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The "Patriot's" Majority of Nineteen

The Patriot, discussing the political questions of the day, is nothing less than a... It is the issue of Friday last, the 3rd inst., our contemporary makes a great flourish of trumpets over the fact that on a division in the House of Commons in the Queen's County, N. B., case, brought about by a motion of Mr. Davies, the Government majority was only nineteen.

Now, as regards the vote in question, the following are the facts, as obtained from the most reliable source: The question was an open one, and not by any means one which the members of the Government regarded as affecting themselves; then, again, the vote was taken at a very late hour at night, or rather at an early hour in the morning, when a great many members were absent from the House. The Grits, taking advantage of these facts, sent out their whips and had every one of their number present when the division was called except those who had paired with Government members, and one more.

The Opposition were: Patterson, of Essex; Boyle, Gigault and Dupont. Sixteen Conservative members were absent, most of them; knowing that it was not an important vote, considered that their presence would not be required. These were: Bergeron, Burns, Chapleau, Costigan, Conroy, Labrosse, Kirkpatrick, Jones, Putnam, Shanley, Clarke, Wallace, McMillan, of Vau dreuil, and Mr. Bell of Addington, besides Mr. Baird, whose case was under consideration, the seat for Digby being vacant on account of the death of Mr. Campbell. From these facts it will readily be seen that there were absent from the House altogether, about twenty-four members, and that of this number, except those who had paired with members on the other side, only one was a supporter of the Opposition. Had those members been present, the presumption is, even with the four Conservative members who supported the motion, the Government's majority would have been nearly forty.

But our contemporary is anxious to enlighten the public as to the Government's majority on the different divisions taken in the House of Commons, why does he not give the figures for the votes which had taken place on the very same question two days previously. Mr. Edgar's amendment, that Mr. Dunn be allowed counsel, was negatived by a vote of one hundred and nineteen against forty-three, leaving the Government a majority of seventy-six. Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Brant, and other leading Grits, voting with the Administration. After the main motion had been debated all the afternoon, and our Opposition friends had made violent speeches against it, when a division was called for, the vote stood one hundred and fifty-four against two; thus exposing the insincerity of these men who would waste the time of the House speaking against a motion which they dare not oppose by their votes. From these few facts the injustice and untruthfulness of our contemporary must be apparent to the most casual observer.

Baird-King Election Case.

The Grit members of Parliament, as well as the Opposition press, have of late been making considerable noise over the Queen's County, N. B., election case. In the outset we do not wish to be understood as favoring the idea that Mr. Baird should hold the seat if Mr. King is entitled to it. We simply wish to give the facts of the case as they appear to us, stripped of the verbal frippery with which Mr. King's friends, both in Parliament and through the press, have hedged them round, with a view, no doubt, to prevent the public from scrutinizing too closely their own unfair and unjust tactics regarding the case.

Mr. Weldon, of St. John, brought the question before the House of Commons early during the present session, and moved that the returning officer for Queen's County, at the time of the late election, be summoned before the bar of the House and ordered to amend his return by substituting the name of King for that of Baird. To this motion Mr. Thompson, Minister of Justice, moved an amendment, which was carried, that the whole matter be referred to the committee on privileges and elections. This committee having looked into the case and examined the reports of

