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OUR CIVIC HOLIDAY

Next Thursday, August 4th, will be Lindsay's civic holiday. It will be generally observed as a holiday, and people in the country should govern themselves accordingly. It is not, of course, a legal holiday, and unless falling due on that day will have to be paid, as on ordinary days. The great event is to be the general demonstration of Oddfellows at Lindsay and Sturgeon Point. The hope of the myriad ring throughout the district will take part in the demonstration, which will be one of the most interesting and imposing ever held in the part of the province. Full particulars are given on the large posters and programmes. A notable feature of the day's proceedings will be the rendition of the popular and sparkling opera of the Pirates of Penzance" at Sturgeon Point by the Toronto Opera Co., this alone will attract a very large attendance. The arrangements of the committee to the safety and comfort of visitors on steamboats and barges are complete and thorough. We look for a pleasant day and an interesting demonstration.

MR. BLAKE IN THE LOWER PROVINCES

Mr. Blake's tour in the lower provinces progresses under the most gratifying conditions. He has very large audiences and all appear to be deeply impressed by his speeches. The ministerial organs are endeavouring to belittle the effect of the visit and the speeches, and have been stating that Mr. Blake is not popular because he does not tear a passion to tatters, roll his eyes in a fine frenzy, apostrophize the Atlantic and the Pacific, and declaim in a way that would make the eagle scream. Mr. Blake does not even pull up his coat sleeves and pull down his cuffs, after the confirmed habit of Sir Charles Tupper, and which is held by the ministerial organs to indicate the great orator. He, of course, cannot be doing not to do this must be the real reason why Mr. Blake is a failure, as the aforesaid organs would have us believe "afraid" to meet the Cumberland war horse! Some of these days Mr. Blake will turn on the whole batch of knights, and then there will be severed wigs on the green. A fair indication of the manner in which Mr. Blake's addresses have been received, is afforded by the subjoined extracts. The St. John Telegraph says Mr Blake's speech in reply to the address, "is like that contained by the same lofty and elevated character as his previous speeches, and while it opens much new ground, and touches many truths in a striking manner, it gives no uncertain sound on any of the great questions of the day, at the same time, like Mr Blake's previous speeches, it is entirely free from such mere clap-trap. The longer one reflects on such speeches, the more he is impressed with their cogency. This is more than can be said of some of the political speeches of the day." The Fredericton Capital expresses the opinion that Mr Blake's speech "gave great satisfaction, the whole tenor of his remarks being of the most thoughtful character. The great audience was very enthusiastic, and by their demonstrations applause testified to their intelligent appreciation of the points made by him. It is not our intention to discuss Mr Blake's speech just now. It is the happy privilege of an independent journalism, however, to be able to tell the truth at all times, and it is therefore with great pleasure we say that most of all parties ought to endorse that Mr. Blake is having his contention upon an appeal to the intelligence of the electors. His arguments are of many and far reaching character. We will look into them more fully hereafter. Just they are arguments, not disfigured by personalities or appeals to prejudice. He has not an enemies record the party will do well to follow." The resolutions of the attempt to belittle Mr. Blake and the opposition is shown by the appearance of the Leonard Tilley and the

have opened a series of conferences to extend through the provinces. The people down by the sea will have the various public questions fully discussed before them, and should have no difficulty in arriving at an intelligent conclusion. The general opinion is that the liberal cause will be greatly strengthened by the visits, and there are good reasons to look for a decisive liberal majority at the next general election.

THE ONTARIO & QUEBEC RAILWAY.

From a conversation the other day with Mr. Tomlinson, the chief engineer, we understand the Quebec & Ontario railway will proceed in a line as direct as possible from Toronto to Ottawa. It will probably pass a short distance north of Whitby, crossing the Midland south of Bethany, thence to Peterboro and on by a line as straight as can be got to Perth and Carleton Place, where it joins the Canada Central. Mr. Limedell is now with a large staff making the final survey and locating the line from Perth westward. The road is to be finished within two years and is to be built in a first-class manner throughout."

