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## The Ottawa Times

City and County Official Paper.

OTTAWA, JUNE 14, 1867.

The Hon. John A. Macdonald and the Hon. H. L. Langstaff, arrived in the city yesterday evening.

It is probable that during the approaching electoral contest, especially in the West, there will not be little said on the beauties of party government, its superiority over coalitions in general, and its unparalleled excellencies in comparison with the first Government of the Confederation. When men have made up their minds in advance to oppose a Government, irrespective of its policy, they are seldom at a loss for an argument, and from present indications it is pretty safe to predict that the party will be the trump card in the hands of the Oppositionists. It is well, therefore, to ask the advocates of party government what it has done in the past, to entitle it to such pre-eminent exaltation over coalitions or combinations of parties for the administration of national affairs. Is not "strict party government" proscriptive, if not tyrannical, in its very nature? Does it not, from a consciousness of inherent weakness, resign itself in the approach of grave external or internal dangers? Was not the very idea of party government an effusion and a consequence of civil strife? Does it not, in its effects, tend to reproduce the disorders from which sprung? Is not the belief in the advantages of "strict party government" crumbling away before the advance of political intelligence, and the diffusion of sounder ideas on the subject of human liberty? The dominance of party over individuals is itself a tyranny, and the most devout partisan is generally the most intolerant towards all who differ from him.

There is nevertheless something to be said in favor of party Government, and a great deal in favor of political parties. The former is a legitimate consequence of well defined differences upon principles, in which the dominant party believing in the excellence of its views, attempts to give effect to them in the interest of the country at large. When such a state of affairs exists in a constitutionally governed country, a party Government is a natural and inevitable consequence. Political parties, or aggregations of individuals holding sentiments in common upon questions of policy and administration, are a necessary consequence of our constitutional system; but as the country progresses, and various interests arise, political parties are likely to be multiplied, so that strictly speaking, Governments and Oppositions will alike present all the characteristics of coalitions or combinations of parties, though of course on both sides, there will always be more or less of a general bond of united action. And it may further be said, that as common sense takes the place of party prejudices, men will act together, because of their common agreement upon the living issues of the day, or oppose each other because of differences of opinion thereon, rather than from the recollection of old associations, the existence of which becomes powerless with the accomplishment of the objects for which they were formed.

These considerations will be especially applicable to the condition of affairs under the Union Act. The old causes of difference having been removed, except in so far as personal animosity survives political antagonism, the public men of Quebec and Ontario will enter the arena of Confederate politics with the same unity of sentiment upon which they entered on the framing of the new Constitution. It can be no less an object of common interest to them to set the new government in order, than it was to draft their outlines and define their limits. As questions of policy come up under the Constitution, they may have different disagreements; if true, it is safe to say that, perhaps they will, for questions of commercial legislation must arise which may divide politicians and partisans in a way little thought of at present; but until there is a cause for disagreement, it is not absurd to say that there is an occasion for separation? Yet, into this absurdity the advocates of the "restoration" of party lines have fallen. For what do they ask "restoration"? For the political strife which rendered party government, under the old Constitution an impossibility? The violence of party agitation made the satisfactory administration of the old Constitution impossible, but partisans had not the strength to cure the evil which it had engendered by its violence, or, perhaps, we should say created by its intolerance. What is there, therefore, in the condition of public affairs, or in the state of the public mind, to warrant an appeal to distinctions which have lost their significance, or to associations which still preserved have outlived the purposes for which they were formed? We do not hesitate to say that even as a matter of fact "strict party Government" would be an impossibility under the new Constitution at the present time, because throughout the Provinces there is not one distinct party which could command the confidence of the public; and as a matter of policy, it would be suicidal to attempt it, because it would involve the deliberation design on the part of one class, or division, of the people to drive the other into hostility to the Government. But beyond this, it cannot be denied that the putting in successful operation of the new Constitution is even more important than the framing of it:

"For the Government let fools contend."

And, we have now but the "form." The vitality has yet to be supplied, and if a coalition were needed, as it confessedly was, to form the new Constitution, surely it cannot well be denied that a continuance of the union of parties is in the highest degree desirable to give it life.

