

Durham, Thur. June 18, '96.

SKETCH OF THE POLITICAL CAREER OF DR. LANDERKIN.

Dr. Landerkin has sat in the Commons for South Grey during every parliament since 1872, with the exception of one. He suffered defeat at the general election of 1878, when his party went out of power. Of course distribution Acts have altered the limits of his constituency, but in a general way it is the same old riding. Grey is divided into three divisions, and Dr. Landerkin is the only one that for better or worse has remained true to the Liberal party. His neighbor to the east is Dr. Sproule, a staunch supporter of the National Policy, but an equally staunch opponent of remedial legislation. The north riding was held by Mr. Masson, who, as Sir Richard Cartwright said, had no gone to his reward as judge of Huron county. Dr. Landerkin was born in Simcoe county in 1839, but he is almost a Nova Scotian, for his father was born and brought up in that province, moving west to Ontario in 1824. The doctor seems to keep up his connection with men from down by the sea, for his desk mate in the House has long been Dr. Borden, of Kings, N. Scotia, and a more genial pair it would be difficult to find.

Dr. Landerkin does not often speak but he always gets a hearing. His humor is not without its point; it generally hits its opponents pretty hard, although it makes the House laugh. The notes of his speech are few and he generally writes them upon the blotting pad of his desk in letters large enough to be almost legible from the gallery. Finally he catches the speaker's eye, he removes his chair from behind his desk into the aisle, so as to give himself plenty of room, and then with a sort of Mark Twain style of delivery, he proceeds to "roast" the Government and their followers.

He spoke at length on the bolt of the seven ministers in January last, and although such a speech can only be thoroughly enjoyed when heard and seen, for the place and the surroundings have much to do with it, still, one or two selections will give an idea of his style. He described the entire ministry united upon the speech from the throne and then they asked his excellency to wait until they settled their personal quarrels.

"What a spectacle! Seven of them took off their coats and asked his excellency to hold them while they fought it out. His excellency knew the capacity of their pockets, but he dare not search those pockets. No doubt he would find some more anonymous letters * * * I have found these gentlemen have seven principles, namely, five leaves and two small fishes."

Further on he quoted from Mr. Foster, where the latter said that he and his associates took office under Sir MacKenzie Bowell with misgivings. Here Dr. Landerkin read from literary and medical dictionaries definitions of the word misgivings, among them being trembling, abject fear, sinking of the heart, stumped, etc. Which of these did Mr. Foster have?

"Voter, go early to the poll and prevent personation. Be sure you know where your polling place is, changes have been made, and you might get lost."

"Laurier will be next Premier. Vote for Landerkin, a true supporter and do your share in the good work."

"The election of Mr. Allan will not be a gain for Laurier, and unless Laurier gains, the Tupper regime will be perpetuated. Mr. Laurier is the hope of the Dominion, a clean statesman, and he has only one supporter in this riding, Dr. Landerkin."

"Messrs McLaughlin, Limin, Whalen, Sparling and Petrie were a delegation to Pricerville lately to attend to that Post Office business. What a miserable business this is. If they favor Miss Brown why has she not her commission long ago? Are they trying coercion on her? The fact of the matter is they have put their feet to the mill, they see it, and are withdrawing them, but the mill still clings to them, and will be most apparent after June 23rd."

"The most tawdry of all the charges hurled at the head of Dr. Landerkin by the opposing candidates, is that under Mr. MacKenzie's administration the public debt increased. True it did increase, but why? Simply because of the extravagance of the preceding Government. When Mr. MacKenzie took office in 1873 he found the country saddled with contracts for the building of the Intercolonial and C. P. R. railways, the enlargement of the Canals and other public works. These, his Government was obliged to carry through, in good faith, which he did, but during his term of office, down to 1878, in no year did the expenditure exceed the supply bill, but the reverse, for the controllable expenditure from 1883 to 1878 was reduced \$1,781,000. But how has it been since then in the hands of the successive Conservative Governments so ardently supported by the Patron and Conservative Candidates now running in South Grey? The controllable expenditure has been doubled, deficits have occurred very often varying from one million to nearly six million dollars and the public debt has increased to 260,000,000. These are facts and figures for the electors to ponder over before recording their votes, on Tuesday next."

THE NOMINATIONS.

Fine Weather. Big Crowds.

Free Speech Denied in the Streets of Durham.

The "Free and Independent" electors of the South Riding came to town in hundreds on Tuesday last, though the crowd we imagine was not up to expectations. Returning officer Mockler went through the formal time in the usual way and received the deposits of the candidates.

