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The East Kent Fairdealer

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 1891.

THE SCOTT ACT

HAMILTON.

Voted Upon Yesterday.

DEFEATED BY A MAJORITY OF 1,150.

(Special Dispatch to Fairdealer.)
Hamilton, April 13.—Scott Act voted upon today, 1,668 for Act, 2,812 against. Majority against, 1,150.

Came to Errors for the Surge.

Hon. Alexander Macdonald and wife will sail for Europe early, in May. Hon. Oliver Mowat and Miss Mowat will also cross the Atlantic early in May. They are to join Miss Mowat and Miss Edith Mowat, who have spent the winter in Italy and Southern France.

Mr. McLaughlin informs us that on a recent visit to Wingham he met a party of 300 emigrants leaving for the West, over 200 for Dakota and the Western States, the balance for Manitoba. This is another example of the manner in which the people appreciate the present state.

One of the beauties of being a member of parliament consists in the facilities the position offers for helping your friends to fat berths. There's Mr. Rufus Stephenson, M. P. for Kent who has had his son appointed Deputy Land Agent at Wainipeg at the salary of \$1,500 per annum. Now if old Mr. Stephenson had not been a member of parliament, young Mr. Stephenson would not be a Deputy Land Agent. Case and effect you see. Happy father, happy son.

DEATH OF JUDGE WELLS.

Mr. Judge Wells, formerly well known as a barrister of large practice and a prominent politician in the county of Grenville, and more recently as the judge of the county of Kent, died at his residence in Toronto yesterday morning of general paralysis. Up to within a few days past he was in his usual excellent health, and when Mr. Chisholm only three weeks ago he was complimented by old acquaintances on his appearance. On Monday he was struck by the fatal disease, and gradually sank until yesterday morning. Mr. Wells was a native of Maidland, in the County of Grenville, where he was born on the third of October, 1809. He studied law in the office of Marshall, Spring & Barwell in the city of Kingston, and commanded the practice of his profession in Prescott in 1833. He took an active interest in politics in the county, and was three times elected to represent Grenville in the Canadian Parliament. In 1852 he was appointed judge of Kent, a position which he filled with ability and honor for some twenty-seven years. Two years ago he resigned, and came to live in Toronto. Judge Wells was a versatile reader, and old newspaper readers will remember that they "Sporting Spectator" which he contributed to as "Hedick" long over the now deplorable "Quinn."

IS THE COUNTRY ON THE GOVERNMENT AT FAULT?

The Government papers are contentedly and energetically holding forth the activity in commercial and manufacturing circles as an evidence of the satisfactory working of the *National Policy*. How is it that still better results are manifest in the United States? Factories and workshops there, which have been closed for years, are reopened, new ones started, and the industrial prosperity of the country increased. This is not the result of any increase in their protective tariff. The result is evidently from a visible, natural cause, namely, abundant crops and good prices, for three successive years. No doubt the N. P. party are presumptively enough to credit themselves with the successful crops and the good markets, but the intelligence of our community makes such bombast of no avail. We well know they cannot legislate to detract from or add to our natural advantages. The same organs have nothing to say on the tide of emigration from our country.

