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The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, Nov. 17, '87

THE PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE.

It is with pleasure that we can conscientiously declare that the results of the Quebec Conference are good beyond the most sanguine expectations. Knowing the French inclination for money at the expense of Ontario, we regarded the meeting of the Premiers in its inception as sinister in design and provocative of mischief. But we are bound to say that the labors of the Conference, as embodied in the series of resolutions a few days ago given to the public, have been wise, patriotic and statesmanlike.

The central figure in this inter-provincial congress was Honore Mercier, the brilliant, astute and powerful Prime Minister of Quebec. However great our dissatisfaction (a dissatisfaction that we did not hesitate to explicitly record) with many of Mr. Mercier's latter actions, we knew that at bottom he was a Liberal. Our fears that his new allies would swamp his liberalism by playing on a spirit naturally very ambitious, have been pleasantly belied. It would seem that he has been content to err in trifles in order that he might be able the better to gain points that are esteemed paramount by Reformers.

Hon. Oliver Mowat presided over the Conference, and his shaping hand can be seen in the substance and form of the resolutions. Of these the two most important are that which refers directly to the encroachments by the Dominion Parliament on Provincial Rights, and that which refers to Commercial Union. The remedy proposed for curtailing a licentious use of the veto power vested by the British North America Act in the House of Commons is drastic, but seemingly without alternative. That proposal is to hand over all cases of contested Provincial legislation to the Privy Council of Great Britain. This is severe on our national dignity, but it has at least the merit of being a specific for the ills under which the Provinces all labor.

That the heads of the five Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Manitoba felt the need of Unrestricted Reciprocity, and gave full and free utterance to that need, is a crushing reply to those serfs of coddled industries who have so loudly contended that Commercial Union is only a fad of a few self-seekers. If the necessities of Canada are thoroughly known to any, they surely must be to those that stand in such intimate relations with the people as do the Provincial Governments. We never for a moment despaired of the final success of the present great commercial agitation, but we certainly did not think it was likely to be triumphant in a future so near.

A VILLAGE BAND.

There are very few villages of any importance in Canada that cannot boast of a Band among its organizations. For many years, and until quite recently, Richmond Hill's Silver Cornet Band was ever ready and willing to assist at evening concerts, re-unions, or any entertainment for the benefit of our citizens generally. On summer evenings when the weather was too warm to remain in-doors, how pleasant it was to listen to them discourse sweet music in the open air. But for some time the members have ceased altogether to meet or practise. This is unfortunate, for nearly every person is fond of music, and especially of that kind which comes from a lot of well

handled band instruments. We are glad to be able to say that a movement has been set on foot, which, if properly looked after, may result in its re-organization on a firmer foundation than ever. An offer has been made by those who hold the instruments to present them to the Fire Brigade on the understanding that a Band be formed, having for its head a teacher, who will give lessons once or twice a week. When the proposition was brought up at the last meeting of the Company, it met with special favor, and a committee was at once appointed to confer with a committee of members of the late Band, and report at a special meeting called for that purpose. There is plenty of first-class material in the village, and a band in connection with the Brigade would be well supported as, without doubt, the Fire Company is, deservedly, one of the most popular institutions in our midst.

We trust the chairman of the committee will not be remiss in his duty, but that he will call the members together at once, and ascertain what can be done in the matter. There are some fourteen or fifteen good instruments, and if they are not kept in use they will soon become worthless.

A strange phenomenon, which was strangely beautiful, excited the admiration of a large crowd standing close to Joseph Hall's store, the heavens seemed radiant with splendor. On a closer inspection it was found it was a reflection of a number of garments on a clothes line stretched across the lawn, which had just been dyed with Sun-Set Dyes. Only five cents a package. Sold at Dilworth's Drug Store, Toronto

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