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FRIDAY, MAY 29TH, 1885.

THE DUTY OF THE HOUR.

The times are out of joint, and a remodelling of our political being in Canada is a necessity. If some improvement be not made in existing political conditions confederation must go, and the structure known as the Dominion of Canada must become disintegrated. The basis upon which confederation was formed is rapidly becoming undermined—is fast becoming honeycombed. The rights of the several provinces, guaranteed by the British North America Act, are being stolen by the federal power, and an effort has been made to trample provincial autonomy in the dust, and give the whole country over to One Man power.

Now is the time to look this question squarely in the face—now is the time to avert calamity from our land. We have seen what injury has been done to our common country, and what slaughter and rapine has followed the mismanagement of our Northwest; we have seen what has resulted from the rising in arms of a comparatively few uneducated and ignorant halfbreeds and Indians, smarting under grievances which are small in comparison with the indignities that Sir John Macdonald has seen fit to inflict upon our own Province of Ontario. True, the so-called rebels were misguided—they could not hope to successfully cope with the might of settled government; but they had grievances which should never have obtained, they were subjected to wrongs which should have been redressed when it was shown that they existed.

Will this terrible ordeal teach the federalists that the rights of provincial subjects can not be trampled under foot with impunity, or will they continue madly to work for the sole benefit of party, and against the best interests of the state? We hope for the best, but we fear for the future. If the present course of the Dominion Government be persisted in, the sooner confederation ceases the better it will be for the provinces. Ontario has nothing to lose and every thing to gain by secession. As it is now she is held by the throat by Sir John Macdonald, at the beck of the French *Bleus*, and no effort is left untried to lessen her influence. Ontario is the most populous, the wealthiest, and most progressive of the provinces, and yet she has been subjected to the vetoing of legislation, and an attempt to despoil her of territory; she has been gerrymandered so that her voice would not be fairly heard in the council of the country; she has been debarred from railway subsidies and other benefits when the lesser provinces have fattened at the federal crib. There are many other disabilities under which Ontario suffers, and if redress be not made, and made promptly, disintegration must result. Changes must be made if disaster is to be averted. If the union of the provinces is to be preserved a platform embracing the following points must be adopted:

(1.) The determining of electoral divisions for parliamentary purposes by each province.

(2.) Provincial power to fix the franchise.

(3) The appointment by the Provinces of all judges whose duties are of a provincial nature.

(4.) That each province shall control provincial railways.

(5.) That the federal government shall not have the power to veto provincial legislation, but that an appeal direct to the Privy Council be allowed in lieu thereof.

(9.) That each province have complete control of the liquor traffic within its borders.

(7.) That the senate be abolished, or that the members thereof be selected by the people from districts determined by the province.

The foregoing are some of the points upon which the people should heartily join, and if they cannot be achieved, disintegration of Confederation must result. A free people should not be governed by a despotic power.

POPULAR sentiment in Goderich is decidedly in favor of a strict administration of the liquor law.

THE Scott Act was carried in the County of Frontenac on Thursday last by a majority of about 500, and lost in Kingston by 84. Some irregularities occurred in the marking of the Kingston ballots by the returning officer, but the result is not likely to be affected.

THE medical men of Goderich and of this county should take some action in protesting against the unprofessional conduct of one of their number, who has been steadily drunk for months, and who upon his own admission has been giving medical certificates for liquor indiscriminately. A drunken doctor threatens the community every hour.

IT is estimated by close observers that not one-tenth the quantity of liquor is now consumed in Goderich that was daily swallowed under the license law. Every drunk is now magnified, but there are men here who are now clear-headed and decent looking, who never were braced up for a month at a time under the old law. Under license law Goderich spent at least $30,000 annually in intoxicants.

Now is the time for preparation to be made for celebrating the 1st of July. Goderich has for some years past put forward exertions to make the natal day of the Dominion a gala day indeed, and has been uniformly successful in carrying out a good program. This year should be no exception. If action be taken at once a grand demonstration will be the result. The fault in past years was that the formation of a committee was put off until a late day, and much had to be undertaken at the last hour. A committee should be at once formed, and at the first council meeting the town fathers should be asked to co-operate. A joint committee of citizens and councillors would ensure the success of the undertaking. Agitate the matter.