Dr. Landerkin was first nominated, followed by Dr. Jamieson and Mr. Allan. After 2 o'clock the crowd arranged itself in front of the balcony of the Mi daugh House, from which the speaking was done. The candidates spoke in the order named above, and all went smoothly till Mr. Allan had finished when it became evident that a wing of the patrons assisted by some conservatives were determined to have no more speaking that day.

Dr. Landerkin had announced, that Mr. O'Connor of Walkerton would address the electors at his request, when the candidates had done. This was not unreasonable as the Dr. was the first speaker, and anyway the same privilege was open to all, and has been done before. The portion of the crowd referred to would let Landerkin speak but not O'Connor though it was abundantly evident the majority of the electors wanted to hear him.

Has it come to this that in Durham streets free speech is denied? Denied largely by the Patrons of Industry whose platform had just boasted of their excellent platform. Is this a plank? Do the more stable heads of the order commend the action of the younger element in raising the noise? The order has received a blow from its friends that will greatly injure it, as it has furnished its enemies with a cudgel which they will not be slow to use.

Durham is disgraced said many we have a Mayor. How is it that a body of peaceful citizens have to retire to a private lot on nomination day to discuss public questions? It is a matter of deep regret that the Mayor instead of trying to establish order, gave encouragement to the disturbing element. The speaker was introduced by the Returning Officer and had a right to be heard, those not wishing to hear were free to leave. This would have been a much more honorable course. The course pursued was an insult to the returning officer as well as to the large crowd of electors. Dr. Landerkin and his friend, and there can be no doubt the insult will redound to the injury of the assaults.

We are pleased to know that many Patrons condemn the interruptions, Conservatives as well.

The crowd, or a large portion of it, retired to Mr. Calder's lot where Mr. O'Connor pronounced a box and held forth for an hour to a sympathetic audience. It was undoubtedly the ablest speech of the day. He went over the whole field in a convincing manner, and spoke warmly of his friend Dr. Landerkin, who the majority hoped would be larger than ever owing to the disturbances of the day. He dilated on the many attempts to defeat the Dr. and denounced the weak condemnation of the ball d stuffing by the Conservatives. The weakness of both the other candidates was shown though, in justice to Mr. Allan, the charge of his leaving the Conservative party for the sake of office in the patron ranks is not correct. It is correct though, to say that it is pre-eminently in Mr. Allan a recent convert, to displace Dr. Landerkin a tried servant, on whom no charge of faithlessness can be proven, when they are virtually on the same platform. It is on this ground that the grey headed veteran will receive warm support and it is on this ground that many will clear themselves from the outrage of rejecting Dr. Landerkin for a man, who c. n. s. t. e. n. t. l. y. o. p. p. o. s. e. d. h. i. m. f. o. r. n. e. a. r. l. y. 20 years.

As compared with Dr. Jamieson there should be no choice. Dr. Landerkin is a follower of the patriotic, bold and clean handed statesman Wilfrid Laurier. Let this be borne in mind, and also that Mr. Allan's election will be no gain for Laurier, and on June 23rd another follower will be given the noble Roman Catholic in public life when public questions come before me, I shall look upon these questions not from the standpoint of Catholicism, not from the standpoint of Protestantism, but from the standpoint of all men who love justice, freedom and toleration. Add to this his declaration "The public Treasury should be as sacred as a private purse, and then say if a follower of his should not be elected."

THE SPEECHES.

Dr. Landerkin, being first nominated was first called upon and was warmly received. We are indebted to Mr. J. V. Watson, Normanby, for a verbatim report. Had the doctor expected such hoodlumism he would have spoken at much greater length when he was up. His remarks were as follows:—

I was first in the field. I was first nominated, and I was first to speak. I am not afraid to have my platform presented to the people. It has stood for 23 years. Dr. Jamieson was once on my platform, but he slipped off. Mr. Allan was on the other side, and he slipped off and now I know not where he is, but of this I have no doubt if he gets to Ottawa he will be found where he was. Mr. Allan is a farmer, unfortunately I have been in politics too long to have a farm. I have served the public in another capacity.

Now I would like to say a few words to you people for a little while. It is gratifying to me that none of my opponents have a single charge against me; they stand by me in that. My opponents circulate little things to draw away the minds of the people. Some so small I would not like to tell you of them. But there may be some people in the riding who would be glad to believe them, and therefore I would speak of them. Among other things they say I brought in a bill into the house to let

doctors charge what they liked. This is a falsehood; it would be a crime. Many of those who circulate the tale know better. Another thing they are spreading abroad, and on which they are trying to deceive the people is that if I am elected again I will get a pension of \$10,000 a year, and they who say it only wish it was true. Members do not get pensions, only civil servants. Members are pitched out like a pair of old shoes.

