

PERVERSENESS.

Nothing can be more perverse than the policy of the Opposition in opposing the building of the Canada Pacific by a company.

Mr. Mackenzie, who was in possession of the facts bearing upon the cost of the line in 1874, 1875 and 1876, said, "That it would cost \$40,000 per mile," and that "He did not expect any commercial advantages would arise from the building of the road for many years to come."

Mr. Blake, last session, made the following estimate of the cost of building the road from end to end: For the Eastern section, \$32,500,000; for the central section, that is from Red River to Kamloops, \$42,500,000, and for the Western or British Columbia section, \$45,000,000, or \$120,000,000 for the whole road.

Now that it is proposed to build the line by a company at a total cost of \$52,000,000 and 25,000,000 acres of land, nothing can be more diametrically opposed to the interests of the Lower Provinces than the policy of the Opposition, which is to go back to the plan of building the road by direct Government agency, a plan which has been hitherto pursued because no other was possible.

In 1876 Mr. Mackenzie offered \$10,000 and 20,000 acres of land per mile to any company that would undertake the construction of the whole line.

As late as 1879 he stated in Parliament that it would be better to give \$12,000 and 20,000 acres of land per mile, than for the Government to continue building the railroad as proposed by the Minister of Railways. Now that a Company has shown itself willing to take a much less figure than the Opposition leaders were willing to give, we find Mr. Blake and others of the Opposition stultifying themselves by an outcry against the Syndicate scheme.

The Opposition Press cannot claim that Mr. Blake has pursued a high-minded or honorable course with regard to this great question. We think that the man who prepares and delivers an elaborate speech on a subject, and in less than one short year repudiates the whole of that speech, is not to be credited with being sincere in any of his parliamentary or other political utterances.

Not only is the Leader of the Opposition open to the charge of insincerity in his speeches, but by his act of last session in introducing a resolution to abandon the construction of the road in British Columbia, he showed that he will even go so far as to break faith with a Province.

Mr. Mitchell's Dismissal.

We learn from the Patriot that Mr. William Mitchell has been relieved of the duties of his office as Agent of Marine and Fisheries, for a two fold offence:

1st. He is a Grit.  
2nd. He did his duty without fear, favor or affection.

As to his being a Grit we do not take sufficient interest in Mr. Mitchell to verify the statement of the Patriot concerning his political opinions.

With regard to his mode of doing his duty, we have a very strong opinion—which we have no objection decidedly to express. For some years charges have been frequently forwarded to the Department at Ottawa, complaining of the manner in which the business of the Department was conducted in this Province. Yielding at last to many complaints, the Governor General issued a commission, directed to Mr. Johnston, of Halifax, a gentleman of experience and ability, to enquire into the charges so often preferred. Mr. Johnston arrived here in September, and Mr. Mitchell had full notice of the charges against him and ample time to prepare for his defence.

He had, in fact, everything his own way. Every witness he wanted examined was summoned at the Government expense. He conducted the whole proceedings. No lawyer tormented either him or his witnesses with awkward questions or cross-examinations. He filed supplemental statements, and just such documents as he thought would help him, and during the whole investigation no one appeared in opposition to him.

We understand that Mr. Johnston simply reported the evidence. He evidently felt that comments by him were entirely and altogether out of place, for the evidence was sufficient to impress upon the Government the absolute necessity for removing Mr. Mitchell.

The Patriot says that he "did" what he is pleased to call "his duty" without "favor or affection." This is notoriously not the case. There was an individual to whom Mr. William Mitchell showed the greatest "favor" and for whom he entertained the deepest "affection," and that was Mr. William Mitchell, the part owner of the schooner Lois Jane. It was simply amazing to see how his "affection" for the owner of that vessel deepened whenever sea carriage was required, and this deep "affection" showed itself in the form

of an extravagant estimate of the value of the freight he could charter her for, having first taken care that tenders were not called for. To advertise for tenders seemed to him so unnecessary that it was not until he had received peremptory orders from Ottawa that he would do so. And then it was discovered that other vessels could be procured to perform the work for \$130, which the Lois Jane received \$250 for. But that was not all. Without calling for tenders Mr. Mitchell, the Agent of the department of Marine and Fisheries, entered into a contract with the very same Mr. Mitchell, part owner of the Lois Jane to carry coal from Pictou to Georgetown for ninety-five cents per ton. Mr. Charles Hazard and Mr. J. E. McLean, were willing to perform the same work at seventy-five cents per ton, only Mr. Mitchell would not permit them. But what is more to the point the railway department were actually paying for the carriage of coal from Pictou to Georgetown, at the rate of sixty cents per ton, at the very time that Mr. Mitchell was paying himself ninety-five cents!

When these facts were proved, could the Government do anything except remove from office a man who was not ashamed to make use of his position as Mr. Mitchell did? He was bound by every principle binding upon an honest man, by every rule of decency, to guard and protect the interests of the Government, whose agent he was. From his very position he became acquainted with a knowledge of facts which others could not know of, and he was thus enabled to award contracts to himself at prices far exceeding what others were willing to perform the work for. An honorable man would have abstained from making use of this knowledge to the disadvantage of the Government and to further his own private ends. With Mr. Mitchell it was otherwise. His proclivities overcame his sense of what was fitting and decorous, and he awarded himself 35 cents per ton more than the railway department paid for similar work. It was because he did this, and acts similar to this, that the Government arrived at a decision which we are certain will be acquiesced in by all honest men—that Mr. Mitchell's usefulness had ceased to exist and that his removal from office was imperatively called for in the public interest.

