

THE OTHER ISSUE.

WHILE discussing the "Trade Issue" it should never, for a moment, be forgotten that there is another great issue to be decided during the approaching elections, viz., whether or not the record of the McKenzie Administration is such that it should be endorsed by the people!

During the present session, the Government has been publicly indicted for trampling every principle they formerly professed under their feet, and of adding to all the faults they charged against Conservatives before they attained to office, the darker stain of hypocrisy.

Among many other charges preferred during the present session are these following:—

That Mr. McKenzie has taken into his Cabinet men diametrically opposed to the policy of his Government, and no explanation has been given to Parliament or the country.

That he coalesced with Cauchon, whose political crimes his party denounced.

That he coalesced with Jones, who wants a greater protection for sugar manufacturers than even Mr. Dunstan, and yet professes that he leads a Free Trade Administration.

That he coalesced with life-long Conservatives; and yet calls his Government a "Reform Administration."

That he did these things notwithstanding his protestations in Parliament that coalitions can only be entered into with the object and maintained for the purpose of plundering the country.

That the party by which he is sustained has, by overwhelming evidence, given on oath before the Judges of the land, been proved to be black with corruption.

That a large proportion of his followers in Parliament have been condemned for bribery in elections; notwithstanding the fact that he took office with the noble and pious purpose of "elevating the standard of public morality."

That he has been false to the "principle" he laid down, that Parliament should have the control of public contracts.

That he purchased the celebrated steel rails without the authority of Parliament.

That he has been false to the "principle" he laid down that the Cabinet is no more than a Committee of Parliament to comply with its requirements during the recess.

That he granted an amnesty to O'Donoghue, in face of the decision of Parliament which was arrived at by his own votes and the votes of his followers.

That he granted said amnesty with the view of unduly influencing an election in which one of his Ministers was concerned at a juncture when the fate of the Ministry was trembling in the balance.

That he made an unwarranted use of the power of the Crown in the appointment of a Minister of Militia, who once said that he would "cheer when the British flag was hauled down from Citadel Hill."

That he has been in collision with the Local Government during the election of members to serve in the Dominion Parliament—after declaring in the most positive manner that any connection whatever between the Local and Dominion Governments is opposed to the "principle" of a Federal Union.

That he has been guilty of a breach of faith with British Columbia.

That he has returned to Sir John McDonald's Pacific Railway Policy—though he denounced it while in Opposition.

That his "economy" has been shown by superannuating competent officials and replacing them with creatures of his own; by turning good men out of office—without reason shown—and putting others in at larger salaries.

That his "capacity" has been displayed in the Steel Rails Purchase, the Georgian Bay Contract, the Souris Breakwater blunder, and in jobs too numerous to mention.

That his "purity" has been shown by violating—in collusion with some of his contracting supporters—the law providing for the "Independence of Parliament."

That the "elevating tendencies" of his Government is made manifest by their addition of three and a half millions to the burden of taxation, and their annual deficits.

The falsity of this overwhelming indictment was not and could not be proved by Mr. McKenzie and his supporters; for the simple reason that its truth is undeniable. Mr. Jones, however, declared that he had not made use of the words attributed to him—words which may well be regarded as insulting by every loyal militia-man in Canada—viz., that he would "cheer when the British flag was hauled down," etc.

But, as Sir John McDonald forcibly pointed out, if Mr. Jones' denial be true, then Sir William Young, Judge DesBarres, and

the "lamented Vail"—all of whom said they heard Mr. Jones make use of the disloyal words—are liars, and Sir Hastings Doyle, who repeated them—and warned his friends against receiving such a man as Jones "to their bosom"—is a foul calumniator. We fear, therefore, that Mr. Jones' denial will not be much regarded by the people of Canada.

In these undeniable charges are substantial reasons why—in the language of a recent writer—the people should "turn their backs forever on Ministers that cannot administer, on *soi-disant* statesmen who are only political tinkers, on hypocritical constitutionalists who trample on the constitution, on Reformers who can reform nothing; on men who, though placed in the highest position, have, by their misconduct, hypocrisy and depraved strategy, forfeited every public and private claim to the respect of their fellow-citizens."

City Council.

