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The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, April 9, '85

THE TORONTO "MAIL" AND MR. BADGEROW.

The Toronto Mail finds matter for sneers in our article of last week on Mr. Badgerow. Of course, it advances nothing to show that what we said was either ill-timed or ill-placed. But to admit that any good thing could proceed from a Liberal is not a part of the Mail's creed. Unable to substantiate its non-existence, it takes refuge in a grimace, the affected sign of a contempt which it does not feel, the apish expression of a hatred which it cannot hide.

To serve one's country for only legitimate purposes, to do one's duty faithfully and without ostentation, such a line of conduct is sure to meet with the disapprobation of the chief organ of the Conservatives. It can, and does, wax obsequiously eloquent over a Big-push Wilkinson, over a Yankee speculator Kirkland, over an interminably maundering Creighton. But for a man at once able and modest, disinterested and laborious, its envenomed malevolence, its partizan judgment, have nothing but abuse and slang.

FRANCE.

The signs are ominous in France. In a country where what ought to be the slow outgrowth of centuries is the violent and hot-bed work of a week, it is useless to speak of the future. But just now the stability of the French Republic is undergoing an extreme tension. The unjustifiable, predatory war in China is bearing its natural and deserved fruits. The defeat at Lang son is terribly galling to French self love, especially as it has been inflicted by a despised enemy on perhaps the most vain-glorious nation in the world. In their wrath, the people have turned fiercely on the Ferry administration, which quickly succumbed to the storm. With difficulty, President Grevy has found any one either willing or able to form a new cabinet. The French are determined to prosecute the Chinese war to a successful issue, and such determination may well deter the most ambitious from attempting to guide the vessel of state. Paris is fast reaching a white heat, Monarchists and Imperialists are on the alert, the whole nation in fact is rapidly becoming a prey to rage and fear. With the knowledge before him of Gallic excitability and fatuous reliance on radical change for improvement of condition, he would be a hopeful prophet who should venture to assert that France's present difficulties will be settled without profound commotion, nay, without riot and bloodshed.

"TELL ME, GENTLE SHEPHERD, WHY?"

The Dominion Government did not see fit to ask the United States authorities for permission to send our troops to Winnipeg over American soil. It is conceded on all hands that the latter route would have saved days of invaluable time, and, what is of nearly equal moment, terrible and most dangerous hardships and suffering to our young volunteers, not one in fifty of whom know anything of 'roughing it.' The Government's omission to do this requires explanation, but it has not seen fit to give it. Nor is this at all strange. It is not long since Sir Hector Langevin declared in the House of Commons that the relations of the American and Canadian Governments were most friendly. In case of trouble, he assured, we had nothing to expect but active goodwill from our neighbors. It is certain that Mr. Bayard, United States Secretary of State, has declared that the administration of which he is a member, was willing to do all in its power to aid us in our present crisis. But, added he, no approach, no request has been made by the Canadian authorities. Further it is notorious that President Cleveland is in favor of the closest possible alliance with Great Britain. In the recent election, the unconcealed hostility and truculent attitude of Blaine to England were powerful causes of his defeat. In the face of these facts, denied by none, why did not the Ottawa administration ask permis-

sion to do what a friendly power would most assuredly have not refused? We do not say; there are others far more competent to answer, and they are the men who constitute the C. P. R. Syndicate. A corporation, it goes without saying, which can make with a government a bargain of which it dictates all the terms, which can force it to give a trifle of thirty odd millions as a sort of bonus, which in twelve months later can come forward in confident impudence with still further demands, which with unsaleable stock can pay a dividend of twenty four per cent.—is it at all strange that such a corporation can force such a Government to use its lines, no matter what the danger, what the cost? Wo trow not.

THE REBELLION.

The news from the North West is confused and conflicting. The fact is that the great city dailies are bent on gratifying to the full the intense greed of tidings from which an anxious and fearful public is now suffering. The charge is made, and we can readily believe it, that a great part of the dispatches, said to be sent from the scene of the Rebellion, are bogus, and are actually manufactured in the very offices of the papers. So difficult is it to resist the temptation of making a penny, even should it be known to be a dishonest one.

However, from the deluge of reports, for the most part lies, a gram of truth may here and there be picked out. The battle of Duck's Lake, which only failure of ammunition changed from a victory into a retreat of our forces, was, up to date the only serious fighting. Besides the casualties of that unfortunate scrimmage, it is tolerably certain that at least three Government instructors of Indians have been killed. If to these meagre facts are added the positively ascertained movements of our troops, there is nothing else which is not pure matter of conjecture.

Where Riel is, what are his intentions, his hopes, the number of those who have actually joined him, the state of feeling among the Indians, however vitally important to know, are still enveloped in profound darkness. We can only hope and pray that when the clouds do break, there will be disclosed victory for our gallant men, bloodless, if possible, but at all hazards, victory.

The Ottawa Government, which awakened only at the eleventh hour, has sent out a Royal Commission to confer with the disaffected. Its success is now very problematical. Some at least of the Indians and Halfbreeds have had a taste of blood—a taste proverbially easier to excite than to destroy. Nor will it fail to strike our semi-civilized countrymen that any concessions which the Government may now make to them are due not to a sense of justice but to an inability to longer grossly mismanage their affairs. The result of a redress of grievances which is actuated not by a feeling of right but by a fear of consequences is not gratitude and restored loyalty, but rather an overweening pride and contempt.

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SPRINGHILL.

From Our Own Correspondent.

A shooting match between C. Hall and Wm. Bentley took place on Wednesday, April 8. The stakes were \$5.00 on each man. C. Hall won by seven points. Both parties shewed great skill in handling a gun. A large crowd collected to witness the sport.

Springhill Literary and Debating Society met in the club room on Monday evening. Subject:—Resolved, That City Life is more preferable than Country Life. Captain T. Butt opened the debate in good style by shewing the country boys the pleasures and amusements the city had in preference to the country. He was followed by Captain Wm. Bentley in his humorous way. After many weighty points had been weighed, Chairman A. Ferguson gave the decision in favor of city life.

Boys get ready your old muskets, saws, bells and mouth-organs, so when the call is given to come to arms you may be in readiness. Big spoil this time.

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