

POOR DOCUMENT

THE RECONSTRUCTION.

The past week has been a troubled one in Government circles. The reconstruction is essentially temporary. There is no element of stability or permanence in it. Mr. McLeod is not a strong man in St. John, and will probably be defeated at the election. Mr. Colter, if he is returned, will have no following. Both gentlemen are highly respectable, and personally we congratulate them upon their new positions. There is no reason why the keenness of political conflict should in any way interfere with personal friendship, and although we shall feel bound to oppose the Government as reconstructed, we do not feel called upon to do so. We are glad that on that ground to withhold our congratulations. The arrangement which has been made for the purpose of keeping the Government together until after the elections is perhaps the weakest political combination which could be effected. Mr. Hanington can never be a successful leader, and he cannot hope to attract to his support the strong men in the Assembly.

THE NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS.

The appointment of Mr. Randolph to a seat in the Legislative Council is one of the very good things which the local Government has done. We are glad that a gentleman, standing so high in public esteem and possessed of so much intelligence and business capacity, has seen his way clear to accepting a seat in the Council. Mr. G. F. Hill is a gentleman for whom we entertain every respect and he will make a very good Councillor. The same may be said of Mr. Beveridge, who takes the place of Mr. Richard. Mr. Richard personally we know nothing; but we think that if the French population was to be given a representative, and they are entitled to more than one, Mr. Thurler or Mr. Johnson would have been chosen. Mr. Richard may be in every way fitted for the position, but the fact that he has had no political experience, and has never been considered a representative man, detracts from the merit of his appointment.

The "Reporter" on the Situation.

The Reporter, the staunch supporter of Sir Leonard Tilley, is naturally indignant at the manner in which Mr. C. H. B. Fisher and his friends have been used in the matter of the seat in Parliament for York County. Among other things it says: "Mr. Fraser really intends running for Ottawa, it is plain to be seen that the idea is to try to choke off Mr. Fisher, (the only man who could be found at the last election to face Mr. Pickard,) and to pave the way for the better securing of a Judgeship. This may be a very lofty, high-minded sort of thing to do, but we have great faith in the feeling of honest fair play, which we believe characterizes our people, and if we are not greatly mistaken Mr. Fraser, if he resolves upon this course, will find that he has a hard road to hoe. He will also find that a contest for the Commons is an entirely different thing from a local contest."

In another place the Reporter announces that Mr. Fisher will commence to hold public meetings immediately after the dissolution of Parliament. This is Mr. Fisher's answer to the report which the ultra Tory clique have been circulating to the effect that Mr. Fisher was only waiting to be "induced" to retire.

The Sun says "The Fredericton Herald will now be obliged to prevent York County from having the Board of Works." The Sun may have the right to "authoritatively arrange and announce" to the electors of York what they must do in matters political; but the Herald does not claim that it is able to prevent York County from having the Board of Works. Mr. Colter has not yet been sworn in by us; but as yet the Government have shown no disposition to consult us about his appointment, and we beg to assure the Sun that if we could prevent him from getting the department we would not move one step in that direction. Nevertheless we intend to oppose the Government when Mr. Colter is a member of it, just as we have opposed it while Mr. Fraser was a member. Our opposition is not to Mr. Colter personally any more than it was to Mr. Fraser personally. As to York County it will have a department in any Government which can be formed, and in the new deal which is certain to come sooner or later it will be represented, if not by Mr. Colter in the department of Public Works, possibly by a stronger man in another office.

KING'S COUNTY.

Prof. Foster will contest King's County for the Commons. Although he is prepared to support the N. P., he is not an extreme party man; nevertheless he has been promised the Government support in the election. Mr. Donville is to be thrown over. This is to punish him for having displayed a little independence during the last few months. We never admired Mr. Donville politically; but we cannot help saying that he is being used very shabbily by the Government. His case, however, is only one of many which shows that Toryism never changes. It is always the same. Perfect, complete, and abject subservience will secure the approval of a Tory administration. If Prof. Foster is elected and the Tory Government should last but another House—a very improbable thing—he will probably find himself either where Mr. Donville is now or else he will have to sink his manhood on a moment that he will take the latter course.

LOCAL NEWS.

