

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1891.

The Majority Report.

It is necessary for Messrs. Mills and Davies, as Opposition partisans, to find Sir Hector Langevin guilty of the charges of official corruption which were preferred against him by Mr. Tarte. Their task is a difficult one—rendered all the more difficult by reason of the fact that Mr. Tarte himself—the chief prosecutor—is apparently convinced that his charges against Sir Hector have not been proved and are unfounded. Mr. Tarte has ceased from his prosecution. Yet the Patriot tries to deprive Sir John Thompson of his title to the respect and confidence of honest men, which he has won by his impartial conduct throughout the investigation of the case, by reason of the fact that he has not reached the same conclusion as Messrs. Mills and Davies, that he cannot now—in view of the evidence—report to Parliament that Sir Hector is guilty. We ask the people to read and consider the following digest of the evidence, and the report of Sir John Thompson, Mr. Girouard and Mr. Adams, so far as it affects Sir Hector, and decide for themselves whether or not the Patriot is justified in asking its readers to withdraw their confidence from the Minister of Justice, whether or not there are good reasons for concluding that the charges against Sir Hector are false:—

"The only evidence in support of the charge that members of the firm of Larkin, Connolly & Co., paid and caused to be paid to Sir Hector Langevin, out of the proceeds of the various contracts in question, large sums of money," is that of Owen E. Murphy, who swears that he paid Sir Hector \$10,000. He identified the payment as the one shown in exhibit, "L5," "November, 1887, \$10,000." He says: "I went to give it to him in two \$5,000—\$5,000 on each occasion, and it was to be kept secret." Afterwards, he says he cannot tell the date, that it was discussed at the next audit, which he supposes would be in 1888, the year following the payment. The money, he says, was paid "in Sir Hector's house at different dates." "Cannot tell whether winter or summer." He did not remember the year, but he says he got the money at the dates of the cheques and paid it immediately after he got it from the bank. It was paid in bills which, to the best of his opinion were of the Bank of British North America. He asked the bank for one hundred dollar bills and got fifty and twenties.

Murphy's cross-examination shows that while Murphy entered other irregular payments in his diaries, this \$10,000 does not appear therein. He could not select the diary in which he should look for it, but finally said that it must have been either in the year 1886 or 1877.

Another sum of \$10,000, supposed to have been paid to N. K. Connolly, is thus testified to. It is sworn by Murphy that Nicholas Connolly told him, first that he paid Laforce Langevin \$5,000 on a letter from Sir Hector and then that he paid another \$5,000 to Sir Hector Langevin himself. Robert McGreevy's evidence substantially agrees with that of Murphy. N. K. Connolly denies ever having made such a payment or having told Murphy or Robert McGreevy that he had done so. Sir Hector Langevin's statement is as follows:—

"In answer to the statement made by the said C. E. Murphy, that Nicholas K. Connolly told him that he had given to my son for me also to me personally each time \$5,000, making in all \$10,000, I swear positively that the said Nicholas K. Connolly did not pay me, directly or indirectly, any sum of money, and especially the said above mentioned two sums of \$5,000, and he did not pay to my son any sum of money as far as my knowledge goes."

Laforce Langevin denies the receipt of the \$5,000, and the carrying of any letter from Sir Hector to Nicholas Connolly. Thomas McGreevy denies having ever asked or received the alleged payment.

As to the balance of \$4,000, N. K. Connolly denies in his evidence that he ever paid it or that he paid it to Thomas McGreevy.

In view of the explicit contradictions of the incriminating evidence against Sir Hector Langevin, given by Owen E. Murphy and Robert McGreevy, it seems necessary to notice briefly the facts which bear upon the credibility of these two witnesses. Owen E. Murphy came to Quebec in June, 1880. He had lived 27 or 28 years in the city of New York, and had become treasurer of the Board of Excise Commissioners of that city. In that capacity he held from time to time large sums of money, and in December, 1887, he absconded from New York, taking with him \$36,000 of the money which he held as treasurer. This amount, with \$70,000 which he had previously embezzled, made up the sum of \$106,000 for which he became a defaulter. He never returned to New York, and none of the money has been refunded. Arriving at St. Catherine's, Ont., he met his cousin, Nicholas K. Connolly, and entrusted him with the management of some business affairs in New York, giving him for collection a cheque on some funds still standing to his credit as excise commissioner for an additional sum of \$10,000. This cheque, however, Nicholas K. Connolly did not succeed in converting into cash. Until he arrived in Quebec, Murphy does not appear to have remained long in any one place. After a short stay at St. Catherine's he went to Ireland and England and thence to South America, where he remained about a year, coming back to St. Catherine's, and, finally, to Quebec in June, 1880, as above stated. He was, by his own admission, an active participator in every transaction by which the firm or any of its members attempted to defraud the Government or to corrupt or over-reach the officials.

