

**THE DAILY EXAMINER**

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**FISHERIES FOR FISHERMEN.**

The Opposition fought gallantly in behalf of the oyster fishermen of this Province when the bill to regulate our fisheries was before the House, and properly condemned the leasing of areas of oyster beds to particular friends of the party in power. That their efforts were in vain is true. Their failure was due, not to the weakness of their arguments or to the unimportance of the public rights involved, but to the majority supporting the Government. Mr. DesRoches, of Miscouche, was particularly vigorous in his defence of the rights of fishermen. He referred in the course of the debate to the scandalous case of the Enman grant under which a live oyster bed, open to the public, was deliberately secured to the private use and benefit of a party supporter, who last year, it is said, obtained from the bed a profit of about \$500. The Opposition sought to prevent a repetition of such outrages, as well as to put it out of the power of the Government of the day to lease parts of the beds of rivers to friends who might use them to the exclusion of the public, for mud digging purposes. The bill as submitted by the Government contained this clause: "Applications for grants and leases of the beds of rivers, lakes, harbors or foreshores, or for fishing licenses, or for leases of flats for the cultivation of oysters, or for any such purpose, shall be made in writing to the Attorney-General's." To this clause, Mr. DesRoches moved an amendment as follows:

"Provided always that only exhausted oyster beds or grounds on which no live oysters are to be found, shall be granted or leased for the cultivation of oysters, excepting in cases where Dominion licenses were already issued."

If this amendment had been accepted, the injury to our oyster fishermen could not have been extended. But it was, after discussion, deliberately rejected by the Farquharson majority.

The Legislature was not, in view of the unsettled condition of the fisheries case, and the last hours of the session in which the bill was submitted, in a position to arrive at a wise or just conclusion about the matter. But the Government and their majority hurried the bill through—evidently to promote the selfish ends of sundry Liberal partisans.

**FRUIT GROWING AND POLITICS.**

It is not at all surprising that Premier Farquharson has taken upon himself the control of the orchardist sent to this Province by the Dominion Government,—even though he was expressly directed to confer with the President of our Fruit Growers' Association before making any arrangements. Premier Farquharson seems to think that because he is just now in office here, everyone else, however competent, is to be excluded from the direction of affairs. The President of the Fruit Growers' Association is a well known and successful orchardist. Yet he and the Association he represents—the men who originated the present movement towards improved methods of fruit-growing—have been deliberately snubbed by Premier Farquharson. Such men as John Robertson, of Inkerman, Edward Bayfield, D. A. Sharpe (all Liberals we believe) and other Liberals

prominent in the Fruit-Growers' Association, (not to speak of Father Burke, Senator Ferguson and other who are Conservatives) have been deliberately passed by;—and Messrs. D. Farquharson and F. L. Hazard, of this city, Mr. R. C. McLeod, of Summerside, Mr. Benj. Rogers, of Alberton, Mr. J. J. Hughes of Souris, and Dr. Robertson of Montague have been appointed to direct the movements of Mr. Kinsman, so long as he remains in this Province. Not one of these gentlemen is known to be prominent in fruit growing circles or to have taken particular interest in horticulture. But they are well known as thick and thin supporters of the Liberal Party. We doubt if any one of them can tell the difference between one variety of apple and another; but we know that most of them would be ready to declare sour apples sweet and sweet apples sour if only their political leaders bade them do so. These men have been given direction of the spraying, grafting and pruning operations to be carried on, while men who have all their lives taken an interest in horticulture have been passed over. Ignoring Mr. Stewart, the President of the Association, who was to have conferred with him, Premier Farquharson has assumed supreme control of the business, and exhibited petty and discreditable spite in respect to members of the Association,—whose great offence is that one of their number chaffingly reminded him, when he began to speak at the Association's last meeting, that he hadn't paid the membership fee.

**THE VOTE**

The vote on the third reading of the Farquharson Licensing Law was as follows:

For the Bill	Against the Bill
FARQUHARSON	GORDON
MCDONALD (H. C.)	SHAW
McMILLAN	MCDONALD (A. J.)
McLEAN	MCDONALD (J. A.)
RICHARDS	ARSENAULT
McNUTT	McKINNON (M.)
ROGERS	BIRCH
PROWSE	CAMPBELL
FORBES	DESROCHE
PETERS	KICKHAM—10

Raid—11.

Hon Messrs McLaughlin and Sinclair Mr. Wise, Mr. Fred Peters and Mr. McWilliams on the Government side, and Mr J. E. McDonald, on the Opposition side, were absent from the House when the vote was taken. Mr. D. A. McKinnon was in the building but left the Chamber when the vote was taken. Speaker Cammiskey, of course, occupied the chair and didn't vote. But, as The Guardian remarks, "these gentlemen must answer to their constituents just as their colleagues must do, for having brought back the license system to P. E. Island."

—Commenting upon the Farquharson License Law, the Guardian says: "The consequences must be far-reaching. The temperance men and prohibitionists of P. E. Island have had much to bear of late, but this betrayal of their hopes by 'their own familiar friends in whom they trusted' and with whom they had so often taken counsel is the severest blow of all. It must be resented by all who value character and principle, by all who see the necessity of maintaining honor and honesty in public life."

—The May number of the Horticulturist, the monthly magazine published in the interests of the orchardists of Canada, is a capital one in every particular. It will be of special interest to Island subscribers as it contains a splendid article on Fruit Growing in Prince Edward Island from Rev. Father Burke's facile pen and an excellent photograph of Governor Howland, of Father Burke himself, and the latter's pretty home at Alberton.

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**LIBERAL METHODS.**

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