

FRIDAY EVENING, FEB. 23, 1872.

GOVERNMENT AID TO RAILWAYS.

If any stronger proof were needed to show the unscrupulous character of the Premier of the late Government, the resolutions made by Mr Blake in his speech on the resolutions for granting aid to railways, have furnished all that we require. The chief objection made to the policy of the late Government for aiding railways was, that it gave them an unconstitutional control over the fund placed at their disposal, that that control was liable to be abused, and the money employed as a lever for carrying elections and influencing politicians. The resolutions made by Mr Blake bear out to the fullest extent the objections which were urged. They took on themselves the responsibility of spending a million and a half of dollars to aid in the construction of railways, and their promises of such aid were most lavish and included all railways east, west, north and south. From the voluminous correspondence read by Mr Blake, it seems that Mr Sandfield Macdonald made ample promises to every railway deputation which waited on him asking aid. Had the promises being kept the million and a half dollars, and a great deal more, would have been exhausted, and yet some of the enterprises must necessarily have been deprived of their promised bonus.

These promises, read in the light of subsequent events, had a meaning as we shall show. The railway subsidy bill was assented to on the 15 of last February, and the new elections were ordered to come off about a month after. In the course of that month Mr Sandfield Macdonald was active enough in distributing his promises for railway aid, for by doing so he vainly imagined that he could bribe a number of constituencies to return members who would support his Government, and enlist the entire railway interest of the country on his side. The scheme was cunningly devised, and cleverly carried out, but it failed, and now that the whole facts have come to light, we see plainly from what a system of wholesale attempts at bribery we have escaped.

As a sample of the system pursued by Mr. Sandfield Macdonald, we may refer to his promise, made in a despatch to the Hon. John Hamilton, of Kingston, of aid to the Vaudreuil and Ottawa Railway, and to which he appends an exhortation to that gentleman to try and defeat Mr. Boyd at the election for Prescott. Here is what the Saint of Cornwall says:—"Must leave the county (Prescott) to elect itself to start the candidate most likely to defeat the present member. Do not lose sight of the fact that he has acquired experience in Parliament. This would militate against now candidate without that advantage."

As figured up by Mr. Blake, the late Premier promised aid to twelve or thirteen distinct lines of railway, comprising in all some 950 miles. To some of the Companies interested in these roads direct promises were made to others he was more indefinite in fact he tried to manufacture them all so as to keep them dancing attendance on him until he could get all the money out of them in the way of influencing the elections.

The policy of the late Government has placed the present one in a somewhat difficult position as regards this fund, and it is in order to keep faith with the country, and to carry out as far as possible the assurances of the late Government—false in some cases though they may have been—that it is now proposed to increase the Railway Aid Fund to the amount of \$400,000, and to distribute that amount in accordance with the provisions contained in the resolutions submitted to the House. The previous Government deprived the Legislature of their constitutional right to direct the expenditure of the railway fund, the present Government restores that right, and in addition brings forward a scheme which will secure justice to all sections of the country, and to every railway enterprise that merits support.

The next wheat crop of California is estimated at 12,000,000 sacks, worth at least \$28,000,000 on the ground. Illinois is the great Railroad State of the Union. She has now in operation 3,725 miles—just 765 miles more than any other State. North York.—At the North York Reform Convention held at Newmarket on Thursday, Mr James Parrham late Warden of the county, received the unanimous nomination as candidate for the House of Commons.

Dog stories, horse stories, snake stories, etc., are read with never-failing interest. One of the latest is the tale of a cat, which having suddenly disappeared from the society of its friends, was discovered after twelve days in a twenty foot well, ensconced on a stone just above the water, not vigorous, but still living. She was fished out and is doing well again. There is an organization in England which has for its object the repression of vice. Among many things it has accomplished within two years is the condemnation and destruction of 140,213 obscene paintings or photographs; 21,772 books and pamphlets; 17,000 songs; 5,712 cards and snuff-boxes; 841 medals and 430 lithographic prints.

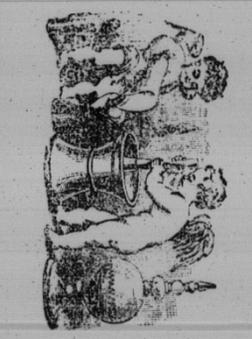
A rumor prevails throughout London that Baron Heatherly will soon retire from the Lord Chancellors of Great Britain, and that he will be succeeded by Lord Romilly. A panorama of the "Chicago fire" is criticised by a Southern paper as bearing a strong resemblance to a second-hand bed quilt.

Mr. Blake moved that the House go into Committee on the Railway Resolutions. Mr. Bykert recapitulated some of the objections he had expressed last session to appropriation of so large a sum of money to the purpose of railways and also to the terms of the Act which gave the benefits of the Railway Fund to lines constructed only in certain districts, leaving the southern counties without any share in its benefits. He moved an amendment: "That until it shall be more clearly shown to this House that the railway aid fund, consisting of one million and half dollars, is insufficient to meet the requirements of all bona fide railways already undertaken and which the Lieut-Governor has by Order in Council declared to be entitled to participate in the said fund, it is expedient to grant any additional sum towards the said fund."

Mr. Cameron contended that the express or implied promises of the late Premier had not pledged the House or the Government to aid the several schemes referred to in Mr. Blake's speech on Wednesday. Professing his willingness to vote merely in aid of public purposes tending to the progress of the country, he still contended, in the same spirit as the previous speaker, that no case was made out for the proposed addition to the Railway Fund.

Mr. Lauder would not vote beyond the million and a half. Messrs. Hodgins, Sexton and Scott, (North Grey) spoke in support of the resolutions. Several other members spoke for and against the resolutions. Mr. Blake replied in an able speech, when the House divided on Mr. Bykert's amendment. Yeas 19, nays 56. The amendment was therefore lost. Mr. Grange at five minutes after one rose to move another amendment. Members of the Opposition called for adjournment, and persisted in refusing to allow the motion for the House to go into Committee to be put, and after some discussion Mr. Blake consented and the House adjourned at 1.35 a. m.

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