Robert McGreevy had been for years in business connection with his brother Thomas and likewise in his personal confidence. These relations were succeeded within the last two years by terms of the greatest hostility and by a course of litigation, both civil and criminal, in the courts of Quebec. His credibility is likewise affected by his admissions that he may have made, during his brother's election contest in 1887, a solemn declaration or affidavit that his brother was not interested in a railway contract with him, which was contrary to the fact.

The committee, for the reasons above given, report that the accusation of personal corruption which is made in the charge above set forth has not been sustained, but has been disproved.

As to the second of these charges...

to the contract for the cross-wall and lock, the committee report that no evidence was submitted to show that Sir Hector Langevin was connected with "improper manipulations," or the giving of information improperly. It is proved that the firm of Larkin, Connolly & Co., contributed \$1,000 to the Langevin Testimonial fund at the date mentioned in the charge, but it is likewise proved that Sir Hector was not aware of that fact until it was given in evidence before the committee, and that he could not therefore have been influenced by that consideration in his dealings with the contractors."

No honest and reputable jury could convict any man of any crime on evidence so evidently false as that which has been given against Sir Hector Langevin.

Exhibition Notes.

We understand that, in order to accommodate intending exhibitors, the directors have decided to open an office with a permanent clerk in it, in the Market Hall building, in the room formerly occupied by the City Court. This is well, and will be most convenient for farmers and others.

The electrical lighting of the main building is now being proceeded with, and again we trust to see the interior of the exhibition hall ablaze with the best of our Island products.

Several novelties are being arranged for, not the least attractive being the wonderful horse with a mane and tail some 14 feet in length. A beautiful animal in itself, its mane and tail make it the most extraordinary piece of horse flesh on the Island.

The British Farmer delegates have been invited to be here at the opening of the Exhibition, by the Board. We trust that they will be able to be here at a time when the resources of our Province will be spread before them. We understand also that an opportunity will be afforded them to address the people in the Exhibition Building.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Different Opinion.

SIR,—I cannot find any notice in the Guardian of the 12th inst. of the remarks made by the Rector of St. Paul's concerning the evangelistic services, as stated by your correspondent "Churchman." But, anyway, that's no matter of mine. But, in the language of "Churchman," I do think "it is to be regretted that you should, innocently, no doubt, open your columns to the very inaccurate, not to say mischievous statement of lies, that almost to a unit St. Paul's congregation are not in sympathy with this means of increasing their church membership." This increase of membership probably was never thought of, but that an increase of spiritual life in the congregation is much needed everybody interested must acknowledge. If "Churchman" is really a member of St. Paul's, he displays deplorable ignorance on the subject he writes about, because it is publicly evident that a large number of St. Paul's congregation—men and women—constantly attend and highly appreciate these services, although they are not within the walls of St. Paul's Church, nor are they conducted by a priest or presbyter who claims actual succession from the apostles. But they claim to be, nevertheless, staunch and loyal members of the Evangelical Church of England, holding fast to her articles and liturgy, and, in the words of her grand communion service, aspire to be "very members incorporate in the mystical body of the Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people." If this is very distressing to "Churchman," "it is to be regretted"; but he will, doubtless, in charity, consign them over to the unenvied mercies of God.

ANOTHER CHURCHMAN.

A Question.

SIR,—I would like to ask our City Councillors, through the columns of your paper, their reason for employing two young men at the plank-laying, who, I am sure, have had little or no experience at such work, while one of our most experienced plank-layers has to walk about town idle. There can be no doubt that a man with a family, who has been paying taxes to the city for the last twenty years and who has laid more plankways than any other man in town, should have a right to be employed by the city, when there is any such work to be done. I have heard a great many of our citizens remark this state of affairs, and express their opinion that things were not as they should be. In have been informed that Councillor McCarron is the man who has charge of the streets now, and knowing Mr. McCarron to be a man who is working for the interest of our city, I feel sure he will arrange matters satisfactorily, and be only too glad to have a chance to do so. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your valuable space, I remain, yours,

TAXPAYER.

Personal.

Hon. Edward Blake has declared that he does not intend to offer as a candidate for Kingston, and he positively declines to re-enter politics.

Messrs. James Handraban and James K. Dorsey were among the passengers in the State of Indiana to Boston last evening en route to New York to resume their studies at the University Medical College.

There were registered at the Osborne House yesterday: G McLean, Truro; S P Rondeau, Montreal; D Egan, Mt Stewart; W T Lefurgey, S side; R S Waugh, S side; Geo Forbes, Vernon River Bridge; D A McLeod, Eldon; M J Foley, Souris; K R Morrison, Eldon; G Brandon, wife and boy, Northport, N S; D Mott, Bonshaw; Dudley Hallas, Bermuda; F Annand, Shediac; D W Coleman, New Glasgow, N S; G W Kent, Halifax; Mrs CH Dearborn, St John, N B.

