

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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The Subway Again.

REFERRING to what THE EXAMINER said about the uselessness of pledging candidates (whose political leaders are not favorable to the work) to the construction of the Subway, the Patriot says:—

"This is in fact the new policy of the new Tory candidates, and a very convenient one it is for Donald the Unsound. It relieves him of all burdensome obligations on the subway scheme, the prohibition scheme, and all other schemes. It is in itself as good a scheme as any other which could be devised to win his election, if it will only take. It will particularly commend itself to the temperance element of the Tory party, as the party leader, Sir John, is well known to be sound on the goose on that question, and can as safely be trusted for prohibition as his worthy brace of henchmen, the candidates for this cause."

It will be admitted that the organ of a political party ought to be above applying to a political opponent, however mean or insignificant he may be, an opprobrious nickname; and we feel sure that the public whom the Hon. Donald Ferguson has served, with some success, will resent the Patriot's incivility towards him.

But nicknames apart, the candidates of the Liberal-Conservative Party will no doubt declare for themselves the views they hold respecting the Subway and Prohibition, and the course they will adopt in Parliament respecting these questions. Neither Mr. Hackett nor Mr. Ferguson will need to assure their constituents as to what they will do about the Subway. What they have already done is a sufficient guarantee for their conduct in the future. Mr. Hackett submitted the Subway Incorporation Bill to the House of Commons and superintended its passage. In conjunction with Hon. Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Ferguson has advocated the Subway to some purpose, for Earl Granville was persuaded to strongly and warmly recommend the Subway Scheme to the attention of the Dominion Government;—and it is whispered that the same gentlemen did something towards promoting the Subway while in Ottawa on recent occasions. From Messrs. Hackett and Ferguson, at all events, the request of a pledge to promote the Subway will not be requisite. Nor do we think it at all necessary to pledge the other candidates of the Liberal-Conservative Party. They were formally selected by Conventions, each of which unanimously passed resolutions requiring their candidates to promote the Subway; and they are the candidates in behalf of a Party whose watch word is "forward," who have triumphed over the obstacles presented by the Rocky Mountains, who have kept the faith with British Columbia, and who have, not merely by words, but by act and deed, expressed their intention to go on with the work of the Subway, if it be feasible to do so.

As to the prohibition question,—it is not included in the issue which will be submitted to the electors of Canada. To secure the election of men who will promote temperance legislation is all that the most ardent son of temperance in this Province can expect; and we feel sure that, taken man for man, the Liberal-Conservative candidates of this Province are as likely to promote legislation for the restriction or suppression of the liquor traffic as those of the Grit Party.

On the whole, we are opposed to "pledging candidates." Pledges are like pie crust. Let the electors return good, trustworthy, practical men whose views concerning the requirements of the country are known to be liberal and progressive, and the requirements of the country will be more likely to be obtained than if they return, carping, criticising, denouncing, scandal-mongering retrogressionists, be they never so tightly pledged.

Did They Try to Shirk It?

THE Patriot denies that the Grits tried to shirk the fulfilment of the agreement with British Columbia, and says that they "honorably sought to obtain a re-arrangement of the bargain with that Province."

Indeed! But were there not first some deputations to Downing Street? Did the Patriot never hear of a gentleman, De-Cosmos by name, who went to England and got Lord Carnarvon to bring pressure upon the Mackenzie Administration? Were not the Carnarvon terms the result of the protests of British Columbia and the friendly intermediation of Lord Carnarvon? The fact of the matter is that Mr. Mackenzie "honorably sought to obtain a re-arrangement" when he was forced to do so by influences and circumstances against which he found it impossible to contend.

bargain would certainly have remained unfulfilled to this day. We all remember the passionate zeal with which Mr. L. H. Davies protested, in one of his Market Hall speeches against the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway. We all know that Mr. Blake, Mr. Mackenzie, Sir Richard Cartwright and their followers denounced the idea of attempting to span the Rocky Mountains by a railway as monstrous. Mr. Blake's policy was to extend the railway westward no faster than settlement extended westward, and to depend upon the railways of the United States for means of communication between the eastern and western settlements. If that policy had been carried out would the bargain with British Columbia have been fulfilled? No; nor for a century to come. To say that the Liberal Party tried to shirk and repudiate the bargain with British Columbia and to hinder the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway is to say the simple truth. So late as the session of 1884, when the work was well nigh completed, Mr. Blake continued to plead with the Government not to hasten the fulfilment of the bargain. In the first speech, he delivered during that session, he argued in this way:—

