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A Seat Found at Last for Hincks.

Poor Sir Francis Hincks has at last found rest for his weary feet. South Brant rejected him, no constituency could be found in Ontario where he could hide his head. Quebec was tried but would not respond to the call, and it seemed as though the defeated Finance Minister would be obliged to retire, or get some obliging Tory to vacate his seat in order that Sir Francis might have a chance of running for it. This was the conclusion come to by both parties. But Sir John Macdonald has got his friends and his Government out of this difficulty—as he has got them out of many other difficulties—by one of those cute dodges for which he is so notorious, and which he only is capable of inventing.

Sir Francis has been elected for one of the six constituencies created by John A's Government in British Columbia! The Vancouver Island District has promptly responded to the despairing cry of the Premier to provide a seat for his beaten Finance Minister, and the electors there, without ever seeing their representative, or him ever seeing them, have elected him by acclamation. There is an old adage which says that if you keep a thing for seven years you will find some use for it. Little did Sir John think when he was manufacturing these six constituencies in British Columbia for his own use, that he would so soon have been obliged to set apart one for a beaten colleague. We now begin to understand the far reaching scheme of the Premier in creating these constituencies. Strange that we were so oblivious before to the fact that they were intended as reserves, where defeated Ministers in Ontario might betake themselves, where they could be elected and no questions asked, and where they would at last find rest, and no more be bothered about independent electors and adverse majorities.

The Vancouver Island district contains a population of about 5,000, and sends three representatives to the Dominion Parliament. One of these comprises the Victoria District, and the other the settled portion of the Island. The desolate and unsettled portion of the Island, and the Islands adjacent have been given to Sir Francis; and this constituency, according to the Globe, contains a total population of 423, men, women, children and Chinese, and sixteen duly qualified electors! Such is the refuge and resting place found for the great Finance Minister of the Dominion of Canada; the ex-Governor, Knight, and so forth, whose very presence in Canada, the Ministerial papers led us to believe, was an honor to the Dominion, and who, according to these voracious prophets in their victimations only a few months ago, could get a seat in any part of Ontario that he fixed on. A greater farce was never perpetrated in "this Canada of ours." No wonder the Mail indulges in a little delicate satire, when it says of this election that "it evidences trumpet tongued to our people in every part of the Confederation that sectionalism is dead, and that we are to all intents and purposes, 'one and indivisible' from the Atlantic to the Pacific." This means, properly interpreted, that the Government has been driven to desperate shifts, and that the poor old knight after wandering up and down through the two Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, has at last been pitch-forked into a constituency at the extreme end of the Dominion, where nobody knows him, or cares anything about him. It is a farce to speak of him as being in any sense a representative. He might just as well have been elected to represent the Island of Anticosti or the North Pole. But the law gives him a seat in the House of Commons, and that is all Sir John A. Macdonald cares about. Such a dispicable trick is worthy the hero of the Double Shuffle, and shows what contemptible means he will resort to in order to retain power.

As a fitting climax to this prodigious farce, we would now suggest that Niel be induced by John A. to retire in Manitoba, and make way for the defeated Baronet of Montreal, Sir George Cartier. This would furnish the one remaining link to the "one and indivisible" chain of which the Mail speaks so poetically, and would furnish a proper geographical distribution of seats in the Government, to say nothing of there being such convenient places of refuge for old and broken down Government lackeys.

ELECTION NEWS.

Some of our Tory friends are trying to make out that the defeat of ex-King George Cartier is a blessing in disguise.

The Montreal Daily News (Government organ) has the following.—"It is rumored that previous to his departure for Riviere du Loup, Sir F. Hincks had an open rupture with Sir John A. Macdonald, at the Queen's Hotel, Toronto—Sir John accusing Sir Francis of 'coming Wood over him.'"

The Peterboro Review says.—"Our party don't put up a Roman Catholic candidate to be knocked down, as the Girls did John O'Donohue in both East Peterboro and East Toronto." To which the Stratford Beacon tersely replies.—"Of course not. Joseph A. Donovan was not knocked down in South Perth in 1867 to the tune of 360, or Joseph Kidd betrayed by his pretended friends in 1872 by the enormous odds of 427! Oh, no! The Tories never make cat's paws of the Catholics! They have only deceived Mr. Kidd twice—that's all. First, in 1867, when they rejected his protegee, Mr. Donovan; and next in 1872, when, after getting about \$10,000 of his money, and running him off his legs, they rejected Mr. Kidd himself by the largest majority ever recorded against any candidate in South Perth."