IT IS understood that some of the hotel men and others of this town are setting the Scott Act at defiance and are disposing of liquor "on the sly." Sunday evening last a couple of young men were observed reeling on the Square who had got intoxicated in one of the "dives." The Scott Act people of the town should at once begin a crusade against the breakers of the law. There is another point which requires attention and that a couple of medical men of the town are understood to be giving indiscriminate "certificates" to bibulists of the community. These medicos ought to be taught that the power of granting certificates which they hold is one that should either become more circumspect; or the privilege which they enjoy should be taken from them and placed in the hands of more conscientious men. If the rum power is to be paralyzed in Huron, unscrupulous doctors and law-breaking vendors must be be crowded out.

[Since the above was written, Inspector Ball has brought a charge against a hotel keeper, and the evidence given so far shows that the Government officer is doing good service in showing up the subterfuges to dodge the Act. Public sentiment is with Mr. Ball in this matter.]

An Outside View of Our Franchise Bill.

Under the operation of the law thousands will be excluded from voting at elections for members of Parliament. It disfranchises school teachers and large numbers of wage earners who are young men and Liberals; and, while disfranchising white teachers and land and factory workers, in enfranchises Indians, who are dealt with as children by the Government agent, and cannot sell a tree on their lands without his consent. The Liberals of all shades are uniting against this desperate effort of the Government to keep itself in power, and their determined and vigorous assaults may yet sweep Macdonald and his retainers from their places. The crisis is a grave one.—[Chicago Tribune.

The Major's "Milk."

If I had a cow that would give such milk,
I'd feed it on the choicest hay
Dress it up in the finest silk
And milk it fifty times a day.

—[*Little Brown Jug.*

MILK OR WHISKEY?

The Major and the Doctor Get Mixed in Their Drinks.

Inspector Ball Doing Good Service—How the "Boakers" Try to Evade the Law.

For the past few weeks complaints have been made that liquor was to be had in the "International" hotel, kept by George Smith. Inspector Ball determined to show up the spot, and if possible secure a conviction, and so brought Smith before Mayor Horton yesterday, on a charge of selling liquor contrary to law. The evidence admits of only one conclusion as to the character of the place and of its *habitues*. The nature of the evidence, and the reliability of the witnesses, does not appear to be of a very creditable sort. The major swears it was "milk"; the doctor swears it was whisky—pure whisky. Who is the perjurer? It is to be hoped that the friends of order and decency will strengthen the Inspector's hands by giving him the benefit of all *reliable* testimony that they can furnish as to any violations of the law. So far the mischief has been confined to one or two spots, and prompt action will likely stamp out the traffic as completely as the vile business can be kept under while men will swear falsely under oath to cover the criminals. The evidence in this case is as follows:

H. W. Ball, License inspector, swore that he had been informed on Tuesday afternoon, the 26th inst., that Dr. Cassidy and Major Crane each had had a glass of whiskey at the International hotel in Goderich. In the evening of the same day, Dr. Cassidy came to my house and called me out, and said, "Are you going to lay information about my action today?" I said "Yes." He then said: "How will it be?" I answered "You and Major Crane were seen drinking whisky at the International hotel this morning." He replied "You can prove that, but you can't prove that I paid for it." I answered, "That was a matter of no consequence." He replied, "Won't it be necessary to prove the payment." I again answered, "I think not." He then said, "Suppose I were to say I had a glass of milk, or took the whisky out of my own bottle." I answered, I expected him to speak the truth anyhow. He then begged that I withdraw the charge this time, and I refused. This was all we said on the case, and I laid the information.

By Mr. Campion — Was the doctor sober?

No. He has not been sober for a long while. But he seemed to appear less drunk, and talked more seriously than he had for some time.

Daniel W. Crane, sworn, said he was present with Dr. Cassidy at the International hotel on the morning of the 26th; I was in the hotel before the Dr. came; I was talking to a friend, and the Dr. came in and said to me "Is he telling one of his old army stories?" I said "Yes, we are talking about those matters." He then said, "I'm awful thirsty, and there is no knowing when he will stop when he gets started on those yarns. Let us have a little between." The man he was talking about was John McClure. McClure got up and left the room; it was not the barroom; and the Dr. also left; I was present in the bar of the hotel with Dr. Cassidy when a lady came into the bar; the doctor had not a glass in his hand, but there was one before him on the bar—two or three glasses; there were something in the glasses, but not intoxicating liquor; it looked like milk, tasted like milk, and I believe it was milk; all these tumblers appeared to have the same contents; there were at least two or more glasses filled with liquid; John McClure was there. I have drank whiskey in that hotel since the first of May.

Mr. Ball here asked leave to amend the information.

Major Crane—What I drank after the lady spoken of came in was not intoxicating; but what I drank in that house before that on the same day was intoxicating; John McClure drank with me; the liquor was not drunk in the bar or sold, and McClure informed me that it was his own.

