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Calendar for June, 1892

MOON'S CHANGES.  
 First Quarter, 2nd day..... 5 27 morn  
 Full Moon, 10th day..... 9 8 morn  
 Last Quarter, 17th day..... 4 37 after  
 New Moon, 24th day..... 10 42 morn  
 Apogee, 5th day..... 3h. after

Day of Month.	Day of Week.	High Water.	
		Morn.	After.
1	Wednesday	2 50	3 15
2	Thursday	3 41	4 10
3	Friday	4 39	5 9
4	Saturday	5 49	6 11
5	Sunday	6 42	7 9
6	Monday	7 24	7 58
7	Tuesday	8 21	8 43
8	Wednesday	9 5	9 28
9	Thursday	9 47	10 8
10	Friday	10 28	10 48
11	Saturday	11 8	11 28
12	Sunday	11 47	..
13	Monday	0 7	0 28
14	Tuesday	0 48	1 8
15	Wednesday	1 29	1 49
16	Thursday	2 10	2 31
17	Friday	2 57	3 23
18	Saturday	3 56	4 30
19	Sunday	5 10	5 51
20	Monday	6 33	7 15
21	Tuesday	7 50	8 25
22	Wednesday	9 24	9 23
23	Thursday	9 47	10 11
24	Friday	10 23	10 55
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26	Sunday	11 56	..
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29	Wednesday	0 56	1 36
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## OTTAWA LETTER

Proceedings in Parliament. THE RE-DISTRIBUTION BILL.

(Special Correspondence of The Examiner.)

Soon after the House met on Wednesday Sir Richard Cartwright arose and put to the Government the string of questions which I mentioned last week.

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Members of the Government who reside in the Ottawa Valley are aware of the publication referred to.

To eight separate queries did Sir John Thompson make the same stereotyped answer; growing weary of the repetition, to the remaining 13 queries he contented himself with saying "The same answer."

But I am getting ahead of my story. Sir Richard was not done with his catechism. He next asked:

"Whether the Government have observed that the said documents, if authentic, prove that a very large fund was created and placed in the hands of the said Hon. Thomas McGreevy for the purpose of influencing the electors in the several constituencies referred to and that the said fund was regularly distributed in accordance with a careful preconcerted arrangement?"

To this Sir John Thompson made the following reply, which fully covers the position taken by the Government with respect to this attempt on the part of Sir Richard to reopen the Caron matter:

"The publication of the statements and documents quoted in the preceding questions, referring as they do to expenditures alleged to have been made in the year 1887 in the elections to parliament of members whose term expired in 1891, was evidently made in pursuance of the charges which were preferred in this House by the hon. member for West Ontario and which were interpreted by that gentleman and two or three other members of this house in opposition to the Government as charges that the Postmaster-General had diverted subsidies from the purposes for which they were granted by receiving for election purposes large sums of money out of such subsidies and out of moneys raised on the credit of such subsidies and so forth, as stated in the resolution of this House passed on the 4th of May, 1892.

"This House on that day resolved that it was expedient that enquiry should be made as to the truth or falsity of the allegations and charges, and that the evidence relating to the same should be taken by commissioners under the statute which provides for such enquiries being made by commissioners, and that the evidence when taken should be laid before this House. Two eminent judges have been selected to be such commissioners, and their appointment has been approved by the House without any dissent being expressed as to their fitness and impartiality. Ample powers are being conferred on the commissioners, and when their labors are concluded the result of such labors will be laid before the House for such action as may seem proper under the circumstances. The Government do not intend to ask the House to interfere with that investigation, or to substitute for it a method of investigation which would be less complete or less impartial, nor do they propose in the meantime to express any opinion on the question which that enquiry will involve, or on the facts which are to be proved or disproved before the commissioners."

Sir Richard's next questions received similar replies, but to the enquiry whether His Excellency's attention had been called to the publication of these letters, etc., Sir John Thompson replied that such communication had been had with His Excellency and such advice given him as the Government considered it was its duty to do, a statement which was received with applause from the Government side of the House, which was renewed when Sir John stated, in reply to another question, that the Postmaster-General had made a statement to his colleagues with reference to the matter.

To the question—Whether the Government are aware that the publication of said documents is calculated to convince the public at large that a very great number of constituencies were attempted to be carried by corrupt means by the use of the said fund.

Sir John Thompson replied—The publication of the statement and documents quoted in the question was evidently intended to create an impression on the public mind before a proper and impartial investigation could be had.

