

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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ACCEPTED.

SIR LOUIS DAVIES has authorized The Patriot to state that the Patriot's telegram, in which it was declared that not "one" French Canadian could be found to take the vacant seat in the Senate occupied by the late Hon. Mr. Arsenault, is "without authority and incorrect." We accept this statement. Blind as he may be to the claims of his French Canadian supporters to a seat in the Senate, Sir Louis is too bright to state the case in just the way it was stated in the Patriot's telegram. How that telegram, which seems to have been published in other leading Liberal maritime newspapers as well as the Patriot, ever got into print, especially in the Patriot, must remain a profound mystery. We are well pleased that the matter should be dropped. The EXAMINER is not of those who promote racial or religious jealousies; and this certainly was one of the things that would have been better left unsaid. Our French Canadian fellow-citizens will, we feel sure, accept the statement of Sir Louis Davies and allow the healing balm of Liberal Government and good times to work the cure of their wounded pride.

THE DRUMMOND DEAL

The Globe and The Patriot are exceedingly anxious to impress the public mind with the idea that the late Government might if they had remained in power have made a bigger deal with Drummond Railway Company than the present Government did. These respected Liberal organs call to remembrance the old nursery rhyme about "ifs and ands" and "pots and pans". The ridiculous folly of the idea that they desire to convey is apparent. If the late Government had wanted to make a bigger deal than the present Government has done, they would have made it before the elections and had some money to use in the constituencies during contest. All that the evidence of Mr. Greenshields proves is that the Drummond Company had for years been striving, in vain, to sell their road to the late government, and that to that end an was option granted to a Mr. Farwell by the then shareholders, July 16, 1894, and renewed from time to time, by which they undertook to sell the Drummond County Railway, lock stock and barrel, to Mr. Farwell for \$500,000; that Mr. Farwell was negotiating with Mr. Hugh Ryan, contractor, of Toronto, for the sale of the road to the Dominion Government upon the following terms: "The price to be asked from the Government by Mr. Farwell was \$2,257,500. Out of this sum about \$541,000 (in addition to Government subsidies) was to be spent in extending the line to Claudiere. After deducting this amount, and the \$500,000 to be paid the shareholders under Mr. Farwell's agreement, from the \$2,257,000, purchase money the balance was to be divided into three equal parts, two of which were to go to Mr. Ryan, and one to the shareholders." But Mr. Farwell failed in his negotiations with the late Government and the matter dropped. So it remained for the present Government to make the bargain, which, having been rejected by the Senate, was afterwards readjusted at a saving to the country of nearly, if not fully, a million of dollars,—and is still reeking with corruption. It is pleasing to know that the Senate has determined to hold an independent investigation of the whole matter.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—The Patriot of last evening contained the following:

"There may be no occasion, however, to get to the polls on that day, as Mr. Hackett will probably see it to be wisdom on his part to stick by the Local Assembly. At least we hear that Mr. B. D. McLellan's prospects are excellent, and it is his true nomination day may see him returned without opposition."

By telephone from Tignish we are authorized to state that "the statement of The Patriot is altogether unfounded. Mr. Hackett is contesting the district with excellent prospects and we consider his election sure." It is indeed most likely that the people of Tignish will by a large majority return Mr. Hackett to the seat of which he was deprived on account of what Sir Henry Strong termed an offence that was a trivial and unimportant character."

—Red herrings seem to be the Patriot's stock in trade just now. Any report or statement of old-time question to draw the attention of the people of West Prince away from the question whether or not they will return Mr. Hackett to the seat from which he was forced by reason of an alleged "trivial" and "unimportant" offence. Now that Mr. Perry, his opponent in the general election is gone, there ought not to be any doubt or hesitation about that matter. Mr. Hackett ought, in justice, to be returned to his own and placed in the position in which he would be if an investigation had not been held and if he had not been "acquitted of all the other charges," except the trivial offence.

IN INDIA AND AFRICA.

It is with a feeling of relief that the people of England have learned of the conclusion of the Indian campaign. Like so many of the Indian wars, it was furnished occasions for numerous feats of personal bravery and regimental glory. The battle of Dargai and the bravery of those officers who have won the Victoria Cross, and of those, alas, whose lives were lost for their country's sake will be long remembered. But the little war brought little glory to the nation at large. In connection with this Indian fighting, it has been too much the custom to pass over the part taken in the offensive operations by the native regiments. It should always be remembered that the native regiments have in most cases borne the brunt of the fighting, and not till lately have we seen their merits recognized and an attempt made to make their true worth known to the world. In the Pall Mall Magazine for April is the conclusion of "The Record of the Gurkhas," in which these brave little fighters receive well-deserved praise and their heroic achievements in the field are recorded. On reading the article one cannot help thinking that "Johnny" Gurkha, as he is called, does most of the work, while Tommy Atkins receives most of the praise.

