

## Second Lecture

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Subject --- "Patriotism and  
Perseverance."

Particulars hereafter.

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## REMINDERS.

MONTREAL.—Budget meeting at 8 p.m.

TORONTO.—Budget meeting at 8 p.m.

LECTURE BY DR. J. MCGOWAN.—8 p.m.

LECTURE OF ALEXANDER FRANCIS—CHAPTER 7.—7 p.m.

MONTEGO MEETING.—James Church Tom-

BURNETT.—7 p.m.

CHURCH &amp; SONS.

HARPER CIRCUS.—Slate on Tuesday.

Read by young ladies of St. James' Catholic

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The Government has left very little chance for discussion on the address, since very scanty information has been furnished on which intelligent discussion can proceed. The movers and leaders of the address will make pretty speeches which will be mere echoes of that from the throne, unless, indeed, Mr. Besty, who is to move the address, may vary proceedings by advertising, as he did when before the people, the repeal of the coal tax and the abolition of local legislatures. It is not likely that he will thus kick over the traces, however, and the address will likely be passed without discussion, or at any rate without a division. Livelier times may be expected later in the session.

The rumours of a misunderstanding between the Princess Louise and her Royal mother are being revived in what are usually esteemed authentic circles of court gossip and information. This is of course much to be regretted, especially by Canadians, whose equal loyalty to Her Majesty and admiration for Her Royal Highness will render it difficult for them to "place" their sympathies on either party to the dispute. The best advice Canadians can give in the matter is for the Princess to return to her distinguished husband and the people over whom he has been appointed the nominal ruler. This would likely prove the quickest means of accommodating the little family trouble, for whom which is said to make the heart-grown fonder, may do more to heal the breach than any number of personal interviews between the alleged disputants.

The suddenness with which the details of the Pacific Railway bargain were submitted to Parliament after the Premier's reply to Hon. Mr. Blake that he could not say when it would be done only emphasizes the reticence of the leader of the Opposition. Careful and perfectly regular question as that of Mr. Blake's was deserving of a courteous reply on the part of the leader of the Government, and for the latter to snub it with a refusal of which the speedy submission of the full text of the bargain was a flat contradiction and utterly unworthy of the statesmanship of which Sir John Macdonald's worshipers claim he is the very incarnation. The chieftain is very fond of quoting imperial precedents for Canadian Parliamentary and ministerial action, but we fancy he would have some difficulty in thus justifying his own tricky and insulting behaviour in the present instance.

The attempt to postpone the return of Mayor Sutherland, of Woodstock, as member for North Oxford into a party referee for the Liberals has completely broken down. The new member is just as much a Reformer as was his rival Mr. Pattle, as the following extract from his election address will show:

"As to his career as a politician and his views upon the great questions of the day all his Reform friends knew him as well as he knew himself. He was an out-and-out Reformer, and had his father before him, and if he had the honour and pleasure of representing them at Ottawa he would be at all times and under all circumstances be found at his post."

If the above declaration affords our Conservative friends any just ground for believing they have scored a victory in North Oxford they are much more simple and gullible than we took them to be. As he virtually says himself Mr. Sutherland will be found acting in cordial concert with the Opposition to the Government of taxation, extravagance and corruption. He would not dare, by taking any other course, to misrepresent the overwhelming political sentiment of the riding for which he has been elected.

Mr. Besty, of Toronto, is moving the 18th address in reply to the speech from the throne badly put its foot in it when he allotted to his own election for West Toronto as one of the notable Government victories during the recess. Hon. Mr. Blake, in the course of his opening speech, did not fail to expose this blunder by pointing out that a reduction in the Tory majority in other constituencies similar to that which had taken place in West Toronto, would reverse the present party representation of 64 seats in the House of Commons and give a clear majority in that chamber to the Liberals. There is no denying the fact that the Reformers have been most unfortunate in the loss by death of several prominent members of their party, and also that only such Conservative constituents have been exposed as were party strongholds, and sure to return Tory candidates under almost any circumstances, but the case of West Toronto, clearly showed such a tremendous falling off in popular support of the dominant party as to indicate that the policy of taxation is fast losing its hold upon the people's administration and confidence.

## SUSPICIOUS HASTE.

The details of the Pacific Railway contract will be scanned with eager interest by the people of Canada. It is no wonder that in a contract of such magnitude there should have been manifested a popular desire to know the terms of the address in full.

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Parliament so that there might have been a proper popular comprehension of the whole situation before the compact received its final ratification at the hands of the people's representatives.

