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THE DAILY EXAMINER.

JULY 12, 1897.

WHAT IS OUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY GOOD FOR?

UNLESS Mr. Peters be deposed the election of a Legislative Assembly is nothing but a costly farce. Under the British Parliamentary system the chief use of Parliament is to control the public expenditures. Our Assembly, under Mr. Peters' dictatorship, has completely abdicated its functions. It is true the solemn farce of voting supplies is annually gone through. But Mr. Peters pays no attention to the action of the Assembly. Take the estimates voted in 1893 as an example, and compare them with the actual expenditures of that year:

	Amount voted	Amount expended
Roads.....	\$15,000	\$42,063.17
Rights of way.....	2,500	8,115.05
Supervisors' salaries and commissions.	3,000	4,749.00
Bridges.....	16,000	21,682.77
Wharves.....	3,500	10,508.64
	\$40,000	\$87,118.63

The total sum voted by Parliament for the above-named purposes for the year 1893 was \$40,000. But Mr. Peters showed his contempt for the Assembly by expending for those identical purposes \$87,118.63 or more than double the Parliamentary appropriation. Why did not the Liberal members of the Assembly resent an invasion of the rights of Parliament for which their forefathers struggled for centuries? Simply because this money was used to purchase votes for the Parliamentary supporters of Mr. Peters.

What cared Hon. Peter Sinclair, Hector McDonald and others of that ilk that the deficit for the year was approaching \$120,000, and that a half dozen new taxes were to be imposed as soon as the election was over? Not a jot. The same costly game for the taxpayer is being played again, and unless the independent voter is prepared, like Capt. McMillan, Mr. Paton, Mr. Ross and Mr. Beaton to throw party to the winds, the bootleggers and the bootlegged will have their way. Our big deficits will become bigger and the honest and industrious part of the population will have to submit to still greater taxation.

OBSEQUIOUSNESS VS INDEPENDENCE.

MANY honest Liberals admit that the Peters administration is corrupt and extravagant. But they think that it is in the interest of the electors to give them a new lease of power because the Dominion Government may, from friendship to a grit local administration, concede favorable treatment to this province. But Mr. Peters, in proposing an arbitration to settle all the claims of Prince Edward Island, shows that, in his opinion, the friendship argument is without foundation. If our strength lay in a friendly feeling between the two governments, why take our claims out of their hands and call in the services of three arbitrators with whom friendship must count for nothing?

The strength of the case of Prince Edward Island lies in the justice of our claims and the ability and independence of those to whom we confide our case. When our Premier goes to Ottawa, holding out one hand foremost for personal favours and the other half-presented for the rights of the Province, it is not hard to say which will be filled and which will remain empty. It is not by obsequiousness and a scramble amongst our Provincial politicians for pap for themselves that the rights of the Island are to be maintained. Manly independence and courageous words are characteristics of the advocacy we need at Ottawa.

THE PREMIER AT MURRAY HARBOR

The Patriot of Saturday evening says that the Conservatives at Murray Harbor were "afraid to face the issue." According to THE EXAMINER'S advices—and they are from sources of the highest respectability and reliability—this statement of the Patriot is exactly the reverse of true. We submit the following letter, dated July 10th, from a gentleman at Murray Harbor, who assures us in a private note that "the facts are exactly as stated:"