Lindsay will have by the Whitby railway an excellent connection with this road if it takes the southern route, but it is still not at all unlikely that the superior advantages of the route via Lindsay in the matter of cheapness of construction and easier grades, together with the greater amount of business to be secured, may induce the company to come this way.

WEST PETERBORO.

The negotiations between the reform and conservative conventions has resulted in the acceptance of Dr. Kincaid as an independent and unpledged candidate for the west riding of Peterboro in the local legislature. It seems Mr. Geo. A. Cox did not share in the opinion of some that he would go in unopposed and he accordingly withdrew. A strong desire was evinced on both sides to save the trouble and expense of a contest; but a good many would prefer an old time battle, and from the murmurings of discontent in the tory camp it should not be surprised if a three-cornered fight were yet to take place. That is generally the result of these compromises of arrangements unless the grounds therefor are exceptional. The Mail's Peterboro correspondent claims Dr. Kincaid as "one of the right bowers" of the party and considers him one of the faithful. The Examiner wants to know how a party can have more than one right bower; and it does look as if some of the local tory leaders had been taking lessons from Bill Nye of Heathen Chinee fame and were trying to stuff their sleeves with aces. The Review does not like the arrangement, the heart is evidently too full for utterance. It says: Our readers will not unnaturally expect the Review editorially to express an opinion on the result of the liberal conservative mass meeting held on Tuesday evening, and the negotiations carried on during the process of the meeting with the liberal committee, but under all the circumstances we think we had better not. Were any good object to be promoted by our speaking our minds our readers will readily believe that we would not be slow to speak it, but as we can see no good object to be gained thereby we prefer, for the present at least, to act upon the saying that the 'less said the sooner mended.'"

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Sir Hector Langevin says the population of the Dominion is four and a half millions, an increase of a million in ten years.

Sir Leonard Tilley says the surplus in the last financial year is three and a half millions. Why not then take off some of the taxes?

The writ for the Argenteuil election has been issued. The nomination will take place on the 6th and the polling on the 13th of August.

The Pacific syndicate have circumvented the South-Western railway people (Dr. Schultz and others) in their efforts to get a large bonus from Winnipeg, and will thereby block a rival project and stave off competition.

Mr. Geo. A. Cox and Mayor Smith of Peterboro, have gone to Toronto to obtain the new paper mill for Peterboro if possible. This is business. Peterboro is determined to make a big push for manufactures. It is understood the company prefer a site near Washago on the Severn river. The establishment will give employment to sixty men.

A sharp war is opening between the Northern Pacific managers and the Canadian Pacific syndicate, who are also owners of the St. Paul and Manitoba railway. The latter have invaded the territory of the former, and built or projected competing branch lines, and the Northern Pacific propose to retaliate. The contest will be interesting and probably exciting.

Col. Williams and four others offer to form a joint stock company with a capital of $80,000 and reconstitute the car works at Port Hope, if the town will buy the old car factory ground and give it to the new company as a neutral spot, and also give them a bonus of $6,000 and exemption from taxes for twelve years. It is quite clear that if Lindsay wishes to secure car works, action will have to be promptly taken.

Conkling has been completely defeated at Albany. Messrs. Lapham and Miller have been chosen to fill the places in the senate which he and Platt threw up in order to secure the endorsation of their course by the New York state legislature. The defeat of Conkling is a heavy blow to the "machine" and "boss" system of politics. The new senators are men of no particular ability, and it is stated with some degree of accuracy, that the biggest state will be represented by the smallest men.

We infer that an election must be looming up in West Peterboro when the Examiner gently alludes to Mr. John Carnegie, a probable candidate, as one who comes "smacking his lips with the relish of recent loot," and charges him with fattening on the "spoils" system like a "corpulent ass in a neighbour's clover field." It also calls him a "gorged self-seeker." Mr. Carnegie was certainly enumerated for West Peterboro, but we scarcely think he has "gorged" himself upon his allowance as such official.

