

FOR THE TUNNEL, AND FOR RECIPROCITY.

THE CANDIDATES.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

Donald Ferguson, Patrick Blake.

KING'S COUNTY.

A. C. Macdonald, John MacLean.

PRINCE COUNTY.

George W. Howlan, Richard Hunt.

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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"I could never consent to the Zollverein policy for obvious reasons, but I cannot conceive why any one should object to reciprocal free trade secured by treaty and not inimical to the interests of Great Britain as the heart of the Empire. I shall feel it to be my duty to vote in the direction of these remarks in Parliament."

The Tunnel

The anxiety of our Oppositionists respecting the tunnel is easily explained by the fact that public opinion here is now, by the exertions of Senator Howlan and Senator Prowse, Hon. D. Ferguson and Hon. Neil McLeod and other Conservatives—despite their efforts in the contrary direction—strongly in favor of it. To be able to stand before the electors of Prince Edward Island, they have been compelled to obtain some letters and telegrams from Mr. Laurier. THE EXAMINER did not care to expose fully the absolute worthlessness of Mr. Laurier's assurances. It was rather a pleasure and satisfaction to see our opponents wheeling into line and striving, with the skill of accomplished actors,—to out-Howlan Howlan in their advocacy on behalf of the tunnel. But we cannot permit the Patriot to hoodwink even the most unintelligent of the people by its contention that Mr. Laurier stands pledged to the construction of the tunnel. Mr. Laurier's telegram to Mr. L. H. Davies amounts to nothing more than his unsigned letter to the editor of the Guardian. The words of the telegram are: "I am in favor of the tunnel provided the surveys show the scheme is reasonable and practical."

Mr. Laurier might be "in favor of" building a railway to Hudson Bay. But the saying so would not in any way bind him to build it. Mr. Laurier has made no promise to promote the construction of the Northumberland Straits railway. There is no man in Prince Edward Island who better appreciates the fact than Mr. L. H. Davies. It is surprising that gentlemen such as Messrs. Laurier and Davies would try to hoodwink an intelligent electorate by such means as an unsigned letter and a telegram studiously worded to convey to the thoughtless a false impression.

Dropping The Fad.

In Carleton, N. B., the Opposition has issued its call, under the signature of the president of the Liberal association, for a convention of all those "interested in Reciprocity." The Woodstock Press very naturally protests against this assumption on the part of the Liberals of the Conservative ticket. It adds at the same time, however, that it "cannot blame the Liberals of the county for feeling favorable towards the idea of Unrestricted Reciprocity before it was so fully explained what that policy meant, neither can we blame them now that they have discovered its meaning and found that it contains the very worst of restrictions, for being ready to drop it."

Still they Come!

And now Harrison A. McKeown, M. P. P., and Howard D. Troop, two life long Liberals, of St. John, N. B., have followed the course of Messrs. Stockton and Alward, M. P. P.'s, and abandoned the Opposition Party on account of its annexation proclivities and acceptance of John V. Ellis, whom the Telegraph some time ago denounced as a traitor. Mr. Snowball, too, the most influential man in Northumberland, is out in opposition to the Opposition! Will the Patriot explain the meaning of the numerous defections from its party?

The Montreal Gazette remarks: "The Canadian Pacific railway last year carried nine million eight hundred thousand tons of merchandise. It gave work to ten thousand Canadians. The Liberals, however, do not count this as trade. No foreigner had a hand in it."

"Have you turned Conservative, too?" was asked of Mr. J. P. Whelan at Sir Donald Smith's meeting in Montreal a few days ago. "No," was the reply. "I am here as a Liberal, but I can't vote for unrestricted reciprocity. I would sooner vote for annexation."

Liquor from the States.

JUDGING by the consternation created in the opposition camp by THE EXAMINER'S suggestion that "unrestricted reciprocity" means the admission, free of duty, of Kentucky whiskey and all liquors made in the States—there is something in it. The Patriot had three articles in one paper, all denunciatory of THE EXAMINER in respect to this point, and Mr. L. H. Davies himself has a letter in the Patriot of last evening. Mr. Davies says that the unrestricted reciprocity resolution submitted by Sir Richard Cartwright contained these words: "articles subject to duties of excise or of internal revenue alone excepted." But what guarantee have we that Mr. Laurier and his friends can control the unrestricted reciprocity negotiations with the States in respect to this point? Has not Mr. Davies himself told us that it cannot be expected that the tail (Canada) will wag the dog—i. e., the United States? And what guarantee have we that liquors manufactured in the States will continue to be subject to "duties of excise and inland revenue." Mr. Davies cannot be ignorant of the fact that the removal of these duties has for several years been advocated on behalf of one of the most powerful organizations in the States. If we mistake not there is at this moment on record in the Capitol at Washington a bill for the removal of these duties. Let that bill be passed, and what is there to prevent Canada from being a slaughter market for the surplus American whiskey,—if Unrestricted Reciprocity be adopted by the people of Canada?

BUT THE EXAMINER is easy about the matter. Unrestricted Reciprocity will not be adopted. There are other graver objections to it, on which it will be condemned by the intelligent and patriotic people of Canada.