Auctions.—Lemont & Sons' auction room was the centre of attraction yesterday afternoon.

The River.—Enormous quantities of lumber are running in the river between here and Woodstock.

On the Campaign.—Messrs. Blair and Thompson left town yesterday for Manners-Sutton to begin their canvass.

The Eggs House.—The brick work on the new engine house for the Fredericton Branch Railway has been begun.

For Sale.—A choice lot of Irish potatoes in good order for planting, at E. Vanwart's, St. Mary's Ferry.

The Land Leaser.—The Police Magistrate delivers judgment to-day in the case of Archibald F. Briggs, a commercial traveller charged with doing business without a license.

Personal.—Mr. Fred V. Wedderburn, son of the Provincial Secretary, appears in the list of 48 gentlemen of the University of New York, department of law, upon whom the degree of LL. B. was conferred on the 15th inst.

Dr. McAlister's House.—Mr. John Sanderson has commenced work removing the old house on Queen street, near the Bank of British North America, to make room for the new room for the new one to be erected on the same spot by Dr. McAlister.

Furious Driving.—Two young men, named respectively Case and Williams, were arrested yesterday for being drunk and for furious driving. The arrest was made by Police-men Vandie and Phillips and was made in a style which excited the admiration of on-lookers.

Accident.—While driving Mr. George Morehead's hay cart up George street in a sulky yesterday afternoon, Mr. James Perry was thrown out by the horse suddenly turning and upsetting the sulky. Mr. Perry landed on his head and received quite an injury on the forehead. The sulky rightsed again and the horse ran off, being caught on College road.

Died Away from Home.—George Coy, son of the late Thos. Coy, Esq., of Nashwaak, died yesterday at his brother's residence in Chelsea, Mass., where he had been on a visit. The remains will arrive in this city by the 5 p.m. train to-day, and the funeral will take place from his mother's residence, Brunswick street, to the St. John boat at 7.30 a.m. to-morrow, when the body will be taken to Sagadahoc for burial. Mr. Coy was about 23 years of age and a very deserving young man.

The Board of Agriculture.—This body was in session on Tuesday and yesterday. The business done was chiefly of a routine character. The following resolutions were passed unanimously, after some speeches commending the course of the Government in the matter of the Stock Farm:

Resolved, That the Board at its last annual session recommended to the Government to act in concert with a committee to be appointed by the Government in the management of the Stock Farm; and

Resolved, That the Government have failed to comply with the recommendation of the committee of the Board, and have managed the farm heretofore without the advice of the Board; therefore

Resolved, That this Board take no responsibility for the management of the Farm under the present administration.

The Late Changes and Appointments.—Mr. Fraser has resigned the office of Attorney General, and is succeeded by Mr. E. McLeod, of St. John. Mr. McLeod is a Barrister of fourteen years standing. He was official assessor under the Insolvent Act of 1875 and is an energetic man, who has hitherto been very successful in his business affairs. Mr. Wedderburn has resigned the office of Provincial Secretary and Receiver General, and is succeeded by Mr. Landry, lately Chief Commissioner of Public Works. Mr. Geo. Colter, M. P. P., for York, has been appointed Chief Commissioner of Public Works.

The V. A. C. Sports.—The annual sports of the University Athletic Club will be held to-morrow. They give promise of being unusually good. The Fredericton Brass Band will be in attendance and furnish music. The following is the programme of the sports and the prizes to be given to the winners of each:

100 yds race—1st, silver cup; 2nd, gold pin.
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Throwing ball—1st, shaving set; 2nd, gold pin.
Running high jump—1st, cup, class '81; 2nd, gold pencil case; 3rd, gold ring.

Mile race—1st, cup of class '79; 2nd, opera glass; 3rd, pocket knife; 4th, silver boot and glove buttoner.

Putting the weight—1st, merschaum pipe; 2nd, gold studs.

Hurdle race—1st, gold chain; 2nd, brier pipe.

Three standing jumps—1st, microscope; 2nd, Pope's poems.

Potato race—1st, fruit knife; 2nd, mirror.

Vaulting with pole—1st, cuff buttons; 2nd, pocket album.

Hop-step-and-jump—1st, telescope; 2nd, napkin ring; 3rd, Whittier's works.