"Yesterday, according to notice, Hon. F. Peters, G. B. Aitken and D. A. McKinnon, met a goodly number of the electors in the Public Hall at Murray Harbor South. The meeting was organized by the appointment of Mr. John Forbes to the chair. After the chairman opened the meeting and called on Mr. McKinnon for a speech, Mr. Murley rose to ask the chairman if the intention was to allow alternate speeches from each side of politics and a fair discussion of the public questions now before the people. Then Mr. McKinnon took the floor and began making a speech without condescending to answer the question or even notice it. The question was then repeatedly asked by Senator Prowse, Mr. Murley and others who demanded an answer to a very proper question. But Mr. McKinnon persistently refused to answer until Mr. Peters took him gently by the arm, when he quietly took his seat like a very obedient little boy and Mr. Peters after wriggling and squirming for a while, had to answer the question which was in effect "that he came to address the electors and when he got through he would get into his wagon and drive to Montague Bridge." This answer so disgusted a large portion of the electors that they immediately left the Hall, thus giving Mr. Peters and his colleagues to understand that they wanted a fair and manly discussion of the public questions of the day. Evidently Mr. Peters knew he had a very bad cause when he could not muster sufficient courage to hear a criticism of the doings of his government from one or two local electors of the place. I venture to think he would have helped his friends, Messrs. McKinnon and Aitken, much better had he kept out of the district rather than admit so very plainly that his conduct as Premier would not bear the feeblest criticism. But the day of reckoning is drawing near, and Mr. Peters, as well as McKinnon and Aitken, will find that they will not much longer be able to rule this Province with the iron rod, and even they will have to submit to the voice of public opinion."

These being the "facts" the public can easily come to a conclusion as to who were "afraid to face the issue." It was Mr. Peters who showed the white feather by declining a discussion.

A LAME EXCUSE.

The Patriot takes a droll way of defending the Peter's Administration. The Tories repealed the assessments in 1882, when they had a surplus of \$14,000 on the previous year's transactions. This act created, says the Patriot, such a prejudice against taxation that the Peters Government could not face putting on taxation sooner than they did. In other words, because the Tories repealed the tax act in 1882, when they had a surplus of \$14,000, therefore Mr. Peters in December, 1893, knowing that he had a deficit for that year of \$120,000, was justified in saying that taxation "was a long way off." In that same "long-way-off" speech Mr. Peters said that Mr. Ferguson, in the election of 1890, declared himself ready to impose taxes whenever they were demanded in the public interest. But like the true patriot which he (Mr. Peters) was, he, in 1890, would not tax the people until he gained their consent at the polls! It was Mr. Peters, both in 1890 and in 1893, who raised the prejudice against taxation for his own unworthy purposes. The Patriot should try again.

The Montreal Star remarks that "Confederation has gained for Canada the leadership of the Colonial Empire." The distinctions now being heaped upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the Mother Country were won for him by the Fathers of Confederation. Sir Wilfrid's thanks are due to Sir Charles Tupper.

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NOT INCONSISTENT.

THE PATRIOT evidently thinks that if it can throw the shadow of inconsistency against Mr. Blake, it makes a good defence of the late inefficient representatives of the City of Charlottetown. Mr. Blake, according to the Patriot, was in Parliament when the Government of the day failed to make revenue and expenditure meet. Therefore, he is inconsistent in declaring now in favor of a system by which revenue and expenditure shall meet. To make the Patriot's contention worth anything, it has to be assumed that Mr. Blake silently acquiesced in a financial management which resulted in deficits as unjustifiable as those which have occurred under the Peters' administration. The facts are that Mr. Blake, again and again, in his place in the Assembly, condemned the management which did not result in making the revenue meet the expenditure. This too, was in regard to financial management which was as much superior to that of Mr. Peters as day is to night. The Sullivan-Ferguson-McLeod administrations, after being 12 years in power, left only a debt of \$128,000,—while, by their good management, they added at least \$200,000.00 to the capital of the Province and bore the people free of taxation for nine years! Compare this with the Peter's record of six years, debt increased to \$260,000 and \$138,000.00 taken from the people in taxation.

A MISREPRESENTATION.

THE PATRIOT remarks that Mr. Paton "complained of the expenditure of the Peters government on ferries." Yes Mr. Paton complained of corrupt expenditures, such as those in connection with the construction of the Boodler, and he complained of bad management such as that which is shown in having the Southport tied up at the wharf as a result of the construction of "The Boodler." But he did not say that the ferries ought not to be efficiently maintained and well managed in the interests of town and country. That Mr. Paton is awake to the importance of the very best means of conveyance between town and country is proved by the fact that it was by his initiation that the Hillsborough Bridge scheme was brought to the notice of the Board of Trade and steps were taken to represent it to members of the Laurier Ministry.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUPPRESSED.

