

THE HERALD

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 1884. A Word with the Halifax Chronicle.

The Halifax Chronicle affects to misunderstand our article of last week upon "Gritism at Home and Abroad," and so on to expose what it considers our inconsistency, makes an extract therefrom which by no means does us justice. The quotation should have included the article immediately following it, and then our meaning would have been apparent. We spoke of the dissent opinion there is among our people on account of the failure of the Dominion Government to provide us with the continuous communication, winter and summer, which was guaranteed as by the Terms of Union, and also because of the disposal of the Fishery Award. We said that Nova Scotia, so far as we know, had no such grounds of complaint, and that her grievance was imaginary and totally repudiated by the great majority of her people. We spoke of the attitude of the Opposition leaders towards the Lower Provinces, and quoted the utterances of Messrs. Blake and McKenzie regarding the Island. We reproduced the text of a resolution which had recently been passed by the Grit party of Ontario, with the approval and at the instance of Messrs. Blake, McKenney, Cartwright, &c., declaring that Ontario was being robbed for the benefit of the smaller and poorer Provinces. And then we asked: "What would be gained by a change of rulers? What better treatment could be expected from Mr. Blake or Mr. McKenney? These are the words which the Chronicle, for reasons of its own, took very good care to omit."

But now, since the Chronicle seems to have such an appreciation of the intelligence of our readers, will it kindly, for their benefit, vouchsafe an answer to the question, "What would the people of Prince Edward Island gain by a change of rulers?" The Chronicle is an old-established organ of the Grit party, and it might be supposed to speak with authority. Day after day it portrays the terrible wickedness of the present Government at Ottawa, and proves, to its own satisfaction at least, that the country is rapidly going to the dogs. The remedy it as regularly points out—employ the Grits to look after your business and you will be all right. Now, the people of this Island seek no favors at the hands of either political party; what they want is the fulfillment, in its integrity, of the Terms of Union, and equal treatment with the other Provinces of the Dominion. We have long and patiently waited for justice, and though slow in coming, we believe that we shall secure it in the end. There is an old adage, which possibly the Chronicle may have heard, and which tells us, "Never swap horses while crossing a stream." We have tried both the Grit and Conservative steeds, and we freely express our preference for the latter. What have we, we ask again, to expect from Mr. Blake, who, if we are to believe his own words, considers that our Island already costs the Dominion far more than it is worth? or from Mr. McKenney, who thinks that the Island has been very fairly treated, and has nothing to complain of? What sympathy or assistance can we look for from the Grit party of Ontario, who, under the impression that that Province constitutes the whole Dominion, declares that Ontario is being robbed for the benefit of the smaller and poorer Provinces? Would the Grit party, if in power to-morrow, give us our share of the Fishery Award? No; they have already, by their votes in Parliament, declared that they have no claim whatever upon the Award. Would they establish the continuous communication which we so much need? There is little prospect, judging from their history, as to whether their miserable mismanagement of affairs when they were in charge, that they would be any improvement upon our present rulers, and the loss of the utterances of their leading men—Blake, McKenney and Cartwright, there is not the slightest hope that they would spend one dollar more than they have done upon the present Government, and that the Cape Breton Branch Railway have been if Mr. McKenney and his friends had had their way? Even this small contribution which the present Government have given us towards providing increased communication with the mainland they opposed, and it was upon the occasion of taking a vote for its construction that Mr. McKenney, then leader of the Grit party, and in his official capacity as such, declared, "I think we have done very well for the Island, and we have carried out the Terms of Union to the utmost possible extent."

We have no particular reason for supporting the present Dominion Government other than that we believe it is composed of able men, whose record in that respect, who are determined to promote the welfare of their country. In their hands we believe that our interests are safer than in those of the Grit party. The foregoing remarks which are intended to apply to the Chronicle, may be also taken to heart by the Patriot, which once upon a time contained original articles of merit, but seems now content to borrow from other journals. Our utterances lately have not been contradictory, as the Patriot asserts, and we can only regret our inability to express them in language intelligible to its editorial staff. The invitation given to the Chronicle was cordially given to the Patriot, and we have no objection to its publishing them, and all will be right.

The "Patriot" Corrected.

