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Our Ottawa Letter.

"Busted!" Yes, that applies to myself and the Government. In the one case it is perpetual; in my own case it is to return home busted after a two weeks' holiday after our great victory. I had to commemorate the event with that proverbial well earned holiday. But we have busted that wretched, dishonest combination we have fought to rid the country of for the past 18 years. It has been deposed by a verdict of the people. Don't you feel proud of the part you took in it? I do. Even the eloquence and magnetism of Sir Charles, together with the corruption fund extorted from the manufacturer and contractor and the threats of the bishops, failed to win for them this time. Some say it was Tupper's egotism that killed him. But the great "I am " has been relegated to

a back seat. At Cornwall the day before the election in speaking of Mr. Laurier's claim to the premiership when compared with his own, Sir Charles said:- "Mr. Laurier wishes you to make him premier. Well his ambition is for a position which must be filled by an able man." On that ground Sir Charles disputed Mr. Laurier's claim, but advanced his own. The day after the election Sir Charles furnished a type written interview to the Montreal Star, in which he said:- "When I came to Canada last winter I found the Conservative party utterly demoralized. Conservatives are now asking whether his presence as leader has improved that condition.

Now that we have driven them from their ambush, it does not follow that the battle field has been cleared. With the same tenacity and unscrupulous tactics which has enabled them to hold on to office so long, they will fight to recover the ground they have recently been obliged to surrender. They are desperate in their misfortune, and will leave no stone unturned to recover possession of the treasury benches.

It was a narrow escape for Canada that Tupper and his followers did not secure another lease of power. They had determined to proceed with the expenditure of money on public works on a scale that would have astonished the country had the verdict been in their favor,

Since the result of the election was known I had the pleasure of spending a day with our new premier at his country residence at Arthabaskaville, a town 108 miles east of Montreal on the line of the Grand Trunk railway. A more charming spot for a holiday it would be impossible to imagine. At the foot of a long range of hills stands the country home of Mr. Laurier, a large brick building surrounded by a beautiful grove of hardwood trees. I did not wonder at his saying he would dearly love to rest there for a week or so before entering upon the responsibilities the people of Canada in their wisdom have imposed upon him.

Discussing the future Mr. Laurier said the country had nothing to fear from hasty, radical or revolutionary changes in the tariff policy at his hands. It was his intention to have the tariff question fully investigated before any attempt would be made in the direction of reconstruction, Whatever changes it might be found necessary to make would be in the interest of the consumer and the people generally, and not framed for the sole benefit of the manufacturer and monopolist as at present. Nothing, however, would be done in the way of tariff changes this session, and upon this point the country could rest assured.

Speaking of the honor the electors had conferred upon him, Mr. Laurier said that if he could be made the instrument through which racial and creed prejudices could be made to disappear in Canada, the highest point of his ambition would have been reached.

It the moment of writing it is impossible to say when Sir Charles will band over the keys of office. Since his defeat he has made several hundred appointments of his friends to office, but the Governor-General has remonstrated against his conduct. It is said to-day that he will probably resign to morrow You will feel proud when you see the cabinet slate Mr. Laurier will announce. It will be one of the strongest governments ever formed in Canada.

Now that our friends are coming into power, it does not follow that they can do no wrong, for they are not immaculate. That which we have condemned in our opponents during the past 18 years we should not condone if it should develop among those we have been supporting. It is to be hoped that our friends in Parliament will act up to their professions of honesty and economy. If they do not their lives will be short, and I for one will contribute towards making their term of office a short one. What we want is good, straight, honest government. If we get it our country will go ahead. The press can do more in keeping a government straight and in securing clean government than any other agency. ISAAC CROSBY As regards myself, if I find any Curran

Bridge steals, Fredericton Bridge frauds, &c., cropping up among those we have assisted to place in power, I wish to be in a position to show them up as I have shown the other chaps up, and of that I think I have done my share,

#### Richmond Hill Defeats the Tecumsehs

BY FIVE GAMES TO TWO.

One of the most interesting and exciting games of lacrosse that has ever been witnessed was played on the Island Oval, Hanlan's Point, on Saturday last, between the Tecumseh II. and Richmond Hill. Both teams had come prepared for a hard fight, and both played in fine form. The Richmond Hill team was exactly the same as that which defeated the Tecumsehs here on June 6th, but no less than eight changes had been made in the Tecumsehs, which fact made the Toronto boys confident of success. The weather being cloudy was unpropitious for a large crowd of spectators, nevertheless Richmond Hill sent a goodly number of spectators to laud their boys to victory. The match had been advertised for 3 p. m., but owing to an unavoidable delay it was 4 o'clock when Referee Hodgson blew his whistle, and the teams lined up as follows:

RICHMOND HILL .- P. Powell, J. Mc-Conaghy, J. Glass, F. Sims, A. Powell, W. Savage, G. Cooper, R. Glass, Jno Ough, W. Trench, A. Shierk, W. Powell.

W. E. Wiley, captain. TECUMSEHS. - Baker, Irwin, Tozer, Cameron, Laurie, Dewar, Jack, Mathers, Irwin, Atwell, Baker, Bonsell. H. B.