committees on questions of a similar nature, which had come before the Imperial Parliament, came to the conclusion that the case was one that could not be settled by Parliament, but should be transferred to the civil courts. A motion was then made that the returning officer be brought to the bar of the House and examined as to his conduct during the election. In the meantime our Opposition friends were loud in their denunciation of returning officer Dunn, and characterized as criminal his actions in the matter. Finally, in obedience to the summons of Parliament, that gentleman appeared at the bar and was examined. It came out during the examination that the returning officer had acted in accordance with legal advice. He was then, on motion, discharged from further attendance on the House. When, a day or two after, the matter was once more brought before Parliament, Mr. Baird, the opposing member, was given an opportunity to make an explanation on his own behalf. He went on to show that during the election campaign all the new Brunswick Government officials in Queen's County used their influence against him, taking advantage of every legal quibble that would operate to his disadvantage. Even the Sheriff took the stump in opposition to him. In addition to this the voters' lists, he said, were illegally made up. In view of all these facts he asked that Mr. Dunn, a man of high character, be appointed returning officer instead of the Sheriff, which request was complied with. When declaration day came, Mr. King's legal agent objected, for technical reasons, to the reception of ballots from sections of the county which had given a majority of votes for him (Mr. Baird). He then, through his agent, objected to the return of Mr. King on the ground of informality in making his deposit on nomination day, and the question being argued before the returning officer, the latter decided in favor of Mr. Baird, and declared him elected.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE PATRIOT thinks Mr. Davies' argument, that a candidate for election to the Dominion Parliament, must make his deposit before he can nominate, is sound law. In order that our readers may judge for themselves, we will quote the law on the matter: "No nomination paper shall be valid and acted upon by the Returning Officer unless it is accompanied by the consent in writing of the person there named. Nor unless a sum of two hundred dollars be deposited in the hands of the Returning Officer at the time the nomination paper shall be filed with him." From this it will plainly appear that the deposit is to be made at the time the nomination paper is filed with the Returning Officer and not before. Mr. L. H. Davies and the Patriot to the contrary notwithstanding.

THE trial of the cases of the seized American schooners David J. Adams and Ella W. Doughty was resumed in the Vice-Admiralty Court, Halifax, on Friday last, before Chief Justice Macdonald. The Counsel for the Crown are Graham, Q. C., Borden and Sedgewick, Q. C.; and Meagher and Newcomb appeared for the defence. After the examination of Capt. Spott, who had seized the David J. Adams, Mr. Graham opened his argument for the Crown. He made an able and exhaustive exposition of the case, and quoted many laws and precedents bearing upon it; when the Court adjourned at four o'clock he had not finished speaking. On the opening of the Court on Saturday morning Mr. Graham finished his argument and Mr. Meagher opened for the defence. At last accounts the case was still going on.

The Opposition Leadership.

LATE Ottawa advices are to the effect that Mr. Blake has formally and finally resigned the leadership of the Grit party. Our readers will remember that, at the opening of Parliament, he only agreed to act as the nominal leader of the party during the present session, while the actual work of the leadership was to be performed by an advisory board or syndicate. It should not, therefore, cause much surprise that, during the past month or so, our Grit friends in Parliament have been a rather disorganized combination; for, to use a very common expression, what is everybody's business is nobody's business. Each member of this advisory board was, no doubt, ambitious to pose as often as possible as the Leader of the Opposition. Such a condition of affairs was well calculated to engender in the bosom of these gentlemen a spirit of jealousy against one another; the consequence of which must inevitably end in the utter demoralization of the party.

Mr. Blake complains of poor health and assigns this as his reason for resigning the Leadership of the Opposition. His retirement will, no doubt, be severely felt by his party, for he is by far the ablest man in their ranks; he is an excellent speaker, a good lawyer, and a parliamentarian of long experience. When we come to speak of him as a leader, however, we must say that he has not been too strongly of a stoic; he has been rather strongly inclined to the opinion that the lights among his followers were scarcely worthy of being consulted. His cold and unsympathetic nature was not calculated to win and hold the confidence of his co-workers; but as to his ambition, there seems to be no question. 'Tis said his ambition prompted him to use questionable means in order to depose from the leadership that old standard-bearer of the Grit party, Alexander McKenzie, and have himself appointed in his stead. Just prior to the late Dominion election he, no doubt, imagined the time had arrived when his life-long yearning should be gratified, and that he was at last about to become the Premier of this great Dominion. But, alas! for human hopes and calculations, the people of this vast country decided otherwise. There can be very little doubt his frequent disappointments have weighed heavily upon him, and that in order to divert his mind from the contemplation of these unpleasant memories, he thinks it better to withdraw for a time from active public life.

Upon whose shoulders his mantle shall fall it is difficult to conjecture. It is quite probable there are in the Grit ranks a number of persons sufficiently ambitious to undertake the task of leadership; but it is not certain that they possess in any marked degree the qualities requisite for its successful performance.

Dominion Parliament.

