

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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a better quality than the work has heretofore required should now be chosen. Since the above was in type we heard it reported that Messrs. HUNTER, ROSE & CO. would ask to be excused from filling the contract for paper, since the printing is to be given to Mr. TAYLOR. This will only be a reasonable request, as they cannot be supposed to have a margin of profit on the paper that would warrant their supplying the paper, except in connection with the printing.

The picnic to be held this day at the Bellevue Gardens, Hull, promises to be one of the best that has taken place for many years. Settling aside the laudable object for which it is held, alone would induce the masses to part with 25 cents, but when we are informed by the gentlemen having the management that nothing will be left undone on their part to make it attractive, and apart from the pleasing fact that the Irish ladies have taken the refreshment tables under their immediate management. The gentlemen of the Games Committee have offered liberal prizes for the different races and games, and in number, and the Dances Committee have put out their programme a prize for the best dance that can be made in a hall, and all those that make it will be encouraged and encouraged by their presence.

Mr. McLaughlin having tendered his resignation by letter addressed to the Speaker, and attested by two witnesses, the proceedings in the case for supplying the vacancy that created were conducted under the 31st Vic. Cap. 25, Sec. 8, Sub-Section 2. The writ will, therefore, be issued immediately. Already there are said to be several candidates in the field for the vacant seat; but the Hon. Mr. CAMERON, who by the proposed action of the Government in the matter of the public printing, is about to be relieved of official responsibility, has it is said the inside track, having taken time by the forelock, in canvassing the constituency and issuing his address to the electors, while yet the public were unaware whether the resignation had taken, or would take, place. It is probable that the names of some other gentlemen, not new to parliamentary life, have been mentioned without authority in connection with the vacancy. If they intend to put in an appearance, they have little time to lose, for the Hon. Mr. CAMERON is an election campaigner of well known and of demonstrated ability.

The report of the Printing Committee has been sent back from the House of Commons by the desire of vote of 115 to 22 on motion in amendment moved by the member for Kent. The directors will be seen elsewhere, showing that Messrs. McKENZIE, McLEA, YOUNG & Co., voted in strange company.

The merits of the case are already well known. The Printing Committee awarded the contract to a tender some twelve and a half per cent. higher than the lowest. The amount involved is calculated at \$1,775.99 per annum, and the question was arrived at on the utterly inconsequential consideration of the efficient "manner in which they (the tenders) have "heretofore performed the service."

The House of Commons has received so emphatically the endorsement of the House of Commons. It would be unnecessary to accept in its fullest sense Mr. McKENZIE's disclaimer as to the strength of the majority of the committee. But the fact remains that he, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. E. M. MACDONALD shouldered the responsibility of the decision of that majority by their votes in the House. Mr. YOUNG has in his experience deserves some attention when he says that that "experience" has taught him to disregard the opinion of the press when that opinion is brought for him to consider. Possibly his "experience" may have had a great deal to do with his comparatively short and not especially glorious connection with the press; but even then the opinion of the press upon this question, the expression of which was not confined to Ottawa, has been treated with a good deal of consideration, and we willingly attribute that consideration to the fact that his opinion was not only "independent," but correct; and that unless in the case of the paper tendering there was no personal interest in the matter. But surely Mr. YOUNG himself would not condemn a newspaper for the advocacy of a just principle because its application might be a prospective gain to its proprietor. At all events Mr. YOUNG spelt the argument, even from his standpoint, when he said the contract was too low. Upon this point his zeal to save a newspaper proprietor was such as ought not to be kept from the generous electors of South Waterloo, who if fairly represented by him are willing to sacrifice \$1,500 a year, rather than permit the proprietor of a newspaper to undertake a contract, which Mr. YOUNG's "practical experience" has taught him to be too low.

After recess Mr. Wood's amendment was withdrawn, and the motion as amended for the reconstitution of the committee was agreed to. We do not know whether the committee will consider itself at liberty to receive the award of the paper contract, but if Mr. BARNES's quality of paper has been found heretofore quite good enough for the work, there seems no reason why a higher rate should be paid for a better quality; or why right or wrong, or to be a mere echo of the majority of the House, they would entirely fail in their duty as representatives of territorial divisions, or as guardians of the interests of the minority. He has stated his opinion, the other day, upon the subject of the Government's delay, and he brought the passage of the Bill was a great blow to the principles of Responsible Government.

Mr. MITCHELL did not think he could neglect an opportunity of making remarks upon the Bill, if his hon. friend (Mr. Wilmot) had not chosen to drag into the discussion matters relating to a vacancy in the country which he has filled. His hon. friend had dragged that matter in quite unnecessarily without anything being said to warrant it. He (Mr. Mitchell) had asked his hon. friend to come to the committee on the 17th of September of the Canadian Government having in every stage a tendency to dissatisfy the people with Confederation. Did he refer to acts in his own neglect to neglect an opportunity of making remarks upon the success of Confederation? People naturally look for information upon those matters to a man who was one of the negotiators of the Confederation, and who was employed in framing the Constitution under which they now live, and who now occupies the position of a Senator of the Dominion; when they find him doing otherwise, it is a failure, they naturally become dissatisfied with their position.

On motion of Hon. Mr. MITCHELL the order of the day for going into Committee on the Bill for the purpose of amending the Act respecting masters and mates of ships, and the shipping of seamen, was postponed until Monday next.

Mr. LOYD complained that this Bill, which was so important to the Criminal Law Bill, was delayed until so late a period in the session before it was brought into the hands of the members of the House. He thought it was very unfortunate that the Quebec Policy Incorporation Bill passed through the House without members being present, and he hoped that it would be brought up. He thought that if any member had been present he would have allowed it to stand over until the next day.

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