

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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DUTY OF THE HOUR.

The National Policy Government, under the leadership of Sir Mackenzie Bowell, has been divided by reason of a side issue. What, then, is the duty of members of the Government and their supporters in Parliament. Surely it is to remain, if possible, under another leader. The Liberal-Conservative party is in an overwhelming majority in Parliament. There is no good reason for any other assumption than that they are still in an overwhelming majority throughout the country. Consequently, there is no reason why they should now give the Government over to the Grits, either forthwith, or in the course of a few weeks. Our despatches of yesterday state that Sir Charles Tupper is willing and ready, in this juncture, to take the helm of affairs. Sir Charles is the most widely known, the oldest and most experienced statesman of Canada. There cannot be the shadow of a doubt that, in the opinion of the Liberal-Conservative party, he is the ablest man available. It had been in Canada and in a position to do so at the time, he and not Sir Mackenzie Bowell, would, undoubtedly, have been called to take the Premiership in succession to Sir John Thompson. Sir Mackenzie Bowell having failed to keep his Cabinet together, there can be no question of party fealty in asking Sir Charles Tupper, now that he is here and can do so, to assume the position that he would have taken by right of seniority and standing, if he had been here a year ago. It is felt that he can reunite the divided party, and lead them to victory in the approaching contest. We are, therefore, surprised by the news of today that Sir Mackenzie Bowell is standing out against an arrangement that is manifestly essential to the unity of the Conservative party, the maintenance of the National Policy and the good of the country. To continue to hold office with the ramp of a Government is to court defeat in Parliament and by the electorate. We sincerely hope that Sir Mackenzie Bowell will see the matter in this light, and that the deliberations of the next few days will result favorably.

THE BOWELL ADMINISTRATION.

SIR MACKENZIE BOWELL has been at the head of the Government of Canada for little more than a year. He was called to succeed Sir John Thompson because he was the "best man in the Cabinet." He had been in some sense a public man from his youth. He had filled high positions in the militia, in the Orange order, in Parliament and in the Government. He was known as a careful and efficient executive officer, a thoroughly reliable and honest man, and his character was unstained. Under ordinary conditions such a man might be depended upon to administer the affairs of the country with an even and careful hand. In point of fact, we believe that the public services have not been better managed than under his Premiership. The ability of Senator Ferguson was recognized by him, and so far as this Province is concerned, our railway, post office and other services were never so prompt in operation and so well adapted to our circumstances and needs as during the short term of his leadership of the Government. We believe that this remark will apply to Canada as a whole. Had Sir Mackenzie's duties as Premier been confined to the administration of affairs, his record would have been an excellent one. But the remedy of the Manitoba grievance was unfortunately forced upon him. In this grievance were involved religious and racial prejudices, in the management of which the nicest tact was required. The Cabinet was naturally, but most unfortunately, divided in opinion upon the question. They were able men with strong opinions of their own, and it is no disgrace to Sir Mackenzie Bowell that he was unable to control them in respect to it. Upon the other hand, the opposition led by Mr. Laurier fomented Protestant prejudices in Ontario and Catholic prejudices in Quebec, in one part of the country denouncing the "orangeists" who stood in the way of a full and immediate restoration of separate schools for the minority in Manitoba, and in another part of the country denouncing those who proposed to interfere with or coerce the majority in Manitoba in the slightest degree. Only a born leader of men, such as Sir John Macdonald or Sir Charles Tupper, could have united his cabinet and his party and been successful in the settlement of such a question so dealt with. Sir Mackenzie Bowell was not such a leader. He was a plain blunt man who had an obnoxious duty forced upon him by the intrigue of his opponents. That duty he proposed to do, candidly and honestly, with moderation and firmness. He refused to take the extreme course of forcing Manitoba at the last session of Parliament, and three of the French Canadian ministers resigned. He refused to avoid the question by leaving the "grievance" found by the highest court of the nation to exist in Manitoba, unremedied, and he lost Mr. Clarke Wallace. His refusal to take an extreme course either way or to swerve from the line of duty set forth in the constitution as interpreted by the highest authorities, caused the loss of the Protestant constituency of Cardwell and the loss of the French Canadian constituency of Jacques Cartier. He was being ground between the upper and the nether millstones. Under these circumstances it was impossible for him to succeed in carrying the moderate and uncorrupt, yet sufficient measure—contingent upon the action of the Manitoba legislature—which has been outlined in our despatches. This was apparent to his colleagues as it must have been apparent to himself, and steps

THE MANITOBA SCHOOLS.

