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THE NORTHUMBERLAND CONTEST.

The Hon. Mr. Tweedie, who on the 20th January was elected as an opponent of the government and who is now back to his county for re-election as Surveyor General is now opposed by Mr. John Morrissey who on the 20th January was defeated as a supporter of the government. These sudden and kaleidiscopic changes which are seen in the black north, which come and go as rapidly as the Aurora and with something of the Aurora's brilliancy, are calculated to make people down here dizzy headed and the nomination of yesterday only adds to their perplexities Mr. Tweedie seems to have become reconciled to the government and to have agreed to join them because Mr. Blair promised to do something for the North shore in the matter of stumpage. Yet Mr. Morrissey who was before a supporter of the Government and who was pleased with everything they did except in regard to the stumpage question, now that they have modified their views on that question, comes out as an opponent of Tweedie and the government, and expresses a great deal of disappointment that the latter is not now what he terms "a thing of the past," This looks very much as if Mr. Morrissey was either not a sincere supporter of the government when he ran in the recent election, or as if his present opposition to them was based, not on any question of policy, but was due to disappointment at seeing a rival and opponent filling an office in the government which he was elected to oppose.

This whole stumpage business and the arrangement with the Northumberland members is one which it will be necessary to have fully discussed in the Legislature, in order that the people of this province may understand fully the position both of the government and the opposition. As we understand the matter the only difficulty the government had in bringing the Northumberland men into line was the fact that the opposition leaders in St. John made the North Shore men such big offers that the government could not begin to meet them. The Opposition were willing, not only to reduce the stumpage by 25 cents, but to substitute the Quebec scale for the one now in use, which would have been equal to another 25 cents, and would have involved a loss of revenue to the province of some $40,000 a year. This was what the Sun had in view when it declared that the lumbermen must have justice and that the stumpage must be reduced. These are the terms which the Opposition leaders agreed to concede to the Northumberland four if they would only remain with them and help to defeat the present government. Had the Northumberland men believed that the Opposition leaders could have carried out their promises, they would have been influenced by the strongest motives of self interest to remain with them, for the government could make no such concessions. But Mr. Tweedie and his two colleagues who are now with him, concluded that the Opposition leaders, like the player queen in Hamlet, did "protest too much," and that they probably could not deliver the goods they promised so freely. So on the whole they thought they would serve the interests of their county best by supporting the government. It is quite likely that the electors of Northumberland will agree with them in this opinion, although constituencies do such extraordinary things now a days that it is never safe to predict.

THE RIEL MANIFESTO.

Yesterday afternoon at 3.15 p. m., the Empire, containing the Riel manifesto was received in this office, and at 4.30 THE GAZETTE containing the greater portion of it, was being sold on the streets by the newsboys. The demand for THE GAZETTE was so great that it could not be supplied last evening, so that for the convenience of our readers we republish the whole of the Riel manifesto on this page. This remarkable document was found among the other papers of the rebel chief, after the battle of Batoche. It is in Riel's own handwriting, and in the French language. It shows that Riel was very far from being a faithful son of the church and that the attempts that have been made in certain quarters to make him appear as a martyr, are in the highest degree absurd. No Protestant would care to criticise the Roman Catholic church as Riel has done in this manifesto, which, let it be remembered, is addressed to the Metis of the North West, whose interests he was professing to serve.

THE DUAL LANGUAGE BILL.

