

WHITE LIES.

A Man Who is Governed by Political Exigencies.

A Tory Cabinet Minister Who Doesn't Deserve Treason.

In a recent speech Hon. Edward Blake showed up the character of Hon. Thos. White for unreliability. Messrs. Smith and Stephen, who prove him guilty by his own confession, are now at the head of the C. P. R. company. Their words will not be questioned as in White's.

After dealing with the subjects of taxation, surplus, and expenditure, Mr. Blake said:—

The question of our public debt is one of the utmost gravity. I observe that some members of the Cabinet have been remarking on some supposed statements of mine on this head. Mr. White is reported to have said at Winchester Springs:—

Mr. Blake told you that the debt was \$75,000,000 in 1867, and that it was \$300,000,000 to-day. He should have given you the gross debt of 1867, but if he had said it had increased from \$75,000,000 to \$207,000,000 he would have been quite correct.

Mr. Foster, evidently following the same line, though with variations, said at Belleville:—

Mr. Blake had stated that the public debt of the country was \$300,000,000, when, as a matter of fact, the gross debt on 1st July, 1885, was \$264,000,000, quite a difference from Mr. Blake's statement. Deducting \$68,000,000 of assets, the net debt of the country was only \$196,000,000.

Now, I have been either misreported by the newspapers or misquoted by the Ministers. I have not yet found an erroneous report. It is possible that I may have been misquoted. I am less disposed to believe that, because I remember that the gentleman who charges me with having contrasted the net debt of one year with the gross debt of another has special and peculiar notions as to the value of money.

ETHICS OF POLITICAL CONTROVERSY under which the making of an unfounded statement may square with his views of his duty as a politician, though if so he perhaps is not the fittest person to attack me were his statement true. Mr. White is the same gentleman who, in the analogous and equally important and responsible capacity of a public journalist, was the subject of a charge some years ago. The Montreal Herald thus charges him:—

We have heard a story that before Sir John Macdonald fell in 1873, D. A. Smith confided his want of confidence to the editor of the Gazette, among other gentlemen; that after the fall, when Mr. Smith was assailed for reticence as to his intentions, the worthy editor was apparently in a hurry to tell by Mr. Smith acknowledged the conversation, and stated his expectation from what he had said HON. THOS. WHITE, that the latter gentleman would vote for Mr. Mackenzie's motion. Later on, when the Gazette became virulent against him, Mr. Smith upbraided the editor, and the latter admitted the facts, but stated that party exigencies urged him to the course he was pursuing, i. e., slandering Mr. Smith.



In reply Mr. White in the Gazette said:—

We have simply to state that there is not a word of truth in the statement, that it is manufactured out of whole cloth. The editor of the Gazette never had any conversation, good, bad, or indifferent, with Mr. Smith, in relation to his conduct in 1873. Mr. Smith never upbraided the editor of the Gazette, and that gentleman never made any such admissions as are referred to.

Upon that a letter was written by Mr. Smith to the editor of the Herald, and that letter contained these passages:—

The facts of the case under dispute are in the main, as stated in the Herald, though I can quite understand that, in the multitude of his political affairs, Mr. White may have forgotten the conversations between us and the visit of Mr. George Stephen and myself to his office, made in consequence of reflections on my political character which appeared in the Gazette, and the admissions he then made. He declined to make a correction, and excused it on the ground that journalists were sometimes compelled by political exigencies to write in disregard of those considerations by which under ordinary circumstances they would be guided.

It entirely occurs in the above, GEORGE STEPHEN.

Mr. White dropped the subject, and has not revived it since. Here then, I have two great authorities for saying that Mr. White's notion as to what POLITICAL EXIGENCIES may justify, and, in fact, require, is such as to make it at any rate possible that I was not misquoted by the newspapers but misquoted by the Minister. For I frankly agree that the political exigencies of Mr. White are at this moment very serious indeed. (Laughter.) However this may be, the fact is that I never did contrast the net debt of one period with the gross debt of another. That would have been an act of flagrant dishonesty. It would have been an attempt, and a very absurd and shallow attempt, to deceive the people; it would have been an act which not even Mr. White could effectually defend more than his own conduct in the Smith affair. It would have been an act which should prevent its perpetrator from appearing with any acceptance upon any public platform afterwards.

This question to-day is, not the guilt of Riel, but the guilt of the Tory government. The Macdonaldites must be allowed to hide their Boodee policy behind the coffin of the unfortunate Nelson chief.

THE CASE IN BRIEF.

Terrible Indictment of the Tory Party in Canada.

An Article that Every Man and Woman should Read.

