

The Liberal.

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That such politicians as Sir Charles Tupper, Thos. McGreevy and J. C. Rykert are "Birds of a Feather," was cleverly shown by The Globe's cartoonist a few days ago. In the centre of the picture was the premier with an arm lovingly thrown over each of his boon companions. As every one knows Mr. Thos. McGreevy was liberated from prison a few months ago because it was claimed that prison life was endangering his health. The other—Mr. Rykert—was some time ago expelled the House, or rather resigned in order to save his expulsion. Both these notables are now candidates for parliamentary honors in the interests of Sir Charles Tupper. You can generally judge a man at his true worth by the company he keeps.

The Mail-Empire of Friday unconsciously did good service for the Liberal party by a cartoon on the front page. The cartoon shows the late Hon. Alex. Mackenzie sitting with musket in hand carefully guarding the Government strong box in 1875. If The Mail could only represent the present premier in a similar position there might have been a point gained for the Conservative party, but such a representation would be too absurd, because who can imagine a Tupper protecting any treasury except his own. The cartoon was a truthful representation, and Mr. Laurier is the noble follower of Mr. Mackenzie who will guard "the strong box" after the 23rd of this month.

The Globe and other Reform papers are pointing out that the Tupper Government are making desperate attempts to raise a corruption fund for the approaching elections. It is claimed they have an order-in-council passed subsidizing 58 railway companies to the extent of about \$13,000,000. What would the Tupper combination not do in order to retain power.

Mr. Wm. Mulock and the Patrons.

The following letter received by Mr. G. B. Newbery, Secretary of York County Patrons of Industry, from Mr. Mulock, M. P. for North York, expresses the opinion of almost every Liberal throughout the Dominion. The letter was sent in reply to the County Board of Patrons requesting Mr. Mulock to give his position on the Patron platform.

Mr. Mulock wrote as follows:
I am in favor of the maintenance of British connection.

The reservation of the public lands for the actual settlement.

Rigid economy in every department of the public service.

Simplification of the laws, and general reduction in the machinery of Government.

The reform of the Canadian Senate on such lines as will bring it within the spirit of representative institutions, otherwise its abolition.

Tariff for revenue only, and so adjusted as to fall as far as possible upon the luxuries and not upon the necessities of life.

Effectual legislation for the protection of labor and the results of labor, from those combinations and monopolies which unduly enhance the price of the articles produced by such combinations or monopolies.

Preparation of the Dominion and Provincial Voters' Lists by municipal officers as at present done in respect of local elections.

Conformity of electoral districts to county boundaries, as constituted for municipal purposes as far as the principal of representation by population will allow.

The disqualification of persons to sit as members of the House while contractors or stock holders of a corporation seeking or obtaining aid from the Dominion Government.

The prohibition of any member of parliament obtaining any fees or emoluments from the Government other than the ordinary sessional indemnity.

The abolition of the Pass system to members of Parliament.

The prevention of the sale of intoxicating liquor in connection with the Senate or House of Commons.

The reduction of the cost of mainten-

ance of Government House at Ottawa, the abolition of perquisites in connection with its maintenance and rigid economy so that no money shall be spent thereat that is not clearly in the public interest. The abolition of the system of superannuation, gratuities and pensions, except for military service.

With regard to the mounted police I should be glad to see the time arrive when the expense connected with this service may be gradually curtailed or ended, but I think the present conditions are not such as would warrant the abolition of this branch of the public service. Whether it is unnecessarily expensive I am not possessed of sufficient information to express an opinion. The mounted police have doubtless rendered valuable service in protecting life and property in the North West and in giving the settlers that confidence and sense of security so necessary in order to the development of that great country. Any unwise economy upon this service might have very disastrous effects upon the settlement of the North West.

It is to be remembered that very many thousands of Indians are still being looked after, and that in addition thereto the mounted police are obliged to watch the long frontier between Canada and the United States for the prevention of crime, the smuggling of liquors into the country and generally to secure respect for British laws.

Experience has abundantly shown that when a new land is being opened up and people are gathering there from all parts of the world, a visible sign of authority exercises a most beneficial effect upon all comers.

With regard to the Royal Military College at Kingston my opinion is that the object which Parliament had in view in establishing this college has been abandoned, and instead of this institution having been conducted purely as a school for imparting scientific and military education it has become largely an ordinary Collegiate Institute and engaged in doing ordinary educational work, which, under the Confederation Act, is assigned to the Provinces, and it is no part of the duty of the Dominion Government, in my opinion, to establish ordinary educational institutions. This view I have once occasion and have been taking an active part in endeavoring to impress upon the public the unwisdom of expending upon the college.

In view of the abuse which has crept into its administration by reason of its object having been so diverted, I believe that its administration can be purified of this abuse and that the college could at a comparatively trifling expense perform very good work in connection with the Militia system of Canada, and I will at all times exercise my voice and influence in order to the reformation of the college on the lines above indicated.

With regard to your proposed limit of annual expenditure upon the Militia of Canada I fear that the figure named would not be adequate for the maintenance of the service in a state of wise efficiency; at the same time I am of the opinion that too much money voted by Parliament for the Militia of Canada is being used up by the maintenance of small standing armies; known as permanent corps, in various cities throughout Canada and that two thirds of this money is spent in connection with the battalions.

Speaking from memory, but I think with substantial accuracy, more than one-fourth, in fact nearly one-third, of the whole annual Militia grant is now being absorbed by these permanent corps and the official class who are paid high salaries for comparatively trifling services to the great injustice of the officers and men in connection with the country battalions and in order to put an end to this unfair treatment it will be necessary to have a thorough public investigation into the expenditures connected with the city permanent corps and other features in connection with the Militia system so as to restore to their proper channels all public monies from time to time voted for the benefit of the Militia of Canada.

