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NORTH VICTORIA PROTEST.

The North Victoria protest case closed here on Saturday for the second time. The evidence adduced was of a very trivial character and each charge was promptly dismissed by their lordships. Justice Burton even took occasion to express his strong disapproval of the very decided fishing character of much of the evidence and the evident foundationless personal charges against the respondent, Mr. Fell, as was shown by the alacrity with which they were dropped whenever he expressed his willingness to testify in his own behalf. It was certainly a pitiable exhibition all through, and will by no means add to the prestige of the Reform party nor the credit of Mr. Jas. Dickson.

The verdict of the judges has of course not been rendered, so that comment at this stage would be out of place. Judgment is to be given a week from Monday at Osgoode hall on the old charges, that is, those which were considered in December; but the verdict then generally expected, even by Reformers, is that Mr. Fell will be retained in his seat. Yet whichever way it may go the course pursued by Mr. J. S. Dickson and his notorious friends Mr. S. S. Peck, Mr. Jas. Fielding and such, argue anything but success in future elections, even supposing their great desire be obtained and Mr. Fell is unseated.

And well it is that it is so. A party which has carried the unenviable reputation that the Reform party of North Victoria has in the light of recent events cannot expect much sympathy from the electors, nor can it lay claim to respect by reason of the character of its leaders. Reform and Reform "principles" have proved only the whitest sepulchre an party allegiance has been demanded for public defaulter and unwashed criminal, yet fortunately that demand has been met everywhere with a stern refusal, and so it is to be hoped always will be. The Reform party must be taught first to make their leaders honest men, not recognize public defaulters, then it will be time enough for them to spend almost thousands of dollars in attempting to prove bribery in North Victoria. Had the same trouble been taken to right the county of Haliburton with S. S. Peck that has been taken to vainly prove that all the electors could be bought up like sheep it would be better for Reform leaders to say. Haliburton will not soon forget the gratuitous insult.

There is great dissatisfaction in the county of Durham as to municipal matters, and especially as to the distribution of expenditures between the united counties of Northumberland and Durham. A meeting is shortly to be held to consider the advisability of dissolving the union.

The Peterboro' Reformers are still troubled over the Peterboro' reorganization and are going for the Government on all sides. It is, however, of little moment to us and they must accordingly settle their troubles between themselves and Mr. Mowat. Yet from all accounts Mr. Mowat has used some of the aspirins very badly, if not treacherously.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The first division in the Ontario Legislature took place Wednesday morning, the Government being sustained by a majority of twelve.

Conservatism has been selected as a place for the examination of candidates for certificates of competency as master mates of vessels on inland waters.

James Boyd has declared, in connection with a contested school trustee election, that all the ratepayers of Brockton are disfranchised until they pay their taxes.

The Globe announces that its enemies "shall find that we can use cold steel as readily as facts." It would be interesting to witness some of our contemporary's feats of sword swallowing—especially at the dinner table.

The Evening Canadian thinks people are commencing to think it was about time the so-called debate on the address was finished in the Ontario Legislature. The whole business is only a farce anyway, and—merely gives Mr. Mowat's followers a chance to congratulate themselves on being elected, many of them by the sin of their teeth.

An apology is due Dr. Burrows. Last week we stated Mr. McIntyre's maiden speech had been written by him, but it appears the doctor had no hand in the precious production and did not even know of it till he saw the comments on it in the public papers. We regret our obtuseness as to such an error and trust the doctor will forgive us this time. It was certainly a hard blow to the doctor.

The statement published in Reform journals that Mr. John White, M. P., was "snubbed" by the Orange Incorporation Committee of the Grand Lodge, because it was resolved to place the bill of this session in charge of Mr. Hector Cameron, is untrue. The committee's action was taken upon the advice of Mr. White, and, consequently with his consent.

A Belleville paper points out what a high worker Mr. E. Blake is, by publishing a couple of columns of returns asked for by the great statesman. Furnishing these returns it may be said will entail an expense of several thousand dollars to the country, and the country could have got along just as well without them. Still Mr. Blake is a great worker, and makes lots of work for session writers.