For reasons perhaps best known to themselves our rulers determined to withhold the information until Parliament had assembled, and even now they seem inclined to bury on the question of ratification in such a way as to render proper consideration of it by Parliament or people entirely out of the question. It is evident, say they, in the public interest that the whole question should be pushed through the House before Christmas, thus giving a period of about ten days to the ventilation in Press and Parliament of a question involving the transfer of 25,000,000 acres of land from the public domain and \$25,000,000 from the public coffers. Without taking exception just now to the terms of the large paper we submit that this unseasonable and quite unnecessary haste, especially in view of the previous and equally unreasonable delay in making public the terms of the arrangement, is highly censurable. Had the terms of the large paper been made known before hand, and an opportunity thus given for a public consideration and discussion of them, there would then have been some apology for rushing the question through Parliament. As matters stand, however, and with the text of the terms sprung upon the people's representatives there can be no valid excuse for this suspicious hasty, and the public interest requires that all constitutional means be tried by the Opposition to prevent the consummation of the Government's intention of rushing this important matter through without a chance for a due and proper consideration of it. The dignity of Parliament, forsooth, was the reason assigned by the ministerial press for withholding information from the people, and now the self-same dignity of Parliament is proposed to be ignored and outraged by denying the representatives of the people due time and opportunity for the discussion of the merits of this stupendously important question. In the interest of the great outside constituency, of which Parliament is at best only an imperfect representation, the guardians of popular rights within the House should play every legitimate means to prevent a hasty and mechanical disposal of this momentous matter.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Looking at the allotments in money and land for the different sections it seems an extraordinary appointment that in the central or prairie section of nine hundred miles the appropriation should be \$10,000 and 12,000 acres per mile, while in the eastern section, involving grave difficulties in building, the allotment is \$13,384 and 30,153 acres per mile. It is well known that leading journals have recommended the easier section to be first built, deferring the more difficult eastern section till later. Calling the land a dollar an acre the difficult portion is to receive \$24,990, and the central section \$22,570, or a difference of only \$2,400 per mile. It is reported that the central section will be completed within three years and no doubt the other will be deferred thus giving the Company an advance money and lands that should have been reserved for the more difficult portion. The public would also like to learn why the Western section in British Columbia, from Yale to Port Moody, is to be completed by the Government instead of by the Company. Then as to the kind of road, the Union Pacific, of the United States, the same as when first constructed, has been selected as the standard. It would be interesting to know what were the grades and the character of the work upon that line so that the public may know what to expect from the Canadian Company. Of course we shall refer to this subject again.

## General Session.

To-morrow the General Sessions open in the Court House at noon; His Honor Judge Price on the bench. The following is a partial list of the cases:

PINE v. BROWN.—An appeal against the decision of M. P. Green for assault; T. H. McGinn for respondent.

CONVY V. CONVY.—Appeal against a conviction of cruelty to an animal, made by M. P. Green & F. Purdy.

PRASTON V. COCHRANE.—Appeal against decision of M. P. Green for assault; J. Mcleavy for appellant; J. McIntyre for respondent.

ROSE V. COCHRANE.—Appeal against decision of M. P. Green for assault; J. Mcleavy for appellant; J. McIntyre for respondent.

EDWARD V. GILMAN.—Appeal against decision of E. J. R. Price, acting Master in Probate; E. H. Smythe for appealant; B. M. Britton for respondent.

CRIMINAL SOCIETY.

QUEEN V. COCHRANE AND MOAT ET AL.—Assault; J. McIntyre for defendant.

QUEEN V. BROWN.—Sitting with intent to murder; M. P. Green for defendant; T. H. Mcleavy for respondent.

EDWARD V. GILMAN.—Appeal against decision of E. J. R. Price, acting Master in Probate; E. H. Smythe for appealant; B. M. Britton for respondent.

EDWARD V. GILMAN.—A pleasant announcement made by the Editors of St. Nicholas is that they have secured for their next number a story of Indian life by Isakthoona (Bright-Eyes), daughter of an Omaha chief, who has been travelling through the States during the last two years under the protection of two of her kinsmen, trying to raise the consciousness of the white to the rights of her race. Miss La Fleche (for that is her English name) makes now her first essay as an author, but gives a dramatic picture of the daily domestic life of her people.

It is now estimated that one hundred lives were lost by the railway collision at Galt on Friday. Twenty-two bodies have been recovered so far, and thirty-four more have been seen.

## OPPOSITION ATTITUDE.

The First Speech Made by Hon. Mr. Blake on Friday.

Hon. Mr. Blake made a masterly review of the address in his speech. Commencing with the introduction of the address in full, he pointed out the different points to be considered in making the arrangements with a company, and to what extent they had not yet been carried upon any of them. He laid particular stress upon the point that the new company should be a competitor with the Manitoba and St. Paul Railways, and that the latter should longer have a monopoly of the traffic. The Government's feeling is that the system will have too much power over itself altogether.

The editor this morning came out with a long editorial, pretty strong & criticizing the contract. Objection is taken to the Government's constructing the ninety miles from Yale to Fort Moody, to the exemption for all time, and the admission of all material for constructive purposes free.

Mr. Charles Tupper will introduce this afternoon resolutions for the ratifying of the contract, 30 following & stormy debate is expected to follow.

A Liberal cannot be held this morning. It is believed that the Opposition have decided to fight the contract inch by inch.

Hon. Messrs. Holmes, White and Tupper of Nova Scotia, White and Stevenson of Quebec, James Church Tom-

burnett of Ontario, Dr. Besty of

Montreal, Dr. J. M. Macdonald of

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