With regard to the granting of steamship companies and railways it is not possible, I think in the public interest to pronounce absolutely against such a principle but that each case must be considered on its merits. That in the past a great deal of public money has been wasted in such subsidies and bonuses is beyond any doubt and furnishes another instance how a system designed for good may be abused.

I think the public service is unnecessarily loaded with public servants and that the cost of this system is becoming a grievous burden to the people and it will be the duty of parliament to reduce the expenditure to the limit required purely in the public interest.

With regard to the perquisites attaching to the High Commissioner in Great Britain, I am of the opinion that the system of perquisites in all branches of the service is as a rule a most undesirable one and I see no reason why such an abuse should be allowed to continue in connection with the office of High Commissioner. I have so expressed and voted on more than one occasion in Parliament.

In like manner I am of the opinion that a wise economy could be exercised in regard to the cost of government at Ottawa. There are too many Cabinet Ministers, I think.

One of the clauses in your platform has to do with the appointment of county officers but this is, I understand, not a question arising in connection with Dominion politics but has reference to local Government matters only, therefore I presume you do not desire me to express an opinion on that point.

I hailed with rejoicing the advent of the Patrons of Industry in the domain of Canadian politics. It has had a most beneficial effect in weakening party ties,

freeing men from party obligations, and leaving them freer to consider public questions and to exercise their franchise in the public interest untrammelled by the dwarfing influences of partyism. So long as men entertained the mistaken idea that because their general sympathies were with a particular political party therefore they were not free to give an independent opinion or vote on public questions but should be simply endorsers of the acts of their party, so long would those in power be encouraged to abuse power, feeling that by the hollow cry of party, and not by their merits, they could rally to their support all those professing sympathy with the party.

The Patrons of Industry have been an educational force in weakening the unfair claim of party leaders through wrong as well as through right, and the tremendous increase of late in the number of men declaring themselves as independent men, testifies largely to the beneficial influence of the Patrons of Industry in its work of emancipating the electors from the thralldom of party bondage.

Hoping that your Order may continue its good work, I am,

Yours sincerely,
WM. MULOCK

By 4 to 1

Richmond Hill defeats Tecumseh II.

The first match of the championship series for the home team was advertised to have been played on Saturday last, but owing to some cause the Tecumseh club failed to send enough eligible players. When the team appeared on the field they had only seven men who had playing certificates, and the game was therefore given to Richmond Hill. As a goodly number had paid admission to see the match, the teams decided to play an exhibition game. The teams lined up as follows to the call of referee Dr. Heggie's whistle:—

Tecumseh II.—R. Bonsall, goal; H. Brumwell, point; W. Irwin, cover point; W. Tozer, F. Lanrie, A. Stewart, defence field; J. Kay, centre; H. Etwell, H. Jack, J. Hewitson, home field; C. Nialrebmahe, outside home; C. Snoyl, inside home. F. Hunter, field captain.

Richmond Hill.—P. Powell, goal; J. McConghy, point; J. Glass, cover point; F. Sims, A. Powell, W. Savage, defence field; G. Cooper, centre; R. Glass, J. Ough, Wyea Trench, home field; A. Shierk, outside home; W. Powell, inside home. W. E. Wiley, field captain.

At the face-off Kay drew the ball and passed to another Tecumseh man. Some neat combination play was indulged in by the Tecumsehs and the ball travelled close to the Hill goal, but Jack Glass soon sent it down the field. Our home now had a chance for some brilliant work, and they soon demonstrated that they were not lacking in either neat team play or straight shooting. Several shots were stopped by Bonsall, but W. Powell soon succeeded in sending the rubber between the flags. Time, 2 minutes.

Play was commenced again and this time both teams seemed fully bent on scoring. For some minutes the play was exciting and pretty even, but by the efforts of the centre man the ball was soon on the Tecumseh flags again. Bonsall made some good stops, but W. Powell again scored. Time, 8 minutes. A rest was now called.

The third game was decidedly in favor of the home team. Some good passing was done by Cooper, Ough and Trench. The game was short and decisive, A. Shierk scoring by a neat shot in 4 minutes.

When the teams lined up after a rest the visitors seemed to realize that it was now or never. They took Kay from Centre and put him inside home, moving the other men down one position. A good exhibition of lacrosse followed, and for some minutes it was very uncertain who would do the necessary. Nialrebmahe at last scored for the Tecumsehs after about 20 minutes' play.

The fifth and last game was in favor of the home team from the face-off. During this game goal-keeper Bonsall, of the Tecumseh team, was accidentally struck on the head and had to lay off, when Brumwell took his place. To even matters R. Glass had to lay off. Play was continued for about 10 minutes when W. Powell again scored, this time by a good side shot. The teams played 5 minutes longer during which time neither scored. This made one hour's play.

For the Tecumsehs, Bonsall in goal, Brumwell at point, and Kay at centre and inside home played good lacrosse. For the home team Cooper at centre played a brilliant game. Also A. Shierk and W. Powell on the home and J. McConghy and F. Sims on the defence played well—in fact every man on the Hill twelve played good clean lacrosse. We have an aggregation of players such as many larger towns would be glad to possess, and if the boys continue to practice as they have done during the past three weeks there is no reason why the championship of this district should not be theirs. Their match with the Elms showed that they had no lack of good material for a swift lacrosse team, and last Saturday's game added not a little to their reputation. Next Saturday they cross sticks with Toronto Junction, and it is hoped the citizens will turn out in larger numbers than ever to see a fine exhibition of our national game, as we think the boys are worthy of our most liberal support.

Dr. Heggie, of Brampton, acted as referee to the satisfaction of both teams, and Messrs. F. Thompson and E. W. Garvin officiated behind the flags as umpires.

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