From the Montreal Post.

Of the two evils—whether to hold another session or dissolve the house—may be sure Sir John will choose the least. And when we reflect that dissolution means, as far as human foresight extends, the certainty of defeat, we can recognize the extreme difficulty of the position in which he finds himself. A minister commanding an overwhelming and hitherto thoroughly subservient majority ought surely to be able to carry on the business of the country for the allotted period. But the truth appears to be that Sir John Macdonald is terrified at the prospect of the wholesale exposures and impeachments which he is well aware the Opposition have in preparation for the closing session. By dissolving he hopes to evade the unveiling in parliament of these damning evidences of his own and his followers' corruptions. Much as we might prefer that the normal course of procedure should be followed, there can be no regret at a precipitation which will give the people an early opportunity for expressing their opinion on the worst government that ever plundered and disgraced a country.

From the moment they returned to power eight years ago down to the present time, there has been a constant stream of scandals, each more atrocious than the other, till they are known throughout the length and breadth of the land as "the Rotten Government and Boodee Parliament"—a name that will go down to posterity and link them in the estimation of posterity in parallel infamy with Wapiti and Castlereagh.

Eight years ago they came into possession of unlimited power and boundless resources. Immediately they went to work to strengthen their position, to strengthen those resources. Jobbery and corruption reigned everywhere. We have only to mention the patent rascalities that made the names of Cartwright, Section B, Thunder Bay Branch, Onward, et al., stink in the eyes of all honest men. Then set in the saturnalia of speculators, land grabbers and timber stealers. The Dudes and the Dewdneyes flourished like green bay trees. Solomon in all this glory was not as far from the truth as these. A horde of the off-scouring life failures of Torjorm were sent to the Northwest, Rapacity and licentiousness planted the seeds of rebellion. The unhappy Metis prayed and petitioned for justice and redress, but the pigeon-holes at Ottawa were a graveyard from which there was no resurrection. Sir John was bored, Sir David snored, and the Boodee horde had everything their own way! Ministers were all too busy feathering their own nests, providing for their relatives and dicking over with contractors to pay attention to evils which culminated in the loss of ten hundred lives and five millions of money!

Meantime the men who were elected to look after the interests of the people in parliament, taking their cue from ministers, started on a wild race, which soon degenerated into a scramble for plunder. Land grants, timber limits, and the like, were given away like bread crumbs, every considerable kind of public property, were distributed with a free hand among Conservative members of parliament, their friends and relations. The public offices were crammed with officials, and new offices were created to give them standing. Money was spent to increase prices, while hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent every year to bring immigrants from Europe to compete with Canadian workmen! Out of a million and a quarter voted annually for the Indians less than half a million a year reached them in the shape of rations, pork and mouldy flour, which Dewdney told them to eat or "die and be damned." They established monopoly by Act of Parliament, and made the Pacific Railway Company a gift in money, land and railways of \$130,000,000!

Such is a brief, but by no means complete, record of the Government which is shortly to come before the people for judgment.

Politically vile, economically false, personally corrupt, it is astonishing they should add blood-guiltiness to the sickening abominations of their detestable administration, and drive Nova Scotia to secession as they drove the halfbreeds to rebellion! Or is it surprising that they should shake hands across the ocean with the brutal landlordry of Ireland, and, by the hand of a recreant Irishman, strike a blow at the bleeding heart of Great Ude in her struggle to be free?

Tried by any standard that can be applied to a government, the ministry of Sir John Macdonald will be found utterly corrupt, unpardonably criminal, dishonest, false, tyrannical, unjust, devoid of the last shred of respectability, afraid to face their own majority in Parliament, ministers seek to renew their grip on the country by raising a war of race and religion. This is the last act of political acrobaticism, and ought to be enough to damn them irrevocably in the minds of all men who value the peace and prosperity of the country above the prejudices of party.

Let us turn from the contemplation of this record of abominations and examine the platform presented for our approval by the Liberal platform, every plank of which they have upheld and advocated in and out of parliament. It is as follows:—

- 1. Manhood suffrage, with repeal of the Franchise and Gerrymander acts.
2. Taxation for revenue only.

The Signal desires its readers to go and hear the Big Four Reformers will give them a patient hearing. We hope the political articles in this issue will also be carefully read. None of them have been written or selected by Hon. J. D. S. Thompson, ed at haphazard.

Irish Canadian: "Without threshing over again much straw and chaff that have already been too often threshed, we come to the conspicuous fact that every enemy of Ireland, on both sides of the water, rejoiced at the defeat of the Blake resolutions."

