

The Northern Light.

On the 18th inst., Sir Albert Smith moved the House into committee of supply on the item of \$300,000 for the maintenance of steamers.

We fear that the Northern Light would prove as great an elephant at the Capes as at Pictou and Georgetown.

The "Parliamentary Spree."

The Halifax Reporter educes from the discussion over the false reports of lying correspondents, respecting the "Parliamentary Spree," the following facts:

1st. Sir John is proved, out of the mouths of competent witnesses, to have been properly occupying the whole time during which his accusers stated he was drunk.

2nd. The whole noise, confusion and uproar originated and was kept up by the Government side, led on by Mr. McKenzie.

3rd. The statements of a dozen reputable public men are on the one side in favor of Sir John.

4th. His accuser is a man whom Diamond affirmed to be malicious and untruthful.

5th. If, upon such grounds, a public man is to be accused of drunkenness, when perfect sobriety distinguished him and when he kept altogether out of the uproar, what punishment of adverse public sentiment ought those to receive who joined in the fray, took whiskey in their coffee, kicked up the very devil, and then turned up the whites of their eyes in holy horror, and spread on the wings of the telegraph false information intended to cover up their own sins?

It may be truly said of the Grit Party that: "With devotion's visage and pious action, They do sugar o'er the devil himself."

In at the Gleaning.

The Toronto Mail, referring to the fact that the Minister of Marine and Fisheries has received the honor of knighthood from her Majesty for his services in connection with the Fisheries Award, says:

"No one will envy Mr. Smith the honor, but it is only another illustration of the truth of the French saying, that it is the unexpected which always happens. Mr. Smith found his work well prepared for him when he went into the Marine and Fisheries Department.

Political Notes.

SIR JOHN McDONALD has again been nominated by the Liberal-Conservatives of Kingston.

Whilst Mr. S. Israel Tarte, the anti-outrage candidate in Bonaventure County Que., was handing his nomination papers to the Sheriff he was violently set upon by a reporter named Hamilton, and without any provocation brutally beaten.

Mr. Plumb has announced his intention of suing the Halifax "Chronicle" and London "Advertiser" for saying in their Ottawa despatches that he was drunk during Black Friday's sitting.

The Premier has returned from Sarnia. The jury in his suit against the "Canadian" for insinuating that he gave his brothers information of the intended tariff changes, disagreed after two hours' absence.

A riot occurred at a political meeting held in Montreal on the 21st in the East end of the city. Eight or ten thousand persons were present hearing addresses by the rival candidates at the approaching elections for the Provincial Legislature.

The County Court is in session in this city since Thursday last. The majority of the three hundred and ninety-four cases on the docket have been tried, and the court will likely rise to-morrow.

Senator Howlan's Speech on the Financial Situation.

A SUCCESSION OF DEFICITS, AND HOW THEY ARE OBTAINED—INTERESTING COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS.

(From the Senate Hansard.)

Hon. Mr. HOWLAN—The question before the House, as I understand it, is the enquiry by the hon. Senator from Saugeen:

"That he will call attention to the public expenditure of the Dominion, especially that portion of it which is largely within the control of the administration, and will enquire of the Government how it is proposed to restore the equilibrium between the income and expenditure."

This is a very proper enquiry, and this is the proper place to make it; and it comes at a very opportune time, when it is admitted there have been deficits, and when the question how to make income and expenditure meet, is occupying the minds of public men, especially those who are called upon to govern the country.

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"All immediate demands, which were considerable, have been carefully met. There are no pressing claims upon us with the exception of those for public works for a year or two. We have a reasonable surplus for the current year."

This necessarily excited the attention of members of the House, not excepting the Government, and the hon. gentleman who makes this enquiry paid very considerable attention to the finances, and published his views in a pamphlet to the world. That provoked very considerable discussion and he replied to it in another pamphlet.

"I hope, with some degree of confidence, on the next occasion on which I may be called to address this House, I may be able to congratulate it upon seeing the deficit which now exists entirely extinguished, and our Treasury once more restored to the state in which some years ago it was happily maintained."

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well aware that certain public works must go on and certain services must be maintained; that the annual revenue of the country were about equal to a certain amount and knew what the average controllable expenditure was.

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were in 1875 \$518,000; in 1876, \$508,000; while in 1873 there were only \$422,000. Take the Administration of Justice in 1873, it was \$399,000; in 1875, \$459,000; in 1876, \$544,000.

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