

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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SENATOR FERGUSON.

THE PATRIOT has begun exhibition week by making an invidious and unnecessary comparison in respect to Senator Ferguson and Sir Louis Davies.

Senator Ferguson is not to be a candidate in the coming contest. So far he has taken no part in the preliminary discussion. Why the Patriot has gone out of its way to attack him, personally, at this juncture, in an offensive way, is difficult to determine when there are important public questions to be debated and considered by the people. In the course of the past week THE EXAMINER advanced several cogent reasons why the people should in the coming contest, formally and emphatically contradict Sir Wilfrid Laurier's false and injurious declaration to the effect that they do not desire a preference in the British market. These reasons have not been met. Is it because the Patriot is at a loss for an answer that it now eulogises Sir Louis and disparages Senator Ferguson?

The Patriot admits that Senator Ferguson has "some talent, some information, but his talent is destructive and not constructive and as for this information it is always vindictively and not persuasively employed, giving the impression of a hat full of figures and a head full of malignity."

Let us test this statement in the light of known facts.

It is to be remembered that Senator Ferguson was not, like Sir Louis Davies, "born with a silver spoon in his mouth." There were not many of the years of his youth in which he had nothing to do but go to school and college. He didn't "finish" his education in England. He went to a country school like other country boys; and then he sought his fortune on the farm. With little capital, except a strong constitution and a clear brain, he has by his industry and ability succeeded in honestly accumulating a competency.

In the meantime he has been able to take a not insignificant part in public affairs. He was one of the foremost of those in Prince Edward Island who advocated the Confederation of British North America. In this regard he exhibited a breadth of view and patriotic foresight which was wanting in Sir Louis Davies. Sir Louis opposed, with all his might, the great measure in which he and his party now openly rejoice, and to which he and his fellows owe their present prominence as members of the Government of Canada, together with their tinct titles.

Then, he was an ardent promoter of the P. E. Island Railway, which everyone now recognizes as a great boon. Sir Louis Davies who now retires to the Superintendent's palace car when he travels at the public expense, and who would, if he could, gain his election by means of a coerced "railway vote," opposed the railway with all his ability.

After some time, Senator Ferguson became a member of the Legislature and Government of which the Hon. W. W. Sullivan was leader. It is now admitted by many Liberals that this was one of the best administrations that Prince Edward Island ever possessed; and Senator Ferguson was the Premier's right hand man.

While he was a member of this administration Senator Ferguson laid the foundation for the claim against the Dominion Government—subsequently he

presented it in the Senate—on the strength of which the Belfast and Murray Harbor Railway is now being built, and on the strength of which the other branch lines that the province needs will in the future be constructed.

These are but a few of the many instances in which Senator Ferguson has displayed "constructive ability" of no mean order. He has, it is true, ability of another kind. Though Sir Louis is a barrister bred and a special pleader to the manner born, he has learned that Senator Ferguson's intimate and accurate knowledge of public affairs and his ability in debate are not to be despised. It was truly remarked a few years ago, by a Belfaster who had attended several meetings at which the two men were pitted against each other, that "Donald can floor Davies every time." The Leader of the Government in the Senate, too, if we mistake not, the Hon. David Mills, has found in Senator Ferguson an antagonist whom he is compelled to respect. There's a good time coming—we're almost there—in which Senator Ferguson's talents will have fuller scope than they have at present to build up the interests of the country,—and down humbug and deceit!

While it is true that the Senator was not always successful in securing a majority of the voters—he always had a strong support from men of the better sort and at the last election that he contested he obtained a hundred and twenty-five more votes in the city of Charlottetown than Sir Louis Davies—it is also true that his ability has been recognized throughout the country,—and by common consent it is admitted that he has fairly won a foremost place in the Senate of Canada.

As for Sir Louis Davies, while he has, heretofore, succeeded in obtaining a majority of votes, it has also been demonstrated in the last four years that he is "in with a bad crowd;" and with that crowd he is doomed to defeat in the coming election.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—Are we to have five more years of Tarte?

—How Tarte will flaunt the tricolour if he should succeed in carrying the next election.

—Senator Ferguson and Sir Louis Davies are big fish to draw across the track of the Laurier-Tarte government's record. But they won't hide the odour of the scandals and broken promises of which the New Liberal combination are guilty.

—They say that Sir Charles Tupper predicted a victory in 1896, and that his prophecy was not fulfilled. That may be true. But he predicted victories in 1878, 1882, 1887, and 1891. That makes four fulfilled predictions to one that missed. It is a pretty good record, and we should say that as a judge of the opinions of the people Sir Charles is better than the gentlemen who have guessed right only once in five chances.

—Mr. Tarte is now in pursuit of Sir John Macdonald, Sir John was a "fanatic," he said at Montreal, for half of his life. But in the other half he was a good man. We do not believe Sir John was ever a fanatic; but we know he was most liberal in his last years; for it was during that period that he ordered Mr. Tarte out of his party.

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