There seems to be a very good prospect of the defeat of the McCarthy bill for the abolition of the dual language system in the North West Territories in the House of Commons. The Grits, whose policy it has been to nurse Rielism and rebellion, and who have for their leader a man who said that if he had lived in the Northwest he would have shouldered a musket among the rebels, seem disposed to unite their forces against the bill and assail McCarthy as a bigot. That, at all events, was the line followed by Mr. Mills, of Bothwell, last evening. Even the reasonable proposition of Mr. Davin that the matter be left to the votes of the people of the Northwest, will probably be voted down, the French having taken up the subject after their own impulsive fashion, and being determined to listen to nothing which will curtail to the slightest extent the privileges they now enjoy. As the question has been left an open one by the government, as the Grits will oppose the McCarthy bill in order to obtain favor with the French, and as the latter are all united against, it there is not the slightest prospect of the bill being carried. A little delay will probably not work any serious injury but the time is coming when the people of the North-West will make themselves heard in such a fashion that their meaning cannot be misunderstood. They will not have the dual language system permanently fastened upon their country for the sake of a few degraded French half-breeds who have all the laziness and vices of the Indian and none of the good qualities of the white man.

THE PARNELL COMMISSION.

The reports of the finding of the Parnell commission which have reached St. John by the associated press are not as full as we could have wished but it appears that Parnell, Dillon, Biggar, Sexton, T. P. O'Connor, W. O'Brien, T. D. Sullivan and others are held to have been guilty of a criminal conspiracy in combining to carry out a system of boycotting. The commission find that the following specific charges against Parnell were not proved:—

That at the time of the Kilmainham negotiations Parnell knew Sheridan and Boyton had been organizing outrages and therefore wished the use of them to put down outrages.

That Parnell was intimate with leading invincibles; that he probably learned from them what they were about when he was released on parole in April, 1882; that he recognized the Phœnix park murders as their handiwork.

That Parnell January 23, 1883, by an opportune remittance, enabled F. Byrne to escape from justice to France.

As the verdict "not proven" is unknown to the English Courts, it would, we think, have been better if the commission had found Parnell not guilty of these charges seeing that the testimony by which it was sought to prove his guilt was shown to have been forged. The Parnell commission, our readers will remember, was constituted under an act of Parliament for the purpose of inquiring into the charges and allegations made against certain members of Parliament and other persons, by the defendants in the trial of an action heard in August 1888, entitled O'Donnell against Walter, in which the plaintiff was Frank Hugh O'Donnell, a former member of the Parnellite party in the House of Commons, the action being brought against the Times newspaper in connexion with the articles 'Parnellism and Crime." The effect of the charges made against Mr. Parnell and other members of the Irish party was that they were members of a conspiracy and organization which had for its ultimate object the establishment of the absolute independence of Ireland as a separate nation, and the expulsion from the country of the Irish landlords. It was also charged that their mode of action was to organize a system of coercion and intimidation in Ireland, which was sustained and enforced by boycotting, and the commission of crimes and outrages, and that they knowingly associated with persons guilty of crime or the advocates of treason, sedition, assassination and violence. The commissioners appointed were Sir James Hannen, Mr. Justice Day and Mr. Justice Smith. The first sitting of the commission was held on the 17th Sept., 1888, but the inquiry did not properly begin until October 22nd. The collapse of the charges against Parnell in connexion with the letters proved to have been forged by Pigott deprived the case of its chief interest, and the report is not likely to attract much attention, there being nothing in it that was not already known.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

We publish elsewhere in this issue interviews with a number of persons engaged in the fishing business here, with special reference to the report of the delegates who went to Scotland and Holland to enquire into the methods employed in those countries with regard to the herring fishery. It will be seen from these interviews that the opinions put forth by the delegates in their report are seriously questioned.

The correspondent of the Sun, who went to Newcastle to the nominations, was, yesterday, shown a telegram from Hon. Peter Mitchell, emphatically denying the statement in the Newcastle Advocate that he would use his influence for Mr. Tweedie. This announcement ought to help the latter, for the support of such a man as Mitchell would be a serious detriment to the chances of any candidate. Northumberland intends to give Mitchell a vigorous kick out at the next election. The man with the walking stick will then get his walking ticket.

True to the Old Flag.

[Toronto Empire.]