There is no more desirable country in America to live in than the Province of Ontario, and there is not a more moral and law-abiding people than it contains. Our climate, though cold for five months in the year, is healthy, and the death rate is far less than in any other country of equal population. We have, none of the dreaded storms experienced by the inhabitants of the Western States, and in the warmer months, from May to November, our climate is all that could be desired. The produce, too, is of that nature that should render a people contented. We are able to raise in abundance all the staple grains and fruits necessary for the sustenance of human life. We are so situated on lines of railroad, lakes and rivers leading to the ocean—the great thoroughfare of the world's commerce—that we ever have an open and remunerative market for our productions. What then have we to complain of in our country? Why then do our people go to American cities, where they lack many of the prized advantages of which we boast? Why do our farmers leave us to endure the storms of that vast prairie country? Is it because we are over-populated in Ontario? No, this cannot be; we have vast tracts of vacant land for settlement. And our Government recognizes this fact, and have spent thousands in inducing emigrants to settle in our midst. The fact is obvious. We are burdened with too much government, for which we are excessively taxed. Every successive Government has promised us retrenchment, instead of which we find the present Government increasing our taxes. Nor has the increase been equal to the expenditure for officials! The expenditure for 1891-2 will exceed by nearly \$2,000 that of previous year! With this reckless career before them, we say it is not surprising that hundreds and thousands become disgusted and discouraged in waiting for retrenchment, and plant their feet in the United States, where, on the other hand, the national debt is being decreased annually, while ours is on the increase. In the face of this our legislators can recklessly vote \$10,000 to erect a monument to Sir G. Cartier, and similar amounts for other purposes not for national improvement. We would say nothing to the expenditure of private funds for such purposes, but when the national exchequer is deficient, we have no right to squander the people's money to indulge individual patriotism. Ten hundreds of thousands have been paid to satisfy long rejected and bogus claims, and wasted in the investigation of those claims by favorite partisans. It is evident that Sir John does not know the meaning of retrenchment, and while there is a hungry partisan seeking for a lucrative position at the country's expense, Sir John is the wrong man to turn a deaf ear to the cry of party, even to save the country

from bankruptcy. People are not so ignorant that they cannot see where the excess of taxes are going, and they take the most tangible method of expressing their disapproval, and speak in the most decided terms that they will not be made a party to the payment of \$26,000,000 given to the mammoth Syndicate. Public opinion has been outspoken in the elections in East Northumberland, Carden, and in New Brunswick, and the rest of the country requires but an opportunity to render a similar verdict.

We have all the facilities to make this a contented, happy and prosperous Dominion, if the Government were composed of patriots who would sacrifice self-aggrandizement for the benefit of the commonwealth. The pruning knife must be applied in every branch of our over-governed Dominion. The useless over-representation in the Commons must be lopped off, making fewer members, the Legislative Council abandoned, numerous needless officials discarded, and the Government be reformed into an intelligent representation of the people, instead of the people being made mere servile supporters of a Government, through sensational party cries, and that Government have no intention of consulting their interests or judgment, apart from party aggrandizement.

We believe we are on the eve of a powerful revolution in affairs, and that Canadians will see the folly of engaging, instead of combining together to bring about a satisfactory state of affairs at home. We anticipate a reform in deed as well as in name, and it is looked for and dreaded by office-seeking Conservatives of our land. The efforts made by Conservatives at present to organize their party to keep them together, simply prove the fears they entertain from their past reckless legislation. What is the cry for organization, industry of? That there are some weak points in the ranks that need strengthening; some office-seekers, that need expurgating, &c. But all this has been tried too often to have weight with the intelligent. Nothing short of a thorough reform will be acceptable to the people, and that cannot be looked for at the hands of the present administration.

Book Notices.

"The Boys' Own Paper" is another of W. Warwick & Sons' works, and the title explains its mission. And the youth may gather very much instruction therefrom, as well as find a mine of amusement that is not especially exhausted.

We have just received from Messrs. Warwick & Son, Publishers, Toronto, "Sunday at Home" for April—an excellent number. This excellent magazine should be in every family. Its price has been so reduced as to place it within the reach of every person.

Ladies' Tissues is also received from the same firm, and we value it as we do our own leisure hours, for with it we make them both instructive and useful, and hope that all may speedily learn to appreciate these useful works.

Hazen's Monthly Magazine for May is to hand, and as usual is a welcome visitor, filled with interesting literature of a historic character.

Dawson's Lady's Magazine for May is received, and is replete with fashion plates and description of Ladies' Costumes for the coming season.

A PERCENTAGE FOR GAZETTEES KISSING HIS MOTHER.—Upon Lord Brougham's appointment as Lord Chancellor he took a journey to Birmingham hall to visit his venerable mother, and to kiss her venerable forehead, and still preserved her finger in this obligation; but while she wept and her boy's affection for her, and as proud of his abilities and the gift she had acquired, she said, "I would and feelingly kiss dear Henry, I would rather have you kiss me than a 500,000 Yorkshire, and I'm not a thing at all." —*Harper's Weekly.*

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