To Mr. Campion—McClure is a boarder; he did not invite me to his room, but he said he had some, and would get it; McClure treated me; he said it was his own, that he had some up stairs, and would "give me a nip." It was not sold, bartered or given in exchange for anything to me; I did not see Mr. Smith.

To the Inspector—I saw McClure behind the bar at other times; he had the name of being the bartender.

Dr. Cassidy appeared in a state of intoxication, and was unable to speak as intelligibly as a witness should speak. The Inspector objected to his evidence, but his worship decided to accept testimony, or at least give him a chance to testify.

Dr. Cassidy, sworn, said—I was at the International hotel on Tuesday morning; Major Crane was there, when a lady entered by the barroom door; both glasses were empty; I had been drinking whisky, but the glasses were empty when she came in; it was whisky, pure whisky, good whisky; I signed an order for it for Jimmy Robinson (a young man from Goderich township) and myself were both sick, and I gave it to him for medicinal purposes; he brought the bottle to the hotel; that is the liquor that I was drinking; I paid for it with my own money; it is pretty hard to get a drink in a tavern.

The remainder of his evidence was inaudible, and the case was adjourned until Saturday afternoon.

Inspector Ball prosecuted, and Mr. Campion appeared for the defendant.

Tories and the Franchise Bill.

The appearance on some of the petitions presented to Parliament against the franchise bill of the names of many citizens hitherto known as staunch Tories has created not a little excitement in the administration camp. The cry is raised that such names must either be forgeries or have been obtained by fraud and misrepresentations. So far no proof of this has been advanced, and until it is forthcoming it must be presumed that the petitions were signed by men who knew what they were about, and though supporting the general policy of the government, wished to enter their protest against the proposition that the government shall virtually dictate whose names shall appear on the voters' list.

There is nothing extraordinary in the fact of Conservatives signing a petition of this kind. All partizans are not so blinded by political fesings that they are prepared to put party before country. There are many who are prepared to go a considerable length in this direction, who in other matters support the government when they know them to be in the wrong, yet who may hesitate to render themselves, by their silent acquiescence, responsible for such a crowning piece of infamy as this franchise measure. There are limits to the capacity of most men in the direction of political time-serving and truckling, and though Sir John has so repeatedly outraged the consciences and the sense of decency of his followers, that he may calculate upon their readiness to condone any degree of political profligacy to which he may go, there are gratifying signs of a reaction of feeling.—Toronto News.

Literary Notices.

Canadian Methodist Magazine for June, 1885.—Price $2 a year; $1 for six months; 20 cents per number. For sale at all book stores.

This number completes the 21st volume of this Magazine, which seems to improve with every issue. The leading article is copiously illustrated on "Walks about London," a touching memorial of the Princess Alice, with engravings, follows. A fine portrait of the Prince of Wales is also presented. Special prominence is given the subject of University Federation, Dr. Dewart, Dr. Nelles, Dr. Sutherland and the Editor, contributing articles, which form a sort of symposium, representing different aspects of this important question. Dr. J. L. Withrow, of Boston, has an article on "What to Read." A couple of good stories, a brilliant study of Wesley's hymns, and other articles complete an excellent number. Among the attractions of the 22nd volume, beginning with July, will be handsomely illustrated papers on "Walks about Rome," "Saunterings in England," "Here and there in Europe," "Mexico and the Mexicans," "Jamacia and its People," "In Florida," "The Cruise of the Challenger," etc. The present is a good time to subscribe—$1 to the end of the year.

A Clerical Sensation.

EDINBURGH, May 26.—There is a great sensation in church circles over the alleged apostacy of the distinguished preacher, Dr. Adam Stuart Muir, of Trinity Free church, Leith, whose appeal from his dismissal for "Popish practices" was successfully heard yesterday in the general assembly of the Free Church of Scotland. Dr. Muir was accused of teaching baptismal regeneration, worshipping God in nightly prayer before a representation of Christ on the cross, and sanctioning the sale of his own portrait in an attitude indicating approval of Popish doctrines and practices. He defends himself in an eloquent manner, and in concluding his appeal produced almost a riot among the learned body when he quoted Cardinal Newman's hymn, "Lead, kindly light," and taking an ivory crucifix from his pocket held it out with his right hand amid great sensation in the assembly, which swelled into hissing and cries of "shame;" and then he added. "The time will come when I shall die with this emblem of even your faith upon my bosom." He is now expected to soon enter the church of Rome.

The Mile Bicycle Record Beaten.

