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THE TABLES TURNING.

To those who have been at all vigilant during the past year, as to the changes which have taken place in public opinion, regarding the political feeling of the country, it must be evident that the power and influence at one time possessed by Sir John A. Macdonald are fast slipping from his grasp. At the last general election the cry of the N. P. was heralded from one side of the Dominion to the other. To suit the purpose of the government, people in one province were told stories diametrically opposite to those told in another. Parties of all shades of politics were anxious to give this experimental policy a fair trial, and the Conservatives swept the country by a large majority. But the most sanguine of these are now free to admit that the result has been disappointing, and Sir John and his party have been forced to look about them for a new bait to dangle before the people.

The Electoral Franchise Act was passed, and a more nefarious measure was never placed on the statutes of a civilized country. Revising Barristers were appointed, and time has already shown us that in many cases these officers have been only too willing to do the bidding of the government of the day which made the appointments. Indians, who were wards of the government, were given the use of the franchise, on the representation that they would, in all probability, vote for those under whose control they were placed.

But notwithstanding the passing of this unjust Act; notwithstanding that the Revising Barristers prepared their lists to the satisfaction of their party, another hue and cry had to be raised previous to the recent election in Chambly, P. Q., and since in Haldimand County. To all believers in the confederation of our provinces; to all those who are desirous of going hand in hand with their brothers, no matter what may be their creed, this last must appear wicked indeed. We refer to the cry of Race and Revenge. For months past the *Mail*, the chief organ of the government, has been mounted on the Protestant horse, and in almost every number does it tell its readers that Sir John was instrumental in hanging the arch-rebel Riel, and therefore is entitled to their votes and confidence.

But our city contemporary has misjudged the people, and, no doubt, could it retrace its steps, another line of argument would be followed. To kindle a strife and fan the flames between Protestants and Catholics may satiate the ambition of a journalist for the time being, but it never can gain the sympathy of true and peaceful citizens. Mr. Blake has time and again said that whatever his own private opinions might be regarding the execution of the unfortunate leader of the late rebellion, he had no desire, nay, he refused, to construct a political platform out of the blood-stained planks of the Regina scaffold. However, in both the Chambly and Haldimand elections, the Riel question was the principal one before the people, and the result has been disastrous to the Conservatives. But it must be borne in mind that there are two sides to this Riel question. If the issue were simply this: did the government do right in vindicating the majesty of the law by carrying out the sentence of death, the answer, from Ontario, at least, would be Yes.

But this does not satisfy the electors. The true questions are: were the halfbreeds, by cruel and callous neglect, goaded into rebellion? and were the government not responsible for the grievances? In both cases the people have answered by their votes that the government were cruelly guilty. Nothing more promising for the prosperity and welfare of our country has occurred for many years, and it is not too much to hope that men are awakening to a sense of justice, and are bound to rise above foolish appeals to bigotry of race and creed.

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Division Court.

Division Court was held in the Court House here last Saturday. Mr. Alfred McDougall acted as judge. The following is a synopsis of the more important cases:—

John Clark vs. Henry Leech. Mr. Clark sued Mr. Leech for \$47, being for 7 years rent of lane at \$4 per year, repairs for keeping it up, &c., the lane being on Clark's farm. Leech disputed the claim, and denied that he had rented the lane, also he admitted having used it for over seven years. A witness (a former tenant of Leech's place) swore to arranging on behalf of Leech with Clark for use of the lane, and that Leech had expressed himself satisfied with the arrangement made. Judgment for plaintiff for \$47 and costs. Mr. A. G. F. Lawrence acted for plaintiff.

Walter Jenkins vs. Fred Whitlock. After hearing the evidence His Honor urged the parties to settle the matter privately, and adjourned the case for that purpose. The case was afterwards settled.

Simeon Ritter vs. F. H. Helmkey. \$100. Judgment for plaintiff for \$84 and costs.

The most important cases of the day were Arch. McQuarrie vs. the Corporation of the Township of Vaughan, and Geo. High vs. the Corporation of the Township of Vaughan.

These cases were at the instance of two farmers living in the district of lots 32 and 33, Con. 4, Township of Vaughan, against the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Vaughan, for \$50 damages each. From the evidence it would seem that portions of the 4th Con. opposite the plaintiffs' lots and where their roadways leading to the concession are situated were completely flooded with water from the early part of this spring till about the middle of July last, and that in consequence of such water and mud lying from two to four feet deep on the concession road it was impossible for them to get out from their roads through the concession. In consequence of this they were prevented from teaming their produce, &c. (by which they had suffered considerable loss), and the public travelling along the 4th concession took down their fences and travelled over their lands, by such trespass destroying parts of their wheat and clover fields for the season.

The plaintiffs claimed further that this damage was done wrongfully and negligently by the corporation, because the Council had not attended and put the concession road in a safe condition and open to the travelling public, which it was their duty to do, and moreover they were fully aware of the condition of the road last fall and had not attended to have it put right till about May of this year.

From the evidence of the Councilmen, it appeared that last fall the Council had made an attempt to have the drainage of the road put right, so that the water (if any) congregating on the highway could get readily off, but that they had considerable difficulty in getting the Railway Co. to move in the matter. That they had obtained the services of Mr. Gibson, their Engineer, who had examined the premises last October, but was unable to find the natural outlet for the water. Mr. Gibson explained this difficulty at length, and stated that when he saw how the matter stood, he, or in his report to them last fall, recommended the Council to go to work under the provisions of the "Ditches and Water-courses Act of 1883," or they would be in for all the costs of making an outlet for the water. Further that the Council last June had called on him under this Act, and that the road, &c., were in a fair way to being put right.

In cross-examination he admitted, however, that the Council could have gone to work under the provisions of this Act last fall or earlier this spring, and had the road, &c., put right sooner, but that by so doing would have made the work more difficult. In his opinion the great falls of rain, &c., early this spring had a great deal to do with the state of this road, which was more or less of a marshy nature.

These suits occupied a considerable portion of the time of the court, there being a large number of witnesses for either side, and the evidence was very voluminous and numerous cases were cited by the solicitors for the parties.

His Honor seemed to think that the Council had not been negligent in the matter, although, doubtless, the plaintiffs had suffered considerable damage and inconvenience, and dismissed the suits without costs.

Mr. Lawrence, of the firm of Lawrence, Milligan & McAndrew, acted for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Fullerton, of Fullerton, Cook & Miller, for the defendants.

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