

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS**

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**The Liberal.**

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, June 11, '85

THE TORONTO "NEWS."

We do not like the Toronto News. Its platform, daily paraded in its columns, contains many planks which, in our opinion, all history proves to be rotten. The tone, moreover, of many of its articles cannot honestly be pardoned on the mere score of bad taste. But in matters of justice, likes and dislikes must be rigidly excluded. A man's predilections may guide him in his choice of business and of company, but unless they coincide with duty, seen and felt, they must not be allowed to sway him in his treatment of another, especially when that other happens to be, from a social and political standpoint, an enemy.

Some time ago there appeared in the News an editorial filled with wholesale denunciation of French predominance in the government of this country. Making every allowance for rhetorical exaggeration, the article contained much unpleasant truth. If the object of the answers to this article was to disprove it, they signally failed. The French press, as was to be expected, broke out in torrents of incoherent screaming and scolding. The English press, with one or two exceptions, had nothing better to advance in reply than the old, stupid platitudes of the sin of stirring up sectionalism. We repeat, however, that the News is substantially correct in its assertions. Those who denied them must produce more solid arguments than jabbering and gesticulation, or than a silly and baseless charge. It is not the News which gives rise to sectionalism, for that feeling has prevailed in Canada for years, and politicians have encouraged and used it for their own special behoof. The contention of the News is that in this strife of races, the French are giving all the blows, and getting all the plunder, and it is rightly indignant that the British part of our population has quietly acquiesced in the degrading occupation of hewing wood and carrying water for the French part. To say that the latter is the equal of the former in aught that stamps a nation as great and progressive would be outrageous flattery; to say that it is its superior, would be rank nonsense.

The rage of the French at the editorial of the News was absurdly great, but it has given place to the most vindictive and malicious joy. A letter which that journal published a short time ago contained terribly severe strictures on a French regiment in the North-West. The aggrieved officers have instituted an action for libel against the editor. Now, so far as the merits of this matter are concerned, we have nothing to say. But we protest against the treatment which the accused is receiving at the hands of the accusers. With very questionable fairness, the trial has been taken to Montreal. It would seem, indeed, as if a determined effort is being made to prejudice the case of the News proprietor. The French papers team with virulent abuse of the defendant, and with most inflammatory appeals to a public whose knowledge and self-restraint are far from sufficient to keep passion subject to reason. It is useless to plead that this abuse and these appeals will fall flat in the presence of common sense. They are not addressed to common sense; they are aimed at a low and ignorant bias, and they tend to place justice under the feet of frantic and ignoble rage. It is well for English readers to understand this. Let the News be what it will, it has certain undoubted rights on which French vanity and French ignorance must not be allowed to trample.

**GLADSTONE'S DEFEAT.**

On Monday afternoon, the Gladstone Government was defeated by a vote of two hundred and sixty-four to two hundred and fifty-two. The question was an item in the Budget which proposed that the increased duty on beer should continue until June 1st, 1886. The Tories and Parnellites united, and thus outnumbered the Liberals by twelve. We shall be more than astonished if this latest Tory victory does not bring shame rather than joy. We say nothing on the intended tax. It may, or may not, have been just and

necessary. But what is to be thought of a coalition of the party of kingly prerogative with that of home rule for Ireland? Truly, the flash and glitter, the shameless lust of power, which marked the tactics of Beaconsfield, are bearing fruit. We have striven to believe that British Toryism was quite a different commodity from the Canadian article. We have sought to consider it as a protest, at times, perhaps, too vigorous and unbending, against democracy tending to run mad. We have honestly regarded it as a bulwark, more or less effective, against the charlatan teachings of Henry George and others of the same class. But if the Marquis of Salisbury and Lord Randolph Churchill are true expounders of British Toryism, we can see in it nothing but a hypocritical pretense of loyalty made to secure an ignoble path to the treasury benches. The merits of the home rule question have nothing to do with this matter. They may be great or small, but, unless black can sometimes be white, they ought never to have been upheld by the party which saw in the disestablishment of the Church in Ireland only a flagrant encroachment on the rights of the crown.

We are told that when the adverse vote was announced, Lord Randolph Churchill and Mr. Parnell jumped upon seats and enthusiastically waved their hats. Mr. Parnell's feelings are easy of explanation. He and his followers owe allegiance to neither Conservative nor Liberal. They are fighting for an object all their own; to gain it, they care not what party they use. This is quite intelligible. But the spectacle offered by the Tories and their impudent, noisy, self-constituted leader, is, to say the least, strange. What have the Tories promised Mr. Parnell? We know not. *Arcades ambo*, which, with Mr. Ingolsby, we may truly render, a *queer couple*.

To Gladstone, the defeat brings no disgrace. His domestic policy has ever borne the stamp of right and justice. His enemies have assailed him with the ferocity of tigers. But with serene temper, and heroic resolution, he has continued to tread what he believed to be the path of duty. Never did he appear greater than in this hour of his fall.

**THE NORTH-WEST.**

The news from the North-West has been very meagre since the fight at Batoche. Yet sufficient has been learned to render unquestionable the certainty of an Indian War. Big Bear and his braves have already encountered the force of General Strange, and to no one is the first step of less concern than to the Indians. The issue of this struggle cannot for one moment admit of doubt, but its attending details will most likely prove harrowing in the extreme. Already the savage nature has declared itself in acts of hideous cruelty. The wild instinct which delights more to torture an enemy than to kill him has burst forth in all its ungovernable fury. Canada may congratulate herself that in General Middleton she has an officer in whom bravery is joined to prudence, and the true determination of a soldier is guided by unwonted regard for the lives of his men. In his struggle with the Halfbreeds, General Middleton has done his work in a manner that does no less credit to his heart than to his brain. His first object was to suppress the rebellion, his second was to accomplish his purpose with as little loss to our Volunteers as possible. He has succeeded in both beyond all praise. We have every confidence that the same care, bravery and skill will mark his line of conduct in settling Big Bear.

**Springhill.**

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL:

The Richmond Hill Herald of May 21st, contained an account of a horse trade made at Springhill, from which a reader would suppose that proceedings had been entered into which were of a respectable character. We wish to inform the public through your columns that conduct of the kind referred to never existed. True, a transfer was made, but in an orderly way, both parties being benefitted thereby.

We think that too much care cannot be exercised when speaking of our neighbors. These men, referred to in the article, are respectable farmers, in fact, one of them holding the office of Church Warden.

We think that "Fritz," as he signs himself, had better bridle his tongue, and not slander his neighbors.

ONE WHO KNOWS.

Springhill, June 9th, '85.

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