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Guelph Evening Mercury

THURSDAY EVENG, DEC. 18, 1873

The Hon. George Brown.

The Ottawa correspondent of the *Globe* says:—"Hon. George Brown was to-day appointed to the Senate. It is to be presumed that Mr. Brown's appointment supplies the vacancy caused by the decease of Hon. Oliver Blake."

Cause for Congratulation.

We see from an article in the *Monetary Times* that the commerce of Canada for the year ending June 30 last, returns of which have now been made up, shows an astonishing progress. Notwithstanding that there had been a great increase in each of the three preceding years, the twelve months, 1872-3, show an increase of nearly twenty-seven millions of dollars over 1871-2, taking imports and exports together. The figures for 1872-3 are, in round numbers, exports $90,610,000, and imports $126,580,000. During these last four years, says the *Monetary Times*, the expansion has been no less than $92,892,760, or at the rate of nearly twenty-three and a half millions of dollars during each twelve months! This rate of progress may be said to be unexampled in our previous history, and it is doubtful if it would ever have been attained if the various provinces of the Dominion had remained separate; and it adds:—

"The disparity between imports and exports last year alone is greater than was the entire trade of Canada in 1852, only twenty-one years ago! If this balance of nearly $36,000,000 could speak (not to mention the six years' deficiency) it would shed light on the causes of the prevailing scarcity of money. It must be quite apparent, with such results before us, that our importers are only exercising common prudence in buying cautiously this season, for the Dominion will be all the better for a realization of stocks on hand, before much further indebtedness is incurred abroad."

The Spectator Talks Sense.

"If the charges made are true, we look to the people of West Toronto to take immediate steps to prove them true; if not, to retract them, and to acknowledge that Mr. Moss has been fairly elected."

The foregoing is from the Hamilton *Spectator* and refers to the charges of bribery and intimidation made against Mr. Moss by the *Mail*. In the same article the *Spectator* points out that similar charges were made against Mr. Cartwright after the Lennox election, but that no steps had been taken to prove their truth. It objects to these vague charges being made, without any subsequent attempt to back them up, and calls it a discreditable piece of policy—copied, of course, from the Grits! Suddenly becoming squeamish, it remarks:

"We do not wish our readers to come to the conclusion that our assertions are not to be relied upon; we do not wish to make an assertion, for our party any more than against it, which may not be reasonably believed to be correct."

Which means, we suppose, that the *Spectator* intends to mend its ways. We hope it will. Perhaps some of its influential readers have been talking to it in a paternal sort of way, hence these "wishes."

We are glad to be able to agree with our contemporary for once. Charges of bribery and intimidation are flung about too recklessly by the losing candidate's friends after an election. Our new law, however, supplies a crucial test for all this loose talk, by furnishing a sharp and short remedy for electoral misdeeds. It requires a protest on account of undue election returns to be filed within thirty days of the publication of the return in the *Canada Gazette*, and in case of bribery within thirty days after the commission of the act complained of. We shall soon see, therefore, if the Tory press can substantiate their wild accusations. If these attempts to damage the Reformers are more than mere empty words, nothing is easier than to put the matter to the proof. But this is what these John A. men dare not do.

Shady Transactions.

The collapsed Western of Canada Oil Company is severely criticised by the *Monetary Times*—a steady going responsible journal not given to railing accusations. The Company was organized in 1871 by Major John Walker, of London. The capital stock was £450,000 in 4,500 shares of £100 each; only about $700 was actually subscribed and a small portion paid up. The Canadian Directors were Hon. John Carling, Aquila Walsh, M.P., and Jacob Hespeler. A million dollars' worth of debentures were sold in the English market, of which $300,000 is unaccounted for. Liberal salaries were arranged for friends of the promoters and others, and the Major retained his interest of one third in the firm of Reeves & Co., from which he, as Manager, made large purchases. The *Monetary Times* adds:—

"So far as the facts are known, they place Mr. Walker and the Canadian Directors in a very unfavorable light; leaving them open to the suspicion of having sold their reputations for money. We have formed a very decided opinion on the character of the whole business, but as a few weeks are likely to afford further evidence, we reserve till then the use of such terms as only would be fit to characterize an operation proven to be really as bad as this at the present moment appears."

There is some decency yet left in the United States. Victoria Woodhull attempted to lecture at Ann Arbor a day or two since, but was hooted off the stage.

The Peel election comes off tomorrow.

The South Simcoe nominations take place on the 23rd.

The Premier and several of the Ministers dined with the Governor-General on Tuesday.

The Minister of Militia, Mr. Ross, defeated his opponent by a vote of nearly two to one; the numbers being at the close of the poll—for Ross, 612, and for Campbell, 329.

Later information from the polls in Montmagny County shows that Mr. Langelier has been elected to represent Montmagny in the Local Parliament by a majority of one hundred and seventy five.

Mr. Joseph Arch has delivered an important speech at Leamington, England, in which he spoke very favorably of the laborer's prospects in Canada. We shall try to find room for some extracts to-morrow.

The *Advertiser* says that D'Arcy Boulton, the Scandal Party's candidate for South Simcoe, bids fair to be the champion failure of the Dominion. Although he stands credited with defeats in North Simcoe, Grey, and Muskoka, and South Simcoe will scarcely care to be represented by the cast-off of three counties.

Here is another joke from the editor of the London *Herald*—and really, he does it so naturally one would think he was in earnest. Speaking of the West Toronto election, he remarks:—

"This result will be tortured into a great victory for the Grits, although it was in no respect a political contest. From beginning to end of the contest, the *Globe* never claimed support for Moss because he was a follower of Mackenzie. It was made purely a test of personal popularity, and Mr. Moss has won."

The Ottawa correspondent of the Hamilton *Times* says:—Sir John acknowledges since the Toronto election, that the tide of public opinion has turned against him and his party, and their return to power is impossible. It is freely stated that before the resignation of the late Ministry certain members of it urged upon Sir John and Langevin to retire, allowing Tilley to form a Government without them, thus saving the Conservative party from going to pieces. Both refused to play the part of Jonah. Since the story became public, the friends of the late Ministry condemn their leaders for not accepting their colleagues' advice!

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WILLIAM J. PATERSON,
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Soliciting from all their hearty support and vote, I have the honor to remain, gentlemen,
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