Another alarming crime: I signed a petition to release the Tupper candidate from goal. I was always generous to my opponents, there is a little too much Irish in me not to be generous. This is one of their great charges. I did it because I believe that while I fought them in parliament, I was willing when we had them to the wall, to overlook the matter and let them free, so long as the government would allow the principals to remain at large. Then another crime: I visited them in prison, being asked to do so. We started out. "They were sick and in prison and I visited them."

They have wonderful charges against me but thus it is: there are other reasons, the Tories do not like the Irish they want to keep them in goal.

I brought charges against Sir Adolph Caron, they would not let us investigate; but because I signed the petition I should be put out.

McGreevy is now a candidate, and he was assisted at his meetings in Quebec by Sir Charles Tupper only a week ago. Gentleman you know my record. I have been always generous to my foes. Not a man in this riding can ever say that I tried to repay vengeance for his opposition. I am in the same position I have always been: true to my friends and considerate to my foes. These should be the only grounds of a private citizen or of a medical man.

I have only to say in this connection that the Liberal party never entered into a conspiracy, loaned money, or expended that money among the people for the purpose of debauching the people in 27 ridings. Did South Grey get any of that money in 1887? I believe it.

Dr. Jamieson is now the Standard bearer of the Conservative party. He was once a Liberal. We have to grow their candidates. Mr. Moffat was once among the Liberals but when he heard that McGreevy had money he left the Liberal Party. Mr. Sproule also left the Reformers and is fighting for their lives at home. The great "I" travels in a special car at the expense of the Dominion.

—Have you noticed that Tupper is almost alone in his campaign? Foster, Montague, Haggart, and most of the other ministers are fighting for their lives at home. The great "I" travels in a special car at the expense of the Dominion.

—Vote for Landerkin and honest government on June 23rd.

less per head than then. The present government had helped the farmers by experimental farms and declared the farmers of this country were second to none. He touched on the scheduling of cattle, and said it was caused by a desire for protection by the British farmer.

That the country was prosperous was shown by increased consumption of coal, increased deposits in banks, and a large volume of Life Insurance. Railway traffic has also largely increased.

As a set off to the corruption marking the conservative government he claims that more liberals had been unseated than conservatives and showed that the patrons were also making a bad record. Dr. Landerkin held responsible for superannuation, and he gave a defence of it.

The Manitoba School question was not of first importance, as it did not touch our pockets, and declared that he had not appealed to any man privately for his support on grounds other than what he used on a public platform.

Mr. Allan followed and was received with more applause and noise than either of the other speakers. Partyism was an injury, and neither party was opposed to superannuation. He had the best platform on record, and the greis had stolen it. He pointed out the large number of officials by which we are governed and thought there were far too many. He objected to the Review stating that he had said that tariff talk was all humbug, and said that what he said was "the two parties made the tariff question the humbug of the day and so it is." [The words in parenthesis are the exact words of Mr. Allan, taken by an expert stenographer. Ed. R.] Patrons advocate tariff for revenue as the Liberals did but the Patron platform was ahead of the Liberals. If sent to Ottawa he would oppose separate schools as he believed in children being educated together, and would let the Province settle it. Farmers, he said, as he was closing "were not going to be hoodwinked by having men to represent them who have no interest in the country." He retired amid applause.

As to Mr. Allan he is for Tupper some places and against him other places, at certain places he upholds the national policy, then again he opposes it. Mr. Allan thinks the Con. policy a good policy, but says the national policy is better than the Liberal policy.

Now isn't it peculiar you can find no stable men on the other side? Mr. Allan would support the Tupper Government and Dr. Jamieson would do the same.

If ever there was a time when a government deserved to be defeated it is at the present time. (He here read a letter from a prominent Conservative in Toronto condemning the present government, and when asked for the name gave it.)

I have represented you in parliament for over 20 years. When have I done wrong? I have done right in condemning the corruption at Ottawa. Here is an example, this cover was round a cartoon intended to illustrate the greatness of the N. P. It is franked from Ottawa, therefore you pay the postage on it. Every candidate on the Conservative side has had mail matter franked free. We have to pay. These are the difficulties, and these are the men we have had to fight since 1875. What wonder have I affected over \$200,000 in the postal service.

I have opposed the gerrymander bill, the salary grab, and other grabs since 1878. I opposed the Franchise Act, which has cost millions of money. I opposed superannuation bill in which little is paid in and much drawn out and the people have to pay the difference. I have opposed the increase of the national debt. I have done all these things, and I have endeavored in my own way to do the best for the people and for the country.

