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MR. BLAIR AND THE DEFICIT.

When the public accounts revealed the fact that the expenditures of the province had exceeded the receipts during the past fiscal year, Mr. Blair promptly took the country into his confidence, and from the public platform and through the press he has told the people the plain truth. This course on the part of Mr. Blair, which is the only one that a straightforward and honest leader could pursue, has caused much pain and annoyance to some of our contemporaries, who probably cannot understand anything so utterly foreign to their ideas of public policy, as a leader manfully acknowledging a deficit. They could have understood and perhaps sympathized with Mr. Blair in the situation had he tried to conceal the true state of affairs from the people, or resorted to illegal or questionable methods of putting off the truth till to-morrow; but when he has the audacity to actually tell those to whom he is responsible that the receipts have been less than the necessary public expenditures, and that the deficit is a fact that has made it impossible to avoid, the floods of abuse are opened, and every "prophetic nope" in the land insinuates that there is some mysterious hidden meaning to all this which only time and Mr. Blair's pleasure can reveal.

THE LIBERAL PARTY.

The opening of the present session of parliament finds the government led by Mr. Abbott, apparently stronger in the confidence of the people of Canada than even in the palmy days of Sir John A. Macdonald. We say apparently stronger, because we firmly believe, in spite of the procession of successes which have crowned the conservative party, that as a government or a party they are not strongly entrenched or firmly established in the hearts and affections of the people. Their success in the recent series of elections, has been almost unique, cannot be denied; but the phenomenal nature of these recent successes is sufficient in itself to raise a strong suspicion that the reason for them must be an extraordinary one. To attribute it to the popularity of the personnel of the present administration, or to the policy which they represent, would not be such a solution of the question as would satisfy a shrewd and close reasoning man. To do so would be admitting, without question, that Mr. Abbott is more beloved throughout Canada than was the late leader of the conservative party, and that the policy of the present administration is more popular to-day, than during the recent general elections when the last supreme effort of Sir John himself could not carry Quebec and Ontario.

IGNORANCE IN BLISS, ETC.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.
Sir,—In the issue of a local paper of the 21st inst., Mr. Black states that when last he was responsible for the money charged by the overseers of the poor on their returns for their services and expenses, I did one of two things; admitted my ignorance of municipal affairs of wrote voluminous falsehoods, and further, he says, that the returns of the overseers of the poor are filed in the auditor's office, and do not come under the notice of the secretary-treasurer.

KINGSCLEAR.

KINGSCLEAR, Feb. 19.—A good number from Vesuvius lodge, north of Keswick, visited Kingsclear division on the 9th inst. The visitors being called upon responded with good speeches from Rev. A. G. Downey, T. H. Colter, M. P. P., and Jesse Merritt. The ladies of the division furnished refreshments, during the parking of which a good time generally was enjoyed. An invitation to return the visit was accepted for the 20th inst. We hope that this may be but the beginning of a far broader union of the temperance people of our land. If we are to accomplish what we so justly desire, namely, the prohibition of the liquor traffic, there must be united action of the friends of temperance of the different orders.

DURHAM.

DURHAM, Feb. 17.—Archie Henderson was brought home last week with a gripe from Wesley Clover's camp. He had quite a severe attack, but is getting well again.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

The governor general's speech on the opening of parliament on Thursday is a very modest effort. If the representatives of the people are not called on, by the government, to deal with any thing more important than what is foreshadowed in the speech from the throne, their duties during the present session will be very light, and the fourteen or fifteen seats which are at present unrepresented in parliament, might as well be left unfilled.

BATHURST SCHOOLS.

The attorney general's address at Chatham on the evening of the 25th, was a success. Space forbids any lengthy notice. In respect to the Bathurst schools difficulty, Mr. Blair showed that the things charged as violations of the school law against the board of education and government, in connection with the agitation, were all legally done under the authority of the government which was sanctioned by the King government seventeen years ago—regulations which he would not today consent to rescind, because they had healed the divisions and allayed the bitterness and feeling of opposition that had been created by the passing of the school act. The excess of teachers at Bathurst was a question purely within the competence of the trustees of the district to deal with, and he confessed he, himself, believed they might consider the point of getting along with one teacher less, although he could only suggest in that matter, the government or board of education having no power beyond that.

STANLEY.

Stanley Bros. have a crew of men at work preparing the foundation for another new steam saw mill on the site of the one that was burned down on Cross Creek a few days ago. They expect to have the new mill up and running about the middle of April next. As soon as they get the frame up they will put in a rotary saw to saw all their own boards, as they have plenty of logs on the ground ready to saw any dimensions they want to use. Stanley Bros. deserve great credit from the people here for their enterprising work in rebuilding so soon again, not being discouraged by the burning of one of the mill all completed, one car load of shingles ready to ship to Boston market, besides hay and grain for their horses, and no insurance. The estimated loss including mill, shingles, hay and grain is \$4,000.

MILLVILLE.

MILLVILLE, Feb. 25.—Business at present is very dull, one of the hardest months of the year. There is quite a quantity of bark being hauled to the New Brunswick mill, and also the bark and below Millville, but as yet this has not brought in any cash. April is the cash month for the woodmen.

MOUTH KESWICK.

MOUTH KESWICK, Feb. 25.—The lumbermen are having fine roads at present for hauling their lumber to the several sidings along the Gibson branch of the C. P. R. If we are to judge from the heavy trains transported to Gibson during the last week.

CANTERBURY STATION.

CANTERBURY STATION, Feb. 25.—News has just been received from Minneapolis of the death of the wife of Charles G. Hartin, son of the late Rev. T. Hartin. She had been sick about three months. His friends here tender him their heartiest sympathy.

PRINCE WILLIAM.

PRINCE WILLIAM, Feb. 25.—T. L. Fraser left yesterday on a business trip to St. John.

NASHWAUK VILLAGE.

NASHWAUK VILLAGE, Feb. 24.—Ward Grant, second son of Charles Grant, died of pneumonia on Saturday. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. C. Oser.

SCOTCH LAKE.

SCOTCH LAKE, Feb. 23.—Mrs. Robert Fleming passed away on the 17th, aged 61 years. Possession of the lungs was the cause of her death. She leaves two sons and three daughters to mourn their loss.

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