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THE PROSPECTS OF A LIBERAL HOME RULE TRIUMPH IN GREAT BRITAIN ARE BRIGHTENING. T. P. O'CONNOR, M.P., states, on authority, that according to the reports from the constituencies Gladstone will have a majority of 57 in the new parliament.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 1886

"We want to hold Ireland by love," exclaimed the Grand Old Man in his Liverpool speech, which is described as a magnificent effort, and the dense masses of people who listened cheered the generous sentiment to the echo.

THE YOUNG MEN'S LIBERAL CONVENTION was opened this morning in Nordheimer's Hall. Delegates from all parts of the Dominion and from all the Provinces were present.

THE MONTREAL GAZETTE is making desperate efforts to outstrip the Toronto Mail in its hostility to Home Rule and its Orange-Tory hate of Mr. Gladstone.

THE RABBITNESS OF THE GAZETTE towards the veteran statesman drove it so far as to compare him to the chief of the Assassins and bomb throwers.

CENSURED FOR ITS LIES
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(To be found wanting on the list) of honor of those who would tender Ireland a helping hand in this the greatest crisis in her history. It was, as usual, hard to get the ball rolling, but now that committees have been struck, with Mr. Edward Murphy as general treasurer, we canvass the city for collections...

A DECEIVER
SIR JOHN MACDONALD attended an Irish Catholic picnic the other day at Carleton Place, where he delivered a political speech of a very low type, and in which he had the face to solemnly aver that he, Sir John, the Premier of Canada, was in favor of Home Rule for Ireland.

He declares before a large assemblage of people that he is in favor of Home Rule and he keeps in his cabinet a man, McKenzie Bowell, who pledged himself by formal resolutions at the meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of North America in Toronto to send men and means to oppose Home Rule in Ireland.

It is a shame that a country like Canada should have such a low trickster and deceiver at the head of its affairs. With such a political sire it was only natural that there should be an over-production of boodlemen and rascals in Parliament and in the administration.

CUSTOMS FRAUD AND BRIBERY
A most serious charge has been made against the Customs Department in connection with the settlement of a recent seizure of goods of a well known fancy goods firm in this city. It was the Trade Bulletin that unearthed the scandal and took the responsibility of publishing it.

Four thousand dollars is the amount named as having been divided up among the "Boodlemen." The system of enjoining offences committed against the Customs laws is supremely unjust and injurious to honest traders, whose interests are thus seriously imperilled...

THE CIVIL SERVICE AND HOME RULE
The Ottawa Government's hostility to Home Rule for Ireland was well manifested during the late session of Parliament, but no one supposed that that hostility was to be erected into a system and that it should be forced upon Canadians whether they liked it or not.

That we have adopted a fiscal system of our own proves a diversity of interest between Great Britain and the Dominion, the true meaning of which Mr. Mackenzie has not grasped. Nor is it probable that the diversity will ever be removed so long as existing economic conditions continue.

This is a most unworthy attack on the memory of the dead Vice-President of the United States, Mr. Hendricks had nobly stood up for the cause of Home Rule for Ireland, and delivered an oration on the question, which evoked applause and admiration on all sides except in the Orange ranks.

land, and delivered an oration on the question, which evoked applause and admiration on all sides except in the Orange ranks. That an Orange expression of opinion on that great effort should be made an official subject of study for young Canadians is more than can be tolerated.

But, as a correspondent of the Irish Canadian says, it is not the only page of the Civil Service Blue Book to which just exception might be taken, which would appear to justify the conclusion that systematic attempts are being made to inculcate through official sources an anti-Irish opinion and feeling.

THE SOONER Canadians understand and apply the logic of these facts the better for themselves. Mr. Blake, by his outspoken demand for the right to make our own treaties, is fully in accord with popular sentiment. It is an ideal policy to trust the management of matters affecting our most vital interests to another party, and that party predetermined to make them subservient to her own.

CANADA'S INTERESTS
It appears to be a moving fact in Canadian politics that so long as the Tory party exists, and especially so long as Sir John Macdonald leads it, a Reform party is a necessity.

Unfortunately, however, the Government which came into existence was not led by a composed, men imbued with Canadian ideas. Perhaps the best explanation of the weakness and final overthrow of the Liberal ministry was given by Mr. Mackenzie in his reply to the address presented to him by the passengers aboard the steamship Oregon on his recent voyage to England.

By this it will be seen that Mr. Mackenzie fails to understand still, as he did when he was at the head of affairs, that Canada must have a policy of her own. The conditions of commerce are so widely diverse between the Dominion and England that the mere sentiment of loyalty will not bear the strain of material and business necessities.