Writs have been issued against Hon. Mr. Pades, Aubrey White and Geo. F. B. Burden, at the instance of Mr. W. H. Plummer, the Conservative candidate in the recent local election in Algoma, claiming \$2,000 damages from each for corrupt acts during that election. Writs will also probably be issued against Attorney-General Mowat and Hon. Mr. Hardy.

One of Mr. Goull's supporters in North Ontario, and a delegate to the convention that nominated him, testified that he was recommended by a doctor to use good whiskey for spinal complaint. He always carries a flask, in fact he had one in court with him then, half full. His complaint was evidently aggravated during the election, and whenever he took a dose he passed the bottle around. The intention was, of course, simply to head off any symptoms of a like disease in his friends.

The warden of Victoria, Mr. Theo. Smithson, has not disclaimed the seat as stated last week by our contemporary, but will fight the protest entered by Mr. Knight, fully believing that his qualifications will be found sufficient for all the purposes of law. The case was to have come up for trial this week but for some reason has been delayed till next week. If Mr. Smithson be disqualified a new election both for the township of Fenelon and its wardenship of Victoria will be necessary.

Mr. CARNEGIE, M. P. for West Peterboro', has taken a wise step in calling for particulars of expenditures on colonization roads. Such expenditure is necessary, and the roads are absolutely essential to the well-being of settlers in the free grant districts. But it is certain the money has been so used as to constitute an electioneering fund in the interest of the Reform party. Settlers understand very well that the roads are constructed to suit political exigencies, men are employed to serve political purposes, and roads are made to suit lumbermen friendly to the Government rather than to do the most effective service to the farmers.

A DEPUTATION from the corporation of Belleville, consisting of Mayor Dunnet, and Messrs. Diamond, Carman, and Henderson, accompanied by Messrs. Sills and Wood, M.P.'s, waited on the attorney-general and provincial treasurer Monday, in regard to a bonus given by the city of Belleville to the Grand Junction railway. The bonus, which amounted to \$100,000, was granted some years ago, and subsequently a second bonus of \$50,000 was given, but by the amalgamation of this road with the Grand Trunk the conditions upon which the bonuses were granted were completely ignored, that is, that Belleville should be the terminus of the road, that the station should be placed to suit the people, and that the workshops should be in Belleville. The deputation wished to know what action could be taken in order to secure the rights of the city in the matter.

Ottawa Jottings.

From an occasional correspondent. The first division of the session was on Monday, on the bill introduced by Mr. Cameron, of Huron, to permit husbands and wives charged with misdemeanors to give evidence on behalf of themselves and each other. In no case was it a party measure for the Government and its following divided on it, yet so wedded to party allegiance is the Opposition, that almost to a man they voted for it, because introduced by one of themselves. The bill was carried on a second reading, but has yet to pass the gauntlet of committee and the Senate, where it may stick as it did last year.

PACIFIC RAILWAY. Sir Charles Tupper yesterday introduced the resolution empowering the Government to loan \$25,000,000 for eight years to the Canada Pacific Railway Co., and to postpone payment of \$5,000,000 due now by the company to the Government for five years, to enable them to continue the completion within two years the road from ocean to ocean. The company give in security an absolute first lien on their whole property, consisting of the main line and tracks (over 3,800 miles, on which there is no prior charge), rolling stock, plant equipment, &c., &c., which at a very moderate estimate may be valued at \$100,000,000. As the company pay interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum, while the Government can borrow at four per cent., this entails no cost to the country, and in case of default of one year this whole property passes for the \$25,000,000 into the hands of the Government.

Sir Charles spoke for three hours and went very fully into the financial standing of the company, pointing out that in addition to the money given by the Government and the proceeds of lands sold, over \$27,000,000 capital had been supplied by the company and their friends and put into the undertaking, showing that such a contingency as default was not possible. He pointed out forcibly and clearly the vital importance it was to the country, both at home and abroad that

WORK SHOULD CONTINUE to progress with the same vigor. The eyes of the whole continent of Europe and Great Britain were upon us, and any lagging now would retard immigration and in consequence the progress of the North-west. His oration was very fine when appealing to the patriotism of the House to rise above party and assist the Government in this great work, saying that if the present generation failed to acknowledge the courage and wisdom displayed by this Parliament at this crisis, it would be written in the history of the country, and our children and grandchildren profit by our patriotism and enterprise.

