



The Non-Confidence Resolutions.

The debate on Mr. Cameron's resolution of censure on Mr. McKellar, and non-confidence in the Government of which he is a member, was brought to a close on Friday night. The Government was sustained by a majority of 17. The debate was the most spirited of the session. The chief point in the discussion, of course, was whether Mr. McKellar was blameable or not in giving the men employed at the Central Prison a half-holiday on the day of the West Toronto nomination; but the debate took a pretty wide range, and many questions foreign to the subject were introduced. On Thursday night the Premier made a telling speech in favour of the Commissioner of Public Works. He stated that when the Opposition made their attack on the Government in connection with the matter, Mr. McKellar had placed his resignation in his hands, but he promptly refused to accept it, because his own sense of regard for Mr. McKellar, and his sense of duty to the public, forbade him doing so, and he felt sure that in coming to this decision he was acting in accordance with the feelings of the great majority of the House, as well as the feelings and wishes of the country. He also paid a high compliment to Mr. McKellar for his honesty, integrity of purpose, and purity of motive, and referred to his popularity throughout the country.

The Opposition, in pushing this matter to the utmost extremity, have not helped their cause in the slightest degree. It is evident from the line of policy they pursued that they were not so anxious for purity in administering the Government, as to fasten a charge against Mr. McKellar of corrupt interference with Government employees, which, if carried as embodied in Mr. Cameron's resolutions, would have covered Mr. McKellar and the Government of which he is a member with dishonor. But not the slightest attempt at corrupt interference has been proved. Mr. McKellar in the most positive manner asserted this, and all the evidence adduced went to prove the truth of his statement. The House by a large majority affirmed its faith in that statement, and we are satisfied the country will endorse the vote, and proclaim its continued confidence in Mr. McKellar and the Government.

We hope the Opposition are now satisfied, and would advise them to pursue another line of policy in their onslaught on the Government, for they have utterly failed in all their previous attempts to impugn their integrity. They have pursued Mr. McKellar with a relentless hate. They have made him the bete noir of all their attacks. They have made themselves ridiculous in their persistent search of the public accounts for every little item of expenditure for which they sought to make him responsible; and now when they thought they had surely trumped up a charge which could not be answered or refuted, they are defeated in their design and forced to submit to the will of the House. Let us hope that Cameron, Lauder, Rykert, & Co., will now show they have some little sense left, and allow the work of the session to be gone through without such unseemly attempts to obstruct the public business or overturn a Government which is too firmly entrenched in the affections of the people to be weakened in the slightest degree by their puny efforts.

H. & N. W. Ry.—The Halton by-law granting a bonus of \$35,000 to the Hamilton and North-western Railway was voted on in the county yesterday (Friday) and passed by a majority of 290.

The name of Mr. David Glass is mentioned in connection with the vacancy in West Durham for the Commons, caused by the appointment of Hon. E. B. Wood to the Chief Justiceship of Manitoba.

SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE.—Hereafter, until the close of the session the Legislative Assembly will sit on Saturday, and hold three sittings on other days. It seems to be the general desire to terminate the session as soon as possible, but as the Opposition are bringing up so many motions of a purely facious character, it is hard to say when the business will be finished.

PRIVATE BILLS.—The Bills relating to the incorporation of the Villages of Clifford and Wingham have passed their third reading; also the Bill to remit the North and South Ridings of Huron for the purpose of registration of titles. This latter bill was required in consequence of the mischievous legislation of the Sandfield MacDonald Government, which instituted a second Registry Office in Huron, at the same a similar office was created in the North Riding of Wellington.

TRYING TO LOOK BOTH WAYS.—The Brussels Post is after Mr. Farrow with a sharp stick. This gentleman was elected for North Huron by the straight Tory vote, yet it seems that while running on that ticket he was also coquetting with the Reformers. He sent a letter to the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie before the election, promising to give the Government a fair trial, and subsequent to that he wrote a letter to the Premier, stating that he "had hitherto been a supporter of the late Ministry, but was elected not to follow any particular party," and that "whoever brought in good measures I promised my constituents to support them." It seems to us that Mr. Farrow is trying to play a double game, and equally deserves the contempt of those who favored his election and voted for him, and of those who opposed him. Mr. Farrow will find it his cost that the political hypocrite is as bad as the religious one.

