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MISREPRESENTATION CORRECTED.

NOTWITHSTANDING the bad break of Premier Farquharson and his colleagues in respect to "License," The Guardian misses no opportunity to give them aid and comfort, and to hinder and hamper those who oppose them. A few days ago, it found that a chief cause of the defeat of the Government in the first district of Prince County was the "oyeter regulations;" and now it tries to further the election of a supporter of the Charlottetown License Law Government by the people of Belfast on the ground that the Opposition opposed "the vote for the bridge at the last session of the Legislature."

The ground taken by the Opposition in respect to the vote for the Hillsborough Bridge, was set forth in a resolution submitted by Mr. Shaw, as follows:

"Resolved, that inasmuch as the Federal Government owes this province large sums of money amounting to upwards of \$2,000,000 for claims as set forth in a memorial dated the 18th day of March 1898, and signed by A. B. Warburton, Premier of P. E. Island, J. W. Richards, member of the P. E. Island government and H. C. McDonald, Attorney-General, etc., of P. E. Island, the government of this province shall be empowered to receive and accept from the Dominion government in part payment of said claims a sum not exceeding \$400,000 to be applied towards the construction of a combined railway and traffic bridge across the Hillsborough River from a point at or near Charlottetown to a point at or near Southport, said sum to be expended on terms as may be agreed upon by the Dominion Parliament and the Legislature of this Province."

It will readily be seen that there is not in this resolution one word against the Hillsborough bridge or its construction. On the contrary, there is shown so strong an approval of the project as is implied in the authorization of the Dominion Government to take \$400,000 of the money justly due by Canada to Prince Edward Island and apply it to that purpose! In the course of his remarks upon the subject, Mr. Shaw, (we quote from the summary report of his speech) "pointed out that up to the present time the people south of the Hillsborough have been deprived of the advantages of railway communication, and said he would be recreant to his duty as a representative if he did not do everything in his power to promote the branch line for that vicinity."

This was the ground taken by the Opposition. They favoured the construction of the Belfast and Murray Harbor Railway and the Hillsborough Bridge in connection therewith. But they asked for information concerning the proposed work and the agreement with the Dominion Government on strength of which \$12,000 a year was to be voted directly out of the pockets of the taxpayers of this Province; and, the information being denied, they proposed that the amount should be taken out of the sum owing to Prince Edward Island by Canada. This was the extent of their action. If it were a mistake to try to save the taxpayers \$12,000 a year, if it were a mistake to try to secure at once the construction of the Hillsborough

Bridge and the payment of \$400,000 of the money equitably owing to the Province by the Dominion Government, if it were a mistake to try to prevent an addition to the direct liabilities of the Province which will increase the financial burden of its people to the amount of one million dollars, then the Opposition have made a mistake and must abide by it. But we have no doubt that if the Conservatives had been in power at Ottawa, and if a deputation from this Province had been represented to them the facts of the case, the Legislature of this Province would not, in the circumstances, have been compelled to vote away, blindfold, \$12,000 a year, or to go without the bridge.

However this may be, it is the Government of this Province that is upon trial—not the Opposition. The Government, of Prince Edward Island, in respect to its policy and its acts,—that is a matter to be decided by the people of Belfast. The breaches of promise, the violation of principles, the increase of taxation, the enormous increase of the Provincial debt and liabilities now amounting to close upon \$10 per head,—as well as the voting away \$12,000 a year—equal, at the rate of interest paid by the Dominion Government to a capital sum of \$400,000,—in the dark, and without a scrap of paper to show for it,—all these questions, and more are to be considered by the electors of Belfast, and St. Peter's or Murray Harbour, before they vote confidence in the Government by the election of a new Attorney-General.

The Guardian seems to think that THE EXAMINER lacks "discretion." If by discretion is meant the cunning which professes independence and promotes party at the expense of principle, we are ready to admit a lack which may, perhaps, be made up by our contemporary. If it is indiscreet to give frank and honest expression to our views and opinions, THE EXAMINER has without doubt been indiscreet. We have said that, in respect to elections, the Federal and Provincial tab should each stand upon its own bottom; and discreet or indiscreet, we hold to that opinion.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—The enormous majorities by which Australian federation has been approved in Victoria and Tasmania indicate that whatever doubt existed about the idea has disappeared for good and all. Three years ago Michael Davitt after a tour in Australia prophesied that federation would never come about, and even a year ago the prospect was doubtful. But the common sense of federation was too pressing.

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—There are forty seats in the Manitoba legislature. In the present House there are thirty-three Liberals, six Conservatives and one Independent. The usual four sessions of the Assembly have been held, and it expires by effluxion of time next February. It is pointed out that the most convenient time of holding an election in Manitoba would be between haying and harvest, that is now; but Mr. Greenway is indulging in that delay which is proverbially dangerous, and in this instance, doubtless fatal, for the Opposition is gaining daily in strength and organization and enthusiasm. Already thirty-two Conservative candidates have been placed in the field.

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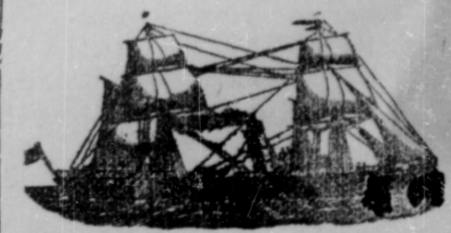
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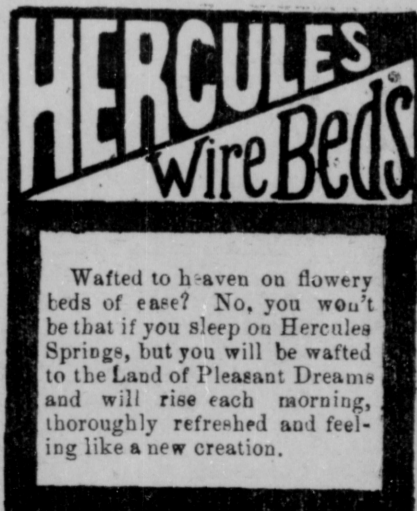
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