After routine on Monday, May 30th, Mr. Dunn, returning officer for Queen's County, N. B., was conducted to the bar of the House by the Sergeant-at-Arms Mr. Weldon, of St. John, asked him a question in relation to the nomination of returning officer during the late Dominion election. Mr. Dunn admitted a protest against his nomination, and that protest was illegal, and asked permission to be represented by counsel. Hon. Mr. Thompson, on motion, agreed that counsel should be allowed Mr. Dunn in any question of law that may arise. Mr. Weldon, on this, said: "Hon. Mr. Baird, Mitchell and Davies. These gentlemen maintained that the returning officer was beyond the capacity of a witness, and that his business was, therefore, to answer questions."

Sir John Macdonald said the practice in the British Parliament had always been to allow a person, in such a case, to be introduced by counsel; he considered it a contempt, on the part of the Opposition, to deprive Mr. Dunn of a like privilege, as most unfair and unwarrantable. Hon. Mr. Chapeau pointed out that for some days past, hon. gentlemen opposite had been making speeches against a criminal, and had threatened him with punishment. The right of the House to punish a member was not denied in any court in the land; it would, therefore, if become Parliament, be a matter of course that a member should be allowed to be defended by counsel. After some further discussion Mr. Edgar moved an amendment that Dunn should be allowed to have counsel to answer the questions asked him, he should then be allowed counsel to argue the merits of his responsibility to the House.

Sir John Macdonald said this would be the same as trying a prisoner and conducting his defence by counsel, and that the privilege of counsel preliminary to the passing of sentences. Several Opposition members voted with the Government, and the amendment was carried by a majority of 119; Government majority 76. Several Opposition members voted with Mr. McKenzie, who, as he stood up, was received with loud cheers by the Government, and the Opposition. He was followed by Patterson, of Brant, Flynn Skinner, and some other dissenting members, and some others wished it declared carried on the same division. At this juncture the Opposition exhibited the ridiculousness of their position, and Mr. Blair, occupying the Speaker's chair, and several others went out before the vote was taken. The main object of the Opposition was to prevent almost unanimously, only two (Opposition members), voting in the negative. The Opposition, however, contending their whole case, and proved their insincerity in opposing Hon. Mr. Thompson's motion, and that they were not sincere in what they had spent all the afternoon denouncing.

After recess the argument was continued by Dunn's counsel. They contended that the fact that Dunn had himself jurisdiction in this by handling it over to the courts, and also that Dunn had not been shown in any way to be a defaulter, and that he should therefore be discharged without further penalties.

Hon. Mr. Thompson argued that the election law, of power to deal with its own officers. As to the propriety of the House, he contended that the House should decide after the examination commencing.

The objections of Mr. Dunn's counsel were not entertained by the House, so the examination commenced. Mr. Weldon, on this, said: "Hon. Mr. Baird, Mitchell and Davies. These gentlemen maintained that the returning officer was beyond the capacity of a witness, and that his business was, therefore, to answer questions."

Mr. Weldon, of St. John, once more brought up the Queen's County, N. B., case, and having commented on Dunn's refusal to call for evidence, and his stipulating the alleged facts in the case, and going over the whole matter for the third time, moved that the report of the select committee on this case be not concurred in.

Mr. Baird rose to speak, but Sir John Macdonald said that as time had been wasted by the Opposition, he thought it better that the motion should stand as a question of order, and that the House should proceed to the first order of the day. This was agreed to, and the debate adjourned.

General News.

A terrible panic occurred in the Catholic Cathedral at Chatham, N. S., on the 1st inst., caused by a falling candle which fell on the altar, and the smoke that rose became frantic, and the usual scenes of terror struck, stragling humanly followed. Several persons were killed and a number of women severely injured. The scene at the main entrance of the church was pitiful, women and children were being carried out on stretchers, and doctors were doing their utmost to resuscitate the sufferers. The official report is that a number of killed is not yet available.

Professor Weldon of Albert said, in a speech at the meeting of the British House of Commons on the 1st inst., that he had been asked to give an opinion on the right to expel a member, except for personal disability, but not for any other cause. He said that he had been asked to give an opinion on the right to expel a member, except for personal disability, but not for any other cause. He said that he had been asked to give an opinion on the right to expel a member, except for personal disability, but not for any other cause.

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