A striking incident occurred at Jacobs & Sparrow's opera house last evening. During the performance the flags of several nations are introduced in short speeches by the end men and are then handed over to lady members of the company who sing appropriate verses. The first flag displayed was the green banner of Ireland, but in introducing it the speaker referred to what it would be when coupled with the Stars and Stripes. The inference was so intensely anti British that the ire of the audience was promptly aroused and a storm of hisses groans and cat calls was the result. Next came the German flag, and as no national refereuce was made the vocalist was allowed to render Der Wacht im Rhine in peace and quietness. Following came the French tri-color, and here again an unfortunate reference to Lafayette and Washington, devised to raise a cheer across the lines, raised a tremendous howl of protest that utterly drowned La Marseillaise. "What in —— do they want?" asked Flynn, the end man, A moment later they brought out the Stars and Stripes, and then he found out what they did not want. The roar of groans, bellows, hoots, hisses, yells of "Take it away," "Drown it," etc., fairly shook the building and the singer retired after a brave attempt to be heard. Next came the Union Jack, with a neat allusion to the maple leaf, and Mr. Flynn was left no longer in doubt of what the people wanted. The reception given the old flag was just what might have been expected in Canada—it drowned everything else.

Ice Companies Have the Blues.

NEWBURG, Feb. 11. Ice dealers in this vicinity are becoming alarmed over the scant prospect of securing their usual ice crop. The Muchattoes Lake Ice company of Newburg, with a capacity of 25,000 tons, has always heretofore got ice from a lake of that name in the western part of this city. Muchattoes Lake is not yet even frozen over.

H. B. Odell, a superintendent of this company, will probably go to Crown Point today to negotiate for the cutting of a supply of ice from Lake Champlain in case the ice crop here proves a total failure. The price demanded by Lake Champlain ice dealers for stock at present on hand is said to be fifty times as much as the cost of housing ice at Muchattoes Lake.

RIEL'S MANIFESTO.

HIS ATTACK ON THE POPE AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

A Remarkable Document that will Cause a Profound Sensation.

The following is the principal part of Riel's manifesto published in the Toronto Empire of Wednesday:—

THE CHURCH OF ROME.

Leo XIII. is illustrious and I render homage to his glory. I have a profound respect for his court, the personages of which it is composed being of the greatest distinction in the eyes of the world. The greater number of them, however, do not possess that eminence of virtue such as is taught in the Holy Scriptures. The cardinals of Rome have in the past given themselves over to the excesses of wine, to the pleasures of the table, and have attached themselves to the riches of this world. With very few exceptions these men are proud, vindictive, hypocritical and heartless; the real Antonellis, who take the greatest care to hide themselves and their vices behind the curtain. Such being the case, during the reign of nearly all the popes, the cardinals

DO NOT SEEK TO ELEVATE

to the throne of St. Peter the one amongst them who is most recommended by the fairness of his views, the frankness of his manners and the simplicity of his virtues. Such a pontiff would be an Utopian in their eyes. They pray God to guide their choice, but in truth their veritable occupation is not so much to select the man of God as to find a Roman bishop favorable to the plenipotentiaries; a Roman bishop acceptable to the European sovereigns. It was in this manner that the majority of the members of the last conclave leaned in advance towards the side of human wisdom. It was prudence in temporal affairs, diplomacy and venality, much more than the Holy Spirit, which brought Leo XIII. to the pontifical throne. Taken from the corrupt Roman college Cardinal Pecci was not any better after his election than before. A great many cases are carried to the Roman court, but people who have no money are never heard, and those who have but little get but little attention. Those cases which have justice indelibly stamped upon them are dragged along in proportion to the lasting propensities of the funds on hand. The best emoluments make the best cases, and, as a general rule, those who take their cases to Rome are well aware that