At the meeting held last evening it was ordered that an advertisement be issued calling for tenders to light street lamps—the city to be divided into four sections, and four persons to perform the service. It was also ordered that the Street Committee fix the hours for lighting and extinguishing lamps.

A report of the Police Committee recommending the dismissal of Dr. Creamer from the office of Police Surgeon, was adopted.

A By-law relating to truckmen and another relating to dogs was passed. The old rates of truckage were again adopted; and the tax on dogs was raised to one dollar for each dog.

Easter Meetings.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

A VERY large meeting of Church members was held in St. Paul's Schoolroom on Easter Monday evening—the Rector in the chair. A satisfactory statement of the financial affairs of the Church was read by John Ings, Esq., Church Warden. Mr. Earle was re-appointed Organist, with an increase of salary to \$200, and Mr. Sampson was re-appointed Sexton, with an increase of salary to \$200. The Vestrymen of the Church were then balloted for. The ballot resulted in the election of the following gentlemen:—

- John Ings, George Peake, H. J. Cundall, F. T. Newbery, L. H. Davies, F. L. Haszard, W. H. Aitken, D. R. Hooper.

Out of these gentlemen, Messrs. John Ings, and F. L. Haszard were chosen Church Wardens. Messrs. W. H. Aitken and F. W. Hales were re-appointed Auditors. It was ordered that the cost of funerals of poor persons known to be members of St. Paul's, be defrayed out of the Church funds, and not out of the Sacramental funds. The rate of assessment was fixed at the same rate as that of last year. Fifty dollars were voted out of the Church funds towards the Sunday School library. On motion of Lieutenant Dixon, seconded by Henry Longworth, Esq., it was suggested that the Communion Service be shortened at the discretion of the Ministers. The suggestion was adopted by an almost unanimous vote. The subject of the Assistant Minister's salary was taken up, and on motion of the Chief Justice, seconded by Hon. L. H. Davies, it was—

Resolved, That the present Assistant Minister, Rev. Alfred Osborne, be re-engaged for a further period of three years, at a salary of at least \$1,200.

A Committee was appointed to revise the subscription list and to obtain new subscribers.

S. PETER'S CHURCH.

THE annual meeting of the congregation of St. Peter's Church was held in the Schoolroom, last evening (Easter Monday)—the Priest Incumbent, Rev. George W. Hodgson, in the chair. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been disposed of, the Treasurer submitted his accounts, shewing the financial state of the Church, which, upon motion, was received, and the following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That this meeting has learned with pleasure the exceedingly satisfactory state of the Church finances; and that the thanks of the congregation be given to the Treasurer for his efficient management.

Rev. Geo. W. Hodgson gave a short account of the proceedings of the Provincial Synod, held in Montreal, in June last, and commented upon the pleasing fact that out of the whole number of 12 clerical and 12 lay delegates sent to the Provincial Synod by the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the 1 clerical and 2 lay delegates sent to the latter Synod from this congregation had been elected, and that thus a marked compliment had been paid to the abilities of our representatives. The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, when the following gentlemen were unanimously elected:—

Church Wardens.—Thomas Green, Esq. (re-elected); Hon. F. Brecken (re-elected), Mr. W. H. Stewart.

Delegates to Diocesan Synod.—Hon. T. H. Haviland and E. J. Hodgson, Esq., re-elected. Substitutes.—Hon. F. Brecken and J. S. Carvell, Esq., re-elected.

Secretary and Treasurer.—Mr. J. E. Haszard, re-elected.

On motion it was Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to the Church Wardens, Organist, Assistant Organist and Choir, for their arduous services during the past year.

After expressions of confidence in the officers elect, the meeting adjourned.

ACKNOWLEDGED, with thanks, the sum of two dollars, received for the Soup Kitchen, from Hon. W. W. Lord.

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

THE SITUATION.

The Reported Hitch Contradicted.

Cotton Spinners' Strikes—Determined Strikers.

(Special Despatch to Examiner.)

ST. PETERSBURG, April 22.

The Agence Russe confirms the report that the proposition for the simultaneous withdrawal of the British fleet and Russian forces from the vicinity of Constantinople has been accepted in principle, and adds that negotiations continue relative to the withdrawal and the preliminary conference to settle the programme of the proposed Congress.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 22.

