

The Northern Railway was a debtor, in arrears to the Government.

Every dollar it owed, after paying the interest on its bonds, belonged to its creditors, of whom the Government ranked first.

Senator Macpherson, however, had no scruples about "collecting" \$2,500 from the Northern for the testimonial aforesaid.

The Purifier Detected.

In 1877, this transaction with others came to light. Senator Macpherson tried to skulk out of the scrape by representing that he had supposed the money to be the private contribution of Col. Cumberland, the Managing Director of the road.

But Col. Cumberland laughed at the notion of crediting him with any such profuse liberality.

And did Senator Macpherson, when he found out where the money really came from, either repay it or insist upon its repayment?

Not a cent! "Sir John" shirked the responsibility by saying the money had been vested in trustees for the benefit of his family.

The Government compelled the Company to make good this and other sums improperly applied, but Senator Macpherson, although the prime instigator of the dishonest business, has yet to make the first sign of honourable restitution.

And this is the "Daniel come to judgment" with a mission "to Purify Canadian Public Life."

Under False Colours.

In his former pamphlets, as well as in the last, Senator Macpherson pretended to disavow all partisanship. He says —

"I may premise that I have eschewed partisanship in Parliament."—*Introduction to Speeches on the Public Expenditure of the Dominion*, p. 3.

"Partisanship, selfish, wicked partisanship."—*Letter on Expenditure of Ontario*, p. 4.

Most of the evils that afflict this Province * * * are directly traceable to prejudiced and pestilent partisanship.—*Ibid*, p. 9.

But, beneath the robe of judicial impartiality, donned for the occasion, the cloven foot peeps out.

If Senator Macpherson is so "smart" a man as he professes to be, why was he never heard from before?

He entered Parliament in 1864 as Legislative Councillor for Saugeen, and has sat there ever since.

He is a man of leisure, and, if he speaks truly, a perfect expert at figures.

How comes it, then, that he never began to denounce the expenditure of the Government at Ottawa until the eve of the last General Election for the Dominion?

How is it that, on the eve of a Local General Election, he is, for the first time, heard from as a financial critic of Ontario affairs?

Here is his own explanation of his sudden appearance on the scene.

The Cloven Foot Shown.

"I am prompted," he says, "to examine into our home (Provincial) affairs by the course pursued by the members of the Government of Ontario during the late Dominion Election."—*Letter*, p. 3.

A sweetly innocent confession certainly!

When the Senator was Speechless.

Senator Macpherson saw the expenditure of the Dominion grow every year, under his old Point Edward confederate's manipulation, from \$9,500,000 in 1865 to \$11,800,000 in 1867, and from \$13,486,000 in 1867 to \$23,316,000 in 1873, but was never seen or his legs in the attitude of protestation.

Nay, although, in the Session of 1873, he was still sulking over the treatment he had received from his friend at the head of affairs, agent the Canadian Pacific contract, and even making approaches to the other side, yet no one ever saw him in the garb of the financial critic.

Yet in that one session his political leader increased the Dominion expenditure by no less than \$4,000,000.

Again, in 1872, when, in Ontario, he says, the era of "extravagance" began, or in 1875, when the present Government appealed to the people, and were triumphantly sustained, nobody thought about, or heard from Senator Macpherson.

For 16 years the country might have "gone to the dogs" for all that the astute and patriotic Senator said, or did to save it.

A Very Late Appearance and Suspicious Aspect.

But now, lo! when, in the exercise of their rights and liberty, as citizens of Ontario, the Ministers of the Province make a few election speeches in opposition to Senator Macpherson's friends at Ottawa, and when they dare to criticise his—the Senator's—financial statements (see page 3 of *Letter on Increasing Expenditure of Ontario*), then he comes out with his figures, and tables, and letters, to his long forgotten constituents in Saugeen, as large as life, and as bitter as the bitterest.

And yet he actually expects people to believe he "ESCHEWS PARTISANSHIP."

The Senator in His Real Character.

However, if the proof direct were wanting, that he is simply a Tory agent, doing the Tory party's work, under a plan concerted at the Tory headquarters, here it is:—

"CHESTNUT PARK,
Toronto, 18 Oct. 1878.

"Dear Sir,—I am obliged to leave town this evening. If I could be present at this meeting which is to be held to-morrow, I would endeavour to impress upon the Club the importance of extending, strengthening and perfecting its organization, so as to ensure the carrying of the approaching Ontario elections. Until they are carried, the good work will not be completed.

"I look upon the Government of Ontario as the political citadel of the Dominion, and until we carry it the great outworks which we took on the 17th September will not be safe. We must have the citadel. If the Liberal-Conservatives will only work to carry the Local elections as they did to carry the Dominion ones, they will certainly succeed. The *United Empire Club* did invaluable service in this one, and can do the same in the other. The first thing that should be done is to select men of ability—*live men*—for candidates, men of usefulness, influence and activity in their localities. They should all be better men than their opponents.

"If the powers of the Club should be well directed at the coming juncture, I believe the services it may render to the country are greater than the most sanguine imagine at this moment.

"Yours very truly,
D. L. MACPHERSON.

"H. E. Crawford, Esq.,
Secretary U. E. Club."