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THE REVIEW

Durham, April 1st, 1890.

—So far the elections in Great Britain have gone in favour of the Liberal party—there having been seven Liberals elected and six Conservatives. They were all elected by acclamation. In the list we observe the names of Knatchbull, Hugerston, Brassey, Foster, Watkin, Rothchild, and Great Bear.

—On Friday last Sir A. T. Galt, Canadian Minister to the Court of St. James, was entertained to dinner at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, on the eve of his departure to England. The Chair was occupied by the Hon. James Fernier, after the usual toasts were disposed of, the Chairman gave the toast of the evening, to which Sir Alexander replied, attributing the cordiality of the reception given him to an endorsement of the appointment more than any personal friendship for him, and believed that the appointment would strengthen the ties with the Mother Country.

—Prof. Barker, of the University of Pennsylvania, has been lately visiting Mr. Edison, at Menlo Park, and examining carefully into the process of lighting by Electricity. A few days ago he lectured before the Franklin Institute, of Philadelphia, on the Electric Light, and maintained that Edison's generator was the best yet invented. The lamp and burner used by Edison he pronounced as nearly perfect, and gave as the result of his observations, that electricity is destined to supersede gas as a lighting agent.

—The best speech from the Ministerial benches in support of the policy of the Government was delivered the other day by Mr. Thomas White, the member for Cardwell. Like all who preceded him, from Mr. Tilley downwards, he claimed that the N. P. has not had yet a fair trial—that it should have time to develop itself before judgment could be pronounced upon its merits. This seems a strange plea, when it is remembered that Sir John A. Macdonald and all his satellites claimed that so soon as the Conservative party was returned to power, and the principle of protection to our "struggling industries" sustained by the country, immediately confidence was restored and the country generally looked hopefully to the future.

—The friends of the Hon. J. A. Macdonald regard his appointment to the Lieutenant-Governorship of Ontario as a foregone conclusion. The almost unanimous working of the N. P. in the House of Commons, was that delivered by Mr. Charles M. P. Norfolk, the other day. After pointing out the injury inflicted upon the railways between Canada and the Mother Country by the fiscal policy of the Government, and the fact that as regards the "Dufferin" that there was a movement on foot in that country to prohibit the transfer of American produce through Canadian territory, and thus cut off at one blow the Western traffic of the Grand Trunk, Great Western, and all other trunk lines, the hon. gentleman proceeded to deal with the N. P. as regards the tariff who had sat at the hon. gentleman's elbow? Who had influenced him? What interests had been brought to bear on his consideration of the question? It was not the millions who paid the sums exacted from them, but the representatives of monopolists, who wrung from the sweat of the poor their unjust gains.

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the average advantage the farmers of Canada would derive from buying at low prices American corn for their own consumption, and selling at a higher price to other grain markets. The Finance Minister had indicated great regret on the subject of imposing the restriction, and had admitted that the duty had been imposed in the Finance Minister's own words, "in consequence of the exclusion by the tariff of 1,484,867 bushels of corn during the 10th month ending on the 1st of February last upon the basis he had just been considering was \$367,761. Now what was the net result of the National Policy with reference to the importation of American corn? The loss to the forwarding interest from the shrinkage in the export trade was \$925,678; the loss from substituting for feeding purposes more valuable coarse grain for corn was \$311,718, and the loss in the duty the country had paid on corn imported was \$74,076, making a net loss in the corn trade for the first ten and a half months of the hon. gentleman's tariff of \$647,562. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) That was the brilliant result of the corn duty."

The hon. gentleman then dealt with the injustice done to the farmers by the drawback allowed to the mills at the only time of the year when a duty on wheat could be of any benefit to the farmer, and concluded by saying that he "did not doubt that at the first opportunity the people of Canada would follow the example of Victoria, the only other British colony that had a protective system, which it had since abandoned, and show their condemnation of a system which placed the great mass of the people at the mercy of a few favored monopolists. (Loud cheers.)"

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To Our Readers.

We have given several notices recently requesting those in arrears to settle up, but so far these requests have met with but poor response. We would again impress upon such that we are very much in need of money at the present time, and urge upon them to settle as soon as possible, and thereby relieve us of considerable anxiety, and enable us to meet our obligations. We would also request our friends to use their influence in extending the circulation of the Review by getting their neighbors to subscribe for a really live local paper.

Local and other Items.

A LEAP YEAR PARTY is to be held in this town, to-morrow (Friday) evening. Good music will be provided. Good Friday was observed as a holiday almost universally in Durham. Service was held as usual in Trinity Church, morning and evening.