Chas. Swinbank, aged 22, died at Kat Portage on the 2nd, and was buried with Masonic honors in Clinton cemetery on Saturday the 6th. His parents live in Tuckersmith. A paragraph in the Globe referring to his death says he went out on a shooting expedition, wandered away from his companions and a few days afterward was found dead in the woods. The appearance of the body indicated that he had taken a fit.

IN MANITOBA.

Old Huronites in the Great Lone Land.

All seem to be Happy and Many of Them Prosperous.

DEAR SIGNAL.—Having recently taken a trip to Manitoba and the Northwest, it may be of interest to many of your readers to hear something of the Great Lone Land, and also the trip to it over the C. P. R. In my present letter I shall say but little of either the C. P. R. or of the country, but will keep that for a future time. Both of these subjects have been so much written about of late, and have been so often described that I can hardly say much that would be new to or interest your readers. But very many of your readers will be pleased to hear of their old neighbors and friends who have moved out to the fit west; and to learn how they are succeeding in their new homes; and what the life is like in the country. Well, we will begin with one of the first men that we met in Winnipeg, one that is well known both in this country and also in Bruce, viz: the jovial J. C. Currie who for many years was one of the sheriff's bailiffs in Goderich, and also county auctioneer. He is the same position in Winnipeg, and I am sure that all of his old friends will be glad to hear that he is hale and hearty, and that he is as young and genial as in the days of yore, and that he is doing well financially as well as in avoirdupois. He, Mrs. Currie and family are in love with the country, and have no inclination to return to Goderich, except for a visit; but they have a soft spot for Goderich, and wish to see it again some day in the near future.

Deputy Sheriff John Robertson, one of Goderich's old boys, is well and enjoys the cold bracing air of the country, and has no inclination to return to Goderich, except for a visit; but they have a soft spot for Goderich, and wish to see it again some day in the near future.

Mr. Willie Hutchison is delighted with the western city, and speaks in high terms of the healthy, bracing atmosphere, and points out with pride and pleasure to visitors from Goderich its fine and massive buildings and churches.

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TORY TEMPERANCE.

The Mail and the Prohibition Armour.

A Glance at the True Inwardness of the Combination.

From the Lindsay Post.

The Mail turns for a moment from its crusade against the Roman Catholics to polish up the Prohibition armour—an avocation to which it recently announced its intention to devote a good deal of its space. While its manager was helping Sir John to arrange a secret treaty in Toronto with the brewers' association its editor was declaring that the "whiskey power now setting the law at defiance in many parts of this province, must be crushed at any cost. It is to be the most honest men." The whistling agent of the American whiskey ring and the defender of the anti-Scott senate now maintains that "there exists in Canada a power stronger than parliament"—(that is hard on John A. and the senate); and that as it is "a power for evil utterly and completely without one single or qualifying feature or function, (how John A. will smile when he reads this) the outlook is grave indeed." And we are told that "in Ontario the trade has the two old parties at its mercy; each is afraid of its vote, and both combine to keep the honest man out."

Few have forgotten the successful intrigues in the House and with the senate in connection with the Scott Act, its usefulness and to emasculate amendments providing needed improvements. If Mr. Blake or Mr. Mackenzie had been premier such amendments as experience had demonstrated to be necessary would have been promptly passed. The honest man would have preferred to see the Scott Act, with its provisions for prohibition, rather than Edward Blake, a reformed Senator and a renovated House, without a single pledge from Mr. Blake but his high character. Some temperance people are even now ready to be duped and fooled by a John A. who has "the two old parties at its mercy" and who will strike most intelligent people as decidedly cool and absurd. It is a half truth. It does not apply to the Reform party. But the Reform party have found by experience in several elections that honest men will not vote against their party and for Reform temperance men, but that they will swallow their temperance principles and help to put in a Tory anti-Scott or anti-temperance candidate. So it is with the Mail today. It tenderly guards Sir John's interests, while pretending to denounce both the "old parties." So it will be with the Conservative temperance men in South Victoria and in any other riding. The Tory temperance dodge is very simple and transparent. Sir John should really complete the edifice by promising prohibition and some people would actually believe him!

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W. L. WOOLVERTON, L.D.S. Office—Old Fellows Hall, North St., Goderich. Charges moderate. All work warranted. 1999.

The People's Column. GODERICH HIGH SCHOOL. The next Entrance Examination will be held at Goderich and Exeter, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of December, beginning at 9 a.m., each day. Candidates must send notice not later than December 1st, to either the Inspector, at Exeter, or to the Head Master, Goderich, Nov. 17th, 1886. 2074-21.

