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Full Moon, 5th day, 5h., 11.9m., a. m., W. S. W.  
Last Quarter, 12th day, 6h., 41.6m., a. m., S. E., below horizon.  
New Moon, 19th day, 3h., 53.0m., a. m., N. E., below horizon.  
First Quarter, 27th day, 0h., 39.1m., a. m., N. E., below horizon.

DAY OF WEEK	Sun	Moon	High	Day's
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1 Tuesday	5 45	6 23	2 39	8 15
2 Wednesday	4 42	5 23	3 38	8 59
3 Thursday	4 1	4 56	4 45	9 37
4 Friday	3 38	4 27	5 33	10 12
5 Saturday	3 7	3 28	6 16	10 46
6 Sunday	3 37	2 29	7 11	11 20
7 Monday	3 33	3 1	8 25	11 55
8 Tuesday	3 31	3 10	9 29	12 13
9 Wednesday	3 30	3 11	10 14	1 4
10 Thursday	2 58	3 5	10 52	2 7
11 Friday	2 26	3 7	11 31	3 11
12 Saturday	2 4	3 1	12 10	3 14
13 Sunday	2 2	3 2	1 29	4 17
14 Monday	2 0	3 3	2 18	5 20
15 Tuesday	1 59	3 4	3 7	6 23
16 Wednesday	1 58	3 5	4 6	7 26
17 Thursday	1 57	3 6	5 5	8 29
18 Friday	1 56	3 7	6 44	9 32
19 Saturday	1 55	3 8	7 33	10 35
20 Sunday	1 54	3 9	8 22	11 38
21 Monday	1 53	3 10	9 11	12 41
22 Tuesday	1 52	3 11	10 0	1 44
23 Wednesday	1 51	3 12	10 49	2 47
24 Thursday	1 50	3 13	11 38	3 50
25 Friday	1 49	3 14	12 27	4 53
26 Saturday	1 48	3 15	1 16	5 56
27 Sunday	1 47	3 16	2 5	6 59
28 Monday	1 46	3 17	3 54	8 2
29 Tuesday	1 45	3 18	4 43	9 5
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### SOME POLITICAL QUESTIONS

Mr. Fred. Peters' "Little One" Held Up.

### THE LAND OFFICE DEFALCATIONS.

Able Speech of Hon. Donald Ferguson

During the Debate on the Address.

HON. MR. FERGUSON.—The hon. gentleman who has just resumed his seat introduced into his speech a story respecting the maiden's excuse for her error, that it was only a "little one." Well, the hon. member might have made the same apology for inflicting upon the House the effort which he has just made. I know that speech well. I have heard it often, and could have delivered it almost as well as the hon. gentleman himself. I could have gone over it almost word for word. The story was the only original part of it. A statement made by the hon. member shows how unfairly he is disposed to discuss this question. He said that the Government limited the inquiry of the Commissioners to certain matters, instead of making provision for the fullest investigation. All hon. members of this House are aware that the instructions given the Commissioners did not limit the enquiry, but made provision for its being of the widest nature, and calling for a preliminary report on the defalcations then known. The hon. gentleman further went on to say that when the report of the Commissioner of Public Lands was submitted last session, it was submitted with the full knowledge that the information which it contained was not correct. Now, the hon. member knows very well, and every hon. member of this House knows, for the hon. gentleman says that they all have read the evidence, that so far as the defalcations for the year 1888 were concerned, every dollar known to have been taken had been made good by the family of the late Robert A. Strong, before the 31st December of that year. A most desperate attempt has been made by the hon. member to fasten some wrong-doing upon the Government and the Commissioner of Public Lands, because, subsequently, other defalcations had been discovered, and were not referred to in the Report. The fact is that what occurred after the 1st of January, 1889, did not belong to the transactions of the previous year, and could not form part of the report of that year. Fault has been found because no reference has been made to the

### LAND OFFICE MATTER

in the Speech, at the opening of the present session. Why make this case exceptional? When there were defalcations in the Land Office on a former occasion, no reference was made thereto in the Speech at the opening of the following session, in 1877, and the Hon. Mr. Yeo was a leading member of the Government in these years. House adjourned until Monday at 3 o'clock p. m.

HON. MR. FERGUSON.—When the House adjourned on Saturday, I was replying to some statements made by the hon. junior member for Fort Augustus in discussing the Address in answer to the Speech. The hon. gentleman travelled far beyond the Address for matters with which to make a speech, and in discussing matters respecting the Land Office he made some very serious mis-statements. Before dealing with these I will call the attention of the House to another statement made by that hon. gentleman. He asserted that various promises had been made to the people in every section of the Province by members of the Government and their supporters, respecting measures not mentioned in the Speech at the opening of the session. This serves as a

### REMINDER TO THE GOVERNMENT.

It reminds them that they published a card containing their platform, previous to the late general election. That card contains their promises to the people as to their future policy. Where was the hon. Leader of the Opposition and his policy? We never heard from him at all on that matter. He may have attended some public meetings, but I submit that something more than that is looked for from the leader of a political party previous to a general election. The Leader should state what his platform really is. Did the Opposition Party promulgate any definite view or state their policy before the late election? No. At every public meeting their friends and supporters propounded a different policy. The absence of any card or platform enabled the hon. junior member for Fort Augustus to take advantage of every political wind that blew and to catch votes by every breeze. It enabled the Opposition candidates to appeal to sectarian and religious prejudices and to ride the temperance horse wherever that could be of any service to them, and to cater to the liquor interest whenever it would serve their purpose. It was no doubt arranged that the Leader of the Opposition should lie low, so that every one of his followers could run a race of his own, and announce a policy for himself. Though the hon. Leader of the Opposition did not announce his policy, he addressed a public meeting in the Egmont Bay District. I believe he there stated that there was