JUSTICE IN THE EYERNAL CITY

is administered according to the extent of the purse. The decisions in Rome are, therefore, as partial as they possibly can be. Rome ill-treats good souls in the worst possible manner and exerts her influence in favor of those who find the greatest favor in the eyes of the world. The men of her choice are for the most part well learned, but they are men possessing a double and false nature, who go to work to conciliate men and things which are not conciliatory in their nature. While the members of the Roman clergy in the Old World preach the truths of the Scriptures they scandalize to a terrible extent all good souls by their reprehensible conduct. Their immoralities of all kinds are such in the eyes of their parishioners that it is no longer an advantage but a danger to Catholics to possess them for spiritual guides. The Roman clergy of Italy, as well as all over Europe, is rotten to the very core, and its devotion is no longer in harmony with the excellence of those maxims found in the Bible. The lips of the Romish clergy in the Old World have been offering up to God a false worship. The members of the Romish clergy have been passing for saints, and when it happens that their hypocrisy is pointed out the accuser is loaded with injury and insult and he is treated as did the Pharisee of old, who spoke as follows to the man who was blind, and who had been healed by Jesus Christ, "You are in sin and you read us lessons," and then they put him away out of sight. Those who have little to do with these men may believe in their virtues, but when we approach them them it is easily seen what they are made of, and the same language may be applied to them as was spoken to the Jewish priests eighteen hundred years ago by Jesus Christ himself. When there appears in the Latin church a man devoted to the good cause a

GRAND ECHO WILL COME OUT

from certain members of the clergy, as there is in the Old World a comparatively small number of ecclesiastics who, on the first occasion, would give their lives for the triumphs of good over evil. The number, however, who are always ready to sell themselves for money and favors who have the talent to make compromises and to give them a good appearance outside; the number of those who are susceptible to base flattery, or who are too cowardly to battle against it, the number of these is so great that the very few champions of right are almost always crushed by the superior members of the other class brought against them.

The Bishop of Rome, surrounded by his court, has abandoned the surveillance of those who follow the Roman faith in the New World. The bishops of this continent are the potentates of their dioceses, and for the most part set about to acquire property around them. Rome cries after her temporal possessions, and the bishops of this continent have got the same idea in their heads and nearly all of them are given to neglect the spiritual wants of their people in order to exclusively occupy themselves, under a religious pretext, with the temporal affairs of their churches. Some of them are already inveterate drunkards, and while some live easily in episcopal palaces, others seek to provide themselves with magnificent episcopal surroundings and at the same time their clergy on all sides plunge into the gravest immorality.

[Here Reil goes on to charge immoralities against the clergy in terms unfit for reproduction.

In Spanish America the disorders of the Roman clergy cannot be named. There the priests live in concubinage before the eyes of all the world and are shameless enough to appear before the people whom their mission is to instruct and to edify. The evils which oppress the

CHURCH IN THE NEW WORLD

are great indeed, but Rome has permitted these evils to grow and she is responsible before God and man for the deplorable condition of the people today. Let it be said, therefore to Leo XIII. and to his successors that the only means by which a shepherd can hold his flock together, and to keep it near him, is to have the greatest care of it. Let it be declared! Since the Bishop of Rome has virtually ceased to correct and purify the Roman section of the Christians of the New World; since he employs his authority to encourage the most holy bishops; since he condemns their wisdom; since he has permitted his flock on this continent to stray away from him we are not called upon to separate ourselves from our shephard; for we are already separated from him. I would also counsel christians who have been up to the present time devoted to the cause of the Bishop of Rome not to stop and think the proclamation of infallibility, as this is a certain proof that Rome has fallen with her bishop and that both are disgraced forever. Jerusalem also proclaimed herself infallible in a manner far more authoritatively than Rome when Pilate asked the Jews of what crime they accused the Saviour of the world. Speaking the mind of the high priest who sought the death of the Son of God, the following words were spoken to the governor: "If He was not a wicked man we would not have delivered Him unto you." In other terms, do you think that we can be mistaken, and since our high priest seeks the death of Jesus put him to death and this will be well. If the Bishop of Rome were holy and confirmed in grace he would have in him the spirit of God, who alone is infallible. In that case he could proclaim the infallibility of God's actions, but the