A French photographer has invented a process by which he reproduces landscapes in colors which nearly approach those of nature.

The Petition Against Dr. Orton.

We have before us the full text of the petition against the return of G. T. Orton, M.D., as member of Parliament for the Centre Riding of Wellington. It is signed by John Ironside, Ferguson, merchant; Andrew Gordon, Elora, saddler; James Wilkie, West Garafraxa, yeoman; and John Smith, Elora, printer; all "persons duly qualified to vote at the said election."

The charges of the petitioners are as follows:—

That the said George Turner Orton was, by himself and other persons on his behalf, guilty of bribery, treating, and undue influence, before, during and after the said election.

That he did by himself and others on his behalf fraudulently and willfully induce divers persons who were not entitled to vote at the said election falsely to personate certain voters, and to appear at the polling places to vote for Orton in the names of the said voters.

That many persons who voted for Orton were guilty of bribery and undue influence, and fraudulent and false personation of voters; and many others were bribed and unduly influenced to vote for Orton.

That many persons who had hired their vehicles to Orton and his agents, for the purpose of carrying electors to and from the polling places, voted for Orton.

That many persons whose names appeared on the voters' lists, but who were not possessed of sufficient property qualification, and who were fraudulently and colorably assessed upon the rolls of the several municipalities, voted for Orton.

That many persons on the voters' lists, but who were not entitled to vote because they were not at the time of the election possessed of the necessary property qualification, nevertheless voted for Orton.

That many persons on the voters' lists, but who had before the election parted with the property in respect of which they were assessed, and had ceased to be residents, nevertheless voted for Orton.

That divers persons voted for Orton more than once.

That many persons who were not subjects of Her Majesty by birth or naturalization, and many who by voluntary becoming naturalized in the United States of America had ceased to be subjects of Her Majesty, voted for Orton.

That many persons not of the full age of twenty-one years voted for Orton.

All these votes, it is claimed, should be struck off. The petition then goes on to allege:—

That divers persons who were duly entitled to vote at the said election tendered their votes for McKim, but the Deputy Returning Officer wrongfully refused to accept or record the votes of such persons.

That the majority of votes for Orton was only apparent and colorable, and that the majority of the legal votes were polled in favour of McKim, and he should have been returned as elected.

In view of all this the petitioners pray that it may be determined that the return of George Turner Orton is void, and that he was not duly elected; and that Robert McKim was duly elected, and ought to have been returned.

Mr. Guthrie is agent for the petitioners, and Mr. James Bethune their Toronto agent.

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The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XXI.

A DARK DEED—A WELL-KNOWN VOICE—A LONG JOURNEY—THE WITCH OF BEN-LAIR IN DANGER.

"The old hag deserves what she'll get to-night."

It was Rory who spoke. "And more; death's too good for her," replied his companion, who then continued—"She has ruined both the Caterans and the McKenzies by her prying and by her chattering. Instead of Droghdairech being able to live at home, among society, and tell us whenever there was anything to be lifted and assist us to do it, he has now to fly like a hunted outlaw before the soldiers and the M'Leods; and it's been all done by this Witch of Ben-Lair. Curse her, she should have been dragged through the loch before to-night."

"There's been nothing worth done for a while," returned Rory, who probably had his eye on gain; "but I think the Chief will pay well for this work if we can do it well."

"Droghdairech always pays well," replied the other; "and as for this work being done well, I'll answer for that. She is sure to be in her hut on a night like this, and if we don't cut the old witch up and roast her, it will because the devil is on her side."

"But are you quite sure, Donald, that she may not work a spell upon us, or call in the assistance of evil spirits? I don't know, but I almost think she has cast glamour over the Caterans of Ben-Chruil already; for ever since the night Cameron met her when taking young M'Leod to the old ruin on the Holy Isle everything has gone against us. The M'Leods have twice defeated us—once in the corrie, and last night at Skerry-vach."

