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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1897.



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ULTRAMONTANE ROMANISM.

The term ultramontane as applied to church history refers to that portion of the roman catholic church which in France in the "dark ages" insisted on the supremacy of the Pope of Rome over the bishops in all matters.

The Gallian catholics, however, held that within certain limits the bishops should be supreme in their own spheres. Ultramontane means beyond the mountains, and refers to the party in France, which recognized the authority beyond the mountains, i.e., in a foreign country, Rome, as supreme over the bishops in France. Hence the two parties in the roman catholic church.

In Canada to-day are two parties in the roman catholic church. One, led by Rev. Abbe Proulx, Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, Solicitor General Fitzpatrick, and kindred apostles, looks not to the Canadian bishops in church matters, but seeks to override their authority by appeals to Rome. In state matters these same gentlemen are not satisfied with the Judicial Committee of the Queen's Privy Council as a final court of appeal, but, refusing to accept the decision of that august body, boldly refer a judgment of that the highest court in the British Empire to Rome for review.

The other roman catholic party led by the majority of the bishops says, "we are content, may we demand that the decision of the Judicial Committee of the Queen's Privy Council shall be final; that there shall be no recognition of Rome as a court of appeal in matters affecting state affairs in Canada; and that we, the bishops, are supreme in our own territory in regard to certain matters purely concerning the roman catholic church."

Of the two parties Hon. Mr. Laurier is following the old ultramontane lines in overriding the tribunals of his own land and in appealing to a foreign court in Italy on the banks of the Tiber. Hon. Mr. Laurier should have judgment sufficient to know that while his followers seem to tolerate almost any inconsistency on his part, yet there is an extremity beyond which toleration ceases to extend, and whether roman catholic or protestant, the people of Canada will not permit references to any court beyond those constitutionally established for Canadian state affairs.

NORTH ONTARIO ELECTION FRAUD

Angus McLeod was undoubtedly elected member of parliament for North Ontario on Thursday, 4th February last. He has, however, been robbed of the seat.

The deputy returning officers had in several instances acted most strangely. As many as five ballots were given to one man at once, and two to another, which were detected. How many were not found out only a scrutiny could determine. Scores of other peculiar ballot incidents also developed that day.

On Thursday, 11th February, returning officer Bruce declared Duncan Graham elected by 39 majority.

The same day an order for a recount was issued by His Honor Judge Mahaffy of Bracebridge, to take place on Tuesday, 16th inst.

Copies of the order were duly served on Messrs. Bruce, his clerk, and Duncan Graham.

It may be asked why have Judge Mahaffy to hold the recount instead of Judge Dartnell?

The answers are:— 1. Judge Mahaffy is the only Judge residing in the riding.

2. Judge Mahaffy has seven of the twelve townships of North Ontario in his jurisdiction, so no possible objection could be urged on that score.

3. There are no business relations whatever and never have been between Mr. McLeod and Judge Mahaffy.

4. Last year Judge Mahaffy ruled against the contentions of George McCormack, M.P., who is even more intimately acquainted with him than is Mr. McLeod; but the Judge's views on the marking of ballots are known since that time. He is on record as to what constitutes a good and a bad ballot, and his ruling formerly would undoubtedly have given the seat to Mr. McLeod. He then allowed all ballots where the intention of the elector was manifest and where no marks that could be construed to be a sign were made. That is all Angus McLeod asked, and given that he would be member by thirty-five to-day.

5. Reform leaders, who for years have charged His Honor Judge Dartnell with drunkenness, imbecility, and incapacity; who openly boasted that a recount before him was what they now wanted because "gilt leaders have him under their control"; because as they said he dare not displeasure the reform leaders now in office; were determined to thwart the ends of justice and rob Angus McLeod of his rights, and the electors of North Ontario of their member.

Accordingly, though Mr. Graham was declared elected by 39 majority by Mr. Bruce; though the right to a recount lay with Mr. McLeod, he having been declared defeated, yet the whole fraternity, Bruce, Graham, Noble, etc., rushed to Toronto to D'Alton McCarthy. They, it is affirmed, brought Judge Dartnell from Whitley to Toronto, and on Thursday night and Friday last deliberately interfered with justice. Judge Dartnell, knowing that his colleague Judge Mahaffy had already ordered a recount, permitted himself to be made a tool of by the ring, and ordered a recount before himself on Monday 15th at Whitley. Who ever before heard of a candidate declared elected being anxious for a recount to reduce his majority? There is something very strange in the whole affair.

