

The Rothsay Post Office Scandal

We publish to-day a letter from Mr W. H. Lowes, of Rothsay, in which every statement we made last week in regard to the Rothsay Post Office case is confirmed, and in which additional evidence is furnished which fully establishes Mr. Drew's complicity in the case, and that he did all he could to screen the guilty postmaster and retain him in office, contrary to the wishes of his constituents in Maryboro', and against their dearest and most valued rights and interests. A more damning exposure, both to the late Postmaster and to Mr. Drew, could scarcely be made, and equal guilt attaches to the Government which he supports who have refused to do justice in the matter at his instigation and through his influence, and which still allows the guilty party to do the business of the office. How can the electors of Maryboro and throughout the North Riding, conscientiously and consistently vote for a man who has been proved guilty of such a grave offence, who cares nothing for the rights and interests of his constituents so long as he can keep a creature of his own in office. He has in this committed a grievous wrong, which alone ought to disgrace him, and be the means of driving him from the Riding, and yet he and his organs defend that wrong, or try to explain it away or belittle it. The Elora Times and the Guelph Herald ought to hide their heads for shame for the way they have tried to defend Mr. Drew in this matter, but like Mr. Drew, they have lost all sense of that feeling. Surely, when we ask the electors of North Wellington to mark their sense of Mr. Drew's dishonorable work, they will not refuse to do what is right, and what their conscience tells them they ought to do. They may have thought that when we first made the exposure, we distorted facts and made statements which might not be strictly true. They cannot think so now. We were from the first fully advised of all the facts before we made them public, and now they are fully corroborated by Mr. Lowes, a man well and widely known for his probity and honesty in Maryboro and throughout the North Riding, and who would not write as he does without the most convincing proofs of the truth of his statements. Let the electors then mark their detestation of such work by defeating Mr. Drew, who to his misfortune has the position to which he aspires, has added the graver offence of cloaking and conniving at such iniquitous work as we have described in this case, and who deserves to be branded as an enemy to his country, to its laws, its most valued institutions, and the dearest rights and liberties of an outraged community.

Do TELL.—The Herald gets funny over a so-called subscription which it says is being taken up in town to aid the Reform cause in the North Riding. As the Herald is into all the political secrets, perhaps it will tell us how much of the Secret Service money Dr. Oton and Mr. Drew received, which they and their tools are so lavishly circulating in buying whiskey and bribing voters. Also what part of it has found its way to the Herald Office as a salutation to the "Champion Stumper."

ELECTION NEWS.

The prospects for the Opposition in the Lower Provinces are daily brightening. The nominations for Russell, Stansfield, North Leeds, Essex, South Lanark and Welland took place on Tuesday. Hon. George Brown is announced for a public meeting in North York. A great expose of the financial policy of the Government may be expected. The Hamilton Times is doing good service to the Reform cause in that city. It is manfully and ably fighting the battles of Messrs. Irving and Magill, whose prospects of being elected are now all but sure. The wide spread dissatisfaction with Mr. Crawford as a candidate for West Toronto, is likely to result in the nomination of W. F. McMaster, or Prof. McLellan, either of which, if they consent to run, will in all probability, defeat Mr. Crawford. A cruel hoax was perpetrated on the Leader and Mail on Monday. Some one telegraphed them that Sir John had been elected by acclamation for Carleton, and the Tories became elated; but with the going down of the sun, their countenances elongated, when they were taunted with, "How about John A.?" No doubt now exists that Mr. Paterson will defeat Sir Francis by a very large majority. A careful canvass has shown that the town of Brantford, which gave Mr. Wood 316 majority, will give a small majority for the Reform candidate, while the majority from the township will be nearly 500. The Tories abandoned Mr. Watts because they found it impossible to elect him; but they find it even worse with Sir Francis. The Conservatives in Kingston are unscrupulous in their efforts to obtain votes. On Tuesday a supporter of Mr. Carruthers was appointed pilot of the gunboat Resque, and there are other instances of tempting offers having been held out to men of known Reform principles. The result will be a close affair, but Reformers are sanguine of success, notwithstanding the enormous amount of unfair influence brought to bear against them. At a ward meeting on Tuesday night for Mr. Carruthers a thousand persons were present, and it was a great success. At a meeting for Sir John in the same ward there was not fifty present, and there was a difficulty experienced in getting a chairman. Sir John is more than usually bouncing, and treats his friends to liquor, and does his usual elegant face too, and endeavors to animate them with the idea of the absurdity of the attempts to unseat him.

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DAMNING EXPOSURE—DREW COMPLICITY FULLY ESTABLISHED.

To the Editor of the Mercury.

Sir,—We were somewhat astounded upon reading an article in the North Wellington Times, headed, "Another Grit Scandal," in which he would like to make it appear that your description of the Rothsay Post Office scandal is a pure manufacture of the Grits, but instead of trying to prove his assertions, which he well knows he cannot, he works himself into a passion, and proceeds to abuse the Grits, the Mercury, and the individual who wrote the letter, and uses such foul language that it is evident that his case is a bad one and his only hope is to cover it up by abuse. But that will not answer your purpose, Mr. Times. You do not surely think that intelligent people can be led astray by your blustering. Keep cool. Control your passions for a short time. Put a wet rag to your face. Fear you might do bodily harm to some person, while we proceed to answer your two or three facts, and then we think you may feel better.

