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THE DAILY EXAMINER

AUGUST 8, 1899.

"VOTE THEM DOWN."

This was the conclusion drawn, the duty pointed out, by Mr. Duncan Marshall—at the temperance meeting held last evening—in respect to both the Dominion and the Provincial Governments. The Dominion Government gave the plebiscite; the prohibitionists of Canada were right in supposing that the Government would act in accordance with the expressed wish of the majority of voters in the plebiscite; a majority of 14,000 voted for prohibition; by refusing to act according to this vote of the majority the Laurier Government and party have deceived and insulted the prohibitionists of Canada,—consequently the prohibitionists should vote the Laurier government and the Liberal party down.

Prince Edward Island was proudly pointed to by temperance workers as the Province of all Canada in which a license to sell liquor could not be obtained; only last year the Government (the Warburton administration) was compelled by the force of public opinion to withdraw a bill involving the principle of license; but this year the Government betrayed the confidence of temperance men and passed an act which is, to all intents and purposes, a license law,—therefore, they, too, should be voted down.

This was, briefly stated, Mr. Marshall's argument. It is, from the Prohibitionists' point of view, a manly as well as a logical argument. "Vote them down,"—this was the message brought from Ontario to Prince Edward Island. There is wisdom in it,—from the Prohibitionists point of view; for the prohibitionists will never carry their point until they are able to show that by uniting and voting together they can put politicians out of office. But as soon as it becomes clear that they can destroy and build up Governments—their claim will be considered and their desire granted.

Therefore let the Liberal prohibitionists unite with the Conservative prohibitionists and vote them down,—vote down the Federal Government which has fooled and insulted them; vote down the Provincial Government which has betrayed them.

A QUESTION ANSWERED.

The Guardian remarks: "But as to the bad license law, did not we read in THE EXAMINER recently that it was in favor of the license principle?" We think that the Guardian lies under a mistake. We are not in favor of the license principle, because it has been proved to be not conducive to temperance. But we have, at times, to accept conditions which we are not in favor of; and we should rather have a carefully prepared and well administered license law than a constantly violated Regulation Act or Canada Temperance Act, or than Free Rum. We should certainly rather have such a law than the ill-considered and bad license law—passed in violation of a well understood principle to which the people are wedded—which is now in operation in Charlottetown. What we are in favor of is National Prohibition, such as a large majority of the people of Canada voted for and has been denied. We are for giving Prohibition a fair trial such as License and Canada Temperance Act have had.

Change of Teachers

At the regular monthly meeting of the City School Board last evening, Miss Lillian Robertson, of the teaching staff of Prince Street School tendered her resignation, and Miss M. Irving was appointed in her place. Miss Bremner was appointed to fill the position on the teaching staff during Miss Haslam's absence.

A CAPITAL HIT

Mr. Davin, M. P. hit off admirably, in the course of his speech at Toronto, the position of those liberals who cheered when their leaders were talking free-trade, economy and cleanness, and who cheer still now that the policy is extravagance, protection, and ballot-box stuffing. The position of these people, Mr. Davin said, reminded him of the loyalty of the tenants of Sir Watkins Wynn to their landlord, Sir Watkins, who was a trifle horsey, entered into a race, and the tenants assembled to witness the sport. As Sir Watkins at the start led the field the tenants raised their voices, crying "God bless Sir Watkins; see how he leads them; see how he leads them!" But ultimately Sir Watkins fell to the rear. Then the tenants, still loyal to their landlord, treated his defeat as an exploit, and shouted even more loudly, "God bless Sir Watkins; see how he drives them; see how he drives them!" It was a capital hit,—but Mr. Davin does not believe that honest Liberals are now uniting in the Sir Watkins cry.

HILLSBOROUGH BRIDGE.

THE Guardian now says that "the Opposition may and will be fairly charged with what they tried to do." No one objects to this, if the Opposition be but, "fairly charged." It was to the "unfair charge,"—to the Guardian's unfair presentation of the Opposition's case in regard to the Hillsborough Bridge,—that THE EXAMINER directed attention. It seemed that, forgetting that it is the Government which is on trial, the Guardian was ready in the coming Belfast election contest to sink the Governments' wrong-doing in respect to "license" and other matters, and to raise a false view of the question of the Opposition's action on the Hillsborough Bridge for the consideration of the Belfast electors. We are glad to have had an opportunity to explain the matter,—and, reading between the lines, glad to note that the Guardian sees the error of its way in this regard.

MISREPRESENTATION CORRECTED.

SOME person has been sending out to some Government organs at a distance a grotesque misrepresentation of the debate which occurred in the House on the militia clothing contracts. So absolutely false is the report that it came up for censure a few days ago in parliament. The particular paper which Mr. Davin had in his hand, when he called the attention of the House to the falsehoods, was the Charlottetown Patriot. He read from this paper a dispatch which stated that the Opposition had condemned the anti-sweating clauses of the clothing contracts. The fact, as Mr. Davin showed, was that the Government itself violated the regulation. The case against the Government is this: the clothing contract was not given to the lowest tenderer,—it went at a higher price, to a firm of Government supporters. Mr. Borden explained that the lowest tender was passed over because it came from a firm which farmed the work out to be done by women at their own homes; but it was shown that, after he closed the contract at the higher price he allowed the contractor to farm it out in the same way as the lower tenderer proposed to do. The criticism was directed altogether to this feature of the case. Sir Wilfred Laurier, himself, declared in the discussion that all were agreed as to the conditions required by the Government. The charge which was made against the Government, and which was sustained, was that the people of Canada have been compelled to pay several thousands more for this clothing than it could be bought from another firm on the same conditions.

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