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MR. WALLACE'S ADDRESS.

Last week we had only time to refer to the humorous side of Mr. Wallace's address, delivered in the Grand Central Hall on the evening of the 21st June; but we cannot pass it over without pointing out some of its inconsistencies, which were neither few nor small. We will only refer to the most glaring of them. Mr. Wallace enters lengthily into a defence of the N. P., and the general policy of the present Government. One of his proofs of the success of the N. P., was the increased revenue, which fell very flat, as every intelligent consumer knows who have to put their hands deeper into their pocket to increase this revenue. Mr. Wallace said the carrying trade in exporting and importing was much improved under the N. P. If so this is not "Canada for the Canadians," either in creating a home market for home produce, or shutting out foreign manufactures. We would ask Mr. Wallace why wool is cheaper and woollen goods dearer than before the N. P.? Why is tea dearer, notwithstanding the contrary statements of Mr. Wallace. And so with other articles. He also stated that things generally were cheaper on account of increased competition. If the N. P., aims at shutting foreign manufactures thus giving Canadian manufacturers a monopoly, has this a tendency to lower the prices? Let the poor man and the consumer answer. Had Mr. Wallace been addressing a manufacturing people he would have looked at things in a different light. But like one of old, Mr. Wallace in common with his leader, has a peculiar faculty of becoming "all things to all men." Mr. Wallace, not only in an unfair but a dishonest manner, compared the expenditure of the present Government with that of the McKenzie administration. He compared the expenditure of the fiscal year 1875-6 with 1878-9. And why did he select these two? Because 75-6 was the highest of the McKenzie administration while 78-9 was the lowest of the present Government. And then even at this, his figures were dishonest to the extent of about \$175,000. But why did he not compare the last year of Mr. McKenzie's administration, with last year's expenditure. Simply because it is a stunner on Mr. Wallace's own party. Here are the figures for the last year of the late administration and the three years of the present with the estimates for 81-2, which will show an increase of nearly \$3,000,000, since the accession of the present administration. 1877-8, \$23,503,158; 78-9, \$24,455,381; 79-80, \$24,850,634; 80-81, \$26,000,000; and the estimates for 81-2, is \$26,465,000. These figures tell their own tale.

He tried to explain the 'grinding in bond' question, and acknowledged the imperfection of the system, but said it was being improved. He however, made a greater muddle of it than ever, and more fully impressed on the minds of his audience the fact that it is a huge fraud. He referred at length to the Pacific Railway contract. He, of course lauded it to the skies, but was absolutely dumb about the better offer of Syndicate No. 2. This iniquitous scheme, by which the Dominion was robbed of several millions of dollars, received Mr. Wallace's hearty approval and support. It is a significant fact that he never uttered a word of defence in this particular, simply because his own conduct as well as that of the Government was indefeasible. In comparing the present contract with Mr. McKenzie's offer, in order to place that offer at a disadvantage, by showing that the land offered was the most valuable along the line, stated that the land as far west as Rainy River belonged to Ontario, and therefore the Dominion Government had nothing to do with it and dare not touch it. And yet, in the face of this Mr. Wallace voted blindly with his party to slice a large portion of this off and give it to Manitoba. This is consistency with a vengeance. He also stated concerning the late elections in Pictou and Colchester, that few Counties in the Dominion were less affected by the tariff than those counties, which statements are utter variance with facts, as it is well known that the coal and iron interests of those districts were largely

considered in the construction of the tariff. At the close of his address Mr. Wallace was asked a question by Mr. Legge, which completely floored him. The question was to this effect: If importations were less, and things generally cheaper, where does the increased revenue and large surplus come from? The only answer Mr. Wallace attempted give was, never mind where it comes from: we have got it and that is enough. Mr. Wallace's address throughout was one fabrication of inconsistencies, sufficient to furnish matter for criticisms of an indefinite length, though we have no doubt he went to a vast amount of trouble to gather this speech and write it out carefully but it will require a good deal of boiling down to free it of all its incongruities. In fact we fear it would all evaporate.

With regard to Mr. Boulbee's address the electors of York know who and what Alfred Boulbee is too well to require a word of comment. His utterances are taken for what they are worth, viz, 100 per cent. discount.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Although a fortnight has elapsed since the *Mail* so far forgot itself as to give publicity to that discreditable tirade against the leader of the Opposition, the adverse criticisms of the Canadian press are not yet all spoken, and it is not too late for *Grip* to touch the subject with his pencil. The article in question has been attributed to Mr. Plumb, and that gentleman has not, so far as we are aware, denied the soft impeachment. From what we know of Mr. Plumb's parliamentary career we think him quite capable of writing the article, he being a part of the most bitter description. The attack extended over about four columns and was considered vile and calumnious by respectable men of both parties; but it also had its humorous side. The vicious boy in our cartoon, who savagely assaults a monstrous guy of his own making, is a perfect parallel for the mad partizan who disgraced journalism by this bit of impotent and uncleanly fury. Mr. Blake can well afford to smile at it. *Grip* does not by any means pose as a Blakeite, but he—in common with the writer of the *Mail's* article—knows Mr. Blake to be a man of sterling honor, clean hands and high ability. He may be fairly open to attack on the political side of his character, but the pen that would try to filch from him his good name deserves the contempt and scorn of every decent man.

A rumor was set afloat last week that Sir John McDonald was to be raised to the peerage and to be appointed as Lorne's successor as Governor General of Canada. This has been contradicted, though really it never required any contradiction, as the thing, especially the latter point is too preposterous to bear any weight. In the first place, England will appoint a Canadian as Governor General, only when she is prepared to say, "Canada we don't want you any longer." In the second place, it would be absurd, and an insult to a large portion of the populace, to appoint to that position a man who has always been such a bitter partizan in politics and so unscrupulous and immoral in character.

The Ontario Government has decided to issue licenses again in Lambton on the strength of Judge Armour's decision quashing the Scot Act in that County. We adjudge the Government to be a little fast in this matter, as that decision will, in all probability, be appealed against. Twice the people of Lambton have pronounced emphatically against the iniquitous traffic, and is it to be forced on them by such men as Judge Armour? We trust the Ontario Government will not be a party to this injustice. It is most assuredly the duty of the Government to interfere in this matter and assist in carrying out the wishes of the people, in which if it fails, it will be justly open to censure, as it is manifestly the duty of a Government to assist in carrying out the wishes of the people.

A NEW ARGUMENT has been given to the defenders of Christianity against atheism by the death of M. Littré, one of France's most celebrated savant and free-thinkers. In his youth he became a convert to positivism in its most destructive forms, and as a contributor to the *Revue Positiviste*, formulated views on religion and morals extremely hostile to the generally accepted creeds of Christendom. Just before his death three weeks ago, like Voltaire—so the

French papers allege—he formally renounced his irreligious views and returned to the fold of the Roman Catholic church.—*World*.

The one hundred and ninety first Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne will be celebrated with grand éclat in Toronto. Arrangements are being made to have a monster Demonstration in the Industrial Exhibition Grounds.

Mr. Snider, the Reform candidate for North Waterloo, was elected on Monday by a large majority.

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