### LITTLE DIFFERENCE

between the policies of the two parties, except that the outs wanted to get in, and the ins did not want to go out. That was the only policy which the hon. gentleman announced. In fact, the Opposition had only one policy, and that was—

to catch votes. But while no distinct policy was announced by the Opposition, and while every candidate ran the election on a policy of his own, there was

### ONE POINT UPON WHICH THEY WERE ALL AGREED,

and that was, to abuse the Commissioner of Public Lands—to denounce him at every public meeting, and to exaggerate some unfortunate defalcations which had occurred in the Land Office, and for which they well knew he was not to blame. I, therefore, feel it to be due to the memory of the author of those defalcations, now deceased, that the Opposition in this Province should raise a monument to him for enabling them to attain so great a degree of success at the late election. A Judge of the Supreme Court once said that it was the duty of the barristers to raise a monument to the memory of a certain surveyor of lands, for the contradicting lines he had surveyed had enabled them to reap a rich harvest of fees. On the same principle, it becomes the duty of the Opposition party in this House to raise a monument to the memory of the late Robert Alder Strong, who has given them so much ground for discussion during the election contest. In the Nova Scotia Legislature, there was once a Mr. Longley, who made an unfortunate speech every time he took the floor. A friend once said to him: "You are always longly when you ought to be shortly, and shortly when you ought to be longly." The hon. junior member for Fort Augustus had to import Mr. L. H. Davies into his district to make stump speeches during the election contest. Yet the hon. gentleman in rushed in and tried to make a stump speech on the floor of this House! Not long since, I heard a gentleman say that only an earthquake could give the hon. member a seat in this House, as he had tried and tried again, but had always failed. But the hon. gentleman had lately taken advantage of the defalcations of the late Mr. Strong, and by a policy of slander and misrepresentation he obtained a seat here. The hon. member, the other evening, undertook the task of leading critic on the other side of the House. He is not young; his head is beginning to become, like my own, a little grey; but he has this advantage, that up to the present time he has

### NO POLITICAL RECORD,

and has not identified himself with any public movement. He has made his boast that he has no interest in even the Exhibitions, and does not intend to have any. He has no political record, and has identified himself with no public enterprise. The only record which he ever made was in connection with a movement for the purpose of developing the mineral interests of the country in connection with the Cape Wolf gold mines. (Laughter.) He was, I believe, at the back of that movement. (Laughter.) I hope it will be long before any expert pronounces upon me the same verdict as was pronounced upon that famous mining exploit of the hon. member for Fort Augustus. When, some months ago, it was announced that Robert A. Strong was short in his cash, and that defalcations had occurred in the Land Office, the organ of the Opposition Party came out with editorial articles on the matter, which were remarkable only for their uncharitableness, malignity and misrepresentations. The Opposition thought their time had come to ruin me. But the people have given their decision on the course pursued by the Government respecting the Land Office defalcations, and have returned them again to power. The hon. member said that there was no necessity for a Commission to inquire into the matter of the defalcations, as the Commissioner of Crown Lands knew the amount of shortage. What did the Patriot, the organ of the Opposition, say a day or two after the defalcations were made public? Its statement was as follows:—

"There are hundreds in this community who will be slow to accept THE EXAMINER'S statement that he (the late Mr. R. A. Strong) was the guilty man until they have some positive proof of the fact offered them."

And again:—

"His (the Commissioner's) duty was to have reported the facts to the Government, and then steps could have been undertaken to have sifted the matter by means of a Royal Commission, which could have ensured to all interested and incriminated parties fair play." That is what the Patriot newspaper said on that matter, although the Government had already arranged that a Royal Commission should issue and that the matter should be sifted to the bottom. But we now have the hon. junior member for Fort Augustus declaring that it was wrong to have that Commission appointed, and that it was altogether unnecessary. It appears that they did not think the Government would have taken that step, and when it has been taken they say it has involved unnecessary expense. Let the Opposition Party, who tried to injure both

### THE LIVING AND THE DEAD,

bear the blame. Some hon. members on the other side of the House criticised the appointment of the Commission. They said it was wrong to appoint Mr. Lewis Carew, as he was a strong political partisan. That such was not the case was evidenced by the fact that his vote was split at a former and the late election. He stands second to no man in the Maritime Provinces as an accountant. They said Mr. Arnaud was a supporter of the Opposition party, but that he had an interest the other way; that the Merchants Bank of Halifax had received Government patronage in the shape of deposits, and that he would lose that patronage if he brought in a report unfavorable to the Government. The Opposition at the same time announced that the Government were going to be defeated. It did not require much ingenuity to see that these two statements were a direct contradiction to each other. As the American humorist says: "It is an egregious ass who worships the setting instead of the rising sun." Instead of making a report which would commend itself to the Government, Mr.

Arnaud would be much more likely to bring in one which would favor the Opposition party. However, I believe the people are perfectly satisfied with the *personnel* of that Commission. The Commissioners were known to be competent men, and though their report did not come out in sufficient time to contradict all the false statements which had been so industriously circulated, it came out before the election, and the people say that it is an independent one, and that the blame for the defalcations was laid at the door where it ought to be laid. The people, notwithstanding all the falsehood of the Opposition, thought sufficiently on the matter to consign the hon. Leader of the Opposition and his party to the cool shades of opposition for the next four years. (To be Continued.)

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