

he had asked the last Parliament of Ontario to assent to, termed this Orange organization a "politico-religious" one, whilst Dr. Potter, a Most Worshipful Great Grand officer, and therefore a most worshipful and undoubted authority, pronounced it to be "religio-political." Dr. Potter followed the making of his motion with a speech, in which he denounced the then great leader of the English Liberal party, the Right Hon. Mr. Gladstone, and concluded by saying that "he gave their Canadian brethren a fraternal greeting, and hoped that they would go back to their country with the proud feeling that there was a unity of sentiment, a unity of love, a unity of determination, and a unity of power and of organization all over the world."

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Other motions and other speeches followed at this Twelfth of July demonstration, and one of these was made by Dr. Oronyetakah, a Canadian delegate, and tolerably well known throughout this Province as a prominent Orangeman and grand officer of the body. In the newspaper from which he (Mr. Fraser) quoted, Dr. Oronyetakah is said to have used these words:—

"It was true they did not discuss politics in their lodges in Canada, but when they came to vote, they all voted in one way."

(Hear, hear and cheers.) What this "one way" was, he (Mr. Fraser) would show very clearly before he resumed his seat. (Hear, hear.) For the present he was keeping in view simply the proof of this one point—that the Orange organization here and across the sea were identical. This Glasgow demonstration, the speeches made, the motions carried, and the representative character of the men present, would of themselves be ample testimony, but he had more, if more were required. It was well known that the *Toronto Patriot* was one, if not the chief and foremost, newspaper organ of Canadian Orangemen. Its authority with hon. gentlemen opposite would be the more readily admitted, when it was remembered that the *Patriot* is the weekly reprint of the *Toronto Leader*, one of the chief organs of the Conservative party in this Province. In fact the *Patriot* was the *Leader*, with five or six columns, or perhaps a page of Orange subjects and Orange literature added. (Hear, hear.) In an issue of the *Patriot*, dated shortly after July, 1873, and referring specially to the old country demonstrations and gatherings in honour of the Canadian delegates, he (Mr. Fraser) found these two sentences:—

"It is, therefore, in the very nature of things, that a close union should exist between the Orangemen of Canada and those of Great Britain and Ireland. Their principles are identical, and the objects contemplated the same."

(Hear, hear.) What some of these principles

and some of these objects were, he proceeded to show by quoting from an article contained in the *Patriot* of 15th October, 1873. This article, he said, was headed "Increase of Orangeism in Ayshire," and professed to give an account of the installation in September, 1873, of a new lodge by a Bro. William McCormick, D. M.—whatever D. M. meant. (Great laughter.) After the work of installation had been finished, this Bro. McCormick, D. M., proceeded to address the members of the lodge, and wound up a speech, that no doubt was greeted with "Kentish fire," by saying:—

"He would like them to get enrolled as voters that at the next general election they would be able to vote for such men as Johnston, Verner, Mill Trevor, Creighton, and Stuart Knox; men such as these whose principles have been weighed in the balance and have not been found wanting. He was proud to say that everywhere the 'people's William' was being defeated; that since last election upwards of twenty-eight seats had been won from the so-called Liberals, which gave to the Conservatives about forty-two (567) votes on a division. This was a triumphant blow given to the great Liberal majority with which the present Parliament opened. More success to the Conservative cause."

The "people's William," referred to by Bro. McCormick, was, Mr. Fraser said, the Liberal leader, Mr. Gladstone, and after Bro. McCormick's speech and the transaction of some further lodge business, this new lodge was closed, the brethren sat down to dinner, and the drinking of toasts became the order of the day, or rather of the night. (Laughter.) One of the toasts given was "The Conservative cause throughout Great Britain and Ireland," drunk with a "three times three, and one over," and that was succeeded, not by "The Press" but by "The Conservative Press." A Liberal or Reform newspaper could have no countenance from the brethren assembled. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) Keeping still to his extracts from the *Patriot*, he (Mr. Fraser) said that in its issue of the 24th September, 1873, was an article descriptive of the opening of an Orange hall near Belfast, and at which a Rev. Mr. Henderson, in the course of what was styled "one of his humorous, pathetic, and thrilling speeches" defended "the religious element of the Orange institution as well as its political, and reviewed the policy and spirit of the Radicals." (Hear, hear.) He (Mr. Fraser) would add but one more from amongst the many he had of what he might be allowed to call "across-the-water" authorities. From the *Glasgow News*, of 4th November, 1873, he quoted a paragraph from the report of an Orange soiree, held by the members of Stewart Blacker Lodge, No. 115, at which a Right Worshipful Master, Bro. Robert Johnston, "in a few appropriate remarks"—so the report stated it—"reminded the brethren in regard to their duty as Orangemen at the forthcoming elections." With those proofs

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