

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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Tyrannical Tactics.

The Peters Combination have deliberately organized a conspiracy to withhold information from the Legislature and the country, and to burk free discussion. In proof of this statement we offer (1) the fact that but two returns of any importance have yet been made in answer to the many reasonable questions of the Opposition in respect to our finances, our Land Office and our Public Works Department; (2) while the information necessary to an intelligent appreciation and discussion of the Financial Situation is thus withheld, the resolutions in supply are being forced through the House of Assembly by means which cannot be truly described as other than tyrannical and brutal. Take, for instance, the tactics of last night. The resolution making provision for the Land Office was submitted after twelve o'clock! Now, the Land Office is even yet our most important revenue-yielding department. Grave charges have been publicly made concerning its management. Shortages, favoritism and unfairness amounting to rascality have been alleged. A thorough discussion and ventilation of all the charges which have been made against the Government in connection with the Land Office is, therefore, required. Regard for their own character if nothing else, should impel the Government to satisfy this demand—if they are innocent! But instead of bringing down the papers and inviting discussion, the papers have been withheld and the discussion deliberately burked. Brought on after midnight, the Leader of the Government rose to a point of order while Mr. A. J. Macdonald was addressing the Committee at half-past twelve, and the chairman, given the opportunity by this movement of the Premier, put the question and the resolution was passed in an instant. Without a moment's delay, a resolution in respect to the Public Works Department was tabled. In respect to this resolution, also, a discussion is desirable in the interests of the Government—if it be innocent of wrong doing—as well as of the public. Grave discrepancies have been pointed out as between the reports of the Commissioner of Public Works and official statements before the House. Large sums have been expended as "extras" for which no account has been given,—no explanation vouchsafed. In any case, the vote for public works is an important one, properly involving discussion and careful consideration. In view of these facts, the request of the Leader of the Opposition for an adjournment, owing to the lateness of the hour, was reasonable and just. But this request was denied. Reporters for the press had gone home; the official reporters were, by this time, naturally "fagged out." The Government deemed the opportunity to "sneak" the resolution through the House too good to be lost. They pressed on. The Opposition determined that the "little game" should not be successful. One after another they maintained the fight. At seven o'clock this morning Mr. Sullivan took the floor, and was quietly proceeding with the one-sided discussion, when the redoubtable member for West River rose to another point of order. Fearing a trick similar to that which had previously been played with success, Mr. Sullivan held the floor. But notwithstanding this fact, and while Mr. Farquharson was yet speaking, the chairman put the question and declared the resolution "carried." But the word had not passed his lips when the Leader of the Opposition and Mr. Shaw, as well as Mr. Sullivan, were up on their feet expostulating with the chairman and denouncing the dastardly proceeding. Then followed a scene which beggars description—a scene which has rarely, if ever, been enacted in any Legislature. The Legislature was, for the nonce, pandemonium. The Government tried to force the Opposition to accept the chairman's ruling. But the Opposition firmly held their ground and refused to submit. The Leader of the Government then moved that the Speaker take the chair and report the resolutions agreed to. This motion was put by the Chairman. But the Speaker rose to the occasion and refused to take the chair, declaring that the proceedings were entirely irregular. As a consequence of this mainly action of the Speaker—in marked contrast with the truckling, shuffling apocrypha of Chairman Robertson—the Government were compelled to "take back water." A reconsideration of the Public Works resolution was suggested and agreed to—and so the scene ended. It is said that "those whom the gods wish to destroy they first make mad." On no other ground or principle can we account for the fatuous indifference of the Peters Combination to the reasonable demands of the Opposition for information and a fair field in the discussion of Provincial affairs.

Precedents from the Motherland.