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the constitutional alterations through which they have passed. And it will go on working until Canadians can go to the capitals and on the markets of the world and make terms for themselves.

But the period of their domination is passing away. Canadians have not failed to observe that the settled policy of England has been to leave Canada to her own devices. Since British statesmen discovered that they could not govern Canada so as to make her tributary to English commerce they have taken care that they shall not be put to trouble or expense on her account.

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TORY TACTICS EXPOSED
For some time past a well known member of Parliament has been boasting round town and elsewhere that he would "smash THE POST" and that he did not give a rap for the strictures passed upon his public acts or those of the Tory party.

Mr. Whelan, the communication that was published in the Citizen, and Mr. Whelan's reply. Montreal, June 23rd, 1886. J. P. WHELAN, Esq., Quebec.

DEAR SIR,—I notice that an anonymous communication has been published in the Daily Citizen of Ottawa, charging you with having written letters to a well known member of Parliament offering to surrender the independence and control of the paper into his hands in consideration of Government patronage.

INDEPENDENCE OF THE MONTREAL POST
Editor of the Citizen: Sir,—I have good reason to believe in the truth of some ugly rumors which are now floating in the air regarding certain letters bearing the signature of John P. Whelan, and addressed to a well-known member of Parliament...

DEAR SIR,—I have received your favor of the 23rd inst., with the clipping of the Ottawa Citizen. In answer to your enquiry, whether such letters as therein referred to were ever written by me or anyone connected with the office, pledging the support of the paper to the Ottawa Government, I beg to say that early in the summer of 1885, I met Mr. Curran, M.P. for Montreal Centre, and asked him how it was that the paper received but little of the general advertisements from the departments at Ottawa, notwithstanding that the paper for several years had supported the general policy of the Government.

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Old Chief" were particularly objected to. That this being the case, it would be a delicate and difficult matter for him (Mr. Curran) to secure from the Government a fair share of official advertising, as they did not know when they had us, attacking them one day and supporting them the next.

On these representations I wrote a letter to him at Ottawa, in conformity with the views he expressed. Some time after he returned to Montreal and gave me back the letter, complaining that it was not precise enough, and contained too many previous qualifications; that it was of little use to him.

On both these questions the paper, in the performance of its duty, was not only forced to condemn the Government in severe terms, but also to criticize and deplore the stand taken by the Irish Canadian members in dealing with these grave issues.

THE GLOBE ON HOME RULE
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by deplorable. The Irish would justly feel that the masses of England are their enemies, not to be softened by any appeals to generous instincts, not to be led to mercy even by their own greatest man, but inexorably hard of heart and unjust.

THE SITUATION is one in which, as Democrats of British extraction, Canadians cannot but have an intense interest. It is one which will eventuate in making our Ireland of England a byword and a reproach among the nations, or endowing them with the noblest fame to be reached by a powerful people—that of being merciful and generous to the weak.

THE PRESS AND THE PANDER
THE PUBLICATION of Mr. J. J. Curran's correspondence in the Gazette has not done much to aid him in either "smashing THE POST" or "killing a fellow shareholder."

OUR CONTEMPORARY La Presse holds that all through the business Mr. Curran has played a most unworthy role. It says: "Let us remark in passing that the moral level of our political men has reached such a low depth that a member of Parliament imagines he does a laudable act by coming before the public to declare that he participated in an immoral bargain, that he had acted as a pandorer between a joint stock company and a Government."

THE GAZETTE AND MR. J. J. CURRAN
THE PERSONAL dispute between Mr. J. J. Curran and Mr. J. P. Whelan has developed almost into a matter of public concern. The assailant, who was putting in his dirty work in dark corners, bar-room passages and other political sanctuaries, and who was making ungentlemanly use of private and confidential correspondence against his opponent, was compelled by a formal challenge to unmask and appear before the public in his true colors.

OUR ANTI-IRISH VOYEUR, the Montreal Gazette, has quite naturally come to the assistance of its friend Mr. Curran, and as usual indulges in much abuse and mere misrepresentation and falsehoods.

THE GAZETTE, with Mr. Curran, is ever anxious to make it appear that it is because Mr. Whelan did not obtain the Government printing that THE POST and TRUE WITNESS opposed Sir John's administration on their North-West policy and their execution of Louis-Riel.

THE FACT is that it was because we condemned and continued to condemn the Government for their ill-treatment of the half-breeds and for its mal-administration of the North-West affairs that Mr. J. J. Curran found no favor in the Ottawa departments.

THIS DOES NOT bear out the charge that the editorial columns and their influence were sold or could be bought. We do not question the fact that efforts were made by the business manager to secure the share of printing and advertising that should have been given to this paper, even without soliciting it.