CHARLOTTE, N.C., May 25.—John S. Prince, of Washington, champion bicyclist of America, after a four mile race against four separate trotting horses, defeating them, beat his world's record, making a mile and four yards in the unprecedented time of 2 min. 35½ secs.

A Rash Ante-Nuptial Promise.

An Oshawa man, when he asked his wife to marry him, promised her that if he ever got too poor to pay for the family washing he would scrub the clothes himself. He has reached that point of poverty, and the lady holds him to his word. On every wash day he may be seen with his coat off, at work over the washtub.

Cunningham and Burton, the London dynamitards, were found guilty of treason-felony, and were sentenced to penal servitude for life.

COUNTY CURRENCY.

Items from all Parts of Huron got on the News Exchange.

A Pringle, of Wingham has gone to New York.

John Ross, of Bluevale, will take charge of the Belgrave cheese factory.

Mr. Tracey, of Listowel, has taken Mr. Usher's place in the Bank of Hamilton at Wingham.

The sudden death is announced at Exeter, of William Snell, who for many years kept the Balkwell House in London.

Wm. Vanalstine, who has been residing in the States for the last fourteen years, was visiting his parents in Morris last week.

The Bluevale cheese factory is running full blast this week. The factory is in charge of Chas. Ovens, a thorough, competent cheese maker.

A report from Saskatoon, dated May 16th, report the death of private Code, of the 90th, who was wounded at Fish Creek. He is a cousin of Messrs. Richard and John Code of Wingham.

A good deal of amusement was occasioned last week, on the 6th con. of the township of Grey, by a young man hitching up a bull in a cart and driving him as he would a horse. Necessity is the mother of invention, and Henry was equal to the occasion.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Last Saturday evening a young man named S. McCutcheon, living in the north part of Grey, retired at his usual hour to bed, and in the morning was a corpse. He was troubled with some kind of fits, it is said. Surely in the midst of life we are in death.

Alex. Johnson, of Varna, died last week. He was a quiet, inoffensive Christian man, and was highly respected. A very large number were in attendance at his funeral, which took place on Tuesday afternoon. The widow and children have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad loss.

The Wingham *Vidette* gives the names of Edward Bowers and John Buchanan, two well known business men, and Conservatives, of Wingham, as among those who signed the petition against the Franchise Bill circulated at the East Riding of Huron Reform meeting in Brussels.

Hullett is still ahead in good horse flesh. W. Rinn sold a year old entire colt sired by Boreland Chief to John McQueen, of Michigan, for $350. Wm. Wilson sold a two year old filly sired by the same horse to Mr. Franks of London, for $200, and Gilbert McMichael sold to the same buyer a yearling filly sired by Chas. Mason's, "Just in Time," for $175.

THE RONALD ENGINE WORKS.—Two steamers are being shipped this week from the Ronald Works, one to New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, the other to Gravenhurst, Ont., together with two hose reel carriages, 1,200 feet of best hose, and all the complete appliances. The New Glasgow order was given after tenders had been asked from the various makers in the States, and Mr. Ronald's tender accepted as being by for the most favorable. The Gravenhurst order is conditioned upon the people, deciding by vote on Monday, June 1st, two days' testing to be given before that day, to let the people see the great power and effective qualities of the Ronald steamers. They have never yet failed to give the best of satisfaction, and we do not doubt the present result, as the machines are always being improved, and combine qualities of the highest class.—[Post.

THE LATE WALTER MCMILLAN.—It is our mournful duty this week to chronicle the death of a young and promising man in the person of Walter McMillan, of the township of Hullett, son of John McMillan, Esq, ex-M. P. for South Huron. The young man died on the morning of the 18th inst., at the early age of 28years. He was a strong healthy looking young man and the disease of which he died inflamation of the bowels. He had been subject to attacks of pain in the bowels for years past, but always recovered after appropriate treatment, but all these attacks went to show that the bowels were a weak part of his system and pointed to danger ahead, when an attack would come from which he would not recover and this is what actually took place. Deceased was a very intelligent young man and prominent stock raiser, and was a kind friend and an agreeable neighbor. He was quite a reader and was well up on the affairs of the country generally. He was universally respected and will be greatly missed not only in his own township, but in Seaforth and in the county at large. It will be a great shock to his esteemed father, who was in the old country at the time, and though now on the ocean knows nothing of this great loss he has sustained in the death of his estimable son. We understand he was to sail the day of his son's funeral. The friends thought that it was as well not to telegraph to him but allow him to make the passage of the Atlantic in peace. He will know his loss soon enough and will have ample time to mourn the death of his boy. He was buried in the Hullett cemetery, the funeral being one of the largest ever seen in this part of the county, there being 131 conveyances in the mournful procession.—[Seaforth Sun.