It must be remembered that the company are able and willing to complete their contract without this, or any assistance, that is, finish the road in 1881, but this loan is to enable them to do so five years sooner, in 1886.

Mr. Blake followed, speaking with his usual ability and length but

FAILED TO CARRY the House with him. It was a good example of how feeble the strongest man may be when he is advocating a weak case.

So far the House and the country are clearly with the Government, and the debate last night showed in marked contrast their courage, wisdom and patriotism, with the carrying, faithfulness and narrow prejudices of the Opposition.

The adjournment of the debate was moved by Mr. Ives after midnight. The galleries were crowded during the whole time and intense interest was felt and shown in Sir Charles' statement.

TRENT VALLEY CANAL.

To-day a very large deputation from the counties of Hastings, Peterboro', Victoria and Simcoe waited on the Minister of railways and canals to press on him the importance of more energetic action in the construction of the "Trent Valley Canal." Two years ago a vote of \$290,000 was passed, and since then the looks of Fenelon Falls, Buckhorn and Burleigh have been commended and are now progressing rapidly. These when completed will open an uninterrupted navigation between Lakesfield and Coboscook, a distance of about one hundred miles. The deputation pressed on the minister the urgency of commencing work on some other portion of the line, and making provision therefore in the estimates. Sir Charles, who had gone over the whole route and was conversant with the location and its importance, expressed himself very strongly in favor of the scheme and pointed out the necessity there would soon be felt for better means to facilitate the movement of the enormous product which it is expected our great North-west would soon pour out, but was of course very guarded in making promises. He said the whole route had now been thoroughly surveyed by Mr. Rubidge, the engineer in charge, who was now engaged in making his report thereon, which when laid before him would give information without which it would be unwise to say more. He left the impression on those who heard his admirable address, that he was in earnest in his advocacy of the scheme.

The members of Parliament representing the constituencies named, entertained the deputation at lunch in the Commons restaurant this afternoon, after which the health of Sir Charles, Hon. Mr. Powell, and Rev. Mr. Logan (of F. Falls) and others was drunk. About one hundred of the representative men from the four counties were present and expressed themselves pleased with the result of their visit.

Your Mayor, Rev. Councillor Crandell, Mr. Hopkins, aptly-reeve of Ope; Mr. Fairbairn, reeve of Verulam; Mr. Bailey, reeve of Emaly; Mr. Fell, reeve of Smerville and M. P. for North Victoria, and other prominent residents of your county were also present. Sir Hector Langverin, Minister of public works, by your representative, Messrs. Dundas and Cameron. Their business was to request him to place a sum in the esti-

mates for this year for the erection of suitable public buildings in Lindsay. Memorials from your county and town councils were presented, together with statistics of the public business of the place.

Sir Hector gave them a most courteous reception and promised to lay their case before his colleagues for their approval.

Town Council. A special meeting of the town council was called on Friday evening for the purpose of taking into consideration a communication from Mr. J. R. Dundas, M. P., relative to the Trent Valley canal and other business of the town. There were present the mayor and Messrs. Deacon, Crandell, Bagley, Fox, Bryson, Sinclair, Weiss, Graham, Connolly and Malton. Messrs. Melville and McTavish were absent.

COMMUNICATIONS were read as follows by the clerk: From Mr. J. R. Dundas, M. P., asking the mayor and a deputation from the council to wait upon the Minister of Public Works respecting the appropriation for a new post-office in Lindsay, as also the Trent Valley canal. From Mr. John Connery, asking remission of taxes, owing to his serious loss recently by fire. From Mr. John O'Connor, respecting a remission of taxes from the same cause. A petition from Mr. E. A. McMurtry and others, asking that a by-law be passed compelling residents to have the snow cleaned from the sidewalks opposite their residences was read and referred to committee.

OTTAWA DEPUTATION. Col. Deacon moved, seconded by Mr. Bagley, that his worship the mayor and Messrs. Fox and Crandell be a deputation to visit Ottawa, for the purpose of urging an appropriation for public buildings in the town of Lindsay.—Carried.

