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MOON'S CHANGES.
Full Moon, 5th day, 5h., 11.9m., a. m., W. S. W.
Last Quarter, 12th day, 6h., 41.6m., a. m., S.
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	Sun	Moon	High	Day's
M	rises	sets	rises	water	length
1 Tuesday	5 45	23 2	3 32	8 15	12 38
2 Wednesday	4 42	25 3	3 38	8 59	42
3 Thursday	4 1	26 4	4 5	9 37	45
4 Friday	3 38	27 5	5 53	10 12	48
5 Saturday	3 7	28 7	7 2	10 46	51
6 Sunday	3 5	29 8	8 13	11 20	54
7 Monday	3 3	31 9	9 25	11 55	58
8 Tuesday	3 1	32 10	10 39	12 13	1
9 Wednesday	3 0	34 11	11 51	1 14	4
10 Thursday	2 58	35 12	1 0	2 2	7
11 Friday	2 57	37 0	2 1	3 1	11
12 Saturday	2 56	38 1	3 2	4 0	14
13 Sunday	2 55	39 2	4 3	5 2	17
14 Monday	2 54	41 3	5 5	6 2	20
15 Tuesday	2 53	42 3	6 53	7 19	23
16 Wednesday	2 52	43 4	8 7	8 19	26
17 Thursday	2 51	44 4	9 49	9 49	29
18 Friday	2 50	45 5	11 26	10 32	32
19 Saturday	2 49	46 5	13 11	11 2	35
20 Sunday	2 48	48 5	15 1	11 37	38
21 Monday	2 47	49 6	16 29	12 41	41
22 Tuesday	2 46	51 6	18 12	1 45	44
23 Wednesday	2 45	52 7	19 49	2 48	47
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25 Friday	2 43	55 9	23 14	5 4	53
26 Saturday	2 42	56 10	25 3	6 5	56
27 Sunday	2 41	57 11	27 12	7 14	59
28 Monday	2 40	58 12	29 13	8 18	62
29 Tuesday	2 39	59 13	31 1	9 18	65
30 Wednesday	2 38	60 14	3 27	10 13	68

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SOME POLITICAL QUESTIONS

THE LAND OFFICE DEFALCATIONS.

Able Speech of Hon. Donald Ferguson

During the Debate on the Address.

(Concluded.)

Thus, you will see, Mr. Speaker, that according to the old Land Purchase Act which was in force prior to 1876, the Commissioner of Public Lands had power to appoint his own deputy and clerks, and was held responsible for their defalcations, and had also to give security for the faithful performance of their duties; but the Act of 1876 repealed these provisions and made provision for an Assistant Commissioner, gave him all the powers the Commissioner himself possessed, and required him to give security to the Government for the faithful performance of all the duties of his office. Under the old Act, the Commissioner had the appointment and control of the deputy; under the Act of 1876 that power was taken away, and the assistant received his appointment and instructions direct from the Government. Another provision was made in the Act of 1879, uniting the office of Provincial Secretary and Treasurer and Commissioner of Crown and Public Lands. That clause reads as follows:

"Sec. 1. The offices of Provincial Secretary and Treasurer, and Commissioner of Crown and Public Lands, shall be united in one person, who shall be styled the Provincial Secretary, Treasurer and Commissioner of Public Lands, and he shall be a member of the Provincial Administration for the time being, and shall hold office during pleasure."

It was not contemplated that the Commissioner of Public Lands should be personally responsible for the honesty of the Assistant Commissioner. He was responsible for the general management of the office; but if he were to be held responsible for the defalcations and wrong-doing of the men employed by the Government under him, no man would accept the position of Commissioner of Public Lands, at the same time being required to run elections, attend to parliamentary duties, supervise the Provincial Secretary's office, and give a portion of his time to general Government business, such as delegations, the Stock Farm, Poor House and Lunatic Asylum—while occupying the Land Office. The Act did not contemplate this, as it made provision that the Assistant Commissioner was to have all the power that the Commissioner himself had, and to have full charge of the office in the absence of the Commissioner, and to give ample security. I dare say, however, that the Opposition will go on and repeat all the charges which they have already made against me. I maintain the principle of ministerial responsibility, but in no country has that principle been pushed so far as in this province, respecting this matter. With regard to the man who has been the subject of so many comments, and who has passed away from our midst, I have only to say that he occupied the same position under the former Government as under the present one, and that, notwithstanding his fault, he was an exceedingly clever and industrious official, possessing versatile talents and being in every way a very capable man. I never heard the breath of slander imputed to him. He was ready and willing to do anything that the call of duty required at his hands. He stood high in every relation of life. I had the fullest confidence in him. That confidence, taken in connection with his ability and the powers given him under the Act, which were equal with those which I myself possessed, caused me to repose in him the fullest trust. It was impossible that I could watch continuously over his shoulders. It was, therefore, only natural that much confidence would be placed in him. But that confidence was, I am sorry to say, misplaced. To listen to the remarks of the gentlemen on the other side of the House, one would imagine that never before had such a thing occurred in any country or in this Island as these defalcations. Not long ago there were very serious defalcations in the Education Department, when the hon. member for Strathalbyn was the Leader of the Government in this House. But not one member of the Legislature accused him of not looking after the interests of that office, but an unfortunate man took money from the public that did not belong to him under the very nose of the hon. gentleman. Later on there were defalcations in the Land Office. I remember I ran an election with an hon. gentleman who was at that time head of the Land Office; but I never heard a single accusation made against him, or any attempt made to ruin him on that account. I remember also when money was robbed, when a large sum of money was stolen from the table of the Clerk of this House. Why was not that the hon. member, the Hon. John Yeo, charged with dereliction of duty in not looking after that money. Why was not that matter inquired into?

