

The Victoria Warden FRIDAY, MARCH 20 1889

THE SCOTT ACT REPEAL

The Scott Act repeal vote will take place on Thursday, April 4th, next. Each elector has his own mind made up by this time and there is no need of the Warden offering advice. Facts are already in the people's possession.

We yield to no man in our honest desire to advance the cause of true temperance, but when one sees in New Hampshire, where for many years Prohibition has been in force, a return to stringent license laws, by a very large vote of the state; when one hears the best prohibitionists of the United States demand stringent license, we cannot feel confident that prohibition would benefit Canada.

To-day no state of the union is more temperate than is Canada with her steady progressive temperance education.

THE DEBATE ON THE JESUIT BILL

As announced, the Jesuit Bill debate began on Tuesday last in the House of Commons at Ottawa.

Col. O'Brien (conservative) in an able speech opened the debate against the Jesuits and Minister of Justice.

Mr. Rykert, (tory) followed in defence of the Minister of Justice, and among some sense, preached a great deal of nonsense.

Mr. Barron, (grip) followed in a speech which displayed much study in preparation. He endeavored to discuss the constitutional aspect of the case, but in some instances over-reached himself by straining points.

Both Mr. Barron and Mr. Rykert, plastered the Jesuits up to the highest pitch, and showed them a splendid lot of fellows, but while Mr. Rykert's aim was to bolster up Sir John Thompson's Minister of Justice, Mr. Barron's whole intent was not to attack the Jesuits, but Sir John Macdonald.

Clarke Wallace, (conservative) followed, defended the orange order and attacked the Jesuit Bill.

Mr. Colby, (conservative), Quebec, defended the Minister of Justice, and, like Quebec protestants generally, showed himself servile to romish influence. His speech, however, was temperate and very able.

Hon. Peter Mitchell (third party) ably defended the Minister of Justice. This closed the debate on Tuesday.

Dalton McCarthy (conservative) on Wednesday in one of the ablest speeches ever delivered in the House of Commons, struck home on all the points against the Jesuits. There was no "plastering" with him. Every shot was straight. Every interruption was quickly retorted by Mr. McCarthy.

Sir John Thompson, Minister of Justice (conservative) replied in a most exhaustive speech. He dealt with the question from a constitutional aspect, to our mind straining several points to make good his case.

A McNeill (conservative) followed the same lines as Dalton McCarthy and Col. O'Brien.

FENIANS vs. JESUITS

Not many years ago there was a regularly organized Fenian society in Lindsay, as well as in many other Canadian centres. Some of its members are still residents of the town; but defeat and disappointment, coupled with time and instruction, have changed their views. It is generally understood that there is now in this town a disloyal society whose aims are the disruption of the British Empire and the advancement of the romish religion.

Yet no one has any definite evidence of the existence of either of these. True, when the news came in 1866 that brave young heroes had fallen at Ridgeway, the exultant looks of many in this town left no doubt of their sympathies; especially when the exultant looks gave place to gloom on learning of the defeat and capture of the Fenians. True, also, that in 1868, these same citizens of Lindsay rejoiced at the records of Duck Lake, where the loyalists were ambushed; and were gloomy over the victories of Fish Creek, Cut Knife Hill, Batoche and Frenchman's Butte, where the loyal troops were victorious. They joined in the attempts to belittle these victories; and even gave a half-hearted welcome to the "Victoria County" detachment of the gallant Midlanders. They fairly gnashed their teeth when Riel was hanged.

A few Lindsay citizens have been guilty of the above reasonable conduct.

Now, suppose these Fenians, or kindred people, whose deliberate aim is the overthrow of the British Government as being the great bulwark of protestantism, and of responsible government as the enemy of tyrants, should seek incorporation in Canada, should it be granted? Certainly not. We would say, you are the people who raised rebellion in Ireland, who freed buildings in England, who placed dynamite in vessels on the sea, who on two occasions have defied Canadian soil by invasion, and who murdered the brave young Toronto University soldiers and their comrades, McWhirter, Mackenzie, Tempest, Defries, and others, at Ridgeway.

Those known as members of a Fenian organization would be promptly tried for treason, viz., if a righteously indignant public would not shoot them at sight.

Now, in Quebec, under authority of provincial rights, an organization older than Fenianism, far better drilled, possessed of a bloodier record, with greater hatred of the British Empire and of responsible government, a more deadly foe to humanity than is Fenianism; Jesuitism or Ultramontaine romanism, has been incorporated and given a large sum of money.