Mr. O. M. Arnold and Mr. Aylesworth, Q.C., representing Mr. McLeod, as soon as they learned of the state of affairs, secured from Mr. Justice Robertson of the Superior Court, Osgoode Hall Toronto, an injunction restraining Judge Dartnell from holding the recount, and on returning officer Bruce from delivering the ballots. Copies were duly served on Judge Dartnell, Mr. Bruce and all others concerned; but on Monday at Whitley, Judge Dartnell and Mr. Bruce, acting under direction of the prince of political failures, Mr. D'Alton McCarthy, refused to observe the injunction, and in defiance of the law went on with the recount.

Mr. Arnold and those representing Mr. McLeod, not desiring to be party to an illegal as well as dishonorable transaction, withdrew as soon as it became evident that Mr. McCarthy would not allow the Judge to obey the injunction.

The farce proceeded, and with the star chamber gang in full control they ran through the ballots and declared Duncan Graham elected by 17 majority, a direct gain of twenty-two votes for Mr. McLeod.

The whole of the ballots could not possibly have been examined in the time occupied, unless forsooth each took a bundle and got off in a corner and fixed them up.

The ballots were at once packed up and sent to Ottawa so that Judge Mahaffy could not possibly see them.

With a proper recount Angus McLeod would be member for North Ontario by thirty-five votes.

There are two men who should be ashamed of their conduct in that disgraceful affair; one is Mr. D'Alton McCarthy for advising as he did Judge Dartnell; the other is Judge Dartnell himself.

When the latter finds himself being retired from office by the very men whom he has been serving he will regret not having better preserved his manhood. Of one thing Judge Dartnell may rest assured in this, that the disrespect in which he has long been held by the best people of Ontario county has been deepened intensify by his very peculiar conduct in this affair.

Of another thing the public may rest assured in, that Angus McLeod and the people of North Ontario will never rest until they have their rights.

The public are naturally exercised to know why the reform party were determined not to have the ballots seen. Only the rejected ballots were examined by Judge Dartnell and Mr. McCarthy, and only some of them. There is something seriously wrong in the whole business.

PROSECUTE THE PERSONATORS.

At least one of the many grit personators in the recent North Ontario election is known. He is named Dawson from Toronto.

The attention of the officers of the crown is drawn to this fact, and let it be hoped an example may be made of him. It is high time the rascally conduct of the reform party was exposed.

EAST VICTORIA'S ENERGETIC MEMBER.

Mr. J. H. Carnegie, M.P.P., for East Victoria, is one of the most enterprising members of the Ontario assembly.

The obnoxious hunting law was suspended last season through Mr. Carnegie's efforts.

He now is endeavoring to have the school laws and regulations so amended that in the sparsely settled districts of Haliburton and other parts of East Victoria the settlers shall have the privilege of having long school holidays during winter months when roads are bad, and of short holidays in summer months.

In the matter of roads, school grants, and everything else coming under jurisdiction of the province, Mr. Carnegie is an indefatigable worker for the riding he represents.

"NO CANADIANS NEED APPLY."

In estimating the loss and in planning for reconstruction on the parliament buildings at Ottawa, Hon. Mr. Tarte ignores Canadian architects and has employed an American.

Our readers will remember that Sir Oliver secured an American architect for the parliament buildings in Toronto.

An American firm has been given the manufacture of Dominion of Canada bank notes and stamps by the Laurier government.

On the school question Hon. Mr. Laurier ignores the opinion of the judicial committee of the Queen's privy council, and seeks redress from Rome.

The motto of the new government seems to be "no Canadians or Britishers need apply."

CONFIDENCE.

In national as well as in business and social affairs confidence is an essential requisite.

The reform party while in opposition for eighteen years exerted their utmost endeavors to create mistrust and want of confidence in the fiscal policy of the conservatives, and by their pledges of free trade, most certainly induced much capital from seeking profitable investment in this fair land. Yet despite their cries of "free trade" and "blue ruin" Canada prospered.

The reform party is now in power, and in less than eight months has succeeded in creating a mistrust and want of confidence among business men such as has not prevailed in Canada since 1878. And no change of unfair treatment can be charged to conservative opponents. What ever else the Tory party may have done it has been loyal to Canada and Canadians, and has not followed the example, on the contrary it has avoided the disloyalty of decrying one's own country in order to injure political opponents.

"GOOD ROADS."

A considerable portion of the speech of the mover of the address on the opening of the Ontario Assembly last week was devoted to the all important question of "good roads."