Fact number one, which the Times denies and says the charge was never brought home to the postmaster, is such as the case, why was he dismissed? Answer that, Mr. Times. At the investigation the following witnesses were examined under oath:—Messrs. D. W. Carter, J. F. A. Stull, John Bishop, G. W. Stull, Thos. Anderson and W. H. Lowes. The evidence was most conclusive. One of the witnesses testified that he was standing near the post office window when the mail from Teviotdale was opened, saw Mr. Miller, the postmaster, open a letter, read it, and close it again, and put it in the post office box while he was still standing in the same place. D. W. Carter went into the office and returned with a letter in his hand, and held it out and said, "What do you think of that?" The gum was quite wet, and it had every appearance of being recently closed. I told Carter what I had seen, and Carter told Miller, and charged him with opening his letters. Miller came to me and said, "Why did you tell Carter that I opened his letter?" said I did not, and repeated what I had said to Carter. Miller said, "I did open a letter that morning, but it was one of my own, an unpaid one that was sent me from the express office," but he did not mention the name of the book of mails received, and letter bills of the same date were examined, they went to show that there was only one unpaid letter received that morning, and that was the one Carter had taken out of the office.

Again, what would the Times say to a letter having part of the Elora stamp covered with the closing of the envelope? We think, after all his bluster, he would not have the hardihood to say that it was not positive proof. In fact the evidence was so conclusive that the Inspector told the postmaster at Hoston that Miller was to lose the office, but he had given him a chance to resign to save him from being expelled. And after all this has taken place, and a new postmaster has been appointed, Miller has the Post Office still in his store and is the virtual acting postmaster. We assure the Times that letter opening is no new business with Mr. Miller. If he thinks so he has only to apply to the people of Teviotdale and they will set him right at once.

Fact number two. The Times says that Mr. Drew did not know a word about it until it was all over. When the Times gave utterance to that he must have known that it was an untruth. Did not Mr. Drew telegraph from Ottawa to Mr. Jacobs in Elora that he was to let Miller know that he must not resign the post office, that he would not allow him to be dismissed. Did not Drew write to certain persons here, whose names I could give if I wished to do so, to try and make out that the charges were all made through spite. And why was there a month's delay after the evidence was sent to the Department? Just by the influence of Mr. Drew with the Postmaster General to see if the matter would blow over. But it did not blow over, nor is it likely to do so for some time to come. The Times goes on to give a sample of what he calls a cock and bull story of the Mercury, by giving your statement of the compromise, and pronounces it all trash. But he seems to have taken a second thought over the matter, and adds, "but if true we venture the assertion that the person who got the money and note must be a Clear Grit as no decent Conservative would compound a felony in this manner." These are very forcible and convincing arguments coming from such high authority as the Times, and I will venture an assertion that if he continues that mode of reasoning for a short time, it will not be difficult to convince all the followers he may still retain, for we are satisfied that he will find himself deserted by every sensible person.

The following is a copy of a document I have now before me as I write:—

"ROTHSAY, July 8, 1872. This is to certify that I, William Miller, have paid D. W. Carter in cash (\$20) twenty dollars, and my note for one hundred and thirty dollars as settlement in the post office affair, for which sum he promises not to prosecute. (Signed) W. MILLER."

This little bit of information will satisfy the Times that he is barking up the wrong tree, and for the future it would be well if he would improve his scent so as not to be continually committing such blunders and making himself look ridiculous in the eyes of the public. In conclusion we would say these are facts, (and facts are stubborn things) and if the above is not satisfactory to the Times, we will throw down the gauntlet and challenge him, Mr. Drew, Mr. Miller or any other person that wishes to take it up to a full investigation before the proper authorities; or perhaps the Times would be kind enough to supply us with the evidence taken before the Inspector in his next issue. We are sure that such an act would be appreciated by the public, and the mystery would be fully cleared up. I have many more convincing proofs, such as having a letter destroyed or put out of the way since the investigation, but will not trespass further on your space at this time except to mention that we have written three different times to the Postmaster General since the investigation, and he has not deigned to give our community any answer whatever or any satisfaction. I might also state for the benefit of the authorities that all confidence in the Rothsay P. O. is at an end, and people are doing their business through other offices, and will continue to do so until a satisfactory change is made, and I will venture the assertion that the revenue of the office is not more than one half what it was twelve months ago. Yours truly, W. H. Lowes.

Rothsay, July 30, 1872. The course of the Government in bringing on the elections in East and West Toronto on the same day, while in Centre Toronto it is postponed, savors of unfairness. The knowing ones acknowledge that Mr. Beatty's chances are not as good now as a week ago, and attribute it to the rashness of the Leader's editorials.

THE NEW DOMINION MONTHLY has been sent us from the publishers, Messrs. Dougal & Son, Montreal, and furnishes abundant and varied and useful and entertaining reading. Prominent amongst the sections may be mentioned, "The Career of Louis Napoleon," "The Winter of '41 The Angel and the Child" (poetry), "To Brock's Monument on Queenstown Heights" (do), "When" (do), and a biographical sketch of Dr. Norman Macleod (with portrait). Then the young folks are not forgotten by some well selected and excellently told pieces, and the household is furnished with some highly useful receipts. For sale at the bookstores.

BLACKWOOD FOR JULY.—This favourite magazine is to hand from the publishers, the Leonard Scott Publishing Company, and as usual contains every variety of first-class reading, as every one may readily judge for themselves who will do themselves the pleasure of purchasing a copy.—The papers consist of the "Maid of Sker" concluded; the British Tourist in Norway; A Century of British Poets from 1750 downwards; Lord Byron; A True Reformer; Old Maids; A Precarious Existence; Charles James Lever. For sale at the bookstores.

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DIED BROWNLOW—At Guelph, on the 30th inst., Caroline Fowler, youngest daughter of Mr. W. Brownlow, undertaker, aged 2 years and 14 days. The funeral will take place from her father's residence, Gordon Street, on Friday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend without further notice.

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