BISHOP OF ROME IS NOT INFALLIBLE,

neither is he confirmed in grace. He has often scandalized the entire universe, and he has had the good sense to admit the fallability of his conduct. It is here, therefore, that we take issue with him and expose his error. Can a tongue that is continually eaten by a cancer articulate the sound of words? Assuredly not, and it is thus that a soul daily deranged by sin and deadened by evil, rendering it impossible to pronounce the accents of truth. The prophet Jonah, whom the Lord had miraculously saved, went to carry salvation to Nineveh, but he was mistaken in the proclamation of the judgment of God. Why? Because in disobeying he had deceived his God. Although the Bishop of Rome sins under an infinity of circumstances the divine mercy may save him and continue to use him in order to bring many others to a better sentiment towards mankind. Not only is Leo XIII. a sinner, but he inherits his iniquities from a great number of sinful popes like himself. The infallibility is one of the errors which the Bishop of Rome and the Roman clergy persist in representing as a part and parcel of religion.

Riel then proceeds toadvise a close study of the moral conduct of the popes and continues as follow:

The most of our priests dress like millionaires, while they crush their people by imposing subscriptions; they scarcely ever present themselves at the altar that the beadle, purse in hand, does not make a round of the church in search of money; in fact, they never cease begging. In the midst, however, of all this it is consoling to meet priests who open their heart and their hands to the poor, and who confide the secret of their charity to God alone. It is also beautiful to see the religious orders follow the path of disinterestedness, try to live in the fervor of prayer and in the austerity of penitence. According to my opinion, the religious orders of our continent have

NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN WORTHY AND PIOUS REFORMS,

yet their merits appear to be very great. United together in the love of God, our religious communities of both men and women are here, in the new world, the timberwork of the church. As to the other priests, if you do not wish them to give you blacks looks in church, you will have to learn the art of contributing ten or fifteen cents in entering the temple, for unless you have money to offer you will be relegated to some dark corner. The priests to whom I have just alluded do not reproach their people openly, but their allusions go to show that you are not wanted in church without money. The widow and the orphan can no longer come and worship God in His sanctuary without being humiliated by the fact that they have no donation to give. There are bishops and priests sufficiently heartless as to refuse the sacrament to the dying because these same people had not paid one or two dollars to the church. It is therefore in order to save our clergy and to save ourselves from the degradation of Rome that we must separate ourselves from its bishop. Rome! My fathers loved you well and professed to you the greatest attachment. They lived in the meditation of your teachings. They died in your arms and received the benefit of your prayers. I thank you sincerely for all you have done for them in this world as well as for the supplications you have offered in their favor for the world to come. I thank you also for all that you have done for me, because I was baptized under your aegis. I have as much confidence in you as in anyone, but permit me to tell you that early in life I began to feel that you committed

A GREAT MANY FAULTS.

The desire of my heart to sustain the prestige of your former virtues, the crafty excuses which were offered me to palliate the defects in your conduct, kept me for a long time amongst your admirers and devoted servants, but in the end the enormity of your pretensions, your injustices and your scandals opened my eyes. Upon the authority of the Scriptures it is therefore my duty to push you from me. I considered you as the hand of my good works. You are possessed nevertheless, of an incurable disease. In separating myself from you I cut off my right hand, but it is better that I should accomplish these acts of mercy without you then to commit with your approbation all the hard things of which you have been convicted towards the poor, the oppressed and the afflicted. Personally I have never had the least difficulty with you. Rome, I have never had anything to do with you directly. I do not believe that you ever knew of my existence, and I call upon the world to testify that my conduct towards you is not inspired by the slightest animosity. An ambition to do good in the world is my only motive.