At the Hotel Davies yesterday there were registered:—Mr and Mrs C B Greenslet, Boston; P C Murphy, Alberton; T Henry, Alberton; B T Freshy, Woodstock, Ont; Albert Otten, Attleboro, Mass; A Calder, Picton; W Thomson, do; E W Heber, Montreal; W R Naxon, Ingersoll, Ont; W S Ryce and wife, Middleton, N Y; John Bertram, New Bedford, Mass.

SECOND CLASS STUDENT TEACHERS.—A special class in book-keeping will be opened on Tuesday next, 22nd inst. for those who wish to take Book-keeping instead of French. Intending students are requested to call at the Business College on Monday, between the hours of 2 and 4 p. m., to register their names.

NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

Evidence in the Schultz Case.

Bottom Out of Another False Charge.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE EXAMINER.]

In the matter of the charges against Governor Schultz, the Governor resumed his cross-examination of Stewart, the man who made the charges, but nothing new was developed. Stewart's memory began to fail him. Mr. Taylor, M. P., here produced an affidavit from Mr. McCready, a lawyer in Winnipeg, in which he swore that one Robertson had come to him and offered that if \$200 was paid Stewart he would drop the charges against the Governor. Inspector Begin of the Northwest mounted police had charge of the expedition on board the Keewatin when Stewart was sailing master. He denied that the police were on a spree, as Stewart had sworn. He knew a second trip was made on the boat. He would not trust himself again on any boat with Stewart, and was very sorry Stewart had been put in charge. The accident by which three lives were lost was caused partly by bad weather and partly because Stewart did not know the course. He regarded the Keewatin as perfectly seaworthy. Mr. Foster then wanted the investigation closed, but Mr. Lister protested there was yet a great deal more in the case, and that he could yet prove the charges. How far Mr. Lister was warranted in making this statement will be seen a little further on.

On Friday Governor Schultz gave his testimony. He deposed that the Keewatin had cost about \$300. He had paid the moneys charged in the public accounts for wages and supplies, and produced the vouchers. He had purchased another boat called the Grand Marais, for which he had given his personal cheque; the boat was his property until the first expenditure was paid for repairs, when she became the property of the Government. Mr. Fulthorpe was then called by the Governor to explain a payment made to him of \$200 as writer and stenographer. He said he had not received the whole of this amount. Some of it had been paid to other writers and stenographers who had gone into the Keewatin district, and the whole of their accounts had been made out in his name, and he had received for them. Stewart having stated in evidence that Dr. Bowen, the Governor's secretary, was afflicted with a shameful and disgusting disease, and that he lived in the garret of Government House, Fulthorpe stated that although Bowen is an invalid, he attends to his duties every day, is never incapacitated for work, and has elegant quarters in Government House. I mention this trifling and unpleasant bit of evidence to show the low, filthy and mean charges that Lister and Mulock wasted the public time and money in bringing before the committee. The investigation will cost \$1,000 in witnesses' fees and travelling expenses alone, to say nothing of the cost of printing the evidence and the loss of time. It would seem that all an unprincipled man has to do is to trump up a charge against a Dominion official, forward it to Lister and Mulock, who will forthwith take charge of the investigation and secure the attendance of the accuser and his friends who are paid all their travelling charges and \$3 for living expenses while in Ottawa. Quite a cheap way of having a trip to the Capital.

The defence being concluded, Governor Schultz asked Mulock, as one gentleman of another, in view of the complete breakdown of the case, that Mulock should acknowledge that he had been misled, and withdraw the charges. This Mulock would not do as thoroughly as was desired, although he exonerated the Governor from blame, he insinuated that the accounts had been cooked. The Auditor-General, Mr. MacDougall, willingly admitted that the arrangement of the accounts had led to a misunderstanding, but the fact that this was an extraordinary thing was the best tribute that could be paid to the general accuracy of the report.

It may lead to a better understanding of Governor Schultz's position if I explain that besides being Lieut.-Governor of Manitoba, he is also Lieut.-Governor of the territory of Keewatin. Of course for the administration of Manitoba affairs, that province pays the same as any other province of the Dominion, but the expenditure for Keewatin has to be defrayed by the General Government. The accounts which were under enquiry were for expenses incurred in sending a squad of the Mounted Police looking after smuggled liquors. When Mulock and Lister failed in substantiating their charges regarding these accounts, they commenced to blackguard the Governor—and here is one of the pieces of evidence which the Patriot published as the result of their enquiry:—"During the investigation of charges against Governor Schultz, it transpired that Dr. Brown, an invalid who lives in a garret of Government House, has been drawing from the public chest at the rate of \$1200 a year as private secretary." The evidence of Mr. Fulthorpe sufficiently disproved the charge, if indeed contradiction was needed, that Dr. Bowen—not Brown—either lives in a garret or does no work for his salary. Besides, his salary as private secretary to the Governor, paid by the Dominion Government, is \$600 a year and not \$1200.

