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REPORTING IN THE LEGISLATURE.

It suits the Government and their partisans to have an official report of what is said in the Legislature. They rejoice in being in a position to say one thing one day and another thing another day, and to do things quite contrary to that which they say, without the liability of being brought to book. If referred to the newspapers, they declare that newspaper reports are not reliable, because not official. So, although they have an expert official reporter, engaged by the year, for the convenience of Mr. Peters and his Government, they prefer not to have him come to the floor of the Legislature except on some rare occasion, as when Mr. Peters has to deliver his budget speech. So the country is kept in the dark, and they have a free hand to act according to the sweet will of their leader. The fact is they love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil. Hon. Mr. Campbell brought the matter up in the House yesterday afternoon. It was shown that the Opposition and the public at large are entitled, particularly at this important juncture, to an official report of the Legislative Assembly. But the economy cry was raised and the brute majority was invoked to vote down the proposition. In some of the provinces official reporters are required to hand their copy to the newspapers of both parties and these are paid a sum sufficient to ensure them against loss. Files of these newspapers are carefully kept in the Legislative libraries where they are instantly available. But in this Province the official reporter is not asked to do legislative work, the papers get nothing for the reports they publish, and the Government has refused to take newspaper files for the Legislative library. So the Opposition are without any available authoritative report by which the Government Party can be convicted of their numerous tergiversations.

GROWTH OF INTEREST.

The growth of interest in Nova Scotia, under the Liberals, has been, proportionately, almost as large as it has been in this Province under the Liberals. The following table shows that, since 1883, every year of Liberal administration in Nova Scotia has increased the Provincial indebtedness, as is indicated by the amount of interest paid:—

Table with 2 columns: Year, Interest Paid. Rows from 1884 to 1897.

These figures speak more loudly than words! Liberal Government is certainly a dear and interesting thing.

"COMBINATION" WANTED.

What is meant by "the present combination of circumstances?" The phrase, as it stands in the Governor's speech, is as clear as a "concentration of exigencies." Our Premier, now that he has returned from the wild and woolly West, laden with the spoils of war, will perhaps let us into the secret of this "combination."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Ladies were yesterday afternoon admitted within the sacred precincts of the Legislative Assembly. No wonder there are earthquakes in these days!

—Hon. Mr. Foster has given notice that he will question the government as to the expense of operating the Bala Chaleux railway. He will also move for all papers connected with the bank note tender to B. A. Bank Note company, and will ask for the names of all the commissioners appointed to investigate charges against the civil servants.

—Several seams of excellent hard coal have been discovered near Lake Winnipeg, and Winnipeg capitalists are organizing a company to develop the coal mines. If the first turns out to be of any importance, it will be the making of the North-West. That the coal is the pure anthracite is without doubt, but the question is how much there is of it.

—The Grand Trunk R.R.'s report, issued in London on the 29th inst., is hopeful of the future, and says the directors may congratulate the proprietors of the road on the measures of progress made in the past half year, despite the depressing conditions. They are encouraged to hope there will be a further improvement as a result to be expected from the continuance of the vigorous and economical management that now prevails.

—The Gushyboro Gazette, organ of Hon. D. C. Fraser who took a leading part on the grid side in the last Dominion election, says: "The times are ripe, and rotten ripe for the advent of an entirely different order in public affairs. Let it not for a moment be thought that because the policy of the present government has been endorsed by the people that they are satisfied with things as they are. There was never more dissatisfaction."

NEWS NOTES.

The exports of Canada for the eight months from July 1st to March 1st, show an increase of \$5,000,000 over the same period in the previous year. The figures are: 1896, \$87,016,000; 1897, \$92,016,000.

A London cable says: It is reported in club circles and in clubdom that Queen Victoria will, on her return from the south of France, confer upon William Waldorf Astor a distinction that has never been accorded to any of his countrymen. She will honor him with a visit at Cliveden, his magnificent country seat, on the banks of the Thames. Had Mr. Astor been an Englishman it is probable that royal recognition of his manhood would have taken the form of a title.

