

CHIGNECTO POST AND BORDERER.

SACKVILLE, N. B., JUNE 15, 1882.

Sir A. J. Smith and Hon. Mr. Landry.

The closing proceedings at nomination were marked by a "little unpleasantness" between the above gentlemen. Hon. Mr. Landry felt aggrieved because Sir A. J. Smith had been steadily characterizing him as guilty of ingratitude, treachery, &c., and naturally enough took the first occasion to vindicate himself before the public. We do not know—nor is it important to know the merits of the disputes between these gentlemen—but it must be evident to any one possessing a knowledge of the elections run by Sir A. J. Smith between 1852 and 1874, that he was sustained in power by the solid phalanx of votes given him by the late Amos Landry, Esq. At every election he defeated Sir A. J. Smith in the English parishes. Mr. Landry was a most ingenious and upright man; no money could corrupt him; no artifice could seduce him; and his steadfast support prevented Sir A. J. Smith being "relieved" again and again from public life. It was only proper that Sir Albert should requite such extraordinary services, by at least some attention to his son, Pierre A. Landry, without any ulterior motives of benefiting himself thereby. And when Mr. P. A. Landry was called upon to discharge the duties of leader of the French, it is absurd to suppose he was bound to Sir Albert by his father's ties, or if so united, that he could bind the French nationality to the Smith party. Not at all. The French people have learned to think and act for themselves. They are educated and able. They are not hide-bound to the traditions and struggles of the past; they have aspirations and hopes of their own for the future, and are thoroughly progressive and in sympathy with the movements of the times. If Mr. Landry ventured to impose on the French people the old slow obstructive policy, popular twenty years ago, for the purpose of linking them with Sir A. J. Smith, he would have been quickly discarded as a more advanced leader selected. In allying himself with the party of Progress—the party that has given Confederation, Railways, the North-West and the N. P. to the country—he is simply moving onward with his own people to better and higher conditions. Hence, Sir A. J. Smith is entirely ignorant of the general movement of the times—the spirit of the age—when he imagines that the wide-spread feeling amongst the French, in favor of the policy of the Government, is owing to Mr. Landry's "ingratitude." That is the acme of childishness.

The Ouderdonk Contract.

"The names only are true, fancy has supplied the rest," said a humorous writer in regard to his little story. The same applies to Sir Albert's version of the Ouderdonk affair. The details, to which probably Sir Albert did not listen and which, of course, he has not read, reveal the facts, which are these: There was a piece of work to do. Tenders were asked for the work. Fourteen bids were received. Every tenderer was asked to give the rates for doing every part of the job. So much per yard for rock cutting, so much for fencing, so much clearing, &c. When the tenders were opened the schedule rates of Ouderdonk were far the lowest, but McDonald & Charlebois was the lowest lump sum. Mr. Mackenzie has made a regulation that all tenders were to be accompanied by a cash deposit. A cheque marked "good" by a bank was received. The cash was cashed. The cheque in this case was to be \$20,000. The tender was opened and McDonald & Charlebois were found to have deposited a cheque which was not marked "good" for two days only. The cheque had gone by. So there was no cheque and McDonald & Charlebois had nothing to complain of.

Mr. Blake himself said: THE CIRCUMSTANCE THAT THE CHEQUE IS LIMITED TO TWO DAYS HINDERED US FROM SIGHTING THAT McDONALD & CHARLEBOIS MIGHT WITHDRAW THEIR BALANCE AND IF THEIR BALANCE WAS WITHDRAWN IT RELIEVED THE BANK OF THEIR LIABILITIES FOR THE CHEQUE.

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NOMINATION AT DORCHESTER.

Electors en Masse!!

N. P. Men in Overwhelming Majority!!

SPEECHES OF THE CANDIDATES!

Mr. Wood's Masterly Address!!

The weather on Tuesday could not have been more fitting for the occasion had it been made to order. Special and regular trains brought in many persons from all parts of the county, and the street was lined with carriages.

The present system of nominating candidates by filing papers takes away the dramatic effect from that part of the performance. Joseph W. Wood, Esq., was nominated by Walter Cahill, Esq., Hon. Edwin Botsford, Christopher Milner, Esq., Paul R. Moore, M. D., Reuben Chase, Esq., Amos Ogden, Wm. Morice, W. J. M. Hanington, Chas. Holstead, John L. Harris, C. H. Gallant, A. J. Behn, and 250 others.

Sir Albert J. Smith was nominated by Joseph Hickman, Rufus Cole, DeMille Buck, Jos. B. Peck, Timothy Savage, Reuben Wood, Thomas Pickard, Capt. Wm. Milner, A. W. D. Knapp, Hugh Davidson, and several others.