The Metis leader here quotes freely from the New Testament in support of his charges against the church, and then continues: Celibacy is a divine institution, and it has contributed in a great measure to dethrone the excessive immoralities of paganism. It has brought a great number of persons in every part of the world to practise chastity and good works, and the virtuous celibate is far advanced amongst those who are striving to rehabilitate and

IMPROVE THE CONDITION OF THE HUMAN RACE.

Under the present circumstances, however, I believe that it would be wise to permit the secular clergy to marry. The secular clergy are established here and spread over our cities, our towns and our country villages. A priest is stationary. He lives at ease and has a great deal of leisure. The pleasures of an easy life and the intimate character of his ministry, comprising daily spiritual intercourse with the opposite sex, renders him unfaithful to his vow of chastity, and his life becomes a bad one. As the secular clergy are very numerous the incorruption may cause a very considerable damage to society in the new world, and I would think it better for the bishop and priests to marry and live a more regular life and more in keeping with their daily teaching. If, therefore, there are any, who after having heard me, decide to turn their backs on Leo XIII., I pray them not to do so from any personal motives, but rather on account of the good sense found in my observations. One must in the end succumb to good sense, because good sense is the truth. [Leo XIII. is as dead to truth and good works as was the high priests in the time of our Saviour, and Great Britian with Queen Victoria's empire is as black with decay as was Rome with the empire of Augustus. I desire that God may bless you and that He may make of the Metis a powerful and strong nation. Remember, however, that the real power and force of a nation is found only in our Lord Jesus Christ. Attach yourself, therefore to Him and His holy laws and to the Catholic religion. I give you that blessing which you ask and I pray that God will cause it to abound in you in order that you may be aided to do his will, that this blessing may aid you in bringing about your salvation.

Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus.

L. D. RIEL.

"DID THE OLD MAN UP FINE."

Some Racy Developments in the Hamilton Divorce Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 9.—The divorce suit of Bookmaker Asa M. Hamilton of this city against his wife Hannah has brought out some rare testimony. About two years ago the Hamiltons visited New York, and so enamored of life in the metropolis was Mrs. Hamilton that she wanted to remain, and so her husband returned to the golden gate alone. Mr. Hamilton waited with Job-like patience for his young wife's return, and one day was startled by the following message, flashed over the wires from New York: "A. M. Hamilton—Hannah died last night. Send $250 for funeral expenses. Lucy." Lucy is Hannah's New York sister. Hamilton promptly forwarded the amount by telegraph. Three days later the wires hummed the following stanza: "The undertaker demands another $100 for funeral accoutrements; Please forward at once. Lucy." As before, the money was sent. Two months afterward business took him to New York and, among other things, he figured on a visit to the last resting place of his wife. On his first night in the city, however, as he was sadly walking the street, whom should he meet but his errant wife, arrayed in all the glory of a New York modiste.

"How is this?" demanded the astonished Hamilton; "ain't you dead?"

"Do I look like it?" cried his radiant wife, laughing. "Wasn't those telegrams one of the loveliest jokes ever played? While you were mourning me for dead, and paying money to have me buried, I was celebrating my living and spending that same money in a royal way. Wasn't it funny? Why don't you laugh?"

But Hamilton didn't see anything ludicrous about the affair. He finished business in a hurry, sped back to San Francisco, and the first act he did was to begin suit for a divorce. The trial has been pending since last July, awaiting the arrival of several commissions from New York. Yesterday that of Pat Sheedy, the supporting man, arrived, and was filed. It corroborates the story of Hamilton regarding Mrs. Hamilton's deception. Sheedy met her at a walking match one night in New York. He knew nothing of her pretended death till she confided the whole story to him, and boasted that she had "done the old man up fine, and don't forget it."

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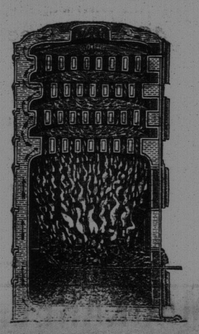

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