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TUPPER'S ATTACK ON THE GRAND TRUNK.

It is chronicled of James I. that being requested by his old nurse to make her son "a gentleman," he answered empahatically, "I'll mak' him a baronet gin ye like, luckie, but the de'il himsel' couldna' make him a gentleman."

Of Sir Charles Tupper it may truthfully be asserted that his own wire-pulling and pipe-laying made him a baronet, but no power on earth can make him either a gentleman or a statesman. Despite his declaration of four years ago that it was improper for civil servants to become active participants in federal elections, and notwithstanding that he and a large number of his family and relations are annually pocketing many thousands of dollars of money belonging to the Canadian public, Tupper has for weeks been dashing up and down the Dominion traducing and lying about one-half of the people.

By appealing to the outlying Provinces of the Dominion, with those tangible inducements that he knows so well how to dangle before the eyes of a needy electorate, this Prince of Billingsgate has managed to secure a small majority for the party which keeps him and his following in affluence, but that does not satisfy him. In a speech which he delivered at Amherst, N. S., on Monday last, he makes it abundantly evident that he is disappointed to find the Tory majority in the new House so small that rascalities such as have been tolerated by past Parliaments will now be more difficult of accomplishment. A man who had achieved a satisfactory victory would be in better temper than it is evident possesses the champion stretcher of truth and good manners. His particular bete noire at the present stage is the Grand Trunk Railway and its managers. They are not prepared to sacrifice their interests, to bow down and worship at the haughty shrine of the Nova Scotia bully. They refuse to use their influence directly contrary to the best interests of their trust. They decline to shut their eyes and open their mouths while waiting to discover what the dictator shall give them.

Are they not right?

Tupper tells them that Canada, in pursuit of the policy which it has applied freely to other public works, has liberally subsidized the Grand Trunk, and has collected no interest on the original loan of $15,000,000. But he conveniently ignores the great service which this immense system of railways has been to the country, and he forgets that while the original investors sank many millions in the main line 35 years ago, they have as yet received no benefit from it, whereas not even a Tupper can deny that the Grand Trunk was of immense value in the development of old Canada and in enabling our farmers to get their produce cheaply and expeditiously to market.

What has been the recent policy of the Grand Trunk? Its management knows that on the maintenance of cordial relations with the United States—the freest possible intercourse between the two countries—must depend the future of this great system, as well as of other through lines of railway. The Grand Trunk has $200,000,000 of British money invested in the lines; of this $50,000,000 has been placed in the States, chiefly in Michigan. Its lines in Canada extend to 3,119 miles, and in the United States to 977 miles.

All that the management of the Grand Trunk Railway did in the recent contest it will be their duty to do over again, as the opportunity presents. They have a right to protest, and to protest strongly, against the assumption that the restriction of trade with our neighbors would not be an injury to their interests on both sides of the line. It is the duty of the Grand Trunk managers to protest against the assertion that retaliatory policies, threats of non-intercourse and high tariff walls between the countries are beneficial to them as a corporation. The withdrawal of the bonding privileges, which has been threatened as a result of the policies now in force, would enormously damage the interests of the Grand Trunk and its employes, and its managers would be false to their trust if they refrained from so pointing out while there is yet opportunity to bring about a better state of affairs.

While the blackguarding of the Grand Trunk management by this princely hanger-on is altogether unwarranted, and to be reprobated by all honest, fair-minded Canadians, the general public have a special interest in the matter. The policy of international ill-will and of restriction of trade, which is the outcome of the Conservative policy, if carried to its conclusion, would not only cripple the Grand Trunk and reduce the value of its stock at least one-half, but it would throw thousands of Canadian workmen out of employment, result in an enormous decrease in the United States business of the Grand Trunk and other lines, and necessitate a large addition to the rates for carrying Canadian freight.

Surely our trade policy should be worked out on other lines than that. We are confident that, despite Tupper's present success, the people will so decree, and that soon.

THE LIBERAL WEST.

Take a map of Ontario, tick off the constituencies as carried in the recent election by the respective political parties. Then will be seen how overwhelmingly the popular vote in this part of the Dominion favors the freest possible trade with our neighbors. Not only have the Liberals in the territory west of the Niagara peninsula gained a third more seats than held by them in the last Parliament, but, with the exception of Hamilton, for the result in which special reasons might be adduced, the popular vote in favor of the Liberal policy has been enormously increased in almost all of the constituencies.

The ADVERTISER has a large circulation in every one of these ridings, and to aid its readers to reach a complete apprehension of the facts it presents a comparative statement of the majorities in the constituencies carried by the respective parties on March 5 and in the election of 1887. The following seats were

WON BY THE LIBERALS:

	1887.	1891.
Bothwell	21	460
Brant, N.	1,164	1,000
Brant, S.	574	542
Bruce, E.	370	122*
Bruce, W.	1,085	850
Elgin, W.	832	600
Essex, N.	135	840*
Essex, S.	32	61
Huron, E.	61	307
Huron, S.	760	855
Huron, W	26	376*
Kent	112	487
Lambton, W.	558	650
Lincoln	495	117*
London	39	183*
Middlesex, S.	414	624
Monck	108	235*
Norfolk, N.	278	468
Oxford, N.	1,136	1,700
Oxford, S.	1,122	1,534
Peel	43	72*
Perth, N.	200	77*
Perth, S.	93	5
Waterloo, N.	239	89
Waterloo, S.	368	300
Welland	212	453*
Wellington, N.	368	169
Wellington, S.	126	376
Wellington, C.	50	157
Wentworth, N.	126	202

*Conservative in 1887; won by the Liberals now.

WON BY THE CONSERVATIVES.