MISCELLANEOUS. Mr. H. O'Leary was heard regarding the future location of the workshops of the Victoria railway, which he considered likely to be changed from where they now were.

Mr. McTavish entered and took his seat.

THE TIME QUESTION. Mr. McWilliams was heard by the council as to the conduct of the clock on the Bible Christian church. He considered it required some little repairs and if the town would take charge of it and keep it in repair they were quite welcome to the use of the clock.

Mr. Fox considered some better arrangements should be made regarding public time, and with that end in view would move that the question of regulating the clock on the B. C. church be taken up by the committee on town property, and that they report at the next meeting of the council.—Carried.

THE FLEMING FAMILY.

Mr. Jena O'Leary informed the council that he had collected \$50 in aid of the Fleming family, and had paid it into the treasury for their benefit. As the town had agreed to supplement the amount he raised, he thought this would be sufficient to return them to Ireland, where they desired to go.

Mr. Connolly moved, seconded by Mr. Bagley, that the mayor be authorized to provide for the sending of the Fleming family back to Ireland on the payment by Mr. O'Leary of the \$50 collected in the town by him.—Carried.

A SIGNAL MAN.

Col. Deacon moved, seconded by Mr. Malton, that his worship the mayor write to the manager of the Midland division of the grand trunk railway, calling attention to the necessity of having a watchman or some system of signal on the crossing on Lindsay street, for the purpose of warning vehicles of the approach of trains.—Carried.

REPORTS.

Col. Deacon presented the report of the finance committee, recommending the payment of sundry accounts, which was read and passed. The committee further recommended that the town account be transferred to the Ontario bank on the conditions submitted by the local manager, viz: present rate of discount 7 per cent. per annum with interest of 3 per cent. on aggregate balance.

The time for collection of taxes was extended to the 15th February, when the roll is to be returned.

The report of the fire and water committee was presented by Capt. Crandell and laid on the table for future reference. It complained of the inefficiency of the fire system and recommended a change to steam power, etc., for the purpose of raising water from the river. It further recommended that a fire alarm bell and hose reel be placed on Kent street near Britton's corner; also the sale of the fire hand engine, after its necessary repair.

Mr. Crandell moved, seconded by Mr. Malton, that the town clerk be authorized to get a further insurance on the town building.—Carried.

Col. Deacon moved, seconded by Mr. Malton, that when the council adjourns it stands adjourned to Monday the 12th of February, for the purpose of receiving the collector's supplementary roll, the appointment of municipal officers and the transaction of public business. The council then adjourned.

HALIBURTON.

Among the demands of this interesting village are two of importance. We want there would soon be felt for better means to facilitate the movement of the enormous product which it is expected our great North-west would soon pour out, but was of course very guarded in making promises. He said the whole route had now been thoroughly surveyed by Mr. Rubidge, the engineer in charge, who was now engaged in making his report thereon, which when laid before him would give information without which it would be unwise to say more. He left the impression on those who heard his admirable address, that he was in earnest in his advocacy of the scheme.

One of our village residents last week, in clearing away the snow from the road, uncovered a snake, alive and kicking. Mr. Kellett had a very narrow escape from a serious accident, and perhaps death. He was on the roof of his house, when he suddenly slipped. For an instant his fall to the ground seemed certain, but luckily he contrived to catch hold of the eaves and with wonderful strength and endurance held himself suspended in the air until a ladder was raised to him from below.

JANETVILLE.

Correspondence of The Warder.

ROADS.—The new municipal council of Manvers is going to come a great boon to the people of the north-east and north-west of Manvers by opening the road between the 11th and 12th cones, so as to make it possible for summer travel. When it is made across three lots that lie in the Pigeon Creek swamp it will be the only road in the township that can be travelled from the boundary of CANAN on the east and Cartwright on the west.

RECOVERIES.—We are sorry to say that Mr. Wm. Johnston is taken down with a serious illness, erysipelas in the face is his worst form. Dr. McAlpine is in attendance, and he is doing all that medical skill can do to relieve his suffering. We are happy to say that Mr. Samuel Magill, sr., is in a fair way of recovery under the skillful treatment of Dr. McAlpine.

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