



The Half Holiday Again.

The Opposition wasted the greater part of the afternoon, and the whole of the evening, session on Friday in discussing a series of resolutions brought up by Mr. Cameron...

NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE.—The third session of this Legislature was opened on Thursday. Governor Archibald in his speech refers with pleasure to the visit of Lord Dufferin...

Letter from Mr. O'Callaghan. Mr. E. J. O'Callaghan writes to the Fergus News-Record, and returns his sincere thanks to the Reformers of North Wellington...

idea of a leading Catholic, as they were pleased to style me, was preposterous—there was something in it so repulsive to their nature that it could not be tolerated in a free country like this...

BIRTHS.

FINNEY—In Fergus, on the 6th inst., the wife of Mr. John Finney, of a son.

MARRIED.

EMERY—WATSON—On the 4th inst., by Elder S. Clarke, at Mr. Samuel Proctor's, West Guelph...

DIED.

PEARSON—At Guelph, on the 10th inst., John E., son of Mr. Thomas Pearson, aged 3 years and 11 months.

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# The Rival Glansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.  
CHAPTER XXI.

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

There was also, of course, less danger of his being exposed to them here, although he had to keep in mind that he would be visible to them where they would be quite invisible to him, as they were between him and the now slanting rays of the moon, and as he was still in the open and they were close to the base of the mountain.

But suddenly, as if the Fates were with him, a dark mass of clouds sailing across the sky suddenly obscured the light, and taking advantage of the opportunity he darted forward quickly to the right, in which direction he had seen them turn.

He was now so near that he heard the sound of their voices, and among the soft snow he felt that he could approach quite close without his footfalls reaching their ears; and this he was anxious to do for two reasons—the first being that he would then discover whether Cameron was one of them; and the second, that he would be likely to gather from their talk whether the object of their journey concerned him.

In a little he had succeeded in getting within fifty yards of them, and then he was certain of one thing, that neither Cameron nor Ian was before him. The voices were those of strangers.

Hector was annoyed at this discovery. He had all along believed he was following one or the other, if not both; and now he was vexed when he came to realize that he had been upon a wild goose chase.

And it was more aggravating when he reflected that the other figure which he had seen pass round by the end of the inn must have been Cameron. For he never questioned that it was Cameron's voice he heard when he rushed out of Murdoch M'Donald's hut. He almost stamped his feet with annoyance, but still, as if bound by a strange fascination to follow them, held on after the two men, who had by this time entered a gorge in the side of the mountain up which they were proceeding.

Little did he imagine that what annoyed and grieved him so much was rather cause for rejoicing, and much rejoicing as the sequel will show. He had, by choosing to follow the two men rather than the one, escaped from Murdoch M'Donald's at almost the only moment possible for him to have done so, and in that manner had for the time been successful, although unknowingly, in eluding the vigilance of his foes, keenly as they watched for him. And for other vital reasons was it well that he had chosen as he had done—indeed, it seemed as if a Providential wisdom had directed his steps. But of this we need not speak now; anon it will become apparent.

It required all M'Leod's caution, as he walked up the rugged gorge after those who preceded him, notwithstanding that he kept steadily in their track, to keep his feet secure, and follow so that his presence would not be detected. It was hard, toiling work, and now those in front were breathing hard and speaking little. Suddenly one halted and grasping his companion, speaking in Gaelic, exclaimed—

"I say, Donald M'Kenzie, will we not be near the old hag's yet?"

The other made a grunting sound with his mouth, and then replied—

"Do you remember what I told you? At the top of this gorge."

"But I say, Donald, I was wondering whether there might be anything about the place worth carrying away after we have done our work. Do you think there will be any money?"

"The Witch of Ben-Lair money! I wonder, Rory, where you think she would get money?"

As he spoke Donald again walked forward. Rory following.

M'Leod was astonished. These men going to the Witch of Ben-Lair's, and speaking of carrying away her money. What could it mean? Could it be murder? He scarcely liked to frame the word. But he had heard sufficient to create a fresh interest in him, and all his annoyance and vexation were forgotten. He was eager to learn their purpose, nor was he long left in doubt.

The Ontario Legislature,  
March 12.