"Speed means cost, and you cannot press a work beyond a certain point, as was proved in former discussions on this very subject, and as shown very clearly by the report of the former Chief Engineer of the road, without the cost being very largely enhanced. We are told that the speed has not only been great but that it has been unprecedented in the history of railway building; and if speed means cost what does unprecedented speed mean? It is clear that the work has cost more than it would have cost had it been prosecuted more slowly. You cannot suddenly obtain the supply of labor required for such a purpose to an extent double or treble what would be required for slower progress, without raising the cost of labor, and in that regard, as in others, as I have said, I repeat, speed means cost. The early completion of the work, its completion at so early a date as is talked of, of course accelerates the period of less profitable working. We have not all of us yet forgotten the statements by which the price to be paid the company was justified. It was said, there is to be a long period after the completion of the road before you can get any settlement and develop the traffic, during which the working will be unremunerative, and for which we have to compensate, in advance, by paying a larger price, and that is included in the sum of the price we paid. But accelerated construction, accelerated completion, means, of course, the acceleration of the point of that very unprofitable working to which hon. gentlemen allude. It means more. It does not merely accelerate the point of commencement, but it intensifies the character of the unprofitableness of the working, because the faster you build, the fewer years you allow for the development of the country, the development of the trade, the introduction of a population to sustain the railway when it is built, obviously the greater are the difficulties of working when you complete."

How wrong this reasoning was, is now apparent in the splendid traffic returns received by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and in the fact that the total cost of the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway was less than that of either of the great trans-continental railways. But it was fully in accord with the wrong persistent opposition of the Liberal Leader and his followers to the fulfilment of the bargain with British Columbia.

Are these men, then, the men to trust to fulfil the bargain with Prince Edward Island? This is one of the questions which the electors of the Province have now to consider.

The Attitude of the "Mail."

(Montreal Gazette.)

The Mail has withdrawn its support from the Conservative Party, and will maintain in the future an independent attitude toward both political parties. No other course was possible to it, in view of the lines the journal has followed for some months past. When the Mail began a crusade upon the Catholic Church, when going without its province it undertook to instruct the people of Quebec upon the management of their local affairs, when it sought to abolish the separate school system, when it took to attacking the French-Canadians, when, in a word, it entered upon a plan of campaign calculated at least, if not intended to sow the seeds of discord and dissension among the people, it separated itself from the Conservative party, and avowed Conservative principles and Conservative policy. The cardinal creed of the Conservative party in Canada is fair play to all classes, a recognition of the rights of each, the strict relegation of local affairs to local powers, and the perpetuation of harmony and good will among all. The whole record of the party is the antithesis of the course of the Mail for some months past. The very composition of the Federal Government proves how much out of sympathy it is with the crusade of the Toronto journal, and, if other evidence were required, it is supplied by the distinct and repeated repudiation of the Mail by Sir John Macdonald and the leader of the Conservative party in the Ontario Legislature, Mr. Meredith. As long as September 16th the Premier, speaking in London, disavowed all sympathy with the crusade the journal had then entered upon.

Pay Up!

This is the time of year to pay up. Every one who has the means should settle his small debts. If you pay your butcher what you owe him, your butcher can pay the baker, and the baker the tailor, and the tailor his wife's millinery bill. Thus moralizes the Philadelphia Record, "one good deed would roll along and gather goodness as it proceeded, inducing general liquidation. It is a bad beginning of the new year to enter upon it with the drawback of a swarm of little debts, like a swarm of Jersey mosquitoes, taking all the comfort out of living."

The only Steam Sewing Machine and Gun Repairing Shop in the Dominion, and the only place where you can get every part of a Sewing Machine or a Gun made at Brown's, at the Atholmont, Montreal, on 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