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PREPARING FOR THE PLEBISCITE.

Convention in Charlottetown.

A Branch of the Dominion Alliance Formed Here.

Satisfactory meetings of temperance workers was held in Kindergarten Hall yesterday afternoon and evening. Most of the temperance organizations of the Province were represented.

After some discussion it was moved by Mr. F. B. McRae, seconded by Mr. Jesse Burns, and unanimously—

Resolved, that the delegates here assembled, representing several temperance bodies in P. E. Island, believing that the Dominion Alliance furnishes the best platform, do now proceed to organize a Provincial organization in affiliation with the Dominion Alliance.

The following officers were then elected: President—A. Horne, Charlottetown. Vice President for Prince County—David Rogers, Freetown.

Vice President for Queen's County—D. P. Irving, Vernon River Bridge. Vice President for King's County—S. M. Martin, Heatherdale.

Secretary—J. E. Matthews, Charlottetown. Treasurer—A. W. Sterns, Charlottetown.

An interesting discussion on the situation in Charlottetown followed, and the following resolution was passed:—

Whereas, an election may be held in Charlottetown in the near future with the object of testing the city as to there being a sufficient number of votes favorable to the repeal of the Scott Act.

Therefore resolved, that this convention affirm its confidence in the efficiency of the Canada Temperance Act, rightly and vigorously enforced, as a repressive law for the evils of intemperance.

That we may, as fellow subjects, urge the citizens of Charlottetown to again vote in favor of the Act at the forthcoming election in that behalf, and that we pledge the support of the province in the efforts the friends of order and humanity in Charlottetown are putting forward to restrict and banish the liquor evil from their midst.

EVENING MEETING.

The evening meeting was well attended. Councillor Horne, President of the Alliance, occupied the chair.

After prayer by the Rev. Mr. Kirby and a short opening address by the chairman—Mr. John Anderson, Grand Worthy Patriarch, delivered a short and pithy address concerning the operation of the Scott Act. He contended that the liquor traffic had been pretty well driven out of the country districts and that it had been nearly abolished in the city and towns.

Comparing the past with the present, he said that there were no such scenes in Charlottetown nowadays as used to be frequent twenty years ago. The improvement was, perhaps, more apparent to strangers than to citizens. The licensed vendors had proved a stumbling block to the temperance workers. But he was happy to say that at the present time there is not one of these between Charlottetown and West Cape.

The doctors now depend upon the druggists to supply all their needs and he had yet to learn that anyone had died or suffered for want of liquor. He advised and exhorted the citizens of Charlottetown to stand by the Scott Act and vote it in again by a decisive vote.

Mr. David Rogers, of Freetown, also compared the past with the present, and License with Scott Act. He remembered that when he was about twenty years of age a man in Bedque secured from the Government a license to sell liquor. A number of his neighbors called upon him and represented the evils of the traffic and the snare that a tavern would be to the young men. After listening to them the licenee remarked: "What you say may be all right, but I'll do as I like, and you cannot help it." His (Mr. Rogers) indignation has since been averted by this reply and he had ever since been a strictly temperance man; and that a petition had been signed in Charlottetown but he hoped that the citizens at large would vote it down and continue their efforts to destroy the liquor traffic. He hoped that a license law would never again be enacted in this Province.

Rev. Father Phelan, who had come all the way from Montague, at a few hours notice, delivered an earnest address concerning the progress and prospects of prohibition. He referred to the evidence elicited by the Prohibition Commission

and said that the Commission deserves great credit for the good work that they have done for the temperance reform. In his opinion the temperance reform throughout Canada had been more rapid than in almost any other country, and he believed, as a result of his reading and personal observation, that the sentiment of the people is strongly in favor of prohibition. It has been said that states and countries under prohibition were not more temperate than others, but he could say, as a result of his own observation, that this was false, and he believed the sooner the people adopt prohibition the better. The difficulties in the way of enforcement would not be so great as some people imagine, and as for the lost revenue, what is that in comparison with the destruction of the bodies and souls of men by the liquor? Besides, there would be inmates of our jails, asylums, and poor houses to maintain, fewer constables, lawyers, etc., to keep up and the revenue would be relieved in many ways, while the people would have more money to expend on other things. He hoped that the people of Charlottetown would maintain the Scott Act, and keep on fighting the liquor traffic, and that the whole country would soon be under prohibition.