"This was intelligence to Hector which caused him to thrill with joy. He had feared as to the result of the struggle when he left his clansmen engaged with the Caterans; now he learned from their own mouths, though they knew it not, that the Caterans had suffered defeat. But he was about to get information which would move him more. Hush!"

"True, Rory; but do not forget how many of the M'Leods the Caterans have caused to sleep at the bottom of Loch Maree since that night. That was the end of the struggle in the corrie of Ben-Slegach; that night crushed them; that broke old Malcolm's heart, and sent him to his last account. A rare stroke of the Caterans that, Rory, and I delight in it all the more that the thought was mine. It was my thought to scuttle the boats; and when young McKenzie came down the glen and learned what I had caused to be done, he hugged me to his breast with joy, and put shining gold into my hand."

It was with no ordinary effort that Hector succeeded in restraining himself from rushing forward and cutting down the villain. There was a demon in his name, whose mind, filled with thoughts hellish as the archfiend's, had suggested the infernal scheme which had caused such an overwhelming disaster to the M'Leods, and had truly—too truly, alas!—broken old Malcolm's heart, and sent him to his grave. If, from the first moment our hero had gathered from their conversation that they intended the murder of the Witch of Ben-Lair, these ruffians, and especially the one who had just spoken, had any chance of escaping the sword of the man who followed them, that chance was gone now. No man could be the instigator of a calamity like that which had befallen the M'Leods, and boasting of it in Hector's presence be allowed to live. Now he was glad he had followed the ruffians—glad because he would be able, God helping him, to save the Witch of Ben-Lair from their lawless attack, and because he would be able to execute summary vengeance upon the villain who had avowedly wrought him so much misery, who had rendered so many children fatherless and so many wives widows.

They were now far up the gorge—a wild awesome spot—but even here the young Chief would have revealed his presence, and would dashed upon them, had it not been that he was anxious to find the Witch of Ben-Lair, and knew that by them he would be led to where she was to be found.

"The old hag is at home—look, Rory," suddenly said one of the men.

M'Leod also looked forward, and saw about a hundred yards in front of the two ruffians a dark object like a hut, through one of the windows of which emanated a feeble gleam of light. The gorge seemed to open out here into a flat level space, at one side of which stood the hut, while the mountain rose up full three thousand feet behind, its face smooth and perpendicular as a bare wall. A mountain torrent dashed down the face of the rocks and through the gorge with a loud rushing noise.

"Is that the face?" inquired the other in a slightly tremulous voice.

"It is; you're not afraid of the work, are you?"

Whether Rory actually felt afraid is an open question, but he replied that he was not.

"Come," he continued—"come, Donald, let us break in upon her at once, and be done with it."

"Ready!" was the response, and they crossed the clearing and advanced towards the hut.

Hector, cautiously followed, but did not emerge into the open space until they had reached the door. They did not pause to knock, but a loud crash announced that the door had been burst open, and the figures of the ruffians disappeared within.

Then did M'Leod bound after them, but, quick as he was, he was none too soon; for, ere he could reach the door, a woman's wild despairing cry for help was raised, and the trampling of feet and deep oaths and curses had told that the villains had begun their murderous work.

The Praying Women.

The Montreal Witness says: What is more remarkable than the spread of the women's temperance movement in the United States, is the sincere respect which has been manifested towards it by the secular press, and by the reporters who have spread the news of it over the continent. Of all the people in the world, those with least reverence are American reporters, and yet no spirit of raillery has prevailed in their dealing with this singular crusade. Those writers whose contempt is manifest in every line when discussing or describing Women's Rights Conventions, seem solemnly to bow to the earnestness of this uprising. Those who would have despised a revival of religion, have few words of scorn for a course of action which, tho' it cannot but have objectionable features, and sets itself at times above law, yet finds its warrant in the conscience of the nation. Women who demand the suffrage are patronizingly stroked down or up, according to the taste of the writer;



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but women who demand the stoppage of a traffic which is the acknowledged shame of our race, receive little but encouragement from all that calls itself respectable. While we join with the many who side with the praying women in heartily wishing them God speed, we may express gratitude to Him who has already given them such startling success, and hope that it may be permanent. There is certainly the need for such a crusade here, whether we have the women for it or not. We are not prepared to urge our Christian ladies to copy, in all particulars, what has been done in Ohio, but the remarkable success of those ladies suggests the serious enquiry whether ours have not some mission in the premises.