Half-mile race—1st, ladies' prize; 2nd, revolver; 3rd, cigar case.

Bar performance—1st, inkstand.

100 yards race—1st, album; 2nd, walking stick; 3rd, pocket book.

Running broad jump—1st, ladies' prize; 2nd, alarm clock.

Consolation race, quarter mile—1st, gold locket; 2nd, pair of cane skates; 3rd, cigar holder.

Liberal Rally.

Notwithstanding the shortness of the notice and the absence of many people from the city, the attendance at the Masonic Hall, in response to the invitation issued to Mr. Pickard's friends, was very well attended.

Ald. Hall was chosen Chairman and Mr. W. T. Whitehead Secretary.

The chairman made a short address, explaining that the object of the meeting was to organize for the campaign.

Mr. Gregory, after some remarks, stated that persons frequently attended such meetings under the supposition that they were public meetings and were afterwards charged with being inconsistent in not supporting the candidate in whose interests the meeting was called. He moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That all persons participating in the proceedings of this meeting, or remaining present thereafter, are thereby to be understood as declaring themselves favorable to Mr. Pickard's election to the House of Commons of Canada and pledging his support at the approaching election.

Mr. Pickard being called upon addressed the meeting. He said that he was called upon to come before the people a year since that he expected. He found himself this year under different circumstances than in 1878. Then he was opposed by Mr. Fisher, and honorably opposed. The issue then was not protection, for Sir Leonard Tilley had expressly said so to the electors of St. John. He (Mr. Pickard) favored a national policy; but not this policy which takes from one man and gives to another without giving any return. As a New Brunswicker he was opposed to the so-called national policy on other grounds, because the great interest of farming and lumbering were not protected. He approved of the course taken in 1879 by the Finance Minister in visiting the factories; but such a course should be followed to its legitimate conclusion. He went on his tour of inspection for the proprietors' mansion and not from the dwellings of the operatives. He went on his tour filled with the ideas of the owner and not those of the workmen. He should have had the factories shut down when he visited and learned from the men themselves how the tariff affected them. He should have asked the men who were working how the tariff affected them, but he did not do this; neither did he visit their homes to see if, under the tariff their families received any benefit. These men have told him that rents were higher and that they had a harder time to live under the tariff than before. Mr. Pickard then went on to show how to the introduction of the N. P. trade had begun to retire elsewhere, and the Finance Minister might just as well have claimed that the N. P. had affected the trade of the United States and France as that it had on the same revived trade in Canada. In some towns and cities the taxes had been some good, but it has not in Fredericton, where not one interest has been benefited a dollar, but the benefit which has been derived has not compensated for the increase of taxation and consequent injury to the people. The sugar refiners have added millions of dollars to the savings of the rich proprietors, but the money had come out of the pockets of the people. Mr. Pickard said he had not intended to make a speech, but he was sorry to see the party organized. He stood before the people as a man opposed to the administration, which he contended was pursuing a course calculated to ruin the nation. He reviewed the management of the Government, and said that he was proud to be their secret and underhand way of conducting the business of the country. He showed that he had opposed both Governments on the matter of extending the Pacific Railway to Vancouver Island, and that his opposition was accepted by both parties now. He discussed at considerable length the course of the Government in respect to the Pacific Railway, and claimed that the waste of land and money had been most unjustifiable. He went on to speak of the reasons for bringing on the elections in advance of the regular time, and the gerrymandering bill. He said that if the Ontario award had been accepted the four extra seats could have been provided for, but that for the express purpose of altering the complexion of Ontario they had altered the boundaries of fifty constituencies. The object of the bill was to drive seven of the leading Liberals out of Parliament. He said that he had seen a despatch from Mr. Blake saying that he never saw things look so well as they do in Ontario to-day or a better chance to gerrymander the present Government. If elected he would not promise to change the course he has pursued in the past. He was the same in principle to-day as he was ever was. As long as he is chosen by the people's choice he would find him a friend who would stick closer than a brother.

Mr. Pickard was frequently applauded and sat down amid loud applause.