Among other schemes projected in New York to defeat the railway and telegraph monopolists is one for forming a new telegraph company comprising well known capitalists in the states and Europe. It is intended that it shall in time control every paying point covered by the Western Union line. It is understood that James H. Keene will be president. The directors will include John Mackey and other well known Californian capitalists. The capital is to be ten millions, which it is asserted is already subscribed. It is also said that a company has been organized with a view of controlling freight tonnage on the Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio rivers. Sixty-three steamers and twenty barges have already been bought. The purchasers claim that they can run them at a reduction of fifty per cent in expenses. Keene is also said to be at the head of this company. He protestations say that they are perfecting arrangements by which grain and provisions can be shipped to Europe at a little more than half the present rates carried by rail via the Atlantic ports. Then they propose to steal, following scheme, but it is rather interesting and may be carried out.

Sir William Harcourt stated in the house of commons on Monday that the infernal machines had been discovered in one vessel at Liverpool and four in another. More than three weeks before the government had been informed of the contemplated trans American to England of infernal machines, the agents of the vessels being given instructions to discover and destroy them. Investigations in Liverpool and Glasgow resulted in the discovery of the machines in the vessels about to sail for America. He believed the conspiracy was very large, having ramifications in Canada, and he was confident that the police would succeed in discovering the whole of the conspirators. He was not prepared to say that the Fenian organization in America was responsible for the conspiracy, but he believed that the conspirators were Fenians. The government would spare no effort to bring the conspirators to justice. Mr. Gladstone said he was glad to hear that the government had been informed of the conspiracy in time to prevent the mischief intended. Further investigations would be made.

A terrible accident occurred on the Grand Trunk railway on Saturday last, by which a number of persons lost their lives. The train was composed of a number of excursion cars filled with people, and was proceeding from Detroit to Port Huron, when the bridge over the River Rouge gave way, precipitating the train into the river below. The number of persons killed is variously stated at from 15 to 30, and the number injured is also very large. The bridge was a new one, and the accident is supposed to have been caused by the spreading of the rails. The scene of the accident is described as terrible in the extreme. The river was filled with struggling people, and the shrieks of the drowning were heartrending. Many of the bodies have been recovered, and the search is still being prosecuted. The Grand Trunk officials have been exonerated from all blame in the matter.

Referring to the railway meeting at Peterboro' the Independent says it is to be hoped that the people will forget self, as the surrounding towns will secure all the advantages, and the main line of the northern route to Ottawa and Pembroke will go ahead. Lots of very good, large, farming land is waiting to be settled, and the Midland road is bound to do well, and will be a great benefit to the country. Peterboro' should not be selfish, but should consider the good of the whole district. Cobourg has done well, and Port Hope is doing well, and Peterboro' should not be behind. Let the people of Peterboro' forget self, and work for the good of the whole district.

LOCAL MATTERS.

THE MARIPOSA REAPING MATCH.

REAPING SKILL COMPETITION—A BIG ATTENDANCE.

The reaping match held on the farm of Mr. John Dames, lot 17, concession 7 of Mariposa on Friday afternoon last, passed off very pleasantly. The attendance of farmers was very good, while a great many from the villages of Oakwood and Little Britain were on the ground. The number of entries was rather small, there being only three new machines in competition, namely, the Hamilton, Whitby and the Patterson. There were also a Johnston and an old Canadian Harvester, but as these two were old machines, especially the latter, they could scarcely be called competitors, as the farmers were there for the purpose of seeing how the machines worked that were being offered for sale at the present time. The field contained eleven acres of a fine crop of fall wheat, but it was too green for any machine to do good work and for that reason none of the machines put off a good sheaf, but as the people were on the ground the match had to go ahead. About nine o'clock each went around a time or two to get properly adjusted, after which they each cut four times around the field, when the judges gave their decision, which resulted as follows: "Hamilton Reaper," Hugh Hopper, first prize; "Canadian Harvester," Hugh Hopper, second prize; "Johnston," James Campbell, third prize. When the match was about half through Mr. Dames set out an excellent lunch, which was passed round by a dozen or more of the charming young ladies of the neighborhood. Mr. Dames certainly did all in his power to make the day pass off successfully. The judges were Messrs. Thos. Bowes, W. Hickingbotham and W. Foster, and while acknowledging the good work done by the "Patterson" machine, operated by Mr. Lake, they could not see their way clear to give it a prize.