Leather, chemically considered, is oxide of beef. What is the difference between a farmer and a bottle of whiskey? One husband the corp, and the other corns the husbands.

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A Plea for Curling.

(For the Mercury.) Much has been said of late through the medium of your columns in praise of the grand old game of curling. Even the muse has been pressed into service, and in such a way as to show, that although curlers are a jolly, noisy set of fellows, some of them appear to be also poets of no mean order, especially when their favourite game is the subject.

The object of this communication is to bring the game of curling under the notice of merchants, clerks and mechanics, of our good town. Many of them require more bodily exercise. Others want what I might be allowed to call mental rest or relaxation. Others require, and wish for, socially. Others say they sometimes find it hard to kill time. All these desires can be attained by becoming a curler, viz.: physical exercise, mental or brain rest, sociability in its perfect state, and as for killing time, it kills itself. I believe that drinking a number of what is called "horns" is a handy method of making time fly, but on the ice the time is mostly always up too soon, and the next morning tells which is the best method, and as for an appetite, pray do not mention it, for I once heard an old curler say "it makes me as hard as a caddy, saddle and bridle an' at." No John Bull bitters, no coaxing appetites wanted after being on the ice.

Many people are under the impression that whiskey and curling go hand in hand. This was the case at one time, but I rejoice to say that curling of whiskey at the head of each rink during play is now the exception and not the rule; and I may here add that the rules of our covered rink forbid all intoxicating drinks, profane language, or indecent conduct. In curling the greatest equality prevails. The spruce tailor, the burly stone mason, the active weaver, the quiet thinking minister, the humble voter and the M.P. are all on a level. The grand test is, who curls best. Then look at the interest taken in the game by all concerned. An on-looker would think that the fate of nations depended on some of the deciding shots, and when this is done cleverly and according to direction the player suddenly finds himself the object of general admiration. Even the humble lead will look up to him with pride, and regard him with the same feelings as a private soldier under his General after a great victory. The may next and may next be the very reverse, but still all is fun and good humour. But, of course, it is but human nature for those who wish to laugh loudest.

Care is thrown to the winds and when the sport is over the same goodfellowship prevails. It is remarkable to notice the intense love curlers have for their game. As the tiger scents his prey so does the true curler scent the prospects of a good game. You may find a band of curlers perhaps sixteen in number, all willing and happy to undertake a journey of 10 or 16 miles on one of the coldest and stormiest days of our Canadian winter, and joke and laugh all the way, just for the pleasure of indulging in a game with their brother curlers of some other club. Again, you will find curlers who will hire a man to clean their own sidewalks, shovel in hand, working away with right good will cleaning ice in fond anticipation of a game. Or just meet an old curler on a fine frosty morning, broom in hand, making a bee line for the ice, Tam, Jock and Sandy are waiting for him to play some important match. I do believe he would not step many yards out of his way to shake hands with the Governor-General himself. Many people dread the approach of our long Canadian winter, but so with curlers. At the first snif of frosty air their eyes will sparkle, and they will inwardly rejoice in fond anticipation of the coming fun, and although sorry to see the ice melt away, they are just as capable as other mortals of appreciating the glorious summer with its birds, and blossoms and green fields. I would earnestly recommend all those employed at indoor occupations, to try curling, just by way of amusement, feeling convinced that the result will be a small outlay for doctor's fees and medicine, and a large return of sound sleep, robust health, good appetite and high spirits. Finally I really think curling would be a good thing for printers, to whom we are so much indebted for our mental food. Then let the mighty we of the Mercury emerge from his sanctum, appear on the ice as an ordinary mortal, and have the happy days of youth brought back again, and whilst being initiated into the mysteries of flukes and boozers, I have doubt but that the lessons of leading articles and the anticipation of a reply from a Tory contemporary will be altogether dispelled under the influence of the grand auld roaring game.

