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A BAD RECORD.

Sir,—We have heard a great many rumours through the country about the work that is being done to straighten the curves in our line of railroad at Wiltshire. Being interested, as one of the taxpayers of this county, I thought I would pay it a visit and judge for myself. There was no work going on the first time I visited the place, and I am not in a position to state whether those rumours as to the number of men employed and to the ability of those employed to perform the work are true or not. It has been reported that all sorts and sizes were employed, so long as they were of the right political faith, and that they were so thick at one time as to be a nuisance, and in one another's way. I suppose we shall have to take some of those statements with a small grain of allowance, more especially when I learn that Hugh McLeod, of Bradalbane, had charge of one of those crowds. Mr. McLeod is one of those officers in whom the travelling public of all shades of politics have the utmost confidence as to his ability, honesty and integrity to perform any duties as a railway man. He has for several years been chosen to superintend work on the line where practical knowledge and good judgment were required, and I feel satisfied that the men under his control would have to do their duty.

But apart from the nature of the work and the manner in which it was performed, there is another phrase of the question. Was this work required? And was it in the interests of the general public or to serve party interests?

I see by the report in the Government press that this expensive piece of work is going to shorten the distance between Wiltshire and Charlottetown a little over half a mile, at a cost of probably \$30,000 to the taxpayers of this Dominion. I have heard various estimates as to the probable cost, ranging all the way from \$20,000 to \$120,000. But from what I have learned from some of the men who worked there, and using my own judgment, I have come to the conclusion that \$30,000 is a tolerably fair estimate allowing for all party favors and extravagance.

For the expenditure of such a large amount of money we would naturally expect that the public interests had demanded it, and that it would give increased facilities and cheaper rates and fares to our business men and traveling public in the country. Will it do so? Not one cent. Business men in the country will have to pay the same freight, the travelling public the same fares. What, then is this very large expenditure of public money made for?

The cars have been running on the old road for twenty-five years; the road has been quite capable of carrying all the trade of the country. I have not heard of any accident happening on that part of the road. If it is not going to make the fares on the road any less, or make the lives of the passengers any more secure, why this expenditure? Is it made to satisfy a lot of camp followers and bootlickers of the Liberal party? As I understand the first question asked an applicant for work was, "how did you vote?" there is only one conclusion that an intelligent public can come to, and that is that this money is not being spent in the interests of the general public but for party purposes.

For several years previous to the last Dominion election, the people of this Island were asking for branch lines to different parts of the county in order to give the farmers increased facilities for shipping their produce. To two of these lines Mr. Davies, now Sir Louis, stands committed, namely the Belfast and Stanley branches. Had he built either of those branches, they would have to be built by public contract, put up to public competition, which would not at the present time suit Sir Louis' purpose as well as to spend \$30,000 by private arrangement, and have the work performed by day's work. Even were it necessary to do the work at all, had it been let by public tender it would, in all probability have been done for at least one-third of the money, taking the original cost of the main line per mile as a basis of calculation. Is this Sir Louis who is wasting and squandering the public money, in this reckless manner without increasing the trade facilities of this country, the same Mr. Davies who, for the last fourteen years, on the platform and in Parliament have been denouncing the Conservative party for their bootlicking and extravagant use of public money on political favorites? It surely cannot be the same man,—that great economist who was going to have all public money spent by public competition, curtail the expenditures, and sum the

government on several millions of dollars less than those extravagant Tories. I am afraid Sir Louis is the same Mr. Davies who when he became a leader of our local government in 1876 so completely lost his head that in two short years, by reckless expenditure and the injudicious use of public money, ran this Province so far in debt that the people had to rise in their might and drive him from power. We fondly hoped that experience and mature years would have ripened his judgment. But I fear we are doomed to disappointment. I am afraid he has lost his balance again. The government of which Sir Louis claims to be a leading light has been in power nearly two years. They have had two sessions of parliament. What has he done to improve those conditions of which he complained so loudly when in opposition? His career since he came into power shows a marked want of statesmanship and reckless waste of public money. Take his attempt to improve the communication at Cape Traverse by placing on that route that mockery of an ice boat *The Petrel*. This, in my opinion, shewed a great want of judgment, and resulted in nothing but providing a nice easy place for some of his friends at a cost of about \$15,000 of the people's money, without contributing one dollar's worth of benefit to the country, except putting a few dollars in the pockets of some private individual, supporter of his own and Mr. Yeo. Just in those two transactions, Sir Louis has wasted \$45,000 of the people's money in order to serve his political favorites. At the original contract price of the main line of railroad per mile, this money that has been wasted would have built a branch line to either Stanley or Victoria, Crapaud. Either of those branches would have been a great boon to either Sir Louis or Mr. Yeo's constituents. But where the interests of the general public clashes with party interest and the benefit of Sir Louis' camp followers, he has never been able to rise superior to his party feeling. The country's best interests have always been sacrificed on the shrine of party, and to serve his own personal condition.

Sir Louis has told us for years that the reason we had been neglected was because we had no minister in the Cabinet at Ottawa. Put the Liberals in power, I will be in the cabinet, in fact will be second in command, and I will see that the interests of this Province will be properly looked after, and that the public monies are properly expended. We believed his statement. We placed the Liberals on grist (as they should properly be called) in power, and Davies in the cabinet,—made him Sir Louis. Has he remedied those evils of which he complained so loudly? Has he fulfilled his promises? No; he has, as I have already shown, wasted in less than two years \$45,000 of public money in this little Province.

