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The Morning Freeman.

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One of the favorite dodges of the Government party when pressed to turn away from the question really under consideration and to force the House if possible into the discussion of matters entirely extraneous, and still better if they can get up a personal squabble. On the discussion of Mr. Kerr's Railway Bill a few days ago, Mr. Anglin charged the Government in the most distinct and emphatic language with having misled and deceived the House and the public with regard to Railway construction and expenses. He asserted that there were neither mis-statements nor mis-statements but deliberate misstatements, and for over an hour he read extracts from the various public reports and documents of 1858, '59, '60, '61 and '62, contrasting them, pointing out the contradictions that abounded therein, and the proofs they afforded that the misstatements were willful and deliberate, and rendered any statements they may now make and any assurances they may give wholly unreliable.

There are some things remarkable in this. The three items dated October 20th, 1858, and April 12th, and May 6th, 1859, all belong to the one mission. The total amount is \$3,177, and the largest item was not paid until after the adjournment of the Legislature. If Mr. Tilley will make no further charge the cost of his mission last Fall compares favorably with most of the others.

The Sale of the Corporation Revenues will take place to-day, as will be seen by an advertisement elsewhere, and we publish the following statement of the amounts for which they were sold during the last three years for the information of our readers:-

Table with 3 columns: Year (1859, 1860, 1861), Description (Sources of Revenue), and Amount. Items include Mat Wharves & Slip, Charlotte St., Annapolis, Weighing Machine, Union Street, Do. do. Bay Mkt., Do. do. Sidney Wd., North Slip, Wharfage Sidney Mar., North Slip, North Rodney Wharf, Guy's Ward, Shipyard, Do. Slip, Do. Lancaster Slip, Weighing Machine, Car, Marker Slip, Brook's.

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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

I am sorry to inform you that what the evening organ of the Government alleged yesterday in order to damage the Freeman, by representing it as devoid of all regard for family affection and truth. The wife of the Provincial Secretary, who became unwell on the first day of last week, if not some days before, is now said to be most dangerously ill, and little hopes of her recovery are entertained. I need hardly assure you that if I could have anticipated this I would have treated the absurd attack on me in a different manner. It would be affectation to pretend that I feel any more than any other stranger in Fredericton on that point, but I would not for any price utter a word calculated to hurt in the slightest degree the feelings, or wound the susceptibilities of any person so circumstanced.

The debate on the Bill to suspend the issue of Railway Debentures continued. The withdrawal of the resolution by Stevens was a clever device to get the Speaker, who was opposed to the Bill, out of the chair, and to put 'Val', who was in favour of the Bill, in the chair. Every one agreed that the issue of Debentures should be suspended, but while some professed to believe that the Government would not, under present circumstances, and after the expression of the opinion of the House, issue any more debentures, and that the Government ought to be trusted, and others thought that it would not be right to put it out of the power of the Government to make any expenditure, even the most trifling, that may become necessary for the working of the road, others asserted that the country wanted to be assured that there would be an end to this expenditure until the country recovered from its present embarrassments, and the experience of the past year proved that they could not rely on any mere assurance or promise, and the only absolute security that could be given was by a Bill which would render the further issue impossible. The Government at first professed to be indifferent about the Bill, and admitted that expenditure should cease. The Attorney General assured the House that whether the Bill passed or not he would oppose any further issue of Debentures, but the Government nevertheless went with all their might to defeat the Bill.

On Tuesday morning the Government seemed to have some hopes of preventing the passage of the Bill, and their programme of possible requirements accordingly grew and extended, not only was the water terminus at St. John spoken of, but also possible increase of sidings, extension of buildings, &c. No one alluded to the necessity of changing the position of at least one of the Stations. Monroe went far beyond the members of the Government, or any of their avowed supporters. He reviewed the several items of last year's expenditure, and approved of them all, could see no objection to any of them, and concluded by moving an amendment, which would distinctly authorise the issue of Debentures for the maintenance of the road. Tilley himself felt obliged to disclaim this huge inflation on all principles of Railway management.

The first section passed so far that a verbal amendment was carried on a division of 19 to 16. Moore voting for it, in order as he stated to kill the Bill afterwards. Fisher then moved an amendment to the effect that the restriction apply only to the road now built, and not to the extensions. It was urged that this would be most anomalous to restrict the Government where the expenditure can not be very large, and to allow them to expend what they pleased on extensions which no one would say should be commenced in the present state of the country. The Bill would expire before there was any chance of the country's being able to undertake the extensions, and as for the inter-colonial Railway, that could not be provided for by means of this law for the issue of debentures, and it was idle to suppose that any extension of the Railway could be required for two or three years. Fisher, however, prevailed, and his amendment was supported only by two or three. When the question was taken on the Section Fisher and Grimmer, who voted for the first amendment, voted against the Section, which was lost. A motion was then made to postpone the Bill, but Fisher and Grimmer voted against it also. A majority declared in favour of the Bill, but could not agree as to its precise provisions, and so the matter stands for the present.

I hope you have published the names on the day book, but I do not know how far they are published. The people may say for themselves how their representatives voted on this important question:- Yes - Kerr, Williston, Costigan, Young, McCallin, McPhelin, Syles, Allan, Scobie, Gleason, Montgomery, DeBrisay, Anglin, Gilchrist, J. Gilbert, Boyd - 15. No - Nays - Speaker, Tilley, Smith, Waters, McMillan, Siedman, Perley, Meehan, Stevens, Raymond, Landry, Skinner, Munro, Fisher, and an Irish, Jordan, Grimmer, Gilmore - 19. I have no wish to ensure any one of the names declared on this occasion that it was not advisable or necessary to stop the issue of debentures absolutely. Perhaps the people of Gloucester, Northumberland, Charlotte, Victoria, Carleton, York, Sunbury, Queens, &c. may be anxious to ask of their representatives why they voted in such a manner. Many of them did not give any explanation of their reasons in the House.

Resolved, That the further consideration of this Bill be postponed for days, and if by the meantime it should appear that the necessity for imposing additional taxes cannot be avoided by a reduction of the estimate or greater economy in the expenditure of some part of the public services, such new taxes should be levied up in articles either of luxury or which are only partially taxed, rather than Sugar and Molasses, articles which so largely enter into the consumption of all classes, and affect the industrial interests of the country.

Tilley then spoke at length in order to satisfy the House that he should go into Committee at once. He stated that the negotiations with the Nova Scotia Government had been for the greater part, if not altogether, conducted orally between himself and Mr. Howe and Mr. Anand, and now he learned that the proposed arrangement could not be carried out as presented. He said that yielding to the representations and remonstrances of their friends they had determined to reduce the proposed duty on molasses to two cents instead of four cents. They proposed to make up the amount by imposing another half per cent Railway impost. He argued that the duty on Molasses would not bear hardly upon any class, and would not interfere with the trade of the country, the

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