A Strong Letter From the Grand Master of Ontario West.

I am in receipt of letters daily from Orangemen in different parts of Ontario urging me to state my views concerning the duty of Orangemen in regard to the Manitoba school question. I request permission to answer these questions through your columns. I respectfully advise my Orange brethren as follows: 1. Beware of unscrupulous agitators, who have never concealed their contempt for Orangemen and Orangemen, and yet are ever ready to mislead you by dishonest appeals to your most sacred feelings and principles. Pay no attention to their impudent suggestions of men who are never interested in you unless they wish to use you.

2. Remember the loss of the "Federation of Orangemen" of the Orange association states that the order "is formed by persons desirous of supporting, to the utmost of their power, the Christian religion, and to maintain the laws and constitutions of their country." 3. Remember that the central principle of Orangemen is justice, and that the Orangeman who refuses to treat Roman Catholics exactly as he would wish Protestants to be treated is cowardly as well as untrue to O. allegiance.

4. Remember that the demagogue's cry "Hands off Manitoba!" or "Let Manitobians manage her own affairs," or "The people of Manitoba understand their own business," are not just as logical and as constitutional if applied to Quebec as to Manitoba. If the legislature of Quebec should pass a law taking away any of the educational rights of the Protestant minority, how would Orangemen receive the cry, "Hands off Quebec!" Every honest Orangeman in Canada would then rejoice that the British North America Act provides for an appeal from a provincial educational act, and would insist that a remedy should be found for the grievance of the Protestant minority. If you would not shout "Hands off Quebec!" you do not let alone shout "Hands off Manitoba!"

5. Remember that if Canada is ever to become a truly great Protestant and Roman Catholic nation that must be the same laws, and that the same treatment accorded to Protestant minorities must be given to Roman Catholic minorities.

6. Remember that education is one of the subjects not wholly under the control of any province in the Dominion. The British North America Act makes "definite provision for the supreme control of educational matters by the Dominion parliament when a minority in any province, either a Roman Catholic or a Protestant minority, have a grievance. The Dominion legislature and not a federal assembly adjusting educational appeals from minorities.

7. Remember that the privy council in the highest court of appeal in the British empire, and that the privy council decided that the Roman Catholics of Manitoba have a grievance since the school law of 1890 was passed by the Manitoba legislature.

8. Remember that the Hon. Joseph Martin who introduced the Manitoba school act of 1890, says "I believe the law to be tyrannical." 9. Remember that Protestant tyranny is as odious as Roman Catholic tyranny.

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The Philadelphia Press complains that two Christmas have passed since the world became aware of many important facts in regard to the Armenian horrors, and not one of the Christian nations of Europe has secured a vote for these unfortunate people. It is in accordance with Christian teaching that they should be allowed to suffer, or should there be a call to the Lord in the language of Milton to arise and avenge His slaughtered saints? These Christian nations are not afraid of the Turks, but they are afraid of each other.

11. Remember that the granting of remedial legislation does not necessarily mean the restoration of power to Roman Catholics to establish and conduct separate schools as before 1890. The privy council took special care in delivering judgment to show that the Manitoba legislature had full constitutional authority to pass the school law of 1890. There are ways in which the grievance of the Roman Catholic minority may be remedied without setting aside the decision of the Protestant majority. I am confident that the Dominion Parliament will try to find the most efficient and most just of these plans.

12. Remember that there would be no agitation in regard to the Manitoba school question, if it were not for the fact that Mr. Laurier's party wishes to make political capital out of the agitation.

13. Remember that to place Mr. Laurier in the place of Sir Mackenzie Bowell would not be a triumph for your Protestant principles, and ask yourselves the question, "Is it wise to sacrifice the commercial prosperity of Canada then by so doing we have not the chance of a chance of advancing Protestant principles?"

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