The word husband is composed of two Anglo-Saxon words, hus and bond, meaning house-floor. "A prudent man," says a witty Frenchman, "is like a pin; his head prevents him from going too far." More than half the students in the newly-fledged California University support themselves by manual labor. Five hundred pigeons are kept in the citadel of Strasbourg. They are being trained for service in case of siege. Charles Lamb, when speaking of one of his rides on horseback, remarked that "all at once his horse stopped, but he kept right on."

A new aurora has sprung into existence which is supposed to be the dawn of a brighter day for women. It is located near Boston, where a women's community is to be established. The property is to be owned and the affairs of the village managed exclusively by women. The first building has been erected, and others are to speedily follow.

A novel amusement in Northern Delaware is crow shooting as a substitute for pigeon matches. The rules and customs are the same in either case. Ready Island, in the Delaware river, is the favorite roosting ground of the crows, and toward nightfall they congregate there by thousands. When darkness over-spreads the island, the catchers enter among the low trees with bags and capture any desired number, simply plucking them from the limbs like so much fruit. The birds cannot fly in the darkness and even if shaken from their roosts, they cling to the first object that comes within reach. It is said that a man standing beneath the tree from which the birds are shaken, with outstretched arms, will soon be covered with them.

ALLWAY TIME TABLE. GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY. Trains leave Guelph as follows: 2:17 a.m.; 9:45 a.m.; 1:50 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.; 8:33 p.m. To London, Goderich and Detroit. To Berlin. To Berlin. To Berlin.

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Commercial.

Guelph Markets. MERCURY OFFICE, March 14. Flour, per 100 lbs. 85 00 to 85 50. Spring Wheat, do 1 95 to 2 05. Treadwell, do 1 80 to 1 90. Spring Wheat, do 1 80 to 1 85. Oats, do 1 14 to 1 17. Peas, do 1 02 to 1 08. Barley, new, do 2 45 to 2 50. Hay, per ton 12 00 to 15 00. Wood, per cord 4 00 to 4 50. Eggs, per dozen 12 to 14. Butter, dairy packed 20 to 22. Butter, rolls 20 to 22. Potatoes, per 100 lbs. 50 to 75. Apples, per 100 lbs. 60 to 1 00. Dressed Hogs, per cwt. 6 50 to 7 40. Beef, per cwt. 4 00 to 7 50.

Toronto Markets. TORONTO, March 13. Fall Wheat, per bushel \$1 24 to \$1 30. Spring Wheat, do 1 15 to 1 16. Barley, do 1 38 to 1 39. Oats, do 45 to 46. Peas, do 60 to 62. Dressed Hogs, per 100 lbs. 7 25 to 7 50. Butter, lb rolls 35 to 38. Butter, sub dairy 37 to 38. Eggs, fresh, per doz 18 to 20. Apples, per barrel 2 50 to 3 00. Potatoes, per bush 30 to 40. Hay, per ton 15 00 to 16 00. Straw do 15 00 to 16 00.

Hamilton Markets. HAMILTON, March 11. White wheat, per bushel \$1 20 to \$1 25. Treadwell, do 1 15 to 1 20. Peas, do 60 to 62. Red wheat, do 1 15 to 1 15. Spring wheat, do 1 10 to 1 14. Oats, do 41 to 41. Peas, do 61 to 65. Barley, do 1 30 to 1 35. Corn, do 90 to 90. Buckwheat, do 53 to 55. Clover, do 5 25 to 5 25. Timothy, do 4 00 to 4 09. Butter, fresh, per lb 25 to 40. Butter, sub dairy 28 to 35. Apples, per bush 1 20 to 1 25. Potatoes, do 80 to 1 00.

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