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DOMINION PARLIAMENT

OTAWA, March 23. For the fifth or sixth time, at the request of Mr. Charlton's request, Mr. Blake's respecting the extradition of criminals were both allowed to stand.

After a brief discussion, during which Mr. Mackenzie objected to the proposed Easter session, a Government motion was passed that the House adjourn from Wednesday night of this week to Tuesday of next week. At the Senate's request, a joint committee to consider the propriety of amending the law departments of the two Houses was adopted.

A few evenings ago the Minister of Finance, lured by the Minister of Customs, lured by the Minister of Education, with having notified the Department of resignation of an official in the islands, was afterwards dismissed by the Government, and Monday Mr. Yeo, invited to the House documentary evidence sustaining the demand he had given to charge. It is needless to say that both worthy Ministers were speechless at the posture of their lack of veracity.

The propriety of opening the Western Canada earlier than usual this season was voted by Mr. Mackenzie, but Sir Charles Tupper explained that it was impossible to do so, owing to certain working conditions at several points along the coast. It was, however, promised efforts should be made to open the coast as early as possible.

A Government Bill confirming the purchase of the Riverton Loop Branch Railway at its initial stage, and the Acts to amend the St. Clair and Lake Erie Navigation Company, and respecting the Great West and Lake Ontario Shore Junction Railway were read the third time.

A number of questions by members answered, but the only statement of interest made was by Sir L. Tilley that the Government would probably issue \$20,000,000 of currency of twenty five cent denominations. Mr. Macdonald (Inverness) moved House into Committee of the Whole to consider certain resolutions declaring the views of Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island to have claims and rights to distributive shares of amount of the Fishery award handed on the Government of Canada on the same basis as which the claims and rights of Newfoundland were recognized, and Sir Leonard Tilley asked that the bill be allowed to stand, and he advanced a doing that the Government wished by certain documents before the House related to the subject. The motion led to a debate, which was protracted till after 10 o'clock, when a vote on the amendment taken. It was carried on a division of yeas and nays. The debate was confined to members from the Maritime provinces.

After eleven o'clock an interesting discussion took place on a motion by Mr. Tupper, behalf of Mr. Skinner, for copies of all resolutions issued or purchased for distribution by the Government with a view to encourage immigration, &c. Mr. Tupper read extracts from Hon. Peter Mitchell's pamphlet on West and North West passing Minnesota, which pamphlet has been circulated by the Department of Agriculture, and a large number of copies of it given by the Hon. J. H. Cameron, A. Palmer, A. Dickson, J. Plehier, J. M. Crawford, J. Bigham, D. Row, W. E. Jackson, G. Powell, R. Louis and John Gray, and for the defence from H. Selley, G. Gray, Ann Gray, J. Gray, W. Gray, T. Gray and W. F. Read. Retributive evidence was also taken from A. Caven and J. Bigham. At the close of the case Mr. Read, on behalf of the defendants addressed the court and Mr. Caven on behalf of the prosecution, both at some length. The court was then cleared and after due deliberation it was decided to dismiss the case with costs upon the following vote: For conviction, Stovel and Dickson; for dismissal, Robertson, Ryan, and Fenwick.

We have been permitted to peruse the evidence, (which at first we intended inserting but found that it would take up altogether too much room) and cannot see how the decision of the court was arrived at. The evidence of the Gray boys is particularly striking. From the evidence given the reader would imagine they were entire strangers to the premises. Another peculiar feature of the evidence is that of Messrs. D. Ross and H. Jelley. The former, a malster, was brought up by the complainant to prove that malt could be made and made on the premises, while the latter, also a malster, was brought up by the defence to prove the contrary. In the evidence given by these parties they prove directly opposite to that intended.—Ross proved that malt could not be made there, while Jelley proves that it could.

Mr. Caven is greatly surprised at the decision, as he says he does not think he ever had a clearer case. How the decision was brought about we cannot say, but understand that it was more out of sympathy for Mr. Gray than anything else. The collector states that, were it possible, he would most certainly appeal against the decision. As it is there is no provision for appeal in such cases, so the matter must drop. The case against Mr. Gray for having, within the past month, laid a malt floor, kiln, etc., on his premises was commenced at the brewery of the defendant this morning. We understand several other charges are being brought against Mr. Gray by Mr. Caven, who is determined, if at all possible, to put a stop to the unlawful practice of making malt and whiskey on the six-Confederate. Mr. Charles M. Brown, of Fillington, has purchased fifty acres of land, adjoining his own, from the executors of the late Samuel Auger, for \$8,200. Two boys named Price and Rainer got into a flat bottomed skiff on the Bay at Toronto on Saturday, and were drifted out in the Lake. They were found dead in the last four miles from Niagara, on Tuesday.

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