After disposing of some routine business the House went into Committee of the Whole upon the remaining clauses of the Ballot Bill. A clause was added declaring that the Act should not take effect until the dissolution of the present Assembly.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole upon the Bill relating to the Solemnization of Matrimony.

The Superintendent Teachers' Fund Resolutions were then considered in Committee, and reported.

The House then went into Committee on the School Bill, and having disposed of the several remaining clauses, resumed.

On the order of the day being read for going into Committee of Supply.

Mr. M. C. Cameron brought up the Central Prison affair and Mr. McKellar's conduct in relation thereto. He moved an amendment in terms which declared the action of Mr. McKellar to have been a misappropriation of the public money as well as an improper interference with the freedom of election, and deserving of the censure and condemnation of the House.

Mr. McKellar said that the evidence before the Committee did not sustain the charge formulated in the amendment. There had been no interference, coercion or pressure of any kind on his part or by his authority. The simple question was, whether it was proper to give the man a half holiday. He had himself been a working-man, and sympathized with that class of people, and, with perhaps too little reflection, had granted the hands at the Central Prison what he believed to be a customary indulgence. He went on to vindicate his course by British precedents of recent occurrence.

Mr. Fraser quoted a large number of British precedents to show that it was not unusual or improper for a Minister of the Crown to grant a holiday to Government workmen at the Government expense.

After recess a number of private Bills were advanced a stage, and the debate was resumed.

Mr. Sinclair regretted Mr. McKellar had written the letter. Reformers should not only avoid doing wrong, but be above suspicion. But he did not believe there was any corrupt intention on the part of the Commissioner. Mr. McKellar's public and private character had been the subject of the most remorseless and unjust attacks. Especially in connection with the Immigration Department, Mr. McKellar had been grievously injured. The same remark applied to the Proton slander and the Elgin Association business. It was not to be tolerated that an



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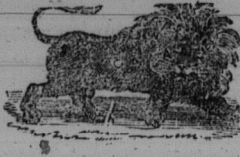
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estimable public man should be driven from public life for given a few workmen a half holiday.

Mr. Paston said that the Commissioner was the only member of the Cabinet who had been a working-man, and it was his knowledge of their feelings and opinions that made him so willing to consider their wishes.

The Attorney-General pointed out that after all the time spent in the Public Accounts Committee and the House, costing thousands of dollars, the only result was the charge that \$204 had been spent, and that, too, divided between two and three hundred people. The trumpery character of the accusation showed how little real cause the Opposition had for all their clamour. The Reform party, he was proud to admit, had educated the people to hold high principles of public morality, and he accepted fully the compliment paid to their aims by their opponents. He delivered a warm tribute to the high and self-sacrificing character of Mr. McKellar, than whom no one stood higher in the estimation of the country. He twitted Mr. Cameron with making a grievance out of the fact that he had been nooted and hissed by the crowd, and traced his subsequent course of action to that annoyance. Mr. McKellar, when this matter was brought up, had placed his resignation in his (Mr. Mowat's) hands, but he had not accepted it, and in declining to do so, was sure he had acted in accordance with the feelings of the House and the country.

After a long discussion the debate was adjourned, and the House rose at 1:15 a.m.

The girls from one of the schools in Pittsburgh were out for a walk the other day, going two by two, when turning into a street on which saloons do much abound, all at once there was a clatter as of one universal *feu-de-jote* of small arms, caused by the sudden clapping of the window-shutters of all the saloons. The supposition was that the women's temperance movement was inaugurated, and in five minutes not a saloon but was closed and ready for prayer and praise.

Mr. Thomas McEwan, of Portland, Maine, is dead. His name is widely known all over Canada and the United States, as pioneer in the fish-curing trade, his first attempt at this business being made in Montreal.

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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.

—EAST—  
2:05 a.m.; 8:10 a.m.; 11 a.m.; 4:12 p.m.; and 8:33 p.m.

GREAT WESTERN—GUELPH BRANCH  
Going south—6:40 a.m.; 1 p.m.; 2:30 p.m.; and 4:30 p.m.

Going north—11:35 a.m. for Southampton; 1:10 p.m. for Palmerston; 6 p.m. for Fergus; 9:30 p.m. for Fergus.

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