FAULT was found with his Worship the Mayor because he, in response to a numerously and respectfully signed requisition, called a public meeting of citizens in Market Hall to protest against the passage of the Franchise Deprivation Bill. It was held that this was a party question, and that the City Hall should not, on any account, be freely given for party purposes. Those who urged this argument will, perhaps, admit that the Home Rule Bill, now before the British Parliament, is a party measure. We clip from St. James Gazette, of London, March 24, the following paragraph, which proves that Guildhall has been opened at the request of citizens, for the discussion of a party question affecting the interests of the country at large: "At a meeting of the Common Council, yesterday, the Lord Mayor, who presided, said he had received two influential requisitions from citizens, asking for the use of the Guildhall for a public meeting to discuss the Irish Home Rule Bill. After careful consideration, and on looking at the terms of a report of the corporation in 1877, as the basis to which Guildhall should be put, it appeared to him that the question was more suitable for the Council to decide than the Lord Mayor, and he therefore laid the requisition before them most willingly. One requisition was handed in by the city members, and signed by Sir John Lubbock, and the other was signed by Sir John Lubbock, all the Bank Directors, and others of influence. The motion of Mr. Brookman, granting the use of the hall, was carried almost unanimously."

The Patriot insinuated broadly a few days ago that dockyard men in London are disfranchised. The London Times Weekly Edition of March 31st shows that instead of being disfranchised, these men are protected in the exercise of their franchise. The Times says: "The provisions for safeguarding the citizens' rights of dockyard men appear to be ample. Clause 42 states 'No interference, direct or indirect, is to be exercised over any person, whatever be his rank or station, in the matter of the elective franchise, and in the event of elections for members of Parliament for town or country, the men who are qualified to vote are to be left to the exercise of their unbiased judgment; and no canvassing by or on the part of any candidate is to be permitted within the dockyard upon any pretence whatever. This also refers to municipal elections.'"

Notes and Comments.

The Week: "We are glad to see it stated, no doubt on the authority of the firm itself, in recent elaborate articles illustrative of the extensive operations of the Messrs. Harris Co., that the agricultural machinery manufactured by this company is both lower in price and better in quality than that produced in the United States or any other country in the world, as proved by satisfactory evidence. We do not know what may have been the attitude of this company towards the National Policy in the past, but it is gratifying to think that it has now attained a position which places it far above the need of special protection in the future." In the House of Assembly, this forenoon, while Mr. Bentley was referring to discrepancies in connection with the cost of certain bridges, etc., the Commissioner of Public Works arose and left the House abruptly without condescending to offer any explanation. Mr. Bentley complained of the Commissioner's conduct, and said he thought it was his duty to remain in the House and give the information asked for. The chairman of the committee (Mr. Robertson), by way of explanation, said he had sent the Commissioner to the train to meet a friend of his. Mr. Bentley accepted the explanation, but thought it was very unsatisfactory. He thought that the chairman should have sent someone else to the train to meet his friend, as the Commissioner was wanted in the House to explain away the discrepancies. The Commissioner returned to the House a short while before Mr. Bentley closed his remarks, but did not see fit to give the information asked for.

—Would it not be wise if some exercises in the mysteries of money were added to the curriculum of every girl's studies? A boy finds it all out by actual contact with the public as soon as he is out and a part of it; but a girl may become a mature woman, shrinking then through the habit of long protection and be thrown on the mercies of the world with her money to fall a prey to the first cheat and con. She is taught at school the spectre of the stars, and the map of Mars; what pity that she should not be instructed in the workings of life on the planet where she lives! That a knowledge of the nature and moving and care of money should be made a part of every girl's education, is growing more and more evident in this age of enlightenment and prosperity, which puts money into the hands of so many women. And in the coming century, the woman's century, as it is already called, in which so many women will be workers and earners of money, it is all the more important, in order that they may be neither handicapped nor too far outstripped, that they should be well instructed as to business movements and investments that they may be directed in the right way before they set out to earn.

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A Scotchman named Proudfoot, who died recently in Naff, bequeathed \$100,000 to the laborers in that village. The eighty laborers in the village have resolved to use the money in establishing an institution for sick and aged poor.