"The height of the tariff line would have to be regulated at Washington. It would seem impossible that the American people would ever consent to permit the smaller body to have much influence in regulating the rates of duties to be levied."—Erastus Wiman.

Notes and Comments.

—Some days ago we asked the Patriot to give its opinion on the unanimous selection of John V. Ellis, the annexationist, as the opposition candidate. Our contemporary preserves a studied silence. This will not do. The loyal people of P. E. Island are jealous of their British freedom, and will accept the silence of the Patriot as an answer.

—George R. Montgomery, Esq., of Alberton, is in the city. He reports that the prospects for the election of the Conservative candidates in Prince County are excellent. Mr. Yeo, the late Grit representative, is not pleased with the way he was treated by the Convention, and says he is going to run on the independent ticket. He has already canvassed a good deal, and has a large following throughout the County.

—The Montreal Gazette reports that "Sir Donald Smith arrived in Canada on Friday last. On the next Thursday he was presented with a requisition signed by 1,786 names. These included the foremost men in Montreal in commerce, finance, manufacturing and civic life. Among them were hundreds of Liberals. The banner constituency of Canada has but one voice in this fight."

—The Colchester Sun remarks:—Hon. Edward Blake won't run on the grit of Unrestricted Reciprocity.

Hon. Alex. McKenzie will not endorse the fad as it discriminates against England.

Hon. Wm. McDougall has forsaken and denounced the blue ruin gang known as grits.

Hon. Messrs. McKeown, Alward, and Stockton, hitherto leading Liberals of St. John, are opposed to Unrestricted Reciprocity, and will no doubt work in the interests of the Conservative party.

—The grit papers seem to take great consolation in alluding to Mr. Sol White as a Conservative and annexationist. The inference is not correct. Mr. White was for one term Mayor of Windsor, Ont., (situated opposite Detroit, Mich., and having close trade relations with it) and was elected as a citizen, not as a party man. He has never been recognized as a leader in Conservative circles, and never can be while in sympathy with annexation. How different many of the foremost members of the Opposition, who openly preach their disloyalty!

—Dr. Weldon said in his last speech, reported in the St. John Sun:

"Four-fifths of our exports of farm produce are to the British market. The statement may be surprising to some of you, but I have made the calculations from the published trade returns, and I find in the five years just ended (taking one with the other) that while we sent \$23,000,000 of the products of the farmer to the British Isles, we sent only \$19,000,000 worth to the United States, so that at the present day the British market is almost twice as valuable to us as the American, and bear in mind that my figures are taken of the value of the exports when the McKinley bill was not in force, and therefore it is but fair to assume that the effect will be to give greater enlargement to the British market."

Prince County!

First Meeting of the Campaign

Senator Howlan and Richard Hunt, the Government Candidates, Open the Campaign at Kinkora.

Solid for the Government.

Great Enthusiasm and Rattling Speeches.

One of the most successful political meetings ever held at Kinkora, was the meeting there last night. The hall was packed to the doors. The farmers of Kinkora and adjoining districts rallied in great force to hear Senator Howlan, the veteran warrior of Prince County. The meeting was called to order at the hour advertised by appointing John T. Murphy, Esq., chairman, who, in a few words, explained what they had met for.

SENATOR HOWLAN then advanced, and when the cheering had subsided, retired to the time when he last appealed to them for the support which they so heartily gave him, and for so doing he felt confident they had no reason to regret, as they had now a railway running through their settlements. The next great question for their consideration, he said, is the tunnel. He dwelt at great length on how he labored to satisfy the Government and the people that it was practicable and feasible, and also referred to the manner in which he was jeered at by the Opposition, and he could not now help laughing at the way the grits were trying to fool the people by claiming that they are in favor of the tunnel. If the people of this Province, he said, never got a tunnel until the grits gave it, there would be but few of the present day live to see it. The tunnel, he said, will be built, and by the government led by Sir John A. Macdonald, and that the people of this Island were now at a political crisis, or as it were, a cross road, wherefrom one road led to success and the other to destruction. He said it was the duty of the people to give their support to the nominees of the Conservative Party and not act so blindly as they did before in sending up men to oppose and laugh at any measure calculated to advance the interests of the people. He next touched on Unrestricted Reciprocity and exposed the hypocrisy of the Opposition in good shape. Everything else having failed them, they now hope to divert attention from the real issue by naming their colors to Unrestricted Reciprocity, or in other words Annexation. In conclusion he appealed to the intelligent electors present for their unanimous support for himself and colleague, and resumed his seat amidst great applause.

MR. HUNT was warmly received and expressed the gratification he felt on being able to meet such a large assembly of the electors of Prince County. It was, he said, the first time for him to ask them for their support. If he were to judge from the enthusiasm of the meeting here tonight, he would say that the result on the 5th of March next would be highly satisfactory to the Government and all concerned. He proved to the satisfaction of all present that it would be to the interest of all to support Sir John's Government. The latest from Mr. Laurier was that he would now build a tunnel under the straits, but he took great care not to touch on this subject when here but a few months ago, although the matter had been brought to his notice. It was clearly evident, he said, to any one that it was nothing more than an electioneering dodge of the grits. Mr. Hunt assured them that if they saw fit to give him their support and he should be elected, he would use his best efforts to promote the interests of P. E. Island, especially Prince County.