NOTICE. The Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron, will meet in the Town Hall, in the Village of Brussels, on Wednesday, the 1st day of December, next, at 10 o'clock p.m. PETER ADAMSON, Co. Clerk. Nov. 15th, 1886. 2074-21.

NOTICE. Tenders will be received by the undersigned until Monday, the 29th instant, for one hundred cords of green wood to be delivered at the goal in quantities of not less than thirty cords per month, commencing from January 1st next. Wood must be hardwood, and at least one half maple, free from knots and sapwood, four feet long. Parties may tender for thirty cords or upwards. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Security will be required for the completion of the contract. PETER ADAMSON, County Clerk. Nov. 10th, 1886. 2073-21.

DURHAM CATTLE FOR SALE.—A few cows and Heifers, also a few good Graders, are offered for sale. Prices moderate. Time given if required. JOHN WASHINGTON, Agent. 25 Con. 3, West Wawanosh, Auburn P.O. 2072-14.

MALE TEACHER WANTED. J. L. holding second or third class certificate, to teach school section No. 3, east Wawanosh. Address JOHN ROBINSON, Sec. Treas. S. Board, Dunganon P.O. 2071-11.

PROFESSOR CLARKE WILL GIVE 20 Lessons in the Term, for \$6.00. 2070-11.

MUNICIPAL TAXES. The Taxes of the Town of Goderich are payable at my office, Town Hall, 2 per cent. discount allowed on all taxes paid in September, 2 per cent. in October; and after the 1st day of December, 3 per cent. will be half ready. Pay your taxes this month and save 3 per cent. JAMES GORDON, Collector. Goderich, Sept. 23rd, 1886. 2066-17.

MUSIC.—MISS COOKE, Aged 14 years study of music, is prepared to receive pupils for the Piano. 24 lessons quarterly. Terms—\$1 per quarter. 2020-11.

SHORTHAND.—ISAAC PITMAN'S SPHONOGRAPHY. The most popular system taught. Instruction books for sale! The Signal Office, Every boy and girl should own a shorthand. 2041.

For Sale or to Let. PROPERTY FOR SALE.—THAT a three-story brick building at present occupied by the Bank of Commerce, Wm. Kay, merchant, who is retiring from business, the Collector of Customs and R. Radcliffe, Insurance agent. Apply to M. C. CAMERON. 2073-14.

TWO FIRST-CLASS FARMS FOR SALE. One in the township of Ashfield, containing 149 acres and in East Wawanosh, containing 100 acres. For particulars apply to Cameron, Holt & Cameron, Goderich. 2072.

FARM TO LET.—FOR A TERM OF years, Lot 5 five, in the Maitland concession of the Township of Goderich, apply by letter to J. S. LEZARS, Stratford. 1966-17.

FARM, TOWN AND VILLAGE PROPERTY FOR SALE. The Executors and Trustees of the Estate of the late JOSEPH HERR, offer for sale the following valuable property, namely: Building lots numbers 60 and 61, in the Township of Goderich, of an acre each. Fairly fenced, and very desirable for building purposes. Half acre Lot fronting Mill Road, Township of Goderich, being part of Lot 3 in the Maitland Concession of said Township. Nice Frame Cottage and Frame Stable. Building lots numbers 803 and 804, in the Township of Clinton, of an acre each. Beautifully situated on South side of Huron street. Fairly fenced. The East 1/2 of Lot 22, Con. 14, West Wawanosh, 100 acres, good land, 50 acres cleared and fenced, remainder timbered. About 4 miles from Lucknow and 6 miles from Wingham. Good roads. For particulars apply to E. CAMPION, Barrister, Goderich. Nov. 4, 1886. 2072-14.

Amusements. GODERICH MECHANICS' INSTITUTE LIBRARY AND READING ROOM, cor. of East street and Square in front of the Court House. ABOUT 2000 VOLS IN LIBRARY. Leading Daily, Weekly and Illustrated Papers, Magazines, &c., on File. MEMBERSHIP TICKET, ONLY \$1.00. Room. Application for membership received by J. H. COLBORNE, ALEX. MORTON, Secretaries. Goderich, March 12th, 1885.

Auctioneering. JOHN KNOX, GENERAL AUCTIONEER and Land Valuator, Goderich, Ont. Having had considerable experience in the auctioneering trade, he is in a position to transact with thorough satisfaction all commissions entrusted to him. Orders left at Martin's Hotel or sent by mail to my address, Goderich P. O., carefully attended to. JOHN KNOX County Auctioneer. 1887-14.