The following gentlemen were appointed, with power to add to their number, as a committee for constitution, by an unanimous vote: Messrs. M. S. Hall, J. G. Gill, J. B. Givens, R. A. Ester, A. D. Verza, John Owens, Joseph Myhrall, E. Vanwart, P. Dever, J. Habbitt, George N. Risteen, John Moore, D. Tapley, J. Boyle, A. Limerick, John Staples, Geo. F. Gregory, Jas. Tibbits, R. Mitchell, Peter McFarlane, Wilnot Gusto, W. H. Watie, and R. McElvany.

Mr. Gregory made a few remarks expressive of the hopefulness of the situation.

Mr. Myhrall also spoke endorsing the remarks which had been made and exhorted every one to make every effort in favor of Mr. Pickard. Alluding to the report that Mr. Fraser would not be a candidate, he said he believed the report was intended only to induce Mr. Pickard's friends to relax their efforts.

It was resolved that the Committee meet to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock in the rooms over the Herald office.

Councillor Hoy, of Prince William, being called on said that he did not come to make a speech. Of the section in which he resided he said there was work to be done, but no reason to fear defeat.

Councillor Hoy, of Kingscler, in response to a call from the meeting, said that politics were considerably mixed in Kingscler, but Mr. Pickard's friends would stand by him, and the Liberals would carry the day by a large majority.

After some conversation the meeting closed with three cheers for Mr. Pickard.

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An informal meeting of the government. An early hour Friday morning, as a composer of THE HERALD was wending his way home after the labors of the night, and while passing the Barker House alley, his attention was attracted by loud talking. Stopping to ascertain from whence the noise proceeded and by whom and on what account it was being created, and with the prospect of an open view, he discovered that the disturbance issued from one of the windows of the Barker House. From the names mentioned and the loud intonation of the voice, he concluded, and doubtless correctly, that the Government were assembled in solemn conclave with closed doors, but open windows, and were endeavoring to straighten out the mixed condition of affairs which several recent, totally unexpected events have brought about not only in the politics of the County of York, but in the Province as well. Thinking that he might accidentally learn something that might be of benefit to the country's good, he stopped to listen; for he well knew that if the Government were aware of anything that was of special benefit to the country they kept it to themselves, and he fondly imagined that from Sir Stephen, or from the Grand Southern Railway, and the Band excursion from Fredericton, with the home bands, will make a grand musical celebration; to say nothing of the crowds of people which the excursions will bring into the city. In the morning there will be a grand polymorphian parade, and the cricket match on the Barrack Square between the St. John and Fredericton eleven. The following are the members of the Fredericton team:—

E. H. Allen, Capt.; M. McLaughlan, J. D. Hanlan, C. L. Richards, O. P. Byrne, G. J. Bliss, A. F. Parker, R. S. Barker, H. Bosford, J. H. Hawthorne, W. McFarlane, D. Habbitt, spare man; D. Hazen umpire; L. C. Macneil, scorer.

There will also be a field day of sports and games on the Barrack Square, held by the non-commissioned officers of the St. John Fusiliers, 62nd Battalion, at which their band will be present and play. There will be foot-races, sack-races, potato-races, officer's race, go-to-sleep-race, etc., etc., etc., to take place in the afternoon. The bicycle race that was announced will not come off, it is said, as the ground is too rough. The admission to the grounds will be 10 cents.

A feature will be the grand promenade concert and sunlight hop in the Exhibition Building in the afternoon, from 2 to 6 o'clock, in aid of the City Cornet Band. The St. John Battalion Band, Fredericton, and the St. Stephen Cornet Band, have kindly consented to be present and will perform some of their finest selections. A good programme of dancing has been arranged. A large and efficient committee will be in charge, and will see that the best of order shall prevail. A refreshment table will be in the building.

In the evening the Chantreaux Combination will present "Sam" in the Mechanics' Institute.

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THE HOLIDAY. Yesterday passed off very quietly owing to the fact that the morning was very wet, and so the excursion to St. John, which was planned for the day, has been postponed. The day was a very quiet one, and the people who had come on to the street to enjoy the evening which, though cool and cloudy, was by no means unpleasant. Afterwards they proceeded to the Exhibition Building, where the BONNET HOP, under the auspices of the St. Ann's Rowing Club, was held. This, which was the chief feature of the holiday in this city, was very well attended, and dancing was kept up until a late hour.

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