mr. McKellar for allowing the men employed there to have a half holiday on the day of the West Toronto nomination. We cannot afford room for all that was said on both sides during the debate, and it would not be very profitable reading even if we could. We must, however, refer to the remarks made by Mr. McKellar, in vindicating his conduct. He repeated what he had already stated before the Public Accounts Committee, that he did give the men permission to go to the nomination, but that no charge of corruption or intimidation could be laid against him for that. It was a matter of opinion whether he did right or wrong in making the concession, but he thought he did right. He also stated that he not only not interfered with the men, but positively refused to use his influence with employees of the Department when asked to do so in behalf of Mr. Moss. With regard to precedents for allowing men a half holiday, he cited the cases of the Canada Car Company and the Great Western Railway Company, both of whom made the same concessions; and also of the Woolwich (Government) artificers, who were allowed to leave their work at noon on the day of Mr. Gladstone's election, who were not obliged to return that day, and who, according to a telegram sent in reply to an enquiry made by Mr. McKellar, were paid for the afternoon of that day. Other precedents were also adduced. Mr. McKellar closed his speech with the following frank and manly avowal, which, whatever may be thought as to the propriety of the act itself, is honest, outspoken, and we fully believe sincere. "He had stated honestly and frankly what he did in this matter, and he did it from the best and purest of motives. He had produced precedents for his action; he had produced the highest authority to prove that the same practice prevailed in England, and that almost under the very shadow of Buckingham Palace itself. (Cheers.) He left his case in the hands of the House and the country for them to deal with it just as they thought proper. He had only to repeat that he did it, believing that he was doing what was right. He might have done wrong, but he did not think so. He had precedents for it, and what was more, he had the interests of the hard working man at heart. (Cheers.) And when he had the opportunity of going before the electors of the country, who make and provide the money for the exchequer, he would be able to confront those gentlemen who attacked him now, and receive the approbation of his fellow-countrymen." (Loud and prolonged cheers.)

The debate was adjourned, but we have little doubt Mr. Cameron's resolutions will be thrown out by a good majority.

NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE. — The third session of this Legislature was opened on Thursday. Governor Archibald in his speech refers with pleasure to the visit of Lord Dufferin to that Province last year. He states that every branch of Provincial industry has during the past year been marked by a fair measure of success, that the harvest was bountiful, and that the fishing and ship building interests were prosperous. He favours further railway extension, refers with satisfaction to the adjustment of the Dominion subsidy, and congratulates the country on the large increase in the product of the coal mines of the Province.

MORE PROTESTS. — Messrs. Richards and Smith, agents for John Kennedy, Attorney, have filed a petition against the return of Mr. Higginbotham for North Wellington. Petitions have also been filed against the return of Col. Buell for Brockville, and Mr. M. C. Cameron for South Huron.

Letter from Mr. O'Callaghan. Mr. E. J. O'Callaghan writes to the Fergus News-Record, and returns his sincere thanks to the Reformers of North Wellington for the cordial and hearty support they extended to him during the late election contest. In reference to the cry raised after the election by the Tories that he had been sold, he says: "The word sold comes with a very bad grace from the Conservative party, whilst the names of Fahy and Hatch are fresh in the minds of the people of Wellington. And so far is said report from the truth, that in all places where County Town prejudices did not exist, and where the lying and filthy fly-sheets of my opponents could be met, I received one of the largest Reform votes that ever was polled in the riding." He alludes to the dastardly charges made against him that he was a rebel, a papist, a Fenian, etc., etc., and thus boldly meets and indignantly denies them in the following language: "I learned from good authority that it was stated by my opponents during the canvass in the North Riding, that they had no objection to an ordinary Catholic becoming a member of Parliament; but

the idea of a leading Catholic, as they were pleased to style me, was preposterous—there was something in it so repulsive to their nature that it could not be tolerated in a free country like this. I did not know before that I was anything more than a humble member of that body; and I would say to all my friends, who wish to escape the vengeance that was meted out to me, don't become leading Catholics. Such sentiments only go to show the boiling torrent of bigotry and intolerance that underlies the smooth and polished surface of the leading members of the Conservative party—a party which owes whatever election success it ever had to Catholic votes, and which, instead of being thankful for past service, would thus stigmatise the religious body which warmed it into life.

"I am perhaps leaving the subject to which I wish particularly to call the attention of the public, namely that I here challenge, dare and defy the whole pack of Tories, Liberal-Conservatives, Union and Progress men, or whatever they may choose to style themselves, to produce one title of evidence, one scratch of a pen, or one single person who will or can connect me in any way with Fenianism, or any thing else that is discreditable to myself, or dangerous to the State. I don't question the right of any person to belong to any society he may think well of, so long as it is tolerated by the laws of the land; but I do question their right to style me anything that they are not first prepared to substantiate. I now state publicly for the benefit of those who have been fabricating and circulating these mis-statements, that I don't belong to any society, secret or otherwise, never did, and never intended to. I therefore deem it my duty to thus publicly throw all such mean and contemptible slanders in the face of their inventors, and leave the public to say whether or not they are worthy of the source from which they sprang. If there is one thing more than another that I am proud of, it is the fact that neither myself nor my supporters have stooped to any such means to obtain a victory; that we entered the field honorably, and fought the battle honorably; that we have not sacrificed either truth, honor, principle or integrity; and that if we are defeated, it is by a small majority, and one obtained by such means as any honorable man would disdain to be elected by."

ALEX. F. PRIE, Esq., Licensor of Marriage Licenses, Herald Office, Guelph, Guelph, Dec. 15, 1872.

BIRTHS.

FINNEY—In Fergus, on the 6th inst., the wife of Mr. John Finney, of a son. GERRIT—In Garafaxa, on the 6th inst., the wife of Mr. John Gerrit, of a daughter. WASHINGTON—In Garafaxa, on the 7th inst., the wife of Mr. Joseph Washington, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

EMERY—WATSON—On the 4th inst., by Elder S. Clarke, at Mr. Samuel Proctor's, West Guelph, Mr. Joel Emery, of Drayton, to Miss Hannah B. Watson, of West Guelph. EMERY—SUGG—At Gifford, on the 4th inst., by the Rev. E. Barker, assisted by the Rev. R. Trickett, Mr. Thomas Emery, of Woolwich, to Miss Annie Sugg, of Minto. MAY—MOORE—In Fergus, on the 4th inst., by the Rev. W. Manetto, Mr. John May, to Miss Emma Moore, both of Garafaxa.

DIED.

PEARSON—At Guelph, on the 10th inst., John E., son of Mr. Thomas Pearson, aged 3 years and 11 months. FRANKLIN—In Howick, on the 1st inst., Mr. John Franklin, sr., aged 52 years. BURNS—In Garafaxa, on the 24th ult., Helen Duffalo, wife of Mr. James Brown, aged 73 years. Deceased was a native of Scotland. She settled in Garafaxa with her husband about 30 years ago.

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