Some weeks ago we called attention to certain remarks of the Toronto Mail upon the question of Reciprocity with the United States, and we warned our readers not to receive them as the opinion of the Government thereon, although they appeared in the columns of a paper supporting the Liberal-Conservative party. In the London Advertiser, a paper edited by Hon. David Mills, the Patriot appears to have happened upon the Mail's remarks together with some comments thereon by the Advertiser. Our local contemporary immediately reproduces the lot, and proceeds to assail the Dominion Government for what it is pleased to call "deliberate deception of the people." This is a charge which is very simply answered, and which we effectually disposed of some time ago. It may not be out of place, however, to repeat that, upon this question, the Mail does not reflect the views of the Dominion Government. Indeed we do not know that upon any matter should the Mail be accepted as an organ of the Government. To a very great degree it resembles our contemporary the Examiner in that it is fond of assuming a tone of authority which it does not possess, thereby getting itself and its friends into trouble. It is really only the mouthpiece of a few individuals, whose zeal has often outrun their discretion, and placed them in most unenviable positions.

When dealing with this question before, we showed, from Sir John Macdonald's own words on the floor of the House of Commons, that it is his policy to obtain for Canada reciprocal free trade in certain articles with the United States. He is officially reported to have said that "the value of reciprocal free trade, or trade of any kind, with the United States is fully admitted; it would be still to be had, and it is rather than a small one, and Canada has done everything she could in order to secure that desirable object. It is to be regretted that the Reciprocity Treaty of 1854 was a great loss to Canada, and that it might be supposed to speak with authority. Day after day it portrays the terrible wickedness of the present Government at Ottawa, and proves, to its own satisfaction at least, that the country is rapidly going to the dogs. The remedy it as regularly points out—employ the Grits to look after your business and you will be all right. Now, the people of this Island seek no favors at the hands of either political party; what they want is the fulfillment, in its integrity, of the Terms of Union, and equal treatment with the other Provinces of the Dominion. We have long and patiently waited for justice, and though slow in coming, we believe that we shall secure it in the end. There is an old adage, which possibly the Chronicle may have heard, and which tells us, "Never swap horses while crossing a stream." We have tried both the Grit and Conservative steeds, and we freely express our preference for the latter. What have we, we ask again, to expect from Mr. Blake, who, if we are to believe his own words, considers that our Island already costs the Dominion far more than it is worth? or from Mr. McKenney, who thinks that the Island has been very fairly treated, and has nothing to complain of? What sympathy or assistance can we look for from the Grit party of Ontario, who, under the impression that that Province constitutes the whole Dominion, declares that Ontario is being robbed for the benefit of the smaller and poorer Provinces? Would the Grit party, if in power to-morrow, give us our share of the Fishery Award? No; they have already, by their votes in Parliament, declared that they have no claim whatever upon the Award. Would they establish the continuous communication which we so much need? There is little prospect, judging from their history, as to whether their miserable mismanagement of affairs when they were in charge, that they would be any improvement upon our present rulers, and the loss of the utterances of their leading men—Blake, McKenney and Cartwright, there is not the slightest hope that they would spend one dollar more than they have done upon the present Government, and that the Cape Breton Branch Railway have been if Mr. McKenney and his friends had had their way? Even this small contribution which the present Government have given us towards providing increased communication with the mainland they opposed, and it was upon the occasion of taking a vote for its construction that Mr. McKenney, then leader of the Grit party, and in his official capacity as such, declared, "I think we have done very well for the Island, and we have carried out the Terms of Union to the utmost possible extent."

Provincial Exhibition, 1884.

The Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday last at the Public Buildings, and the minutes were read and approved. The minutes of the meeting of the 17th inst. were also read and approved. The Board then proceeded to consider the report of the Superintendent of the Exhibition, Mr. F. T. Newbery, who has the honor to report that the exhibition is progressing very favorably, and that the public interest is increasing. The Board then proceeded to consider the report of the Superintendent of the Exhibition, Mr. F. T. Newbery, who has the honor to report that the exhibition is progressing very favorably, and that the public interest is increasing. The Board then proceeded to consider the report of the Superintendent of the Exhibition, Mr. F. T. Newbery, who has the honor to report that the exhibition is progressing very favorably, and that the public interest is increasing.

