

'TIS CHRISTMAS MORNING

Ring out ye bells, ye voices sing
Lead praises to your Lord on high;
Proclaim Him everlast King.

THE OLD MAN OF THE BIG CLOCK TOWER



SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD
JUNE 6, 1891

And he is dead, they say!
The words confuse and mark the general
ear.

What! Can there yet be Mouse and
Members here,
And no John A.

So long all hearts he swayed
The merry monarch of some olden line,
Whose subjects questioned not the right
divine.

His will's even faintest breath,
We had forgotten, 'midst affairs of state,
'Midst humbug, second readings and
debate.

Such things as death,
Swift came to dread eclipse,
Of faculty and limb and life at last,
Ere to the Judge of all the earth he
passed,

With silent lips.
But not insensate heart!
He was no hard, self-righteous pharisee—
The tender Christ compassioned such as
he.

And took their part.
As for his statesman-fame,
Let history calm his wondrous record
read,

And write the truth, and give him honest
praise
Of praise or blame.

OUR POLITICS FORTY YEARS AGO
The other day when Mr. John V.
Savage, Main Street, was engaged in
transferring a picture from one frame
to another, he discovered a copy of the
Toronto Weekly Globe of March 14, 1894,

which was a filler between the backing
and the picture. Feeling that a paper
printed forty-six years ago might have
interest to the editor he brought the old
Globe to THE FREE PRESS. The editor
sent it to me and I have perused with
keen interest the editorial page especial-
ly.

When the Hon. George Brown was
then in his prime, and Sir John A. Mac-
donald, his chief opponent, and his editors
were considered appropriate and
effective, and fitting endorsement or con-
demnation of the subjects at issue. In
the light of the calmer presentation of
political topics in the editorial columns of
to-day, however, the leaders appearing in
the columns of the Globe of the eighties,
appear somewhat caustic and unduly
personal.

I have selected a number of interesting
paragraphs to illustrate this, as follows:

ALL IS FAIR IN POLITICS
"Sir John Macdonald and his associates
have adopted the maxim that everything
in politics, as in war, is fair and honorable
if it only help to secure the end
which is aimed at. The end sanctifies
with them the means. A lie becomes no
lie if it is thought likely to contribute
to party or personal success. Fraud in
their vocabulary takes quite a different
and more respectable name, and what
might send meaner men into durango vile
only gives them the credit of being smart,
and makes them take credit to themselves
for superior statesmanship. Whatever
means are available are in their view law-
ful and they would scorn themselves as
simpletons if they were deterred by con-
scientious scruples from taking any course
which pointed to even temporary suc-
cess. Sir John has always acted on the
conviction that the resources of the
country were legitimately at his disposal
for the furtherance of his personal and
party purposes."

PERMENT IN THE NORTH WEST
"The people of the North West can
obtain justice if they seek it in the proper
way. While they should discountenance
the use of all wild talk about secession
or annexation, they should be firm and
prudent and cautious, not accepting
promises in lieu of performances, and
putting no trust in those who have
hitherto shown themselves regardless of
their right, and indifferent to their com-
plaints. And they should be on their
guard against all intriguers and wire-
pullers who, while they affect great in-
dignation because the people are op-

pressed, seek only to neutralize the
people's efforts to obtain redress. Mr.
Macquay has so often proved himself
unstable and even unprincipled, a mere
self-seeker willing to do the bidding of
Sir John Macdonald and to help him in
baffling those who desire to assert the
rights of Manitoba, that it is surprising
to find the Conventual desirous of placing
him at the head of their movement, and
expressing confidence in him even after
they had forced him from the burrow in
which he hid in order that he might
avoid meeting them. Sir John Mac-
donald, they ought to know, means to
play them false. His policy has always
been to escape from difficulties and em-
barrassments by gaining time.

THESE BOGUS "DOMINION
LICENSES"
"Why should any liquor dealer take out
a 'Dominion license'?"
"There is not the slightest doubt of the
validity of the Ontario Crock Act and
the licenses issued thereunder.

"If there ever had been any doubt,
the decision in the case of Hodge v. The
Queen settled it forever.

"So confessedly and surely is Mr.
Mowat right in his contention that Mr.
Meredith and his 'school' following on
Tuesday put up and voted for a resolu-
tion assailing explicitly the doctrine
that the Provinces, and the Provinces
and the Provinces alone, have the right
to issue licenses.

"If any liquor dealer, therefore, takes
out a 'Dominion license,' he will take out
what will be found to be a bogus license.

"For this bogus license he will have
to pay a higher fee than that for which
he could obtain a valid license from the
Ontario Government.

"Those who take out licenses under
the Crock Act will be guaranteed protec-
tion by the Provincial Government.

"Those who take out Provincial licenses
have everything to gain and nothing to
lose.

"Those who take out the so-called
'Dominion licenses' have everything to
lose and nothing to gain.

"A word to the wise is sufficient."

