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THE VENEZUELAN AWARD.

By the terms of the Venezuelan award, published elsewhere, Great Britain seems to have obtained somewhat less territory than she demanded, but considerably more than she would have had if either the Schomburgk, or Aberdeen, or Granville lines, to which she would have consented in former years, had been adopted by the Commission. The gold fields in dispute go to Great Britain. Altogether we have cause to be thankful that a boundary quarrel extending over sixty years has at last been settled.

The result has cost a good deal of money, though less, probably, than a war with Venezuela and the United States. But it may militate against the submission to arbitration of the Alaskan boundary dispute.

MR. IRVING'S NOMINATION.

THE PATRIOT states that Mr. David P. Irving has accepted the nomination of the Belfast partisans of the Farquharson Administration. If so, Mr. Irving is a much less astute gentleman than we supposed. We are disappointed with Mr. Irving upon another point. It was always understood that he was "strong on the temperance question" and one of those who professed to regard license fees as "blood-money." If he has accepted the nomination, he has accepted responsibility for the license of the sale of liquor in Charlottetown and for what The Guardian calls "the frightful prevalence of drunkenness" realized thereby, as well as for all the other misdeeds of the government. In view of this fact, conscientious Liberals cannot possibly give him their support—they may perhaps stay at home on election day—and the intelligent people of the district generally must vote against him.

THE GOVERNMENT'S GAME.

PREMIER FARQUHARSON wanted money for the treasury; and he compromised his vaunted anti-blood-money principles by giving Charlottetown a license law. It is not unreasonable, perhaps, that he should expect the people of Belfast to condemn the Government's political corruption and breaches of promise, because they want a branch railway! But we refuse to believe that a majority of them would for any such price, prove false to principle—go as deeply into the mud as Premier Farquharson went in the mire. The majority of the people of Belfast is not to be bought and sold, even for the sake of a railway. It is worthy of note, however, that the Belfast branch railway is not at all dependent upon the Provincial Government. As a result, largely, of the continued agitation led by Hon. Mr. Ferguson in the Senate and Messrs Martin and McDonald in the House of Commons, an act of the Dominion Parliament providing for the construction of the railway and a bridge making connection with Charlottetown, has been passed.

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A BELFAST ELECTOR

Shows up the Farquharson Government.

Mr. Editor,—I see it states that Mr. D. P. Irving has been selected as the grit standard-bearer for the Belfast District. A great many people are surprised at this, as, from Mr. Irving's former zeal in the temperance cause, they did not expect that he would even support the Farquharson License Government. Let alone stump the District as a probable member of that Government. Oh, David, David, we fear your former good name will be covered with grit dirt, and fancy we see you patting the rum-sellers at the bridge and elsewhere on the back, calling them good fellows, and following your leader's example, grant them license to sell what you profess to hate. Are you so blind, David, as not to see why you have been selected for this contest? The hoodlums know that you have a few thousands; and they expect that you will use the machine to the best advantage. Will you David? we shall see.
 We have had considerable respect for Mr. Irving, and are sorry to see him make a scapgoat of himself. Although he has no political sins to answer for, yet he must carry the terrible load his political party are answerable for, and that without a shadow of a chance of obtaining a cushioned seat in the big house if the astute and accomplished Hector, the silver-tongued orator, backed up by the party and fair but false promises of the two Governments, every doubtful man and his horse and cart booked to work on the railway immediately after the election, or to be employed in and around the coal mines of Wood Islands, new roads opened and crooked roads straightened, jobs on roads, etc. These false promises won't work this time, gentlemen. If in the face of all this the now Judge MacDonald gained his seat by the skin of his teeth, what hops can Mr. Irving have of being returned, only to the bosom of his family, and the comforts of his new house.

We would ask Mr. Irving how he is going to explain away the gross insult offered by our "unsound Premier" to the noble Belfast electors,—the summary dismissal of their old friend, their worthy and faithful pastor, the efficient and exemplary Secretary of the Board of Education, the Rev. Dr. McNeill? When Donald was doing this bit of dirty work he didn't reckon with the Highlanders. He snapped his fingers in the face of the Belfast electors,—and now our time has come and we will hit back with a vengeance.

Fellow electors of the noble Belfast District, the eyes of the people of the whole Island are watching us, to see if we (like whipped curs) are going to tamely submit to this insult. Or will we come boldly and bravely to the polls on election day and wipe out this insult by casting our votes for our true and tried friend, honest A. A. McLean—and thus show our contempt for the dishonest and disreputable Government led by Donald Farquharson.
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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—The trade statement, which appeared in the last Canada Gazette, show that both imports and exports continue to increase, and there is a corresponding increase in the duty collected. The total exports for August were \$20,157,697, of which \$17,495,713 was produce of Canada and \$2,661,984 produce of other countries. The total entered for consumption was \$17,319,979, of which \$9,923,991 was dutiable; \$6,008,971 free goods, and \$1,386,017 coin and bullion. Taking the two months comparing them with same period last year, there is an increase of nearly five millions in exports and over half a million in imports.

—Henry Clews, of New York, says: We are in no special need of gold; the Treasury is surfeited with it; gold is coming into our coffers from other parts of the world; our production this year, the Director of the Mint estimates, will increase \$7,000,000 to \$10,000,000, and that of the entire world over \$50,000,000. Evidently there will be no scarcity of gold and no great scarcity of money, save the inconvenience that may arise from the inelasticity of our currency system. Congress can do nothing more likely to lengthen the present wave of prosperity than to give the nation the long expected and genuine currency reform promised in 1897.

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