	1887.	1891.
Bruce, N.	113	41
Cardwell	403	200
Elgin, E.	54	42*
Haldimand	1	84
Lambton, E	142	566
Middlesex, W.	105	413
Middlesex, E.	759	155
Norfolk, S.	61	420

*Liberal in 1887, redeemed by Conservatives now.

There is a bungle in the returns sent in by the returning officer for one of the divisions in Caister township, South Wentworth, which illegally increases the Conservative majority from 2 to 72, and a recount will take place on Saturday next, which in all probability will result in the seat being given to the Liberal. In North Middlesex, where the Tory candidate is stated to have a majority of 2, a recount by the county judge will be demanded, and the Liberals hope to win that seat also.

Leaving these two disputed constituencies out of the count, however, it will be seen that the Liberals have carried 30 of the Western Ontario constituencies, while the Conservatives have carried eight; if we count the two seats in Hamilton, ten. The Liberals have captured nine seats held in last Parliament by Conservatives, and have only lost one—East Elgin—by a small majority. The Conservatives have increased the majorities in five of the Western Ontario constituencies held by them; the Liberals have increased the majorities in 23 of the 30 constituencies held by them. But for the fact that two Liberals ran in West Middlesex, the Conservative candidate there would have been badly beaten, and if a second candidate favoring complete freedom of trade with the States had not run in Bothwell, Hon. David Mills would have been elected by an immense majority. As it was his majority of 21 in 1887 became 460 this year. Another very significant feature in the returns is the enormous increase in the majorities polled in the Oxfords for Sir Richard Cartwright and Mr. Sutherland, M.P., respectively.

Again, we say the ungerrymandered West would have gone solid for the freest possible trade relations with our neighbors. Even as it is, the large majority of the people have declared themselves determined to secure that desirable change at the earliest possible moment.

THE BEST OF PROOF.

A correspondent calls our attention to the fact that the Free Press slanders London by asserting that the recent Dominion election resulted as it did through the drunkenness of the community. He says there is not a tittle of proof to support the assertion, and points to the fact in support of his allegation that neither on election day nor on the day following was there an arrest for drunkenness or a drunk before the Magistrate. It is really too bad that a London newspaper should so far forget what is due to the fair fame of the city in which it is published as to print such unfounded libels upon its people.

MORE TESTIMONY.

Our city contemporary bemoans the fact that in the infamous voters' list upon which the recent Dominion elections took place "dozens of Conservatives were left off." That's nothing; hundreds of Liberals, duly qualified to vote, failed to find their names on the lists. And these are the lists that cost the taxpayers of Canada hundreds of thousands of dollars to compile! These are the lists that were to be so infinitely superior to the lists compiled by the municipal officials! Away with them!

MR. MEREDITH BREAKS SILENCE.

The Ontario Legislature began its sessions very quietly yesterday. There was no division on the address, and very little talking. But the hopelessness of the position of the Opposition was cleverly exemplified by the debate. It was shown, and Mr. Meredith could not deny it, that the race and religion cries of the Conservatives prior to the Provincial general election were stifled the moment the contest was over. They were not even once raised in the subsequent bye-elections in Hamilton, North Bruce and elsewhere, and the only conclusion that can be drawn from this extraordinary silence is that they were not raised in earnest, but for the purpose of trading on the prejudices or ignorance of the electors. That they were dropped in the bye-elections, Mr. Meredith not once appearing to say a word for his candidates, shows how subservient he continues to be to the Ottawa leaders.

The sudden silence policy has shown beyond a doubt the poor foundation upon which Mr. Meredith's crusade stood. No wonder both he and his friends in the Legislature were glad to get away from the discussion of the subject as speedily as possible.

TURNING THE SCREW A LITTLE TIGHTER.

Complaint is being made at various points along the international line that unduly high valuations are being put upon Canadian goods shipped to the United States. By some people this is thought to be a local circumstance, due to the ignorance of the United States customs officer. In reality, however, it is but the carrying out of a new provision of the United States customs laws, designed to put a check upon under-valuation. It is an agency for helping the McKinley tariff to turn the screw a little tighter on the Canadian exporter, and so promote the policy of restriction which is seemingly so much in favor on both sides of the boundary. How it works may be illustrated in the case of a horse purchased for shipment to the Detroit, Buffalo or New York market. The dealer, we may suppose, purchases the animal from a farmer at $120, and if he succeeded in entering him at the same figure at the custom house the duty will be only $30. But the customs officer under the new law may refuse to enter the animal at $120, and place upon him instead a valuation of $160. In that case the duty is calculated at 30 per cent., so that instead of the exporter paying a fee of $30 to Uncle Sam's collector he is obliged to pay $48.

It is by artifices of this kind that the McKinley tariff is bound to make itself felt in Canada, as our farmers will speedily discover when they have anything to sell which comes under the ad valorem rates. But Uncle Sam learned this trick from ourselves. It is one of the inventions of that distinguished statesman and economist, Hon. Mackenzie Bowell.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

—The Dominion Government paid $100,000 in law costs last year. Three favorite lawyers received over $9,000 each.

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—A Conservative contemporary says that Sir John Macdonald has but one child—a son. He has a daughter also, though she does not appear much in public.

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—No less than $51,000 was charged for extra clerks by the Ottawa Government last year and $9,115 for extra messengers. The Tory majority in the capital is easily accounted for.

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—Over $4,700 was charged by the Dominion Government for traveling expenses last year. Their employes were paid $16,384 for the same purpose. Holidaying in Ottawa official circles is costly.

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—The Liberal majority in South Middlesex is assuming something like proper proportions. It was 624 in the recent election, but if the full vote had been polled it would have been over 800. Still an increase of over 200 since 1887 will do.

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