We reprint from the New York *Tablet*, one of the most influential organs of Irish Catholic opinion published in the United States, an article on "The Dominion of Canada," which breathes a spirit of generous admiration towards "the new nation," indicating, in so far as the influence of the *Tablet* extends, of future good will between the two countries. The remarks of our New York *confidante* conclude with a suggestion relating to the Fenian prisoners, the propriety of acting on which may fairly be questioned, though, doubtless, the good will of the Canadians inspires them to act with magnanimous generosity. But their difficulty in this case is to distinguish between "duper" and scoundrels. Would the release of the handful of marauders, convicted by due process of law, of an infamous crime, and held to a definite term of imprisonment, like ordinary malefactors, be invested with the high considerations of mercy and magnanimity, attributed to it by the *Tablet*? The parallel sought for in the conduct of the Czar is not in point. There may be some who believe that the Czar was a tyrant over Poland; some who think the poor Poles deserved, even though they did not achieve success; but no one will pretend that Canada has been the oppressor of Irishmen, either in their own country, in the United States, or within our borders. Canada has already proved herself more merciful than Russia, even if she permits the Fenians to serve out the full term of their committed sentence; but we do not say, therefore, that she may not, or that it would not even be a prudent step to set them free. The *Tablet* says Mr. Rose has received many volunteer pledges, and that his canvassers are meeting with much success. It will probably, be a sharp struggle.

Considerable additions will be made to the pillars of the Grand Trunk, and 7,000 tons of new and improved descriptions of iron are to be received from England during the summer.

A WARNING TO POWERS.—A brace of suspicious looking characters were seen prowling around the Times office, on Wednesday night. When the boy went to "fix up," about 2 a.m., Thursday, one of these scamps made off, and joined his companion on Wellington-st., but not until a heap of chips had been piled against the wooden shed in rear of the press room. It will be exceedingly dangerous for such fellows to again caught about the Times office, at unreasonable hours. Appeals indicated a design to fire the premises, and we mention the circumstance as a warning to the public, as well as to the powders.

At a meeting of the Champlain Road Company, a very favorable report was received.

The cricket match between the St. George's Club of New York, and the Montreal club, has been abandoned.

THE MORNING'S DESPATCHES.

(Per Atlantic Cable and Montreal Line.)

JUNE 13, 1867.

THOS. & W. HUNTON.

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THE CALDONIA GATHERING.

The great gathering of the sons and daughters of Old Scotia was a most happy one. The day was remarkably fine, and across the water and at the Bellevue Gardens, where the party assembled for the day's enjoyment, the air greatly modified the heat of the sun. The umbrageous canopies of the trees, the cool retreats of summer-houses, and the green fresh grass about the old Indian camp, was alive with nymphs and swains, who looked happy, and as though they could have sighed with out of their country's poesy.

The longest man's day was far too short,

"Still the full heart had not impaled last."

"Twas happiness exquisite to last."

At half-past eleven a.m., the games commenced. The game of quoits which was a spirited contest, drew many from their shelter, but that over, they again withdrew, and few games of the day succeeded in drawing them forth again. That was observed as a triumph to be achieved by the power of man; no sooner did the band strike up the signal for the start of an act of amnesty to the Fenian prisoners in her hand, let her set the jewel of mercy in, the maple wreath that binds her noble brow, and at once she will enlist the warm sympathy, and excite the admiration of the world. Even the Czar Alexander, who is to be the host to the Caldonia, is an attribute of our race's civilization; he has pronounced a general amnesty in favor of his Polish captives. Will Canada be less merciful than Russia? We cannot believe it. She will not enter on the new and glorious path of her own accord, like the Fenians; but who led them to bondage and then left them? Will the government of Canada show herself more merciful to those misguided men than their own leaders, and inaugurate its new dominion by a splendid act of mercy? Let our young Queen of the North stand up, and let us all rejoice in the success of this act of amnesty to the Fenian prisoners in her hand, let her set the jewel of mercy in, the maple wreath that binds her noble brow, and at once she will enlist the warm sympathy, and excite the admiration of the world. Even the Czar Alexander, who is to be the host to the Caldonia, is an attribute of our race's civilization; he has pronounced a general amnesty in favor of his Polish captives. Will Canada be less merciful than Russia? We cannot believe it. She will not enter on the new and glorious path of her own accord, like the Fenians; but who led them to bondage and then left them? 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