At 2 o'clock the Sheriff announced that Albert J. Smith, Knight, Barrister and Attorney, and Josiah Wood, merchant, were nominated and that a poll would be opened on the 20th. Then the meeting was given over to the people and the candidates. Sir Albert Smith took the platform first, amid enthusiastic cheers from his friends.

SIR A. J. SMITH'S SPEECH.

was much the same as his last year's speech. His speech was a masterpiece of the same style and language. Sir Albert cannot be accused of inconsistency in regard to varying his language during this campaign. His discussion of Ouderdonk and the Syndicate, or of the travelling expenses of ministers, he referred with complacency to his long service of his country, and waxed somewhat pathetic as he asked if he was not to be continued a little longer. He was indignant at the cruelty of the Government in bringing on elections at this busy season, a year earlier than was necessary. (Uproarious cheers from Timothy Savage, who partly was in favor of Sir A. "And partly he was drunk.")

He had reason to complain of his old friend Mr. Wood, who after presiding last fall at a meeting where he (Smith) spoke, had taken the field against him. He admitted Wood's right to change his mind but complained because Wood had not informed him of his reasons for the change. (Timothy Savage, "He has none to give.")

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He asked again whether he was worthy of the confidence of the people. (The friend from the Emigrant road previously spoken of indicated he was not.) He was certain that if no wrong influences were used that he would beat Mr. Wood four out of five. (Appropriate responses from several persons.)

He said that this was the last time that he should appeal to them. He had nothing further to say. Mr. Wood, he feared, was influenced by mercenary motives in supporting the N. P. Blake had written him a letter and it said that the Reform party would carry all before them in Ontario.

He repeated the legend that he would be of great assistance to Moncton industries if a change of Government should take place, in arranging a fiscal policy for their industries. He closed by asking for a better majority than he had before. Several gentlemen in the audience promised to give it to him. Amid loud cheering Sir Albert took his seat.

Josiah Wood, Esq., on coming forward was loudly applauded. The Moncton Brass Band greeted him with a lively air and the cheering was renewed.

MR. WOOD'S SPEECH.

It is with pleasure and pride I appear before you to-day the candidate of the Liberal Conservative cause; for the first time a candidate for the highest honor which it is in the power of the electors of this County to confer on one of their number. I desire to express my hearty thanks for the position in which you have placed me to-day. I consider it the highest distinction of my life, that I have been asked by so large and influential a portion of the people of this County to contest this election in the interests of their party and whatever may be the results of this election, this is an honor, I shall always highly appreciate and gratefully remember. Should the results of your vote on this day prove the Liberal Conservative party to be in a majority in this County, as I believe it will do, (cheers) and should I thus have the higher honor of serving as your representative in the Parliament of Canada, I shall at all times endeavor to show my gratitude and my appreciation of the honor you have thus conferred upon me, by doing my utmost to serve your interests and promote the prosperity of your country. (Mr. Wood proceeded to state his regret that he was called upon to oppose a gentleman with whom he had had the most friendly and cordial relations in the past, but he did so because he felt the views of the Liberal party were not such as would meet the requirements of this country and the demands of this progressive age.) He and his party have taken passage by too slow a train and the results have been the past few years, which he (Smith) spoke, had taken the field against him. He admitted Wood's right to change his mind but complained because Wood had not informed him of his reasons for the change. (Timothy Savage, "He has none to give.")

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present contract, which altho' every conceivable objection was urged against it, was ratified by a large majority of the House. I shall now endeavor to show you that the terms of this contract were such as to merit the sanction of Parliament and such as should merit the reasonable expectations of the people of this country. In 1872 the McDonald Government offered \$10,000 in cash and 20,000 acres of land per mile to any parties who would undertake this work. These terms formed the basis of the negotiation with Sir Hugh Allan and his colleagues, and would have amounted upon the length of line to be constructed to \$26,000,000 in cash and 54,000,000 of acres of land. The leader of the Liberal party, hon. Alexander Mackenzie, placed a much higher estimate upon the cost of this work. In an address delivered in Parliament during his administration, he estimated the cost, basing it upon the fullest information, at upwards of \$120,000,000, and the Government, of which he was the leader, made the same proposition to the contractors, that is, \$26,000,000 in cash and 54,000,000 acres of land per mile, but with this generous offer in addition: a guarantee of 4 per cent. for 25 years upon what might be required to complete the line from ocean to ocean, upon the terms, they advertised for tenders. I ask you to compare these proposals and estimates with the cost under the present contract: 25,000,000 acres land, \$25,000,000 in cash and the highest honor which it is in the power of the electors of this County to confer on one of their number. I desire to express my hearty thanks for the position in which you have placed me to-day. I consider it the highest distinction of my life, that I have been asked by so large and influential a portion of the people of this County to contest this election in the interests of their party and whatever may be the results of this election, this is an honor, I shall always highly appreciate and gratefully remember. Should the results of your vote on this day prove the Liberal Conservative party to be in a majority in this County, as I believe it will do, (cheers) and should I thus have the higher honor of serving as your representative in the Parliament of Canada, I shall at all times endeavor to show my gratitude and my appreciation of the honor you have thus conferred upon me, by doing my utmost to serve your interests and promote the prosperity of your country. (Mr. Wood proceeded to state his regret that he was called upon to oppose a gentleman with whom he had had the most friendly and cordial relations in the past, but he did so because he felt the views of the Liberal party were not such as would meet the requirements of this country and the demands of this progressive age.) He and his party have taken passage by too slow a train and the results have been the past few years, which he (Smith) spoke, had taken the field against him. He admitted Wood's right to change his mind but complained because Wood had not informed him of his reasons for the change. (Timothy Savage, "He has none to give.")

