

THE MEETING. MARKET HALL PACKED. MACLEOD AND BLAKE

Proposed and Seconded by Leading Citizens.

UNANIMOUSLY NOMINATED!

Able Speeches—The Economy of the Government Vindicated.

Hon. Mr. Sullivan's Triumphant Defence of his Administration—Scathing Exposure of the Ways That Were Dark and the Tricks That Proved Vain.

The "Single Plank Platform" Shattered.

(CONDENSED REPORT.)

It will be admitted by the strongest supporters of the Oppositionists that never before was Market Hall better filled than it was last evening. The Hall was overcrowded; and forming part of the splendid audience were many of the most prominent citizens of Charlottetown and farmers of the Royalty.

DR. JENKINS was called to the chair. He said one of the opposition candidates might be compared with a horse, which, on the last occasion was distanced in the race, and the other, to an unbroken colt. In politics, Mr. Peters is an infant. He never voted. Why he came out is a mystery. But having resolved to go into public life, it is easy to see why he should choose the other side. There is no chance for the Attorney Generalship on this! Why should citizens elect an unpledged politician like Mr. Peters? The candidates are both men for whom, in private life, he entertained respect; but it is hard to see what claim either of them have upon the suffrages of the citizens. Mr. Morris has certainly made some mistake about the claims he put forward to credit for what he did in the City Council. Some persons had twisted him because, having had occasion to criticise the management of a public institution, and having had a difference with one of the public officers, he still supported the Liberal Conservative party. But he would stick to his party till their policy and their acts should prove to be injurious to the country generally, and then he would leave politics. He was not the man to desert his party on account of a grievance which was merely personal. When he left his party he would go out of politics altogether.

HON. NEIL MACLEOD NOMINATED.

PAUL LEA, Esq., C. C., came forward and proposed the Hon. Neil MacLeod as a fit and proper person to represent the electors of Charlottetown, Common and Royalty, in the Provincial Legislature. He said that about four years ago the mechanics held some meetings, at one of which he had the honor of moving a resolution stating five different improvements which the mechanics desired to have made in the laws of the Province. On looking over that resolution to-day, he found that the Hon. Neil MacLeod and Mr. DeBlois, who were the candidates selected at that time, had taken hold of

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improvements then suggested! We have been told that the Lien Law is a failure; but he (Mr. Lea) was aware that large amounts of money had been secured under it. The Lien Law does not, it is true, give entire satisfaction, but it was passed under circumstances of great difficulty; and how many laws are there on the Statute Book with which fault may not be found? Through many of them, it has been said, a horse and cart could be driven; and we should not be too ready to find fault with the Hon. Neil MacLeod, who has certainly done well and is entitled to receive again the confidence and support of the electors. (Applause.)

M. P. HOGAN seconded the motion for the nomination of the Hon. Neil MacLeod. In his opinion Mr. MacLeod had served the people of Charlottetown, and the mechanics in particular, faithfully and most honorably. Mr. Peters stated that the Lien Law was of no value to mechanics; but he, (Mr. Hogan) himself had secured the payment of \$2,200 through the operation of the Lien Law! Mr. Hogan highly commended the Government for their economy; and said that if the Government policy had been carried out with respect to Civic matters the City would not now be so heavily in debt as it is.

SUMMARY OF MR. MACLEOD'S SPEECH.

HON. NEIL MACLEOD was received with great applause. He returned thanks for the hearty manner in which his candidature had been proposed, seconded, and received by the audience. This was the more gratifying from the fact that he had been only a few years a citizen and a politician. In the Legislature, he supported measures which he believed would conduce to the best interests of his constituents and the Province. A few days ago, one of the candidates made a statement to the effect that the Lien Law is no good. He was very much surprised to hear the statement; for he knew that a good many mechanics had taken advantage of it, and had, by its operation, secured large amounts of money due them. No mechanic had been subjected to heavy costs through the operation of the Lien Law, unless it might be a client of Mr. Peters himself. Nor could Mr. Peters point to a single case in which the law had failed in its operation. He had challenged Mr. Peters with this statement; and Mr. Peters had been obliged to admit that the cases in which he had been engaged had proved successful, though he, of course, ascribed the success solely to his own super-eminent ability as a lawyer. The Lien Law is not perhaps, as perfect a law as could be wished by the mechanics. But great difficulty was

experienced in securing its passage, owing to the variety of interests which have to be protected; and for that reason it had to be amended and modified to meet the views of members of the Legislature. Mr. MacLeod ably reviewed and defended the conduct of the Government, showing conclusively the economy and care with which they have administered public affairs, and by which they have been enabled to repeal the Assessment Act and abolish the Poll Tax. Referring to the cry of the Oppositionists that the Government had not pushed sufficiently hard for the fulfilment of the Terms of Union respecting Steam Communication with the Mainland, he pointed out that the Oppositionists had never thought of doing so themselves, and it was the Government which first brought the matter forward!

MR. BLAKE'S NOMINATION.