A CARD FROM MR. DAVID WALKER.

[*To the Editor of* THE CANADIAN POST.]

SIR,—As several farmers have been asking me why I did not enter the "Frankford New Reaper" or the "Kirby Reaper" at the match held in Mariposa last week, and understanding that several went to the match for the sole purpose of seeing my machines work, you will do me a very great favor by publishing a letter which I received from the firm of A. Harris & Son, Brantford, which I represent:

Mr. David Walker, Lindsay:

DEAR SIR,—We have received your favor of the 19th inst. calling our attention to a reaping match to be held by the Mariposa agricultural society. At a meeting of the manufacturers held last fall it was decided that they would not attend any trials held this season, and so far all the manufacturers have abided by that decision. We don't intend to be the first to break the rules and we therefore don't wish to compete at the Mariposa match. These matches are a source of trouble and great expense to the manufacturers and they are determined to make an effort to do away them. Our machines are plentiful in your county and any farmer who wishes can easily go and see them work.—Yours truly, A. HARRIS, SON & CO.

Brantford, July 18, 1881.

This letter will explain why these machines were not at the trial.

DAVID WALKER,
Agent Harris, Son & Co.

Ops, July 26, 1881.

A FARMER'S VIEW OF THE MATCH.

[*To the Editor of* THE CANADIAN POST.]

SIR,—As your columns are always open to the discussion of all matters that interest the farmers I ask a short space to say a few words concerning the reaping match which took place on Mr. Dames's farm last week, and notwithstanding the fact that your reporter was on the ground taking notes for an elaborate report of the proceedings I wish also to have my say in the matter. I went to the match expecting to see at least a dozen reapers in competition, but imagine my surprise on finding only three new and two old machines on the ground, and on moving around I found that there were scores of farmers equally surprised, while not a few hinted that there was something wrong somewhere; but be that as it may the entries were made to the secretary and the match went on, resulting in first prize, $15, being awarded to Hugh Hopper, who drove the "Bradley" of Hamilton, and the second prize, $10, being awarded to Hugh Hopper, who drove an old "Canadian Harvester" made five years ago and used ever since by Mr. Charles Reeder until it is nearly worn out, but by putting a Bradley cam on it was made to do service to get the $10 prize. The third prize, $5, was awarded to Mr. James Campbell, who drove an old "Johnston" reaper, and I am only speaking the sentiments of the farmers who were there when I say that it did the best work done that day, even though it is a heavy machine to handle. Now, talk about your "family compacts" in Lindsay; it is nothing in comparison to Mariposa. After the evening refreshing of the wound the patient slept quietly for three hours and awoke a few moments since feeling greatly refreshed. The pulse is now below 100 and temperature and respiration normal. The stump is progressing, although by no means out of danger, owing to a fungi and I believe that the present low state of health is a favourable state and that the President is on his way to recovery.

The President has lost over forty pounds in weight. Dr. Swaim, who watched him so continuously, is twenty-five pounds, but has been in excellent health. Another attendant lost fifteen pounds.

The Secretary, Bagley's, Washington journal says it is now admitted the President will recover, unless a terrible change for the better occurs, a great blessing that our worst fears have not been realized. The President's physicians are confident that the President will recover. Dr. Agnew is confident that the President will recover. Dr. Agnew is confident that the President will recover. Dr. Agnew is