The Patriot's remarks regarding Mr. Hunt are so stupid that they need no comment. Mr. Hunt has not been offered, he will not be offered, and even if offered he would not accept the office of Agent of the Department of Marine and Fisheries for this Province.

New Manufactory at Halifax.

We are pleased to note that some of the Capital of Haligonians is to be employed in the establishment of a Cotton Factory at Halifax. Now that her people are beginning to turn their attention—partially at least—away from the import business, and away from the investment of their money in foreign countries, to the promotion of home industry, we anticipate, for Halifax, a very prosperous future.

EXTRAORDINARY!

Two Hardworking Mechanics Condemned to Jail for Prosecuting their Trade.

ALLEY VS. DUCHEMIN AGAIN.

JUDGE PETERS, to-day, made an order for the committal of Messrs. Albert and Edmund Duchemin, to Queen's County Jail, for working at their trade as Block-makers, in the old homestead of their father.

They had been previously driven from their shop erected on the site of the old factory in which their father and themselves worked as good citizens for upwards of thirty years, and were compelled to turn their dwelling house into a workshop. Now they are driven from it—to jail.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the statements or opinions of our correspondents.

To the Editor of the Examiner.

SIR,—I see that you advise Mr. Davies to call another meeting so that he may undo the wrong he has done to his followers by his inadvertent or willful deception in suppressing part of section 11 of the Canada Pacific Railway contract. I think Mr. Davies should be ashamed ever to face again the electors whom he deceived.

Yours, &c., PUBLIC OPINION.

Dec. 23, 1880.

To the Editor of the Examiner.

DEAR SIR,—Thanks for your exposure of the deception practiced by our leader. But for it I might have been tempted to sign the petitions which are being carried around. The suppression of the very provision which showed that what he was saying about the Company being able to "grab" all the good land in the Northwest was incorrect, is, to me, inexplicable. Mr. Davies must, of course, have erred in ignorance; but even that is, under the circumstances, unpardonable.

Yours,

LIBERAL.

SARAH BERNHARDT AND THE PREACHERS.—The preachers of the United States have been making things hot for "Telegraph's Sara," and she in return expresses her opinion of a few of them in comparison with actresses and actors in this way.—"What, for instance, is the difference between the calling of an actress like myself and that of the mountebank Talmage, always on the scent for the freshest bit of scandal? This single but important difference: That I support myself by interpreting to people the grandest thoughts of the grandest men who have ever lived, while he gains his living by pouring into the public ear his own verbose nonsense. But though in this sense his profession is certainly the same as my own, I can scarcely consider him a bon comrade."

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

OSBORNE HOUSE.

Dec 27—C McLaughlan, White Sands; H Oliver, Alberton; John T Keefe, do; J O Arsenault, M P P, Egmont Bay; John Cairns, White Sands; Walter Matheson, Campbellton; Oliver T Stewart, Red Point; Jerome Gallant, Alberton.

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Dec. 27—Daniel Simpson, Cavendish; James Laird, New Glasgow; M Haslem, Springfield; James A McKie, Bayview; Wm McKie, New London; D Campbell, Montague; Wm Campbell, do; John H Garret, Stanley Bridge; Hon John Lefurgey Summerside; Robert Stewart, Strathgartney; D McKay, New London.

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COLORADO IN 1880.

J. H. FLETCHER, Esq., will deliver the first of two Lectures on the above subject, in the Hall of the Y. M. C. A., under the auspices of the Ladies' Social Committee on New Year's Eve (FRIDAY, the 31st inst.) The second Lecture on the same subject will be given in the Market Hall on WEDNESDAY, the 10th JANUARY, before the Ladies' Temperance Benevolent Society. Funds to go to the relief of the poor. The first Lecture will give a description of the physical appearance of Colorado—peculiarities of the country—characteristics of the people—mineral industry—moral status of society—life in mining camps, &c.

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JOSEPH R. LEGGETT.

Dec. 28, 1880.

P. E. Island Railway.

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L. B. ARCHIBALD,

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AT 8 O'CLOCK.

G. W. WAKEFORD, Secretary.

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ST. JAMES' HALL,

Wednesday, 29th December.

PART FIRST.

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5. Reading Miss Barr
6. Song Mr. Montgomery
7. Duet (Piano and Violin) Miss B. Macleannan and Mr. W. C. Harris
8. Song Miss Palmer
9. Song—"Come and meet me, Darling" Mr. Williams
10. Reading Mr. Arthur Peters

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- 1. Quintette Club
2. Song—"Man the Life Boat" Mr. A. Lord
3. (Piano Solo)—"Fantasie sur Faust" Miss Bertha Gray
4. Song Miss Bonrike
5. Song—"Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep" Mr. Reid
6. Reading Miss Lea
7. Song—"Ballad from Brides of Venice" Mr. Williams
8. Duet (Piano) Miss Dunn and Prof. Earle
9. Song Mr. Montgomery
10. Song—"Hundred Pipers" Mr. Caven
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Dec. 23, 1880—

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W. H. AITKEN, Ch'town, Dec. 24, 1880—3w 2aw, pat 3w 2aw

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E. BURRIS.

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