The report that new difficulties have arisen in connection with the mediation of Germany is contradicted.

Mr. Layard has received information that an arrangement for the withdrawal to Adrianople and Besika Bay is probable.

LONDON, April 22.

Lord Beaconsfield has gone to visit Lord Salisbury, Foreign Secretary, at Hatfield House—the latter's residence in Hertfordshire.

The Daily News states that a resolution was passed at a meeting of delegates of the amalgamated associations of operative spinners, winders, and other classes of operatives at Manchester, sympathising with the cotton spinners efforts until a more favorable opportunity presents itself. The strike does not yet effect weavers.

The Secretaries of the Blackburn Weavers' Union and East Lancashire Weavers' Union writes to the Times: "We feel we are struggling in a cause; but are ready to bow to the Court of Arbitration, and although we fear we are unable to cope with the organized power of the Masters' Unions, we will peacefully and quietly resist until starvation forces submission."

At a meeting at Blackburn on Saturday, of delegates representing the card-room hands of fourteen Districts, was decided to persevere in the strike, and use legitimate means to support strikers.

Delegates from Cheshire, Derbyshire, and Yorkshire declared that they would willingly furnish the strikers with means to fight their battle.

Mark Twain has gone to Hamburg.

Easter Monday Entertainments.

GRAND CONCERT IN AID OF Y. M. C. A.

THE Hall was crowded. The amount realized was about \$80. Very good effect was given to the following programme:—

Instrumental Trio, "Paulin March," (Faust)—Miss Morris, Messrs. Fletcher and Young. Motet, "Behold, what manner of love," 1 John, iii., 1-2, (Bradbury.)

Solo Vocal, "Consider the Lillies," (Toplif)—Miss Spike.

Solo and Chorus, "A Little Bow of Blue,"—Temperance—(A. Lang)—Mrs. Stumbles, Miss Cooper, Messrs. A. Stiggins and D. McLeod.

Duet (by request), "Our Beautiful Home," (Glover)—Misses Dunn and DesBrisay.

Chorus, "And it shall come to pass," Isa. ii:2-3, (Bradbury.)

Quartette Chant, "Where shall the Soul Find Rest?" (Bouland)—Misses Barr and Glover, Messrs. W. W. Beer and E. Davy.

Cornet Solo (by request) Air from Falstaff—C. P. Fletcher.

Chorus, "The Heavens are Telling," (From Haydn's "Creation.")

Solo, Vocal, "Angels ever bright and fair," (From Handel)—Miss Parker.

Quartette, "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah," (L. O. Emerson)—Mrs. McRae, Miss G. McLeod, Messrs. H. Beer and E. Davy.

Chorus, "Jerusalem, my glorious home," (Dr. L. Mason.)

Instrumental Trio, "Pensez a moi," (Neibig)—Miss Morris, Messrs. Fletcher and Young.

Doxology, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," from the English, by Dr. Mason.

God Save the Queen.

ST. JOSEPH'S T. A. S. ENTERTAINMENT.

ST. JOSEPH'S T. A. SOCIETY entertainment took place in St. Patrick's Hall last evening. A large audience was present—Hon. A. A. McDonald in the chair. Much disappointment was felt at the unavoidable absence of Robert Shaw, Esq., whose address was a main feature in the programme. The following was the programme:—

PART I. Overture—Piano, Miss F. Newbery. Song, "Ever of Thee"—Miss Cavanagh. Reading, Hon. A. A. McDonald. Song, Prof. Caven. Recitation, Mr. H. McKenna. Song, Miss McEwen. Piano Solo, Miss E. Reddin.

PART II. Song, Mr. Blanchard. Reading, Mr. J. H. Reddin. Song, Miss M. Cox. Recitation, Master J. McEachern. Song, Mr. Laws. Recitation, Master A. E. McDonald. Comic Song, Mr. McKinnon. God Save the Queen.

In the House of Commons on the 18th, a letter was read from Lord Dufferin expressing honor that each and every member would call upon him and Lady Dufferin and give him the opportunity of meeting them personally, as it would be the last time he would have the pleasure before his departure from Canada. For this purpose he and Lady Dufferin would attend in the Supreme Court Room, on the afternoons of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next.

Town and Country.

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