WHEN the present Government came into power over \$400,000 stood on the books of the Department of Public Lands as due to the Government. This public asset has been dissipated in allowances, discounts and reductions, many of which have been corrupt transactions; and the report of the Commissioner, for several years past gives no statement of balances now due the Government. This is another evidence of the contempt with which Mr. Peters regards the House of Assembly. If the Liberal members of the Assembly had any respect for themselves they would have joined the Opposition in demanding necessary information regarding the working of every public department. In the Lands, as well as the Works, it is notorious that votes for Government candidates have been systematically purchased at the expense of the Public Revenue.

SUPREME COURT.

SATURDAY, July 10.

The Queen vs. William Joyce. Larceny of two tubs butter from N. Rattenbury. Jury jury found the prisoner guilty.

H. J. Palmer and S. Blanchard for the crown; J. T. Mellish for prisoner.

MONDAY, July 12.

The Queen vs. William Ellsworth. Larceny of two tubs butter from N. Rattenbury. Now before the Court.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—We have to announce to-day the unexpected death of Mr. Gerald Haszard, of Auckland, New Zealand, younger brother of Horace Haszard, Esq., of this city. A year or two ago Mr. Haszard recovered from a severe attack of rheumatic fever, which left an affection of the heart. His friends in this city will unite with those of his adopted home in regretting his death while yet in the prime of his manhood as well as their sympathy for his bereaved wife and children.

—St. John Sun: The valued grit newspapers appear to forget that it is not Wilfrid Laurier but Canada, which for the time he represents, that has been honored with first place among the colonies. And they ignore the fact that it has been entirely to the far-due seeing statesmanship of Sir John Macdonald Sir Leonard Tilley, Sir Charles Tupper and other conservative leaders that Canada has risen to this proud position. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his horde of political adventurers are simply appropriating the honor due to the conservatives of Canada, just as they have appropriated the conservative policy wherever it served their ends.

—Commenting upon the election contest in this Province, the St. John Sun says: "Extravagance, corruption and broken pledges have marked the Government's career, and today the Province is face to face with grave financial difficulties. The Conservatives stand pledged to raise the island from the terrible condition into which it has been plunged by the acts of the Peters Government, and their platform, as laid down in the manifesto of Hon. Daniel Gordon, the Leader of the Opposition, is one that must impress every honest island elector not blinded by party prejudice. Mr. Gordon promises, in the event of the defeat of the present administration, to reduce the provincial executive from nine to seven; to stop the expenditure of public money in excess of legislative appropriations; to reform the present jury system, and the administration of the surrogate and probate courts; to abolish the office of commissioner of public lands and assign the duties to the attorney-general; to radically change the administration of the public works department; to equalize the present unjust system of taxation, in short to safeguard and husband the resources of the province by every legitimate means that can be devised, practicing economy in every department and keeping taxation down to the lowest possible limit.

ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

Montreal Star: Mr. Whitelaw Reid says that the Geographical centre of the United States is San Francisco, it being equally distant from the Atlantic and Honolulu. The centre of the British Empire can be located where we please, for it has neither eastern nor western boundaries.

CAMPAIGN NOTES.

What about Mrs. Whelan's pension? Every day we hear of independent electors who supported the Peters Party in the last election, opposing them now.

We have a strong letter concerning the new building for the Prince of Wales College. Perhaps the Patriot will explain why it is not being built this summer as promised!

A correspondent wants to know what about the new wing to the Asylum? This is a time at which questions of this kind ought to be answered by the organ of the Peters party.

Without the two-faced system of terrorism now employed to force officials to vote for the Government candidates, Mr. Peters would not have the ghost of a chance of success in the present contest.

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C. R. SMALLWOOD,

July 12—

Secretary

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