

What Would Ontario Have Done?

When you reflect that the whole Half-breed population in the North-west, men, women, and children, was about 4,800, and of these about two thousand had long standing and unredressed grievances of this class, the case becomes startling indeed. Take the population of Ontario, about two millions of people, and suppose that over 800,000 souls amongst our population had each one an individual grievance against the Government of a great many years' standing, and I want to know how peaceful and quiet, and contented and happy we would be. (Loud applause.) We would agitate, we would protest, we would be disturbed and discontented, and we should be unworthy of our name and of the position and liberties our forefathers won for us if we should sit perfectly quiet for years under absolute neglect without finding the first attempt made to remove the grievances of so large a portion of the population.—Mr. Blake.

A Frightful Waste of Money.

A double franchise, a double list, double machinery for making the list, and different systems of appeal—all this means enormous expense. Three hundred thousand dollars were voted last season on account of the expenses of the Franchise Act for the year. We do not know how much more it is going to cost. They can't even tell us how much the printing is to be. They make jobs of this printing, giving it to their supporters at high prices—in many cases, as I am informed, twice and thrice what like work has been done for, and admitted to be largely in excess of the cost of the Ontario lists. They cannot tell us what they are going to pay the revising-officers. We asked that question the session before last. They said they could not tell, but next session they would bring down a measure which would fix the rate. We asked this session what the rate was to be, but they said they had not decided. They do not tell these revising-officers, who are to be so thoroughly independent of both sides, what their pay is to be. They say to the revising-officers in effect:—According to your work, so shall your reward be.—Mr. Blake.

The Harvest is now Ready.

Long have we hoped for a harvest from the seed we have been sowing. The harvest has been slow of coming. Sometimes it has seemed as if the seed had perished. But it may have been dormant only. It may have germinated now. Soon may it ripen and the fields grow white with the harvest. If I could rise my feeble voice beyond the limits of this hall, and say a word in the ear of my countrymen throughout Canada at large, I would exhort them to come forward. Come forward, you who can cultivate and water, who can help to mature and gather in the harvest! Do your duty to your country! Take up the responsibilities, as you enjoy the privileges of citizenship. Give your time, your energies, your labor to the work! Though the skies may be dark, yet trust we in the Supreme Goodness! We believe our cause is just and true. We believe that truth and justice shall in God's good time prevail. His ways are not our ways, and his unfathomable purposes we may not understand. But this we know, that in our efforts we are in the line of duty. We hope, indeed, to make our views prevail; but, win or lose to-day, we know that we shall receive from the faithful discharge of our duty an exceeding great reward—the only reward which is worth attaining, the only reward which is sure to last.—Mr. Blake, at London, Jan. 26.

Unblushing Nepotism.

According to a detailed statement, with both names and figures, given by Mr. M. C. Cameron in his recent speech at St. Thomas, it appears that both Tory Ministers and ex-Ministers have on the average about five and a half, or in the aggregate about 49, of their near relations ensconced in snug public offices, with incomes ranging from \$600 to \$300 up to at least as many thousands each. Never since the memorable days of the Family Compact has nepotism reigned so unblushing. Every man who respects either economy, honesty or decency in the Administration should rejoice in the opportunity now given to change all this.

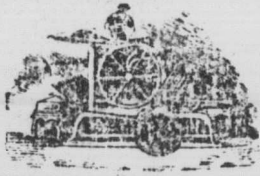
Condemned by Their Own Witnesses.

"Had they votes, like white men, or if like Indians, they had been numerous enough to command respect and overawe red tape, without doubt the wheels of the office would have revolved for them; but being only Half-breeds, they were put off with an eternal promise, until patience ceased to be a virtue. "We repeat again that the departmental system under which such callous and cruel neglect of the rights of a portion of the community was possible, was wrong and should be censured."

The poor are ground down with taxes—taxes which they do not see, but which they bitterly feel. Every scuttle full of coal, every pound of sugar, every yard of cotton—all prime necessities of life are taxed so high that importation is all but impossible and the manufacturing monopolists have us at their mercy.

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