By the Constitution of Canada the Dominion Government cannot now veto

the Act, and it is already law. True, before the Governor General gave his assent to the Bill, he might, by exercising a PARLIAMANTARY authority, a power not intended by the Constitution, have vetoed the Bill; but it passed last January, and now cannot be dealt with by the Government.

Still, a test case can be made in the courts of LAW of Canada, and finally be carried to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council of Great Britain and Ireland. That should be done at once.

Indeed, it is, under any circumstances, the proper course to pursue. The decision arrived at by law will not be merely the partisan opinions of the protestant and the constitutional romish catholic members of the Dominion Government, which would in no way settle the matter. It will be the mature deliberation of the highest judicial authority in the British Empire, and will be non-partisan and final. The other would not be.

The Dominion Government should make itself party to the lawsuit and pay the expenses of the party entering the action, as in other cases of disputed authority.

Thus the only definite final decision possible under the present constitution and laws of Canada will be reached. In case it should be found that the recent grip Legislation for the Jesuits in Quebec be legal, then the Dominion Government should at its earliest opportunity pass a bill abolishing the order in Canada.

Canadians are law abiding, and will pursue constitutional courses; but there is one thing on which they are firmly bent, no such disloyal, brutal, or disorganizing foe of protestantism and civilization shall be tolerated to raise its head in Canada. "A stitch in time saves nine." A small row or struggle now saves a greater one later on.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"Saturday Night" proposes to form a society "The Grand Army of Canada," in which only Canadians born, or of a certain number of years' residence should be members. THE WARDEN heartily endorses the proposition. Let "Don," the non-de plume of Mr. E. Sheppard, take the lead and we are with him.

There are fishery inspectors in these waters. Why do they not stop the wholesale slaughter of fish now going on. Where are McDermott of Seagog? Graham of Fenelon Falls? The O'Brien himself of Cameron? Let them don their war paint and feathers and save the fish. Also let them see that the fish slides are all open.

It is suggested that the Ontario Government buy out the English Land Company's nine townships at a valuation, and throw them open for settlement. This is what should be done. It is unfair to the settlers in Haliburton to be taxed as they are. Let the townships be opened for settlement. Let the Government buy out the English Land Co.

Mr. Mercer, the grip premier of Quebec who passed the Jesuit Bill, went to Toronto last Sunday to confer with Mr. Mowat, the grip premier of Ontario who gives roman catholics here all they demand. Their object, doubtless, was to lay plans for the debate on the Jesuit question in Ottawa on Tuesday. No one has heard of his arrival, so it is supposed he came privately.

It is said that the bathhouses along the river are used for improper purposes by young persons of the town. A stop should suddenly be put to such misuse of the houses. Indeed, the question becomes serious, "What should parents do with their children in the evenings?" Amuse and interest them at home, is the best plan. In twenty years hence they will be the better for a firm yet kindly training.

One leading French paper of Quebec province declares that before the French language will be driven out of Ontario schools, St. Lawrence waters will be colored well in the struggle. Bold views; but, all the same, while no one expects Quebec to abandon the French language short of one or two hundred years hence, and then voluntarily, there must be no misunderstanding the situation in Ontario. This province is British, and the English language must be the language of the schools of Ontario.

With all the fuss about the "Jesuits," who will point out where their doctrines are now at all different from the regularly promulgated doctrines of ordinary roman catholics? No one can, for the pretensions of the Jesuits which horrified Europe in the past, are now regularly engrafted on the roman dogmas. So that all the fuss over the "Jesuits" is just dodging the issue. It is not only Jesuit aggression, but papal or romish aggression that must be manfully faced. There must be no misunderstanding the issue.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland, leader in the Third Party movement, like all other opponents of the Liberal-Conservative party, was silent on the Jesuit question when the Jesuit Incorporation Act was passed; when the Jesuit Estates' Act was passed, and until a chance occurred to go for the Dominion Government. We condemn the whole Jesuit business, but our condemnation has been from the very outset. These agitators of a few days' growth, seem to condemn, not so much the Jesuits as Sir John Macdonald. Our condemnation is from the first, of the Jesuits, and since January, of the Minister of Justice.