Another proposal was the construction of a railway from Port Arthur on Lake Superior to Rat Portage and on to Winnipeg, and the liberal assistance by way of bonuses to that enterprise, because much of the revenue of the province has been derived from the timber dues on those lands.

What a laugh the good people of the "Monck or the Bobcaygeon road" would set up to hear such news. The townships of North Victoria and Haliburton have contributed millions to the treasury of Ontario. They demand a fair return for their roads.

Enough has been spent on the wealthy centres. It is high time the districts which furnished the wealth should receive in return fair consideration.

Let the members for East and West Victoria ascertain how many millions have been collected from their ridings and then demand at least an annual outlay of two per cent. of the amount in their territory.

FIRE IN THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS AT OTTAWA.

A destructive fire has occurred in the western block of the parliament buildings at Ottawa. It originated in the public works department of Hon. Mr. Tarte, and through some mismanagement and having hoses, hydrants and attendants all out of order, made great headway before being controlled.

The new French caretakers did not seem to know their business. Thus the country is saddled with a loss of about quarter of a million dollars.

The public are anxiously waiting to hear what those princes of political fakirs Messrs. Haycock, Currie, Malloy, etc., have to say on the cause and the effect of the fire.

There is not the slightest ground for supposing that the building was purposely fired in order to give Mr. Tarte the opportunity of employing the French Canadians of Ottawa now out of work.

But there seems no reasonable doubt the loss is due to gross carelessness, negligence and incapacity on the part of Mr. Tarte's officials.

The country pays the piper, however, and with the present low prices and hard times a quarter of a million dollars from the people's pockets means considerable.

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THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Last week the Ontario Legislature was opened under the premiership of Hon. A. S. Hardy. The old leader, Sir Oliver Mowat, was present, a spectator, and seemed deeply moved by the pomp and splendor of his successor. Mr. Evanturel, a French-Canadian, was elected speaker.

Mr. Whitney, leader, and the great majority of the conservative opposition were in attendance. In the course of the debate on the address Mr. Whitney scored the government on the failure of the new county council bill.

In this Mr. Whitney but echoes the voice of the great majority of the people of Ontario.

THE LONGEST REIGN IN ENGLAND.

Throughout the British Empire arrangements are being made to celebrate the 60th year in the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. Canada in this, as in other things, is not lagging, and every town in the Dominion which lays claims to any importance will celebrate the diamond jubilee.

What step is Lindsay taking in this matter? Let the town of Lindsay celebrate in a fitting manner the 60th anniversary in the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, the longest reigning sovereign of England, and the most beloved and best sovereign known to the world.

WAR IN "THE EAST."

There seems imminent danger of a war between Greece and Turkey. The large island, Crete, belongs to Turkey, but the population are chiefly of the Greek race, and in religion are labelled "christian."

Pursuing the popular practice of recent months the Greek populace of Crete have been showing their zeal for the cause of Christ and the overthrow of Turkish rule by shooting at night as many of their Moslem neighbors as possible.

On the other hand, the Turks have retaliated, the result being really a civil war in Crete.

The cause has so prospered that the Greek Cretans held possession of nearly all the island. Then was the correct time for Greece proper to appear on the scene, "to prevent the massacre of her kinsmen by the atrocious Turk." Accordingly, men-of-war, torpedo boats, infantry and artillery were dispatched amid the usual excitement and furore, from Greece to Crete.

Meantime, England, Russia, France, Italy and Germany landed troops to prevent the Turks or Greek Cretans doing each other much damage.

The chances are that the trouble is over; that Crete will shortly be handed over by the great powers to Greece; and that intrigue and plotting will thereafter be carried on in some other "christian" province of Turkey preparatory to working up a few "horrible massacres of christians" by Turks in order to inflame Europe, the said "horrible massacres" being performed by Turks in the pay of one or other of the interested "christian" nations.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Have you become any richer yet under the grit government regime? War clouds have come to be the rule now and peace clouds the exception.

Is anxiety about the tariff changes making you rich?—The Gazette.

North Ontario conservatives made a noble fight against tremendous odds. Well done North Ontario.—Ottawa Packet.

The reports of Cuban victories now are becoming almost as monotonous as weeks Weyler's newspaper conquests some weeks ago.

It will be a strange thing if there is no big war soon among the nations. One cannot tamper long with fire and escape unscathed.

The Star says—"Mrs. Bradely Martin's husband seems to have taken a very minor part in his wife's big social leadership. Perhaps it was left for him to stung 'After the Ball.'"

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