Provincial Legislature

House of Assembly.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY, April 12.

At the afternoon session.—Hon. Mr. Peters submitted a statement showing the amounts paid for printing and stationery in 1892; a statement relating to the sale of debentures in 1892; and the statement of expenses connected with the issuing and selling of debentures, and the cost of printing same.

House then resumed committee of supply. Mr. Robertson in the chair, and a long discussion took place on the items for the salaries and travelling expenses of the Public Works officials.

The discussion was taken part in by Messrs. Bentley, Shaw, Underhay, Rogers, McLean and others. The Opposition thought that a detailed statement of the expenses should be tabled in order that the people might know how the public money was expended. They also deprecated the paying of large sums of money as "extras" on public works, and thought that the suggestion of Messrs. Davison and Chalmers in reference to the adoption of a better system of bookkeeping in the Public Works Department should have been acted upon.

The item of \$7,000 for interest also evoked considerable discussion, taken part in by Messrs. Shaw, Bentley, Farquharson, Bell and others.

Mr. Peters declared that this sum was required to pay the interest on the debt contracted by the previous administration, and that no debt was created by the present administration.

Mr. Shaw pointed out that the debt of the Province (as shown by the report of Messrs. Chalmers and Davison) on April 24, 1891, was \$102,000; and that since that date the present Government had a deficit in 1891 of \$30,000, and in 1892 \$37,000, as shown by the Public Accounts.

In the face of these facts, he asked, could the Leader of the Government have the assurance to state that the present administration had not created a public debt?

At evening Mr. Bell held the floor, and in the recess he resumed the discussion, speaking at considerable length.

He was followed by Mr. Shaw, who pointed out that there was a discrepancy of \$850.24 between the cost of printing the debentures, as given in the statement tabled by the Leader of the Government and the cost as given in the report of the Public Accounts Committee.

Messrs. Bentley, Rogers, Underhay, Sinclair, Farquharson, H. C. Macdonald and others followed, and it was declared that "we are all hours" that the item was declared carried.

During the evening there were some very lively scenes enacted, scenes that were not at all creditable to those taking part in them. Mr. Rogers took occasion to refer to the "giggling" and police court tactics pursued by the Leader of the Government whenever an Opposition member undertook to address the House, and the Leader, by way of reply, threatened to use the power the House had to compel Mr. Rogers to be more circumspect in his language. Mr. Rogers, however, was not to be "bluffed" in this way, and repeated his statements several times. The "power of the House" is perhaps needless to say, was not invoked.

Then another item—that of public lands—came up, and a disgraceful scene was enacted. The Government did their best to choke off discussion, and they were ably assisted by the chairman, who declared the resolution carried.

The session was continued until shortly before eight o'clock this morning, when the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 13. This forenoon House resumed committee of supply.

The discussion on the item for public works, such as rights of way, bridges, etc., was resumed by Mr. Bentley, who referred to the large amount expended during the year for "extras" on certain bridges and asked for an explanation. He pointed out that in some cases the "extras" amounted to more than the original contract. There were also discrepancies in the cost of certain bridges, wharves, etc., between the statement tabled by the Commissioner of Public Works and the report of the Commissioner for 1892. He thought the Commissioner should be in his place to explain away these discrepancies, instead of leaving the House abruptly in the midst of the discussion. He hoped that when the Commissioner saw fit to return to the House he would explain away these matters, as it was necessary the people should know where the money went. He also protested vigorously against the conduct of the Government in withholding information from the Opposition, and thought that certain statements of account should have been printed.

Hon. Mr. Peters explained that the Government was merely following out the precedent established by the late Government in the matter of not printing certain statements of account. He said the return furnished by the Commissioner of Public Works, was up to March last, and it was not to be expected that the items of the original contract should in every case be the same as the total amount expended, as there was nearly always something for extras. He claimed that the late Government did not give a statement of amounts owing during the year—at least during the last year of their term.