The conduct of Mulock, Lister & Co., throughout the Schultz enquiry, was disgraceful in the extreme. The bullying tactics which they assumed towards a gentleman of the high position and distinguished character of Dr. Schultz was disgusting to all who heard them; and then, when their case miserably broke down and their charges were totally disproved, they had not the meanness to say they had been wrong and so apologize to the Governor for the unpleasant position in which they had placed him.

The Opposition press surpassed themselves in brutality. Here is a specimen taken from the Halifax Chronicle of Saturday last; the day after the case had collapsed and the charges disproved. This was the display heading of their Ottawa despatch:—

"The Schultz Enquiry. Men Cheated out of Half their Wages, though Full Amounts are Charged in the Books. A

Yacht purchased for Public Service Appropriated to Private Use for Fishing and Gunning Parties."

These hypocrites held up their hands and roll their eyes to Heaven over the revelations of Senechal's and Arnold's hooding, while at the same time they lie Ananias Cameron black in the face. They seem to forget that the same God who has said "Thou shalt not steal," has also declared "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

Wednesday last was occupied in a long debate upon an amendment, moved by Paterson, of Brant, to the motion for the third reading of the Customs Amendment Bill, favoring the reduction of the duties upon refined sugars. The occasion was opportune for a characteristic blue-ruin display of pyrotechnics and the Grits attempted such a demonstration; but it was not successful owing to the way in which Josiah Wood and Kenny and Stairs, of Halifax, handled matters. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 102 to 78, a Government majority of 24.

The report of the committee on the charges preferred against Mr. Cochrane, M. P., by Ananias Cameron, will probably be laid before the House to-day. Of course the text of the document is not yet made public, but it is well understood that it completely exonerates Mr. Cochrane from the charges made against him, while it points out, what became patent during the investigation, that the evidence against Cochrane was carefully cooked. Mr. Cochrane called no witnesses, and did not testify himself. He was content to obtain a refutation of the charges from the witnesses summoned by Ananias Cameron to prove them, and he has succeeded. When the report of the committee is published, the Editor of the Guardian will be able to satisfy himself as to the truthfulness of THE EXAMINER'S and Patriot's respective correspondents. Possibly acting on the belief that "all men are liars," he hesitates to employ a correspondent, so contents himself with "scribbling" all around.

I expect that the report of the committee on the Tarte-McGreedy case will reach the House to-morrow, and then look out for squalls.

The Revenue of the Dominion for the month of August was \$3,111,652, and the expenditure \$1,641,430. The Government are doing very well this year so far. For the first two months, July and August, the revenue and expenditure have been respectively \$5,639,653 and \$3,986,457, showing a surplus of \$1,653,196 on the two months transactions. Of course we do not expect the surplus to keep on at this rate, otherwise at the end of the financial year, it would be in the neighborhood of \$10,000,000. But, bye and bye, when the winter comes, and the expenditure exceeds the revenue, we shall hear the Patriot shouting about it. And it must not be forgotten, that Mr. Foster has said in his Budget speech, that he expects no surplus on this year's business, on account of the sugar duties being reduced.

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OPENING RACES.

Souris, 26th Sept., 1891.

REFERRING to advertisement already out, the fast race, or 2.35 class, will be splendidly filled and closely contested.

Among the entries are the splendid Trotting Stallion ELMO, \$074, record 2 27.3, the well-known Trotting Mare BLACKBIRD, record 2.33, MINNIE GRAY and others.

In addition to the races advertised there will be a SLOW RACE. Prize, a Set of Driving Harness, donated by Hon. Thomas Kitchin.

Special Train from Charlottetown will arrive at the Park at 10 a. m.; returning will leave the Park at 5 p. m.

Saturday Excursion Tickets from Georgetown to Mount Stewart and intermediate stations at one first-class fare, good to return on Monday, 28th.

G. B. McEACHERN, Secretary.

VIOLIN INSTRUCTION.

MR. H. VINNICOMBE'S Violin Studies will commence next Monday. Students should endeavor to attend to their usual hours, as he is anxious to make out the member roll as soon as possible. Pupils taken at the age of 10 preferred. Special attention paid to lady pupils. The system of tuition is superior to anything in the Province. Terms, etc., at his residence, Fitzroy Street, near the Kirk. 4i—sept18

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Charlottetown, Sept. 18, 1891—dy

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ON SABBATH NEXT, 20th INST,

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Charlottetown, Sept. 15, 1891—Im m w f

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