There is one thing we did except when he became Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and that was, that he would remedy some of the just grievances of the business men of Charlottetown. There was no man on P. E. Island more loud in denouncing the late Minister of Marine, than Mr. Davies, for not running the Stanley to Charlottetown to accommodate our business men. With our harbor nearly as clear as summer, with the Hillsborough running her regular trips from dock to dock, with Sir Louis Minister of Marine—where was the Stanley? Running to Georgetown whilst our business men in the city, having large quantities of freight on hand which they must incur the increased expense and inconvenience of shipping to Georgetown by rail on account of Sir Louis not having the backbone to order the Stanley to Charlottetown. He shelters himself behind the back of Captain Finlayson. Captain Finlayson being held responsible for the safety of the boat naturally goes to Georgetown and relieves himself of the responsibility and accepts no risks which properly ought to be assumed by the Minister. Of course if the business men of this city suffer loss or inconvenience, that loss falls back on the farmers from whom they buy the produce.

Such, then, is the political record of our doughty knight who was going to remedy all the grievances under which the city of Charlottetown laboured. I have endeavoured to show you that he has failed in two very important points. I will, in a future letter, endeavour to take up some of the promises he made on the trade question, and I think I can show the public that he has been equally as inconsistent on that question as he has been on the other two points I have brought to their notice.

Trusting that you will give this a place in your paper, I am,
Yours, &c,
AN OLD LIBERAL.

Queen's County, Dec. 23th, 1897.

THINGS TO MAKE A NOTE OF.

A meeting of the inhabitants of Hope River and vicinity was held on the evening of the 28th of Dec., 1897, when a Farmer's Association with a very large membership was formed, according to the Provincial Act of 1895.

Rev. E. H. Gough, who at one time was connected with the Bombay Guardian, and who has travelled extensively through India, will deliver one of his able and popular lectures, entitled "India and its People" in Wright's Hall, on Monday evening, the 10th inst. Mr Gough is regarded as one of the ablest orators who have ever spoken in Charlottetown, and all should hear him. Admission 15c.

The new glass gallery in the Rink is now ready. Come and view the skaters from the gallery or take a promenade. No extra charge for gallery.

The lecture by Rev. T. F. Fullerton on Mary Queen of Scots, that was postponed on account of the P. E. Island Hospital in December, will now come off on the 20th of January, 1898, in the schoolroom of the Methodist Church.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

SILSBY HOSE CO.—Meeting tonight at 8 o'clock.

THE WEATHER.—Fair and milder with westerly winds.

THE STANLEY crossed to Pictou from Georgetown today, and left on return at the usual time this afternoon.

EMERALD DAIRYING CO.—The annual meeting of the Emerald Dairying Co., will take place in the Hall at Emerald, on Tuesday next the 11th inst., at 2 o'clock, p. m.

PRIZE ADS.—The prizes offered by Jas. Paton & Co. for the best Irish, French and Scotch advertisements, have been awarded to Malcolm Farquhar McRae, Boushaw, James McLeod and L. Smith respectively.

ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

Sir Charles Tupper left Winnipeg on November 14 at two o'clock. He reached New York on the 17th 6.10 and was out on the Atlantic before midday. On November 24 at 6.30 in the morning Sir Charles landed at Southampton, and at two in the afternoon he was presiding over a meeting in one of his mining companies. On the return journey he left London at 10.30 a. m. December 15, and at 4.30 p. m. on Christmas day he was in Winnipeg ready to join in the family party. Ten days between Winnipeg and London is pretty quick time for an old gentleman. Summerside Journal: That the mail service should be at once transferred to the Capes and kept there admits of no contrary argument; for, if Captain Finlayson is afraid of his boat, and the Charlottetown experience indicates something of that sort, he cannot be depended upon to put her through much heavy Gulf ice on the Georgetown route; hence mail delays are inevitable unless the Capes service is utilized, and delay in mails is something that cannot be tolerated.

MARRIED.

In this city, on the 29th December, by the Rev. D. Sutherland, Mr. Arthur F. Calder, to Miss Florence May Costello, both of this city.

At the Methodist parsonage, Murray Harbor South, by Rev. J. S. Allen, on the 16th of December, Richard W. Jordan, Esq., of Lot 64, to Isabella Bears, of same place.

At the residence of the bride's father, on the 22nd of December by Rev. J. S. Allen, Montague Annear, Esq., of Montague, to Miss Mary Jane Beck, daughter of Thomas Beck, Esq., of Murray Harbor South.

DIED.

In this city, on the 4th inst., of meningitis, Annie Loretta, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Lee, aged 7 years and 5 months.

At the Union Hospital, Boston, on the 27th ult., Mrs. Beehan, in the 53rd year of her age, wife of Thomas Beehan, of Victoria Cross, leaving a husband and six step-children.

Suddenly, at his home, Arlington, Lot 14, on the 12th ult., William Dennis, in the 86th year of his age.

At Devil's Lake, North Dakota, on the 12th ult., of typhoid pneumonia, George Macdonald, aged 38 years, son of the late Alexander C. Macdonald, of Summerside.

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