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THE GAZETTE AND THE PETERS CASE.

Dr. Silas Alward, ex-convict, read some extracts from The Gazette last evening, in which the removal of Mr. Peters from the Magistracy and the appointment of Mr. Ritchie to the position were condemned. We are glad to find the learned Doctor so attentive a reader of The Gazette, for by a close perusal of our editorial pages and the use of the initiative faculty for which he is so famous, he may in the course of time improve his somewhat muddy style of oratory.

The Gazette does not retract one word of what it said in regard to the impolicy of removing Mr. Peters, and if the same thing should occur again it would press precisely the same course that it followed. But The Gazette does not believe in chivving shadows. We in St. John might all much as we pleased over this matter, but it would not produce the slightest effect on the mind of any one outside of St. John. Our grievance was regarded as purely a local matter. Mr. Tweedie, one of the most prominent members of the opposition, was in St. John soon after the removal of Mr. Peters, and then declared that the people of St. John had not the sympathy of the opposition to the removal of Mr. Peters. That Mr. Tweedie told the truth is clearly proved by the fact that the St. John issue has never been named by any opposition candidate outside of this county, as a reason for the overthrow of the government, and in Westmorland it has been ridiculed by Mr. Hanington and Mr. Stevens, both Conservative and both opponents of the government.

These things, however, would not have influenced The Gazette if matters had in other respects remained unchanged. Some good people seem to be of the opinion that this paper remains a steady supporter of Mr. Peters, in his attitude as a martyr, from the time he was dismissed from office until we advised the government to vote for the government candidates a few days ago. These people, however, can not read the editorials of The Gazette with any degree of care. At most immediately after the appointment of Mr. Ritchie we had some words to say to Mr. Peters severely to task for his incongruous change for the removal of Mr. Peters. Mr. Peters drafted this bill in his leisure hours in the course of ten days; he had the assistance in this work of the Recorder and of Mr. Geo. Henderson and Mr. Wardrober, who were paid handsomely for their services; he was while drafting the bill in receipt of a salary of \$2,000 a year from the city; yet Mr. Peters actually demanded \$600 for this work and actually received \$900 for doing it. This is a most disgraceful and dishonouring robbery of the city treasury by Mr. Peters in the strongest possible language, and that our opponents should have shown that Mr. Peters was not worth fighting about; for a more shameless demand than the charge made for drafting the union bill was never heard of in the province. Since then, The Gazette has on many occasions found it necessary to censure Mr. Peters for his neglect of his duties, among other things his failure to supply the city with copies of the bye laws and ordinances, in order that they might be printed for the information of the public. No man in St. John has any means of knowing what the bye laws and ordinances of the city are, for seventeen years the Common Council have in vain endeavored to induce Mr. Peters to furnish them in a shape fit for publication. It is unnecessary to say that in this they have utterly failed. Mr. Peters, whether from constitutional laziness or some other cause, has wholly neglected to enter by his neglect to record a mortgage for that sum which the city had on the ferry boats then run by the Railway Company. A law student of one year's standing would have been far more diligent in this respect than Mr. Peters. It is unnecessary to say that in this he has utterly failed. Mr. Peters, like every other man should have done or left undone in his capacity of Common Council member. It is unnecessary to say that in this he has utterly failed. Mr. Peters has come up, and we do not desire to make a fight against the true interests of St. John for the sake of Mr. Peters or any other private individual. The case of Mr. Peters, whether rightly or wrongly is settled, and it would be utterly impossible, to form a government in this Province that could or would restore him to the magistracy. That being so, what avail is all this hurrying eloquence against the government which

NYE CONSIDERS CANADA.

THE DOMINION IS A GREAT COUNTRY.

Ernestus Wiman was born there—It will not enter with the United States.

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Canada contains about the same superficial area as the United States, and although it has just as much average rainfall and as mean a temperature, it has not so many inhabitants, especially on the western coast. Canada has many attractions, especially those who like winter sports or a quiet place in which to spend the money-stolen from poor workers and servants who trust the banks or live up measure in the hands of the Irish Heaps and Quilps of our own fair land.

THE WESTERN VIEW OF THE PETERS CASE.

We have already referred to the fact that the people in the outside counties seemed to take no interest whatever in the Peters case, which is the ground on which the government has been so successful.

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ELECTION CARD.

To the Electors of the County of Kings.

GENTLEMEN,

The desire of the Government to take the earliest possible occasion to consult the elected Elector of the Province under the provisions of the New Franchise Act, which, so far as the Electoral Lists are concerned, come into force tomorrow (the first of January) and the consequent dissolution of the House of Assembly that us the opportunity of laying before you, for your consideration, and we trust, your approval, our record as your representatives.

We are happy in the belief that the citizens of the County have given to the wants of the County, and our course in reference to the various questions of Provincial concern with which we have been called upon to deal, have met with your approval. Should you again honor us with your confidence, you may accept of the past as a record of our conduct, and your interest in the future will be carefully looked after.

The economical administration of the County by the present Government has been the object of our constant and anxious attention, to moderate the extent of the ordinary services which the Government are required by law to perform.

Deeply impressed, as we are, with the fact, that, owing to the intimate business relations which exist between the people of the County and the City of St. John, and knowing how greatly concerned you are in the advancement of our chief commercial interests, we do not hesitate in all our movements looking toward the promotion of its prosperity.

Increased population and prosperity for the County of Kings, and the consequent increase of business, and the consequent increase of the ordinary services which the Government are required by law to perform, are, therefore, given us an especial pleasure to do what we could to encourage the growth of the County, and to secure other and other improvements at the Port of Saint John.

You will, we are sure, be pleased to assure you, members of the Local Government have made to draw the attention of capitalists to the scheme for undertaking large and important works at Port on an extensive scale, the result of which must necessarily be to greatly increase the commercial importance of the County, and to secure other and other improvements at the Port of Saint John.

We have no doubt that the liberal aid which the Local Government will be sufficient to secure their early commencement and completion without unnecessary delay.

While we had the honor of representing you in the Legislature we have given the most personal attention to the making and repairing of roads, bridges and wharves in various sections of the County, and we have endeavored to secure the completion of the same.

There are some sections of this County which are yet without railway facilities, and we have endeavored to secure the completion of the same.

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