Rev. W. H. Warren, speaking for the people of the country, hoped that the rumormongers of Charlottetown would maintain the Scott Act unimpaired. He also had noticed a great change for the better in Charlottetown. During the last two years he had scarcely seen an intoxicated person coming out of Charlottetown on market day. The old story of the Scott Act is no good is pretty well played out. Some people pretend to have sympathy for the poor people who have to go to jail; but let those people stop breaking the law, and they will not have to go to jail. There are now boys and girls in the country who have never known the taste of the intoxicating bottle. Let us stand by our prohibitory act—the Scott Act.

Mr. J. H. Bell, M. L. A., then addressed the meeting, setting forth a return to license is impossible. Representatives of the country in the Legislature will not permit it. He was delighted at the prospect of a Plebiscite on Prohibition in view of the pledge of the Liberal Party that, if the vote were favorable, the Government would secure the passage of a Prohibitory law. He argued that there would be practically no loss of revenue as a result of Prohibition, and that a large amount of productive land in the field, released from the liquor traffic, would be available for the betterment of the people and the building up of the country.

The speeches were interspersed by vocal music by Mr. J. R. Davidson, L. M. Davidson, the Messrs. Turner, Moore and others, and the meeting closed with "God Save the Queen."

THE BEST GERM TAKES FURTHER.

Sir, I want to thank some of my particular friends for their thoughtful attentions, and above all, the householders who have back yards or sideyards, or any kind of yards. Flowers are planted in yards sometimes and thrive, and the garden gravel is pleasant in summer; but I am proud to think that there is rarely so much care devoted to these as there is now given to the fifth bed, in which I have been bred and nurtured. The corporations are especially benefited to me in their whole-outlet way; for it is a miracle to think they have no souls, as some people affirm. They seem to give direct orders to take me in and feed me to whom they employ to keep burglars out; and they apparently delight in the sort of dirt and dust on their halls and stairways, where I find lodgment and growth after I leave the garbage heaps and refuse pools in the rear.

But, all I must thank the professional men and all the citizens who have had the advantages of education and travel. Their judgment is taken by everybody. Their pleasure is consulted by all the people, and their plans are adopted. What they do not do about anything is not worth doing. If they do not want an electric railway the people do not want it. If sewers are an absurd extravagance to their minds the sewers will certainly not be asked for or desired by anybody else. If the ancient, rotten market accommodations are sufficient for their use, the people of the island will be satisfied to do without a well appointed Market Hall and an orderly Market Square in this city.

I think these well-informed and the generally well-to-do people of influence, associated in companies and individually, for their care of me, and I will prove my gratitude to them and visit them at the first opportunity; for it is to them, as length, telling why he went to Rome.

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TELEGRAPHIC. SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER. NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL. New Superannuation Scheme. Facing Both Ways On the Ablegato Question. OTTAWA, March 31. The superannuation bill, as introduced, abolishes superannuation altogether as regards all civil servants of ten years' employment and under; so that, as time goes on, the whole service will gradually come under the new system. The Parliamentary committee of the Dominion Alliance has decided not to introduce a prohibitory resolution this session. La Riviere, M. P., representing Provencur, Manitoba, will seek to ascertain the precise nature of the negotiations on the school question. The debate on the address was resumed. Solicitor General Fitzpatrick spoke at length, telling why he went to Rome. Hon. Mr. Tarte followed, reading a petition of the Roman Catholic grit members of the House of Commons and Senate to the Pope.

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