The Montreal Tories do not seem to think as much of the workmen as their allies in this Province—or at least, they do not show it in the same way. John Thomson was foreman in La Minerre office, Montreal, but because he refused to vote for Cartier, he was summarily discharged from his employment.

The St. Catharines Times says that the Journal of that town will come out in a few days as an out and out Opposition paper. They have no hopes that the present Dominion Government can possibly remain in power, and, therefore, like prudent and "practical" politicians, they leave the sinking ship when there is still a little hope that they may make friends with the Reformers.

Here is how the Daily News finds an excuse for the defeat of Sir Geo. Cartier.—"We were well aware that the outside moral effect of Sir Geo. Cartier's being defeated in a French Canadian constituency, will lead people at a distance to believe that he is failing in popularity. Had we been consulted as to the arrangement of his elections we should have suggested Sir Francis Hincks as the candidate for the Western Division, because he would have walked the course, and we should have found a county constituency for Sir George. The best natured of men are apt to resent a hint that their physical powers are failing. Yet certainly Sir George's friends ought to have dissuaded him against encountering the endless toil and fatigue of a city canvass."

It was a noticeable feature in the Montreal contest that in every one of the 39 polling places in East Montreal, Mr. Jette had a good majority, Sir George in no place holding his own. In the West Division there were 31 polling places, all of which Mr. Young had a majority over his opponent, Mr. Drummond. At one of the polling places in St. Antoine Ward, West Division, the book used for swearing suspicious voters has turned out to be a history of Canada.

La Manerac continues to whine over Cartier's defeat, and says that property has fallen four per cent in value in the Eastern Division in consequence.

AN AMATEUR LUNATIC.—The latest sensation in New York is the story of a reporter of the Tribune, who a couple of weeks ago, in order to test the working of the lunacy law in the State, which is very defective, feigned to be mad, and had himself sent to the Bloomingdale lunatic asylum, so that he might faithfully reveal the secrets of its management. In order to get in he succeeded in deceiving the doctor, a medical student and a nurse, and he seems to have done so very effectively. He went to a Hotel in New York, accompanied by a confederate, who though watching every move of the game, took care not to appear as though he knew his friend, or was in collusion with him. While in the Hotel, the reporter began to cut up and carry on and act strangely, and this went on to such a degree that at last a doctor was sent for, who watching the case for a couple of days pronounced the patient insane, and acting under some brain disorder. After going through the usual legal forms, the confederate procured an order for his admittance into the asylum. We are promised a full, true and particular account of what he saw and heard there.

BIRTHS.

WRIGHT—At Rockwood, on the 31st ult., the wife of Mr. John Wright, baker, of a son, MACDONALD. — At Rockwood, on the 28th ult., the wife of the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, of a son. STEWART—In West Garafraxa, on the 24th ult., the wife of Mr. Adam Stewart, Jr., of a daughter. HILL—In Nichol, on the 25th ult., the wife of Mr. Hill, farmer, of a son. THOMPSON—At St. John's Parsonage, Elora, on the 25th ult., the wife of the Rev. C. E. Thompson, of a daughter. SHANAGHAN—In Arthur, on the 23rd ult., the wife of Mr. Thos. Shanaghan, of a son. FRARY—In Fergus, on the 25th ult., the wife of Mr. H. B. Fery, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

JOHNS—Vickers—In Elora, on the 25th ult., by the Rev. G. E. Thompson, Mr. John Johns to Mary Jane Vickers, all of Elora.

DIED.

LUSH—In Eramosa, on the 3rd ult., Louisa, daughter of Mr. Israel Lush, aged 6 months and 6 days.

Second Dominion Parliament.

ONTARIO REPRESENTATIVES

Table listing Ontario Representatives with columns for Opposition, Ministerial, and Independent. Includes names like Addington, Shibley, Algoma, Robinson, Bothwell, Mills, Brant, N. R., Fleming, etc.

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