Official Notes.

NOTWITHSTANDING the Examiner's agitation for a convention, it is now generally conceded that the Government candidate for the seat which will be vacant by Mr. Brecken's appointment to the Post Office. There is every probability that the change will be made very soon, and the election may be expected during the coming month, or early in September. It behoves our friends, therefore, to be on the alert, and to be fully prepared for the contest. It is very likely that the Opposition will allow the seat to go by default, and it is altogether probable that one of their strongest cards will be the field. Although ex-Governor Laird was a long way behind at the last General Election, it must be remembered that Mr. L. H. Davies led the poll, and if we wish to secure the seat we shall have to work hard.

The Atlantic Cable brings daily tidings of the progress of that terrible scourge—the Cholera—in parts of Europe, and how the terrified inhabitants are fleeing from their homes before it. The United States are making vigorous preparations to encounter it, should it cross the Atlantic, and follow passengers with the Canadian papers which we take up are full of warning and caution to the people to perfect their sanitary arrangements. It is not out of place, then, for us to be reminded of the precautions our City Council, who constitute the Board of Health for Charlottetown, are taking against the spread of the disease among the people. It is to be regretted that the Reciprocity Treaty of 1854 was a great loss to Canada, and that it might be supposed to speak with authority. Day after day it portrays the terrible wickedness of the present Government at Ottawa, and proves, to its own satisfaction at least, that the country is rapidly going to the dogs. The remedy it as regularly points out—employ the Grits to look after your business and you will be all right. Now, the people of this Island seek no favors at the hands of either political party; what they want is the fulfillment, in its integrity, of the Terms of Union, and equal treatment with the other Provinces of the Dominion. We have long and patiently waited for justice, and though slow in coming, we believe that we shall secure it in the end. There is an old adage, which possibly the Chronicle may have heard, and which tells us, "Never swap horses while crossing a stream." We have tried both the Grit and Conservative steeds, and we freely express our preference for the latter. What have we, we ask again, to expect from Mr. Blake, who, if we are to believe his own words, considers that our Island already costs the Dominion far more than it is worth? or from Mr. McKenney, who thinks that the Island has been very fairly treated, and has nothing to complain of? What sympathy or assistance can we look for from the Grit party of Ontario, who, under the impression that that Province constitutes the whole Dominion, declares that Ontario is being robbed for the benefit of the smaller and poorer Provinces? Would the Grit party, if in power to-morrow, give us our share of the Fishery Award? No; they have already, by their votes in Parliament, declared that they have no claim whatever upon the Award. Would they establish the continuous communication which we so much need? There is little prospect, judging from their history, as to whether their miserable mismanagement of affairs when they were in charge, that they would be any improvement upon our present rulers, and the loss of the utterances of their leading men—Blake, McKenney and Cartwright, there is not the slightest hope that they would spend one dollar more than they have done upon the present Government, and that the Cape Breton Branch Railway have been if Mr. McKenney and his friends had had their way? Even this small contribution which the present Government have given us towards providing increased communication with the mainland they opposed, and it was upon the occasion of taking a vote for its construction that Mr. McKenney, then leader of the Grit party, and in his official capacity as such, declared, "I think we have done very well for the Island, and we have carried out the Terms of Union to the utmost possible extent."

One Husband Too Many.

An examination of the arrivals at the Rock, House on the night of July 17th, would have disclosed to the enquirer the information that Mr. C. Pearson and wife of Peticodiac, N. B., were guests of the Hotel. Such things however occur every day, and it is only in the light of circumstances and the circumstances. Next day Mr. and Mrs. P. were on a visit to Vernon River, where the lady had some friends, and remained until Friday, the 18th inst. They were enjoying the visit exceedingly, and the night before their return, however, a gentleman named Lane arrived in Charlottetown from Peticodiac, carrying a check instead of a value, and refusing all pressing invitations of the host to meet their mutual happiness. The night before their return, however, a gentleman named Lane arrived in Charlottetown from Peticodiac, carrying a check instead of a value, and refusing all pressing invitations of the host to meet their mutual happiness.

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Recuse of the Greys Arctic Expedition.

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