The hon. junior member for Fort Augustus said that there was an easy way of settling the question in reference to the defalcations which lately took place; that instead of appointing a costly Commission the Government might have taken the easy way of suing the securities of the late Mr. Strong. Why, sir, the dimmy nature of that argument is apparent on the face of it. Before commencing a suit of that kind you must know the exact amount for which you sue. But if no investigation had been made as to the extent of the defalcation, and as to who was the guilty party, the whole probably have turned on the validity of the bond, respecting the legality of the proceedings, and a verdict rendered accordingly. Who is it that now asserts that the Government should have sued the securities? The hon. junior member for Fort Augustus! Would you believe it, sir, that hon. gentleman announced at the elections that the Government could not collect a single dollar from the securities. This is the gentleman who aspires to be the Attorney General of this Province. That hon. member announced that the Government had no case, and could not collect any portion of the money from the securities. A pretty Attorney General, indeed, he would make, who made such a statement as that in advance, not knowing whether he would have to sue the securities or not. The hon. gentleman forgot his utterances on that matter, or thought the Government had forgotten them. The hon. gentleman, during his speech on Saturday quoted from my report for the year 1880, respecting the management of the Land Office under my predecessor, the Hon. Joseph Pope. I say that the office was well managed by my predecessor, and I maintain that its administration under myself was equally efficient. I freely and fairly claim that when this investigation has sifted to the bottom every transaction it will be found that the management of the Land Office which I pronounced a good one in 1880, is just as well carried on at the present time. Let the Commissioners go into every detail of that office, let them go to the bottom of every transaction, and they will find not a single case where the Commissioner or any other member of the Government has trafficked in a single acre of land through the Land Office for the last 10 years. But if the inquiry goes beyond the period allotted to the Commissioners, I will show cases under former Governments in which gentlemen occupying seats on the Opposition used their official positions for the purpose of obtaining public lands that should not have been sold to them. We have the evidence respecting this matter at hand, and will produce it at the proper time before the people of this country. The hon. member is wincing at my statement; of that I am quite sure. He says he knows everything contained in the speech, even about agricultural matters. Well, I believe the hon. gentleman knows very little about agriculture, and the less he says the better for himself and his credit as a wise man. My hon. friend, the Leader of the Government, says that it is not usual to announce all the Government measures in detail the Speech at the opening of the session. "Oh," says the hon. member, "I have you there. Your speech accuses you. Why did you put that clause in about the contract with the Exhibition Company?" Well, in reference to the contract with the Company, the Government have merely carried out the legislation of last session with respect to it. A bill was passed, containing the necessary provisions, and the Government have simply given an account to the House of their stewardship respecting it. It is not the custom to enter into details with reference to the intentions of the Government respecting public questions during the discussion on the Draft Address in reply to the Governor's Speech. The hon. gentleman will have another opportunity of discussing these questions, when we will take him back step by step over a number of years, and show him how our agricultural improvements have been advancing upward and upward, until they have culminated in the erection of those grand exhibition buildings, and in an exhibition which, I hope and trust, will be second to none this side of Toronto, in this Dominion. The hon. gentleman also referred to the proposed bridge across the Hillsborough River, and admitted that the people on the south side of that river want to keep that matter entirely out of party politics. I would appeal to hon. members of this House, and ask them how the hon. gentleman can justify his conduct to his constituents when he made a fierce attack upon the Government respecting that matter. Before they had announced their policy respecting it, he rushes into this House and makes the question in reference to the Hillsborough Bridge, a subject for fierce political attack. This course is only in keeping with his conduct during the late election contest regarding that matter. During the election we heard that the Grits at Southport had called a meeting at that place for the purpose of considering the ferry question. That meeting was, no doubt, called at the hon. gentleman's bidding, or that of his agents. He was all along depending upon the defalcations in the Land Office for political capital to enable him to get a seat in this House, but he thought the bridge question might assist him in his efforts. We met him at the meeting and discussed the ferry question. He had his master with him. We discussed the matter there as the people wished, aside from all party politics. I may mention to the House that before that meeting was held the hon. Commissioner of Public Works had taken steps, and had consulted an Engineer abroad for the purpose of obtaining necessary information respecting the proposed bridge to ascertain whether or not its cost was within the means of the Province, or whether the Federal Government might be asked to take any hand or assist in the work.

The Opposition have hitherto been toiling, like the fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, and yet have caught nothing. They are to-day in the same helpless position as in the year 1879, when they were routed horse, foot and artillery at the general election of that year. The people have repeated that operation no less than four times. On four different occasions, when appeals were made to the people, and when public questions were discussed in almost every schoolhouse in the Province, our policy of economy and retrenchment has had the approval of the electors of this Province. Hon. gentlemen on the other side of the House sometimes get a

little nearer the goal of their ambition than at other times, as in 1882, but by some unaccountable means they were very soon thrown back a further distance from the promised land. The fact is, they are a party without a policy. The hon. Leader of the Opposition would not have secluded himself at Port Hill during the fiery conflict when his gushing Lieutenants were carrying the party on to defeat if he had had a policy to announce to the people. But he knew that the affairs of the country were quite as well managed by the present Government as they could have been by himself, had he been in power. They, therefore, merely carried on a kind of guerilla warfare against the Government in different sections of the province. The hon. junior member for Fort Augustus has alluded to other subjects not mentioned in the speech at all. I have found it unnecessary at present to go into all these subjects; but if he is anxious to discuss them at further length, after he gets his shoes fairly brushed on the carpets of this chamber, he can have his wishes met. As hon. gentlemen opposite are very impatient for debate, we are inclined to gratify them. Later in the session we will have a chance to go more fully into the question. (Loud applause.) I. O.

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