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to our shores. Between the 1st January and the 1st of May, upwards of 24,000 emigrants entered the North-West—an illustration of the vastness of the country which this country has been settled. The Syndicate feel it to their interest to dispose of these lands on most favorable terms. From the published terms they are offering the whole of the 25,000,000 acres at \$2.50 per acre, or if settled within four years at one-half that price, or \$1.25 per acre, and in these on most favorable terms of payment—one-sixth in cash at time of purchase and balance in five annual installments with interest at six p.c. To show how rapidly the lands are being sold, I quote the following:

The Syndicate have sold 433,760 acres and agreed to dispose of 1,930,000 more to colonization companies, making 2,363,760 acres practically disposed of up to the present time. The Government have disposed of 2,258,163 acres in free homesteads and there are 1,270,751 acres for which application has been made for pre-emption. In addition to that 1,400,000 acres are allotted to Half Breed settlers. There are sales to the extent of 1,277,680 acres making 6,000,000 acres disposed of by the Government to the present time. If we deduct from this 25,000,000 acres allotted to the Syndicate, we would have 23,000,000 acres disposed of by the Government, sufficient at \$1 per acre to pay the debt of \$23,000,000. Then, gentlemen, what is the position of the Government with respect to lands of North-West at the present time. The quantity of fertile lands is estimated at 250,000,000 acres. If we deduct from this 25,000,000 acres granted the Syndicate; also sufficient to cover at \$1 per acre the cash subsidy; also sufficient to pay the cost of the portions of the line constructed by the government, we would still have left upwards of 170,000,000 acres, sufficient at \$1 per acre to more than pay the whole public debt of Canada. Whatever fears may have been entertained in the past with reference to the ability of the country to enter upon this undertaking, how much more so now, when we know that our colleagues may have been in their conviction that to build that road would involve this country in financial ruin, and create a public debt, which would for all future time embarrass the government and burden the people with taxation, however honest they may have been in opposing the contract on the ground that it would create a monopoly and lock up the lands of the N. W. these fears must vanish and these predictions prove to be unfounded. If we look at the light of facts as they stand before us at the present day. And yet so strong are prejudices of party feeling that the press of this country in a sheet lately circulated characterized this contract as the most disastrous and greatest railway swindle of 19th century. I feel that is not the sentiment of the country. This contract has been the means of the rapid settlement of the N. W. It has been the means of adding to the growth of the country and the population of this Dominion that already the financial standing of Canada in all the money markets of the world is raised to a higher level than has ever before been reached in any period of our history. That great undertaking if we look at it as a statesmanship stands before a rival in the history of this country, or if we regard it simply as a business transaction, is one of the grandest successes of the 19th century. I believe that to be the growing and the greatest of the country and to one to which they will give clear and emphatic expression on the 20th day of June.

Now I ask your attention to the fiscal policy of the Government. There is a disposition in discussing this question to introduce an argument in favor of Protection, as opposed to Free Trade, and to decide its adaptability to the wants and requirements of this country, upon the relative merits of Free Trade and Protection theories. Of fear this is a misleading argument. Free Trade is not one of the living issues to-day before this country, and does not come within the range of practical politics in this Dominion; for there is no public man, and no party in this country, prepared to advocate the adoption of a purely free trade policy. All parties agree upon the necessity of having a sufficient tariff by which to raise a revenue sufficient to meet the requirements of the country, and the real question is: how to divide the two great questions in this Dominion is to what extent that tariff should be used to protect our manufacturing industries. The position which I take upon that question is this: that under existing circumstances looking at all our surroundings, taking into consideration our relation to foreign countries and to the Dominion, of which we form a part, it is of the utmost importance especially to the Maritime Provinces that every effort should be made to foster, protect and promote the growth of manufacturing industries. In support of this proposition, I ask your attention to a few facts in connection with the past history and present position of these Provinces. The two principal industries in the Province of N. B. for some time past have been the shipbuilding and lumbering industries. In the shipbuilding industry, statistics of the past few years show a marked and steady decline. Tonnage of new vessels built in the Province:

1874.....45,029 tons.
1875.....35,485 "
1876.....31,040 "
1877.....31,158 "
1878.....27,368 "
1879.....19,067 "
1880.....18,896 "
1881.....18,299 "

It will be noticed that from 1874 to 1879 the decrease was more than one-half. This decline under the administration of the Liberal party, utterly refutes the argument that has been used that the decline was due to the operation of the National Policy. The decline has continued, but to my

thoughtful person its course is apparent. The swift steamships of the present are superseding the slow and uncertain wooden sailing ships of the past. So many have been the improvements in steam navigation during the past few years, and so great has been the reduction in the cost of transporting freight across the ocean by this means, that steamers have become successful competitors for almost all classes of ocean traffic. They have absorbed the fruit trade of the Mediterranean, the coffee and sugar trade of the Brazil, the cotton trade of the Southern States, the grain trade of New York, Baltimore, Boston and Montreal, and now this very year they are entering the ports of this Province and asking for and receiving a large share of the trade of St. John and Miramichi. There are certain trades which for many years will furnish employment for a limited number of wooden ships, especially of the smaller class, but I venture to predict that the time is not far distant when steamers will fully monopolize the freight traffic on the western ocean. In view of these facts we are forced to the admission that ship building in the Province of New Brunswick can never again in the future, its former importance. Then, gentlemen, I ask you to consider the condition of our lumbering interests.

Statistics show that the value of exports of lumber from N. B. for 1874.....\$4,567,808
1875.....4,766,408
1876.....4,661,080
1877.....4,081,784
1878.....4,226,429
1881.....4,789,496

These statistics show that during the six years no material change has taken place. The value of exports of 1877 have never been quite reached. A prominent business man, not long since, stated before a meeting in the city of St. John, that the lumber trade of that port must decrease; that the volume of export could not for any great length of time continue as large as at present. Now, gentlemen, if we look now at us, take into consideration the limited area of our forest lands, and the rapidly withering of its supplies, are being exhausted, we must admit the truth of that statement, both in its application to the city of St. John and to the whole Province of N. B. Do not infer from what I say that the lumbering industry will not for many years, yet, to come, hold a prominent place and rank among the most important industries of this Province, but the point to which I wish to draw your attention is this, that it affords no room for growth or expansion; that the area of its operations is circumscribed and its development limited. Now, gentlemen, I wish to ask you what is the question of first importance to the people of this Province. Is it not upon what we are to build our hopes for the future? Shipbuilding must decline; we cannot all become agriculturists; our mines and fisheries, rich though they be, cannot furnish employment for all, and the great lumbering interest of the past affords no further room for growth or expansion. Then, gentlemen, where are we to turn to find investment for our accumulating capital, and employment for our increasing population. I believe there is but one answer to this question. The future of this Province must be largely filled with manufacturing industries; we must be paralyzed, our growth and our prosperity must cease, if we cannot hope for the growth of manufactures in our midst. The people of the Maritime Provinces are most favorably situated to become largely the manufacturing power for the whole Dominion. Lying on the sea coast, we have every facility for procuring raw material at the cheapest rate. In our mines we have an exhaustless supply of cheap fuel, we have abundance of water, we have a healthy and energetic and industrious population, our people are always willing and anxious to work if they can receive a fair remuneration, and in addition to this, in the great North-West, a fertile country that is destined to become largely the manufacturing power for the whole Dominion. Lying on the sea coast, we have every facility for procuring raw material at the cheapest rate. In our mines we have an exhaustless supply of cheap fuel, we have abundance of water, we have a healthy and energetic and industrious population, our people are always willing and anxious to work if they can receive a fair remuneration, and in addition to this, in the great North-West, a fertile country that is destined to become largely the manufacturing power for the whole Dominion. Lying on the sea coast, we have every facility for procuring raw material at the cheapest rate. In our mines we have an exhaustless supply of cheap fuel, we have abundance of water, we have a healthy and energetic and industrious population, our people are always willing and anxious to work if they can receive a fair remuneration, and in addition to this, in the great North-West, a fertile country that is destined to become largely the manufacturing power for the whole Dominion.

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