Mr. Bentley reiterated his statements concerning the discrepancies in certain public works, and asked the Commissioner if an explanation concerning same. The information he asked for had not been given.

Hon. Mr. McLean said that the difference in the matter of the Morell bridge was explained by the fact that some \$1500 was expended in repairing the old bridge.

Mr. Bentley did not consider the explanation satisfactory, and asked the Commissioner to explain about the extra work. Mr. Rogers said it was quite apparent that the Commissioner did not want to give any information. It looked as if there was something wrong in the Public Works Department.

Mr. Arsenault referred to the large sums paid as "extras on contracts."

Boston Markets.

POTATOES—P. E. Island Changoes sell in Boston at 80 per bushel; Dakota Reds are quoted 85 to 90 cents; Hebrons at 95 cents.

EGGS—Fresh Eastern choice sell at 17 cents per dozen.

MACKEREL, extra, are quoted at \$25 to \$30 per bbl.; No. 1 at \$18 to \$20; No. 2, \$16 to \$17.

News Notes.

To prevent the propagation of cholera through the use of ice from polluted rivers the German police have forbidden all sales of ice which has not been examined and approved by sanitary inspectors.

The Boston Herald approves of Mr. Mercier's independence speech as a powerful plea for the annexation of Canada to the United States, but says there is no desire over the border to annex the man who made it. The ex-liberal premier has achieved a continental reputation.

Kansas City had a woman candidate for the mayoralty in last week's election and all the women voters cast their ballots against her. This looks as if woman had not so much faith in woman's capacity to conduct the affairs of the earth as woman suffragists are wont to assert.

The London Lancet has been investigating Chicago's water supply and recommends visitors to drink no water that has not been boiled and filtered, and especially to touch none that has been in contact with Chicago ice. It looks as if some precaution men go to the fair would have to fall back on Quebec's law which declares 4 per cent. to be non-intoxicating. Lager seems to be the only microbic thirst quencher that will be in abundance.

Under the caption "The New Russian Policy," the Tagblatt prints extracts from the report of Gen. von Verder, German ambassador in St. Petersburg's last report. These extracts confirm previous statements to the effect that the Russo-German entente has been re-established. The Emperor William has given assurances to the Kaiser that he will raise no obstacles in the way of the Czar's life work of Russifying his alien subjects in the western provinces.

Montreal Gazette: A convention of Maritime Province Liberals is talked of, previous to the greater gathering at Ottawa. The idea, in view of the divergences in the party, is a good one. By the Maritime Province Liberals holding one convention, those of Quebec, Ontario, and the Northwest a third, and those of Manitoba and the Northwest a fourth, each could formulate a platform for its own locality and an understanding could be come to as to what topics should not be touched on at Ottawa. There might, it is true, by such a plan be very little left for the Ottawa convention to do; but it is better that it should do nothing than that the combine-hating Liberals of Ontario should ensure before their faces the combine creating Liberals of the Maritime Provinces, and much better than that Catholic school smashing Mr. Greenway should speak his mind to Catholic school supporting Mr. Laurier.

An Evening with Pickwick

IN THE LYCEUM,

Thursday Evening, April 13th.

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READINGS AND PANTOMIME. 1st Scene—Tupman and the Spinster Aunt..... Tupman, Miss Wardle, Fat Boy. 2nd Scene—The Disclosures of the Fat Boy..... Old Mrs. Wardle, Fat Boy and Jingle. 3rd Scene—Alfred Jingle and the Spinster Aunt. 4th Scene—A Dilemma with Pickwick in it..... Pickwick, Mrs. Bardell, Master Tommy Bardell, the Club. 5th Scene—Dilemma Number 2..... Pickwick and the Lady Traveller. 6th Scene—Sam Weller Visits His Mother-in-Law, Mrs. Weller, Stiggins, Sam and Tony Weller. Old Country Dance—Auld Lang Syne—God Save the Queen.

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