Next to the Gurkhas love of fighting comes his love for the Highlanders. As a matter of fact the two—Scot and Gurkha—chum together probably because they have so often fought side by side. Upon the men of other British regiments "Johnny" looks with disdain, considering himself just as good a man; and the bond of union may be accounted for in the fact that the Gurkhas are provided with bag-pipes and the similarity of taste in music being so strongly defined results in strengthening the friendship. It is said that during the stay of the Cameron Highlanders in Cairo one of the funniest sights to be seen in barracks was the pipe-major of this famous battalion teaching the pipes to the bandmen of the Soudanese regiments. When orders came for the troops to go to the front, the pipes—black and white—went with them; and before long we may hear of the Cameronians and Soudanese fighting side by side and making "Fuzzy-Wuzzy" face the music in more ways than one.

At present there are stationed in Egypt and at the front some of the best of the British regiments. Besides these there is a splendid army of Egyptian troops, well equipped, superbly commanded, and ready and willing to meet the foe. It is hardly possible that so many Imperial troops are needed to settle accounts with the Kalifa. It is more probable that these regiments will be advanced beyond Khartoum and far up the Nile to reckon with a possible French complication such as the Marchand expedition threatens to bring about.

To revert to India. The forward policy recently came up for discussion in the House of Lords, and Lord Roberts spoke strongly in favor of it. In the course of his speech he stated that England should hold all the northern passes, and command the tribes on the northern frontier. If ever Russia, he said, were allowed to cross the Afghan borderland the invasion of India would be merely a matter of time. The subject was dropped in the house after very little debate; and the London Times, commenting on the speech, said that to "carry into effect the system advocated by Lord Roberts is not essential, while it would impose a heavy strain on the financial and military resources of India."

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NEWS NOTES.

The dairymen of the Counties of Richmond and Drummond, Quebec, have formed a Board of Trade.

The Vienna correspondent of the London Standard says: "I am credibly informed that Spain has informally inquired at Paris whether France, as her largest creditor and traditional friend, would, either alone or in conjunction with other powers, mediate at Washington, and also whether it is possible to place a Spanish loan in France."

A dispatch to the Morning Post from Paris says that Belgium has issued invitations to the various powers interested, to take part in an international sugar bounties conference. The date of the conference is fixed provisionally for May 17. It is said that France, Russia, Germany, Great Britain and Holland have already accepted the invitation.

Mr. Blair's management of the Intercolonial seems to be open, says the Montreal Gazette, to some of the accusations that are levelled at that of his predecessor. To keep the deficit down he has been charging all sorts of items to capital, that is paying them out of money voted by parliament instead of out of the earnings of the road. Included in the list of expenditures charged against capital are such sums as five dollars for extending a siding at Sydney, seven dollars for fixing a station and siding at No Man's Brook, \$25.73 for water at Grand Narrows, etc., the total of the items, many of which, of course, are legitimately entered, being \$149,454. The first year of the Intercolonial under Mr. Blair showed a larger deficit than the best year under Mr. Haggart. The accounts might have shown a still larger loss and only told the truth.

A few days ago, Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. H. McDonnell, as members for Cape Breton, with Major Bertram, of North Sydney, waited upon the minister of railways to urge upon him the immediate necessity of extending the Cape Breton railway to the water front at North Sydney. Sir Charles introduced the subject by pointing out that the establishment of the present splendid Newfoundland steamship service gives the matter national importance. It was necessary in the interest of traffic that the railway should be extended to meet the steamships at the pier. Deputy Minister Schreiber pointed out that the town of North Sydney had agreed to pay rights of way for a five-mile extension to that town and down to the water front. In reply it was shown that the town had granted right of way to the town limits, but that the preparation for through traffic from Newfoundland was new and unlooked for, the situation requiring to be dealt with by national authority. Mr. Blair assured his visitors that the extension would be pushed forward at once and gave them to understand that the right of way would be paid for by the country.

ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

Washington Post: "When Mark Hanna is measured for his uniform it will be perfectly safe to predict war."

St. John Sun: "The West Prince election may prove to be one of the most important of the parliamentary term. Many circumstances go to show that the government strength is waning. The most significant sign is the result of the Ontario provincial campaign, where a liberal government majority of forty has cut down to five. The Yukon deal and other transactions have caused more than one strong liberal member to denounce his leaders and vote against them in parliament. It may fall to the lot of a Prince Edward Island constituency to lead the way to a change of government. There would be a certain fitness in this, for no other part of Canada has witnessed so many broken liberal promises."

—The St. John Sun, in the course of a short article about the election in West Prince, says "At present the ministers are more concerned to make Mackenzie and Mann rich than they are with plain simple people who are not after contracts. They are more concerned to give Mr. Greenshields a million dollars out of the Drummond deal than they are to give easy freight rates on the Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island Railway. It will do them good if they should learn that contractors are not the only people with a will. The electors ought to be able to show that they have a pull too."

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