One worthy citizen said to us this week: "I am glad to see you agitating to keep the boys and girls off the streets at night; but while I agree with all you say about that, why not also agitate for old boys and girls, the fathers and mothers themselves, to stay at home in the evenings? How can young ones be expected to stop in when their parents are hanging around the streets and hotels themselves?" Reader, there seems some logic in that old gentleman's remark. How would it do for those who have no business out at night to stop at home? Invite in a neighbor, and return the visit, go to

singing school, or prayer meeting; or any other proper place, say, once or twice weekly; but DO NOT BROWSE A HANGER ON AROUND THE STREETS AND HOTELS. A loafer is useless.

Next week we shall begin the publication of the debates on the Jesuit Estates Act in Parliament.

Robert T. Lincoln, son of the late President Abraham Lincoln has been appointed minister of England.

Hon. John Bright, one of England's greatest statesmen, the world's greatest statesman—died on Wednesday.

A monster union society and protestant meeting was held in Toronto last Monday night to protest against the Jesuit Bill. It was very temperate but decidedly firm; in almost every respect just what was needed.

In the Local Legislature last week John S. Cross M.P.P., ever alive to the interests of his constituents, obtained a change in a bill passing the legislature so as to allow gravel to be drawn from the shores of these inland lakes to Lindsay. The bill now refers to frontier lakes, and aims to prevent stone and gravel "hookers" from destroying farm fronts.

THE WARDEN congratulates Mr. Joseph Brown on his re-election as councillor for the south ward; and commends the spirit of the electors who refused to nominate any one to oppose him. To be unseated for being a fireman, ready to save property and lives of citizens was to say the least cowardly. Mr. Brown acted like a man in resigning, and now the electors have followed suit in unanimously re-electing him.

In the House of Commons Col. Denison and Col. Kirkpatrick both again brought up the question of improving the military schools so as to give greater efficiency with less cost. The return to the cadet system was strongly advocated by both. Mr. Barron also expressed himself favorably to that plan. Our readers will remember that for years we have advocated the same plan to increase the efficiency of the militia force. Mr. Hudspeth on two former occasions also took the same line, and has decided views on the question. A change must be brought about in the military schools before long or the people of Canada will inquire the reason why.

Mr. Barron on the Jesuits in the House of Commons debates:—

"In voting and speaking as I do I shall be alienated for the time being—only for the time being, I hope—from many of the hon. gentlemen around me." J. A. Barron.

"In speaking on this matter, I must be understood as having no feeling against the Jesuit body, or against the roman catholic church, among whom I number many friends." J. A. Barron.

"I have no sympathy, Mr. Speaker, with the clamor made outside this House—clamor made without reason." J. A. Barron.

"The Jesuits have been assailed without argument, and I have no sympathy with the course pursued in certain quarters against the Jesuit body and against the roman catholic church." J. A. Barron.

"I believe much that has been said has been false. Why, sir, the maxim that the end justifies the means bears no such interpretation as that put upon it." J. A. Barron.

"My reading and education have been such as to inspire me with admiration for the early Jesuit Fathers." J. A. Barron.

NORTH VERULAM

OBITUARY.—It is our sad duty to have to relate the death of a young woman of this neighborhood Mrs. John Oliver, who breathed her last on Sunday morning, March 24th. The deceased had taken sick only on Thursday before her death, she was called away in the bloom of life and has left a husband and small family to mourn her loss. Mr. Oliver and family have the heartfelt sympathy of a large community in their sad bereavement.

OBITUARY.—On Thursday, March 19th, the members of St. Albans' church held a grand oyster supper and after the inner man had been fully satisfied by oysters and other things prepared by the ladies, the crowd assembled in the upper chamber where some beautiful scenes were exhibited by a magic lantern. Every person went home well pleased and thanked the ladies for the elegant way in which they had carried out the affair. It is said that one young gentleman got slightly left.

MARRIAGES

STIRTON—SANNY—At the Methodist parsonage, Gladys St. March 27th, by the Rev. G. W. Dewey, Mr. Samuel Stirton, of Ops, to Miss Mary Sanny of Emily.

DEWELL—TOMPERS—At the residence of the bride's mother, March 27th, by Rev. G. W. Dewey, Mr. Robert Dewell of Ops, to Miss Dewell.

ANDERSON—At the residence of her brother Donald Anderson, 19th con., Mariposa, on Sunday 24th inst., Lina, daughter of the late Alexander Anderson.

MCARTHUR—In Ops, on the 27th inst., Mrs. John McArthur, Sr. The funeral will leave the family residence, Ops, to-day at 1 o'clock p.m.; and proceed to Riverdale cemetery.

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