THE KRA OF SCANDALS
"There is no need to look far for
substantial corroboration of the state-
ment of Sir Richard O'Riordan that
the state of public morality in Canada
to-day is pitifully low. The scandals
unearthed since the opening of the pres-
ent session of the Dominion Parliament
utterly cast into the shade the first great
Pacific Railway outrage. Scams as large
as that contributed by Sir Hugh Allan
have been disclosed by the Federal
Ministry in corrupting the electorate,
with the only difference that the con-
tractors have been more fortunate in
the matter of recoupment. Sir Charles
Tupper has been permitted to sit in
Parliament in defiance of the Inde-
pendence of Parliament Act, engineering
a gigantic grab for the benefit of the
corporation of which he is suspected he
is a member. Public properties have
become the possession of the highest
officials in the country at inadequate
prices. The people of the North West
have been driven to the verge of revolt,
and everywhere are the whisperings of
fraud and jugglery, and yet there are
not the encouraging indications of public
protest characteristic of the first Pacific
Rental days. And why? Because the
Tory press has been to degrade public
sentiment to the level of their acts, and,
unfortunately for the future of Canada,
they have succeeded to a degree that
is disheartening and incredible."

AN ACT OF PRODIGIOUS POLLY
"A Winnipeg telegram states that a
warrant has been issued for the arrest
of Stewart who moved the secession
resolution at the Farmers' Convention.
It is said that the charge against him
is high treason but this can scarcely be
true. It is not treason nor do we believe
it to be a violation of any law, written
or unwritten, to move that the Imperial
Parliament be asked to dissolve the
union which exists only by virtue of an
Act of that Parliament. Even, however,
if the law made it a crime to move such
a resolution, how great a folly it would
be on the part of the Dominion Gov-
ernment to attempt the suppression of dis-
content or disaffection instead of putting
an end to it by removing what caused
it! We can not imagine that Sir John
Macdonald desires to provoke a collision
in Manitoba in order that he may effec-
tually and at once crush out the disaf-
fection of which he believes that resolu-
tion to be a symptom; but the issue of
this warrant seems to indicate some such
policy."

ALAS, POOR BENEFIT!
"The uselessness and the servility of
the Senate have again been demon-
strated in the most striking manner. Last
year they made a show of formally pas-
sing the Liquor License Bill, although
in fact they had not the Bill as amended
before them, and they but played a most
contemptible farce in pretending to pass
it section by section. They were, how-
ever, allowed the twenty minutes neces-
sary to go through the form and play
the farce. This year Sir John Macdonald
who appears to take a cynical pride in
showing to the country how completely
he is master of the Senate, would not
even allow them time to make a pretence
of giving the slightest consideration to
the provisions of the bill, which throws
away thirty millions of the people's
money. They wished to make the pre-
tence to be under consideration they
were informed that Sir William Ritchie,
C. J., as Deputy Governor-General,
would be in the Senate Chamber to
assent to the bill within a few minutes,
and they were ordered to hurry up.
Meekly they obeyed. The bill was passed
through the remaining stages in a few
moments and was ready when Sir William
arrived."

BIENNIAL SESSIONS
"Mr. Meredith's London organ now
declares for biennial sessions, apparently
for no reason whatever except that the
present Government a few years ago
considered the subject and found that
the change to biennial sessions would
not be advisable. There is no cause for
wonder why Tories should take up the
notion. The idea of having in face
Parliament only once in two years and
having two whole years' appropriations
available at once, is enough to overcome
a Tory with longings that he could at
once enter into enjoyment of such good
things. To give up the yearly session
would be to give up part of the liberties
of the people. There is never a session
passed under a Liberal Government that
there is not some one law enacted worth
the whole cost of legislation for the year."

HAWKINS, SHIELDS AND
ONDERDONIC
"The departure of Mr. J. J. Hawkins
from Ottawa is not yet chronicled, and it
is rumored that like Mr. John Shields
and Mr. Onderdonk he has put in a
claim for 're-measurement,' on the
ground that the seasonal indemnity
which he received, but to which he was
not entitled, is not by any means suf-
ficient remuneration for his political
services. It is understood the claim is
made that the Stephens-Jeffs-Hawkins
system of electing Tory M. P.'s opens up
vast possibilities of fraud and knavery in
future election contests, and that Mr.
Hawkins, as the patentee of the process,
is entitled to some substantial recogni-
tion. Possibly the matter may be refer-
red to the Hon. Mr. Justice Gauthier on
behalf of Mr. Schreiber to report upon."

"The amend of Messrs. Meredith and
Morris emphasizing the contention of the
Mowat Administration that the Mc-
Carthy Act is an unconstitutional measure
says in effect: Sir John promised, in
return for our treachery to our Province
in connection with the Boundary Award,
to make us cabinet ministers. He has
not done so, and for the future we are
going to have a policy of our own; of
course our past record is going to em-
barrass us a good deal, but we will trust
to the indulgence of the public and the
character we have left to carry us
through."

"Sir John Macdonald took upon himself
Charlton's measure for the punishment of
sedition. There are peculiar reasons for
branding this act of Sir John's as one of
the most abominable ever perpetrated
ever by him. Last year he induced the
Senate to kill the bill. This year he
does the work himself. Apparently he
could not trust even the Senate again to
run so directly counter to public senti-
ment."

"There, I have run over my space con-
siderably, but I believe the transgression
is warranted this once, because of the
interest and amusement which will be
afforded the old-time politicians of both
parties when they peruse these old-time
editorials of George Brown which ap-
peared in one issue of the Globe forty-
six years ago.

FOR THE ASKING
Max and Edith were playing with a
flag. "Papa says there'll be a new star
in the flag pretty soon," gravely said
Max.

"Where'll they get it?" asked Max's
little cousin.

"Out of the sky," replied Max. "I'pope
the United States can have 'em any time
she wants 'em."

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