Sir John Thompson, in reply to other questions, said that Sir Adolphe Caron, having already made his statement to the House, would make no further statement until he appeared before the Commission. He would await the result of the investigation and would then take such further steps as he deemed proper.

Mr. Laurier enquired whether Cartwright's charges would be considered by the Royal Commission. In reply Sir John

Thompson repeated the lengthy answer he made Sir Richard. Then Mr. Laurier asked whether the charges enclosed from the scope of the Commission, and Sir John said—I do not understand that all these charges are enclosed, but at all events they involve an expression of opinion on matters which will come before the Commission.

When the House resolved itself into Committee on the Redistribution Bill, Mr. Davies rose to correct some remarks of Mr. A. G. Macdonald the day before. He repudiated all responsibility for the Island local gerrymander. He had never heard of it or said anything about it till Mr. Macdonald exhibited his map. It was not the Government that introduced the gerrymander—it was the Legislative Council. They would not consent to self-enclosure so long as the town of Georgetown, with its 282 votes, 82 of whom are absentees, returned as many members as a constituency of 15,000 or 16,000. Mr. Davies admitted that the local gerrymander, "looked very bad on paper, but there was no other way of doing it." It might be that the boundaries were not as they should be, but he gave no opinion, as he had not examined it carefully.

Mr. Davies' remarks were in explanation, and made immediately after the Chairman took the chair of the Committee, and before a clause had been read. Consequently there was no clause under consideration and debate was not allowable. I make this explanation to show why Mr. Macdonald was shut off in the report of what follows, and why Mr. Welsh was ordered to sit down. Unless this is borne in mind, the Commodore might be open to the charge of turning the House into a bear garden, which he had no intention of doing. The Deputy Speaker tried to explain the position of affairs to the Commodore, and the Commodore wanted to say something. The scene was very laughable and took place in entire good humor. This is a report of it:

Mr. Macdonald—I am bound to accept the hon. gentleman's explanation, when he says he had nothing to do with the local gerrymandering of Prince Edward Island. Report connected him with it, and I gave it as a report when I mentioned it yesterday. Now, with respect to this local gerrymander it is like any other dirty pool, the more you stir it the dirtier it gets. Since the hon. gentleman has brought this matter up again, it is necessary I should give some further explanation to the House as to the mode in which the gerrymander was brought about. It refers that this Local Government to which he referred yesterday in not very flattering but justifiable terms, was frightened into introducing this gerrymander into their Local Legislature. They had not the manliness, they had not the pluck, to bring it up and fight it out on the floor of the House of Assembly. They passed this gerrymander in the Local House and sent it to their friends in the Upper House where they had a strong majority, and the local Premier, who was ruling in the Lower House by a majority of one, came round by the back door and said to his friends: Gentlemen, I am only ruling by a majority of one, bring in a gerrymander that will offset this and enable me to come into the House at the next election with a good majority. That would be the right thing to do. The Legislative Council at the bidding of this autocrat, passed this local gerrymander.

Mr. Deputy Speaker—I wish to remark to my hon. friend that he is entirely out of order. The member for Queen's (Mr. Davies) rose to a personal explanation. When we reach the section dealing with Prince Edward Island, my hon. friend will have a chance to say what he wants to.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker—Order.

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Immediately after recess, Mr. Calvin, returned by acclamation for the County of Frontenac, in the place of Mr. Eirkpatrick (appointed Lieut. Governor of Ontario), was introduced by Sir John Thompson and Mr. Bowell, amid loud Conservative applause. Just at midnight, before adjournment, Mr. Jeannotte, elected for the county of LaSalle, was introduced by acclamation in the place of Mr. Gauthier (git) was introduced by Messrs. Chapleau and Oulmet. It is worthy of remark that in neither of these constituencies did the grits attempt to run a candidate. The return of Mr. Jeannotte increases the Government's majority by two.

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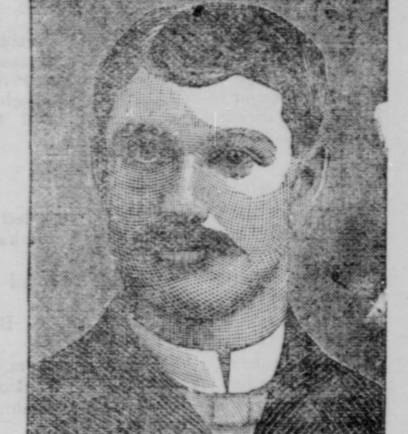
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