The season approaches
When people repair
To beaches and mountains
For health giving a'r.
When youths from the city
And beautiful belles
Spoon on the piazzas
Of summer hotels

Dungannon.

The contract of the new Presbyterian church in Dungannon has been awarded to Messrs. Henderson & Breckenridge, of Lucknow. The corner stone will be laid on Dominion Day, in connection with which a grand pic-nic will be held, of which later notice will be given.

Ashfield.

It is altogether likely a post office will be granted to those living about 3½ miles south of Lanes, as the P. O. Inspector has written asking how much it will cost to have the mail carried to and from Kingsbridge. It will be called Crew.

Meetings for the discussion of the Franchise Bill have been held in different parts of this township. A petition against the passing of the bill has been signed by nearly every Conservative who has been asked, and a large number of Conservatives say the yare no longer with that party if the bill becomes law.

Port Albert.

Mrs. Ambler, formerly of Mitchell, who has been visiting here, has returned to her home in Dakota.

Dave Mahaffy has returned to Stratford.

T. A. Hawkins has gone to Dublin to spend the summer.

Leslie Currell and R. J. DeLong have gone to the Northwest.

The repairs on the mill dam are now complete, and the mills are again, we are glad to state, in running order.

The 25th was observed by a public school holiday. A number of our villagers visited Kintail and report a good time.

ENTERPRISE.—J. Mahaffy has purchased the schooner Enterprise. He intends to keep her busy through the summer season shipping flour and lumber.

Paramount.

Robt. Murdoch paid a flying visit to friends in Belfast on the 25th.

Our school yard is now in nice shape being surrounded by about forty-five shade trees, mostly maple. Nine beds of choice flowers also show taste, and adds cheerfulness to the front view of the school.

R. D. Cameron and family, Belfast, spent the 25th with friends in this place.

Mr. Murdoch's uncle from the Old Land, is visiting him at present. He has passed through nearly 7½ decades, and yet looks as hearty as many men men 20 years younger. He seems well pleased with Canada.

Frank McInnis, lost a fine mare last week. She seemed as well as ever at noon, but was found dead about an hour after. She left a colt which is doing well on cow's milk.

SPORTS.—If any community in this part of our fair Dominion deserves the special favor of Her Most Gracious Majesty, we believe our hamlet is the one it should be bestowed upon, as the 25th was observed most loyally here. The forenoon was mostly spent in making preparations for the afternoon performance. After dinner all kinds of games were indulged in. In the standing jump Alex. McDiarmid, H. Horton and Bob Murdoch were chief participants. Alex. took an easy first. In the shoulder stone contest our engineer won the day, and was donned with a bouquet of flowers from the hand of the May Queen, amid tremendous applause. Peter Murdoch handled the Indian weapon well, and succeeded in striking the bull's eye, taking first place at the the archery. Numerous other games as quoits, hop, step and jump, carpet balls and swinging were enjoyed by all. Music of different kinds enlivened the performance. May we celebrate many more such anniversaries of our noble Queen.

Lucknow.

Charles Jefferson, a former resident, now of Goderich, visited friends here this week.

The Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Clinton, preached here last Sabbath, in the Presbyterian church, and administered the rite of baptism to two infants at the close of the service.

A social gathering of the congregation and friends of the Presbyterian church will be held on the farm of James Linklater, near the church, on the 9th June, at 4 p.m. At six p.m. tea will be served in the schoolroom, and at eight an entertainment will be held in the church. Addresses will be given by Rev. Dr. Ure, John McGillivray and others. Good music, with readings and recitations. Tickets, 25 cents; children under 14 years, 10 cents. Proceeds to aid in paying current expenses.

The annual picnic of the I. O. G. T., 113 took place on Daisyburn farm on Saturday. Owing to press of farmwork, many of those present last year were absent. Those gathered had a social and jovial time. Alex. A. Clutton takes special care of the married ladies, while our popular knights, J. A. MacArthur and W. McManus, superintented the swings. Croquet, too, was not forgotten, nor yet the sumptuous repast prepared by the sisters of the lodge, ably assisted by Miss Mary Bogie and Miss L. Hiller of Goderich. Base ball sides were led by W. H. Clutton and Q. H. Williams, of Dunlop, the latter side winners. The litte folks present had a good time; some of them joining in with old ones in the popular games. All present wended their way homeward, much pleased with their afternoon's pleasure.