DR. JENKINS followed in an able speech, and said we would certainly get the tunnel if Sir John's government triumphed. He referred to the many disadvantages under which the farmers of this Province were laboring, and nothing else could place them on an equality with the farmers of the other provinces. This was the greatest boon ever offered to the people, and if they failed in getting it, it would be attributable to their own bad judgment in not supporting and electing the men and Government that were sure to grant it. He said Senator Howlan should be elected in any County in the Island by acclamation. The Doctor gave a roaring speech.

HON. G. W. BENTLEY on being called on, said he had much pleasure in meeting again the people of Kinkora. He referred to the loyal support they had always given him, and said he was happy to know that they had representatives so earnest in their interest and the interest of the Province, as Senator Howlan and Mr. Hunt.

PETER DUFFY, Esq., and Thomas McCabe expressed themselves as having every confidence in the candidates for this county and in the Government of Sir John A. Macdonald, and strongly urged on their fellow electors to rally to the support of Howlan and Hunt on the 5th March next.

On of the best and most enthusiastic meetings that ever it has been our luck to be present at, was brought to a close by three cheers for the Conservative nominees, and three cheers for the tunnel, and three cheers for the great chieftain, Sir John A. Macdonald.

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Temperance Convention.

THE Delegates to the Temperance Convention to be held in Charlottetown, at 11 o'clock, in McLeod's Hall, can procure tickets from the P. E. Island Railway at one single first-class fare, and will be returned free on the certificate of the Secretary of the Committee. Tickets good to return on the 26th instant.

SIMON W. CRABBE, Chairman Committee.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Dr. Baynes Again.

SIR.—As the old saying goes, "He never never rains but it pours," so it is with Dr. Baynes. One of his "grateful patients" wrote to the papers championing his cause, then followed several others. Now, as I have been benefited greatly by the Doctor I think it only fair that I should say a good word for him. For a great number of years I suffered with sick stomach and liver complaint, so much so, that I was not able to eat a meal without pain. As a last resort I was ordered a syphon tube to wash out my stomach every day. I was in this miserable state when I consulted Dr. Baynes last July. After thoroughly examining me, he told me to throw aside my tube as I would never require it again, and I can now honestly say that after I began his treatment I have not suffered once, but have improved steadily. Now I am never troubled, and can eat a good meal with some relish and not in fear and trembling. I have much pleasure in thus publicly expressing my gratitude to him for my restoration.

Thanking you for this space which I know you must be crowded by political matter, I am yours, &c., G. G. JURY.

SIR.—Hardly an issue of your paper comes to hand without its containing some in recommendation of Dr. Baynes. Naturally, we are interested in any stranger settling in our midst, and if that stranger is a professional man the interest is increased. Not having any personal antipathy to Dr. Baynes, and simply wishing to see credit given where it is due, I merely suggest that while people are so eager to defend and laud the work of the first stranger who comes among us—is it fair to our own medical men, whom we have tried and known, to put them to one side, and ignore them as completely as if they never existed? We hear a great deal about the wonderful cures Dr. Baynes has wrought, and we do not for a moment question the veracity of the persons who make the assertions,—but it strikes me as being very unnecessary. If the Dr. does possess such a wonderful capability to "make well," as many people would wish us to think, let his good works speak for themselves. Another quiet thought suggests itself: that if patients were as willing to follow out the instructions of our own medical men, I am positive they would find the remedies and advice just as effectual as Dr. Baynes' would be. Our doctors have done a great deal of good, and have not yet seen fit to allow any of their patients to come out in the columns of a newspaper and state all that has been done for them. They were content to know that they had done what they could, and that their efforts had been successful, and in many cases that knowledge was the only reward they ever received. Our own professional men have attended the poor, and required no line from any clergyman, to the effect that the patients were deserving. Common humanity was all the recommendation needed, and a higher Power than an earthly one was left to determine between the deserving and the undeserving. We do not question what any one says. Dr. Baynes may have been of high standing in the place he has left; but our local doctors, are men of good standing here, and it is hardly fair for our people to be continually sounding the praises of the stranger, in one or two cases, while the thousand and one cures brought about by our own physicians are passed by as of nothing worth. It is nearly time that the merits and demerits of Dr. Baynes were left to decide themselves—and I will add in conclusion, that if some of the persons who are so agitated, for fear Dr. Baynes will not be known without their efforts, were to take a little trouble and find out for themselves they will soon see that Dr. B. is not alone in professional ability, and that we have men of our own equal to him in every respect in principle, in social position, and in professional worth. Yours etc., JUSTICE.

Unfulfilled Promises.

SIR.—If the Liberals fulfil their promises in the way that one of our representatives did, the people will be badly deceived. This representative in order to, I suppose, get votes promised to erect a public hall at West River, or to make one of his tenement houses into a hall suitable for all public meetings. He, a little while ago, fulfilled that promise by razing his tenement house, and then gave the people the privilege of having a hall. WEST RIVER, Feb. 17. RESIDENT.

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