

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, Feb. 10, '87

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

The net public debt, after deducting everything that can be fairly classed as an asset, is put down by Conservatives at \$190,000,000, whilst Mr. Blake states it at \$220,000,000. Our own belief is that it is \$225,000,000. The difficulty of determining the exact figures arises from the fact that we still cling to the antiquated fashion of being a year behind with the Public Accounts. Assuming, however, that the net debt is only \$190,000,000, is it not time for us to seriously consider the situation?

The Toronto Mail gave utterance to the above in its issue of Monday last. We have never yet had implicit confidence in the true conversion of the paper which for many years was always willing and anxious to sound the praises of Sir John Macdonald and the Conservative party. Until a few months ago, no scandal, however barefaced, no conspiracy, however corrupt and intricate, and no falsehood, however absurd, so long as they emanated from a Conservative source, they were upheld and condoned by this great exponent of Conservative principles. Sir John could wage a war for years between this province and the Dominion of Canada, over a disputed territory which rightly belonged to us, and the Mail was ever ready to echo the sentiments of its chieftain. Sir John could sink the country in debt in his endeavor to pass a liquor law, which proved not to be worth the paper on which it was written, yet the Mail would uphold "the great constitutional lawyer" in his contentions. The Franchise Act, one of the most infamous measures which ever disgraced the statutes, was passed, and loyalty to the cause forbade this journal protesting against thousands of people being cheated out of the liberty of casting their ballots. And thus we might go on to *ad infinitum*.

But the Mail has found out that if it is to pose as an Independent paper it will be obliged to furl its sails, and at last it is bound to admit that, financially, at least, Canada is fast going towards destruction. The present debt is enormous, and indications point to an increase rather than a diminution. And worst of all, in places where public money has been squandered without stint, there it seems the people are the most dissatisfied. During the last five years Quebec has received upwards of \$11,000,000, and is calling for more. New Brunswick has received her sop, and she is not only not satisfied, but has declared herself against the Conservative party. Nova Scotia has been given "better terms," and is crying out for secession. Millions have been expended in the North-West, and up to the present it has been a poor speculation. With these facts before the electors it is not surprising that Conservatives and Reformers are uniting to place country before party in order to bring about a better state of things for our fair country, which some day should stand second to none on this American continent.

Conservative Meeting.

A political meeting was held in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday afternoon in the interests of Messrs. N. C. Wallace, and Alfred Baultbee, the conservative candidates for West and East York respectively.

Mr. J. Brown occupied the chair. There was a large audience including many from both sides of politics, and a number of ladies.

Mr. Jas. Armstrong was the first speaker. He spoke of the National Policy, and said that Mr. Blake had embraced it at last, though he did not believe he was sincere. He accused the Reformers with having no policy except that of scandal.

Mr. Tyrrell, of Weston, said he had heard most serious charges against the Hon. Thos. White in reference to timber limits &c., and he came to hear what the gentleman had to say to vindicate his character. He eulogized the present Government for building the C. P. R. and said if Mr. McKenzie had remained in power the road would not be completed in many years.

Mr. Richard Armstrong, of the conservative Association, Toronto, followed. He showed by Grip's cartoon that Mr. Blake had swallowed the N. P. Sword after looking upon it with disfavor for eight years.

Mr. N. C. Wallace thanked the electors of Richmond Hill for past support, and said that although he did not predict such

a majority on the 22nd as he had formerly received, yet if such turned out to be the case he would be much gratified. Like the speakers who preceded and succeeded him he dwelt principally with the N. P. and the Canada Pacific Railroad. He said the Reformers accused the Conservatives of boodlesism but the courts would show that the corruption was not all on one side. He then took up the question of Louis Riel, and asked that the Government be sustained as they had carried out the death sentence on this rebel who had caused the death of two hundred of Canada's citizens. The speaker never referred to the cause of the rebellion, nor told of the wrongs which the revolting half-breeds had suffered. Mr. Wallace has on previous occasions made much better speeches in this village. His remarks on Tuesday created very little enthusiasm among his hearers.

The Hon. Thos. White then took the platform and spoke for about an hour and a half. He explained that the elections were brought on at the present time on account of the Franchise having been extended. The Government could have held another session of Parliament before dissolution had they so desired. He acknowledged that Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, and other provinces had declared against the Conservatives, but thought the Dominion elections would be fought on a broader basis. It had been said that the party now in power had not the confidence of the people, so the Government were going to try the test and abide by the consequence. He endeavored to explain the charge made against him that he had received \$5000 in excess of what a printing contract should have been. Higher rates had been charged in Mr. MacKenzie's time besides he (Mr. White) only owned a small share in the Gazette Printing Establishment. He mentioned the net debt of the Dominion as being \$220,000,000, but maintained that a large portion of that should fall on the provinces. On the side of Reformers were Rielites, rebels and secessionists, but the Union must be maintained at any price. Mr. White had been accused of giving out timber limits, but instead of refuting the charges, he said that Mr. MacKenzie had been more liberal with his friends than the present government had been. Much speculation was abroad as to the result of the coming elections, but for himself he was not prepared to give an opinion. In conclusion he said he hoped that Mr. Wallace would be returned in West York; not altogether on account of his votes on the N. P. or the C. P. R., but more particularly on the stand he took on the execution of Riel. Although Mr. White had an intelligent audience he seemed to be dealing with a problem the figures of which they could not comprehend, and consequently his speech was uninteresting to a great many present.

Dr. Orr closed the meeting with a few remarks.

Though the meeting was called partly to aid Mr. Baultbee's candidature, that gentleman was not present, nor was his name even mentioned by any of the speakers. It is presumed his chances are considered hopeless.

The Teston Band was engaged for the occasion, and delighted the village with choice music.

The meeting broke up with the usual cheers for the Queen, the candidates &c.

MASS MEETINGS.

Mass Meetings of the Electors of West York, in the interest of

DR. LYND,

Will be held as follows:—

**TOWN HALL,
VELLORE,**

Thursday, Feb. 17th, at 2.30.

**Masonic Hall,
RICHMOND HILL,**

Thursday, Feb. 17th, at 7.30, p. m.

Both Meetings will be addressed by

**HON. S. H. BLAKE,
DR. LYND,**

**AND
DR. GILMOUR.**

The leading Political questions of the day will be ably discussed. Seats will be reserved for ladies, who are cordially invited to be present.

Thornhill

From our own Correspondent.

Capt. Lindsay had a full house on Sunday evening at his farewell service; he leaves many friends in the village.

The Rev. W. F. Wilson of Davisville is to occupy the pulpit in the Methodist church next Sunday evening.

The sick in Mr. W. Chapman's family are slowly recovering.

A few cases of sore throat and mumps among the children prevent the regular attendance at the school that is desirable.

The continued sleighing has made business brisk in our village.

The usual quantity of wood has been purchased for the year.

The Thornhill hotel is about changing occupants.

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And don't you forget our Groceries, if you want the Cheapest and Best. We are giving 16 lbs. of Extra Standard Granulated Sugar for one dollar, 20 lbs. Fine Yellow Sugar for One Dollar. 30 lbs. of Rice, 14 lbs. Choice Raisins, 12 lbs. Extra Currants, 15 lbs. Best Provincial Currants, 58 bars York Laundry Soap, 47 lbs. of Corn or Oatmeal, and a full stock of the best brands of Canned and Package goods at very lowest prices. Remember this is our stock-taking sale, and we are making it a lively one. Call and share in the fun.

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