Clemes, captain. Game 1 .- Cooper and Jack faced; the former secured the ball and passed to R. Glass, who threw to Ough, he to Shierk, who shot, but Tozer intercepted and relieved and the rubber travelled into Richmond Hill territory, where the Tecumsehs indulged in some neat combination play. Finally Bonsall threw at the fiags, but Sims cleverly stopped and ran to the side to throw, closely followed by C. Baker, who in checking him was struck on the throat by the ball and time had to be called. When play was resumed, Sims drew, and threw to W.

Powell who in a neat shot scored. Time 11 minutes. Game 2 .- This was the longest game of the match. Neither men secured the face and a scuffle ensued from which Jack emerged with the ball and ran up the field until stopped by A. Powell. He then threw to Dewar, who flost to Jno. Glass and the ball went out to centre, where cooper was waiting to receive it; he passed to Shierk who shot, but Irwin neatly caught and threw up the field to for his Excelsior Road Cart. Bonsall. He however shot wide and P. Powell secured the sphere behind the flags and threw well down the field. R. Glass obtained possession of the ball, but on the point of shooting received a nasty gash on the head and the progress of the game was delayed. Glass pluckily took his place again, and when the game was recommenced the ball went up the field to Savage, who threw to Ough, who made a hot shot which Baker batted out, but Trench swiped through. Time 27 minutes. Richmond Hill 2; Tecumseh 0.

Game 3.-Richmond Hill appeared over-confident and anxious to test their pugilistic abilities rather than to play scientific lacrosse. While the attention of the Richmond Hill players was thus detracted the Tecumsehs gave a brilliant exhibition of combination play, and shot and up went the umpire's hand. Time

10 minutes. Game 4.-The Tecumsehs rushed the play from the start, and Richmond Hill defence was somewhat rattled, with the result that the Tecumsehs again scored. Time 5 minutes.

Game 5. - The score was even; excitement intense; both teams determined to win. Cooper got the ball, sent it up the field, and Cameron relieved by throwing out of bounds. Savage secured the face and threw to Shierk, who passed to Ough, who put the rubber through, and the score stood Richmond Hill 3; Tecum-

seh 2. Time 5 minutes. Game 6 .- Jack drew the ball and threw toward Richmond Hill flags, where McConaghy, by one of the catches and throws for which he is so well known, relieved and threw to the side. Then followed the prettiest combination of the day. Cooper obtained the rubber, passed to Ough, he to Trench, he to Shierk, who, aided by W. Powell's splendid checking, scored. Time 10 minutes. Richmond Hill 4; Tecumseh 2.

Game 7 .- The Richmond Hill supporters were jubilant and fairly held possession of the grounds. The ball travelled towards the Tecumsehs goal, where it was secured by Tozer, who ran down the field and tried to break through the Hill's stone-wall defence. He however found out his mistake, and A. Powell obtained the ball and dodged Bonsall, who by a peculiar decision of the referee Also dealer in Groceries and other Staple was given a free throw. He shot at the flags and McConaghy caught, threw up

the field to Shierk, who scored. Time 4 minutes.

Four minutes remained to play, but neither team scored, and Richmond Hill had won its third victory in the York District by 5 goals to 2.

#### Board of Education

The Board met on Monday, July 6th. Members present: Messrs. Naughton, Switzer, Lynett, Newton, McConaghy, McDonald, Palmer, Storey, Harrison,

Minutes of last meeting were read and The secretary read a communication from the clerk of Vaughan, showing that the number of children in the Vaughan part of the Public school section between 5 and 16 was 12; number between 7 and 13 was 9; between 16 and 21 was 2. Also asking the trustees to send the amount of their estimates on or before

the first of August. A communication was read re.

Teachers' Institutes. Also a communication from Mr. Jas. McDougall, acting clerk of the county of York, re. appointment of Mr. Wm.

Harrison as school trustee. Mr. John Miller, Deputy Minister of Education, wrote stating that he could not recommend a further grant to the High school on the report of Inspector Hodgson.

On motion of Messrs. Harrison and McConaghy, Messrs. Switzer and Newton were appointed a committee to wait on the High School Inspector and the Minister of Education relative to the High School accommodation,

On motion of Messrs. Newton and Lynett, an a comment of \$1100 was authorized for Public School purposes for the ensuing year.

It being pointed out that the High School fees were in some cases not promptly paid, it was moved by Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Palmer, that in future the pupils must pay their school fees before registration at the beginning of each term.

The Board adjourned.

#### Vellore.

As you have not heard from our villa for some time we thought a few notes would be of interest to your readers.

The farmers around here are busy haying, and some are talking of starting harvest this week. Our blacksmith, J. J. Cameron, is

so busy with general work and repairing binders and mowers that he is unable to fill the orders that are daily coming in John A. McDonald, ex-merchant, of Vellore, who retired from business about a year ago, is going to take up his abode

from this place where he has resided so long. We wish him happiness and contentment in his new home. Mr. Clarkson, of Kettleby, and Mr. Keffer, of Vellore, were visiting at Mr. Andrew McNeil's, and report a pleasant

with his brother Samuel near Kleinburg,

We are sure that John A. will be missed

Miss Mary McDonald, of Orillia, has been visiting at Mr. Duncan McKinnon's and we believe there will be some sad hearts when she takes her departure.

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