Gentlemen I am in the field, I am here to stay. From the indications throughout the riding I believe I shall be elected. If I am elected I will be as true to your interests in the future as in the past. But whether elected or not, I will never forget the many kind acts I have received from the people of this riding.

As to the School question, when the matter came up at last session as to the establishment of Separate Schools in Manitoba I stood by my platform and will stand by it whether it affects Catholic or Protestant. I stood by it in Quebec, in New Brunswick and also in Manitoba. I believe if the agitators of this question would only let it drop, Manitoba would settle it. Every one knows, Catholic or Protestant, that I would be ashamed to look either in the face if I had done otherwise than I have done. I have the same law for Protestant as for Catholic, and if you want a man that will do otherwise you must look elsewhere.

The Doctor retired amid generous applause.

Dr. Jamieson was the second speaker, and spoke at great length and with fluency on the questions of the day. The Dr. received a respectful hearing as his speech deserved. His speech was so too long to give verbatim, so we shall touch on the chief points dwelt on. He was glad to see the electors in such numbers and the ladies also taking an interest. His platform called for protection to manufacturers and farmers as well.

It was in the interest of the farmer to shut out American produce, and he showed on the article of hog products that the imposition of a duty had resulted in giving the farmer a home market of \$23,000,000 worth. He blamed the liberal party for never saying what tax they intended to remove.

They were free traders only as it did not touch themselves, as a free trade merchant soon became a protectionist if goods were sold in his own town without a license. Protection had increased the home market, the census showed our population had increased about a million, though he admitted the census was not quite satisfactory. He attacked the MacKenzie Government for the increase of debt during the period, and claimed the interest charges were now

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LOCAL AND G

County Council is in week. The Baptists are attending in Owen Sound. We will be excused to give more attention to usual. Some other matter. The end is in sight how. Strictly pure Paris. Finish at MacFarlane's. Smart Girl wanted at Len Mills. Apply at J. Liberal Committee Reopened in the Calder Bldg. Mrs. (Rev.) Stewart left on a visit to a brother-in-law at Norfolk. Miss Maggie Hewitt, visiting friends around 8. Rev. Mr. Little will be in Aberdeen on Thursday Eight o'clock. Mrs. Joe Firth and her Moffat were visiting at week. Mr. and Mrs. Neil McAvil, were visiting friends week. Reeves Sparling and Allan left together for Monday last. Avoid danger next Tuesday drink of "Cherry Durham Pharmacy." Mr. and Mrs. Joe Firth and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moffat at Pricerville this week. The largest stock of male millinery in town just at Woodlands. Lime Fruit Juice, Row Eudo and Hungadi Mine MacFarlane's Drugstore. If you want a nobly Woodlands a new tweed They are the best goods. Mr. Clinck and his wife, at Mrs. Leeson's Variety. Taken in time Hood prevents serious illness pure and all the organs condition. Mr. C. C. McFayden was visiting friends at and Eugenia Falls. All are well. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hill, are visiting friends week. They were accompanied by Mrs. Dan Greenway. Mrs. Ferguson and daughters of Mr. Mc were visiting their Mrs. R. Morice left with on a short visit. Health and happiness conditions: at any rate, it happiness without head body its full measure energy, the blood shot and vigorous, by the use of the sarsaparilla. Garden Party.—Mr. and grounds presented Friday night last, being decorated by evergreen very enjoyable time when the fire came an interruption. For that tickling throat try a 10c box Lozengers. They will win at once. For sale and the Key Medicine Street, Toronto. NOTICE. I have this day received for a transfer of Lives Bierworth for the Board meeting of the Board missioners for South on Saturday, the 20th p. m. at Kitchener's consider such application THOS.

Durham, June 11th, 1896. A SNAP! That eligible residence occupied by Rev. for sale, or will return. Apply on the premises.

Died, near Toronto Mary Hunter, aged wife of David Hunter, mother to Mr. Don. McArthur. She lived formerly much respected by She leaves 5 daughters, 10 grandchildren, Mrs. McArthur attended. FINE.—Last Friday were retiring, the fire bell rang out with commotion was found that the Crutchley was on fire. It was a good work before as the little stream for the hose. Of good work was done did excellent service praise of all good of the kitchen is gone main house and its Furniture was all in We sympathize with.

MATRIMONY.—of Tres Piedras, Atkins, of Las Vegas marriage at 5 o'clock ceremony took place Mrs. C. A. Spies, conducting the same at church service a bride, who was a mother. The bride highly cultivated eldest daughter of well known Las Vegas Los Angeles. She was formerly a Mrs. Piedras and there the ceremony to the Palace hotel residence.