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THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Before the election, Government organs were not a little vexed because Mr. Blake had estimated the net debt of the Dominion at \$220,000,000. Yet when the public accounts for 1886-1887 were brought down, the Minister of Finance, who at present is Sir Charles Tupper, admitted our liabilities over all assets to be \$223,000,000. It is not to be wondered that the *Toronto Mail*, knowing Sir Charles' proneness to exaggerate all that tells in favor of his party, and to minimize all that tells against it, gives expression to grave doubts that we are even yet in possession of the real truth.

Unfortunately, if Sir Charles' estimate is too low, it is nevertheless sufficiently high to attract the attention of other countries. Already Canada is beginning to be held up as a more than doubtful venture. Already colonists are being instructed to steer clear of us. With far less available territory than the United States, with less natural advantages, our debt per head is about \$50, as against \$37 per head of our neighbors.

Nor is the end yet. People are bound to their idols, and the incentive to remain true to those idols is not a little increased by the fact that worship at their shrine is pretty sure to be substantially rewarded. Some day our eyes will be opened, but we fear only in time to cause us to break forth in reproaches of our purblind folly. Here, as everywhere, beams out the significant truth that Mr. Blake was right and that as usual his vilifiers and abusers were wrong, and what is still more to the point, consciously wrong.

SPEAKING CONSISTENCY.

Mr. Blake's speech on the election of Col. Ouimet to the speakership was in his happiest vein. Friendly, and unfriendly, papers unanimously admit that a splendid vantage ground was presented for attacking the government, and that Mr. Blake availed himself of it to the full. The substance of his address, which was a brilliant specimen of wit, irony and persiflage, is this:

He, Mr. Blake, was, and is, denounced by the Tories as a hypocrite, knave, liar, &c., &c., on account of his action in the Riel question. Now Col. Ouimet strongly supported Mr. Blake in all that he said and did. He voted for the Landry motion, he voted for Mr. Blake's resolution of censure on the government's gross mal-administration of affairs in the North West. Nay, more, before the House met, he had declared his approbation of the proceedings which took place on the Champ de Mars, in Montreal. Well, what Mr. Blake's reward was we know! What Col. Ouimet's reward is for doing precisely as Mr. Blake did, we also know. Mr. Blake is stigmatized a scoundrel, Col. Ouimet is made the first Commoner of the Dominion.

Now the cream of this ghastly travesty of honor and consistency is that Col. Ouimet was proposed by an Orangeman and seconded by an Ultramontane. Truly extremes do meet. And Orangemen and Ultramontanes united to do honor to one whom the former a few months ago was madly abusing. In the very teeth of this, there are in Canada thousands who charge Mr. Mowat with granting undue favors to a special church, and who solidly follow Sir John Macdonald in heaping the highest honors on Col. Ouimet, an Ultramontane Riellite.

EAST YORK CONSERVATIVES.

A private meeting of the Liberal-Conservative Association of East York was held at the Albion hotel, Toronto, on Saturday afternoon last. Mr. Thomas Williamson, president of the association, occupied the chair and there was a good attendance of members. It was generally understood that the chief subject to be discussed at the meeting was the recent expulsion from the association of certain of its members who, at the late Dominion elections, voted for Hon. Alex. Mackenzie as against the Conservative candidate for East York, viz., Mr. Alfred Boulbee. Chief among the leading offenders on that occasion were: Ald. Jones,

of Toronto; D. Hunter, Frank Anderson, D. C. Burke and Jos. A. Huntley, also resident in this city, and Henry Marr, of Markham. A lively time at the meeting was anticipated, and those who looked forward to an exciting hour were not disappointed. The chairman opened the meeting with a brief address, in which he expressed his pleasure at finding so many gentlemen present, and stated the general desire that the gathering should be a private one. The only reporter in attendance was observed by the chairman, and was requested to retire. He did so. The debate on the expulsion of the gentlemen above named was almost immediately opened. Col. Button, a prominent member of the association, spoke at some length, condemning the act by which the organization in East York had expelled some of the staunchest Conservatives in the riding, and expressing his opinion of said measure in terms which were remarkably plain and readily understood.

Mr. Chauncey, editor of the *Markham Sun*, did not admire the clear cut and vigorous language used by Col. Button. He seemed to consider that language which may be used with some degree of propriety in a room would be entirely reprehensible if spoken in the open. Therefore he informed the Colonel that if he had said the same things in the street he (Mr. Chauncey) would have knocked him down. Col. Button was evidently unable to understand the fine distinctions made by Mr. Chauncey, for he at once expressed his determination to knock that gentleman down on the spot where he was standing. He crossed the room for the purpose of fulfilling his promise to horizontalize Mr. Chauncey, when Mr. Alexander Pringle, of Markham, stepped in between the two gentlemen, and the editor remained in a perpendicular position. Major Elliott, of Markham, was aroused by the exciting nature of the proceedings, and he thought a little healthful exercise could be obtained by throwing Mr. Chauncey out of the room. Mutual friends interferred, however, and for the second time Mr. Chauncey escaped an encounter with a military member of the association. The other gentlemen present were thus deprived of an opportunity to decide whether or not the pen was mightier than the sword. The meeting adjourned without any action being taken in the matter concerning which it had been called, but it was understood that another meeting would be held at an early date for the purpose of reorganization.—*Toronto Mail*.

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Sidewalks on Yonge St.

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL:
DEAR SIR,—I was glad to see a communication in your paper on the 7th inst, in reference to side walks on Yonge St. between Richmond Hill and Thornhill. There was one thing "Amicus" forgot to mention. He stated that the Vaughan Council had passed a by law allowing the rate-payers residing on the 1st Con. to expend half their statute labor in building a side-walk. He might have added that they provided for keeping the walk in repair as well. This last is very important when we think of the dilapidated condition of the walk connecting your village with the Elgin Mills. The path-masters were appointed at the last meeting of the Council, and the villages of Maple and Kleinburg are already moving to receive aid from the same source. Let the residents along Yonge St. see that the By-law does not remain a dead letter.

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From our own Correspondent.
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There have been three cases of diphtheria all in one family, and all resulted in death, Mr. John Henrick having lost two daughters and one son inside of three weeks. No other cases have yet been reported. Mr. and Mrs. Henrick have the sympathy of the surrounding neighborhood, although none enter the house as the disease is very contagious.

Some of our gardeners have started gardening, but the farmers have not yet commenced seeding. They report the wheat to be in good condition.

Miss L. Leek, of Mount Albert is visiting at Mr. Geo. Leek's.

Mr. H. E. Teasdale intends spending the summer at Spruce Hill Farm.

Miss L. Wellman, of Toronto, is spending a few days with Miss E. Helmkey.

Miss H. Taylor, of Midland, spent part or last week visiting at Mr. Lunan's.

Rev. W. R. Barker occupied the pulpit last Sunday morning.

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