JOHN NEWSON, Esq., then stepped to the front, and proposed the nomination of PATRICK BLAKE, Esq., as a fit and proper person to represent Charlottetown, Common and Royalty. He spoke of Mr. Blake as a young man, born and reared in the City, who had, by his enterprise, integrity, and public spirit, secured the respect and confidence of all classes in town and country. A working man himself he would be the more fitting representative of the industrial classes of the community. (Applause.)

GEORGE PRAKE, Esq., in a few eloquent words, seconded the nomination. He had known Mr. Blake many years, and he knew that Mr. Blake was a man who had studied carefully the interests of the City, and was intimately acquainted with the wants, not only of the City, but of the Province at large. He referred to Mr. Blake's enterprise in the exportation of stock; and spoke of the great danger to which Mr. Blake, in the prosecution of this enterprise was exposed last autumn. Under the flag of the good steamship "Prince Edward," Mr. Blake had come safely out of this danger, and brought the business he then had in hand to a successful conclusion; and under the flag of the Liberal-Conservative Party of Charlottetown, Mr. Blake would be returned to the Legislature, to represent the interests of the city and the Island, in the able, business-like, and careful manner that he has hitherto displayed. (Great applause.)

SUMMARY OF MR. BLAKE'S SPEECH.

MR. BLAKE was enthusiastically greeted as he came forward. He thanked the independent electors of Charlottetown, Common and Royalty for the nomination so heartily and unanimously tendered; and, though he had not sought after the honor, he accepted it with great pleasure, and would do his utmost, in conjunction with the Liberal-Conservative Party—of which he had always been a member—to secure election. He never contemplated entering political life, and his nomination was a surprise; but, now that he was fairly in the field, he would go to work—he would see as many electors as he possibly could; and, if heartily assisted by the Party, he felt confident of success. If elected, he would do his best to promote the interests of Charlottetown in particular and the Island in general. Attention having been drawn to his conduct in the City Council, he reviewed Civic matters at some length, showing that his actions had been guided by the well understood wishes of citizens of all classes and creeds, and by the important economic principle that it is well "to make ends meet" and not to go, year by year, deeper and deeper into debt. He approved of the policy of the Government, and would go in heartily for the

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and the curtailment of all unnecessary expenditure. To have forty-three able-bodied men from all parts of the country engaged in legislating for this small Province seemed to him most absurd. Here we have a House of Commons, a House of Lords, and all the paraphernalia appertaining to the Parliament of the British Empire! He would go for the abolition of the Legislative Council; and would be prepared to consider a question as to the propriety of reducing the House of Assembly as well. The Legislative Council has never yet protected the interests of the property-holders; and as a property-holder himself, he thought the very best protection property-holders could have would be to be protected from the unnecessary expense which the Council entails upon the country. To say that the young men of this Province, the well educated and intelligent successors of their honored fathers, cannot be trusted to vote for candidates who will protect the interests of property-holders is ridiculous. He thought the Government deserved great credit for what they had done to promote agriculture. This is an agricultural country, and with the success of Agriculture the prosperity of both country and town is bound up. That which benefits the country benefits the town also; and there can be no question about the results of the Dominion Exhibitions held at Montreal and at Halifax, in which the Government enabled our farmers to compete. Every Islander who visited the Exhibition held at Halifax last year must have felt proud of his country. The Government appointed judicious men to go through the country to select the stock, and paid the cost of its transportation to Halifax. The consequence was, that the Island received all the leading prizes, and in respect to stock-raising secured a high position among the Provinces.

The Government have also erected very good buildings at the Stock Farm, for which they deserve credit, and have imported some excellent stock, which cannot fail to benefit the Province. But, it has been said, the Government have not done all they should have done to secure to the Island a share of the Fishery Award. It is hard to see what more they could have done. They have memorialized the Dominion Government and the British Government. But, with both parties in the Dominion House of Commons agreed that the amount of the Award should remain in the Dominion Treasury, the Government have a pretty hard task to perform to secure the Award. They, however, announce their intention of pursuing the matter, with diligence, to the end. The Government has also dealt with the question of continuous steam communication between this Province and the mainland. That is a question, the complete solution of which will be difficult. But the way in which the "Northern Light" goes through the ice is really surprising. She is now doing good work, but she is not sufficiently large for the service, and another and larger boat is required.

Mr. Blake then referred to the great popularity of the Government in the country districts, and concluded a lengthy and able speech, of which the above is a bare epitome, by thanking the audience for the careful attention with which they heard him throughout. The motions were then put and unanimously, and most enthusiastically, received. SUMMARY OF HON. MR. SULLIVAN'S SPEECH. HON. MR. SULLIVAN, in response to a call from the chair, came forward amidst deafening applause, and expressed the willingness and pleasure with which he appeared before so large and intelligent a meeting of his fellow citizens as a representative of the present Government, prepared to meet every charge which the Government have brought against them. The main charge which had been preferred was, that the Government was "a Government of broken promises and unfulfilled pledges." He denied the charge, and challenged the Opposition to prove it. The Government have fulfilled every pledge they made to the people at the polls. They were pledged to maintain intact the non-sectarian principle in the School Law! Have they not done so? They were pledged to submit a Bill for the abolition of the Legislative Council. They have submitted four Bills neither of which (owing solely to the fact that they did not control the Legislative Council) they were able to carry. They promised to retrench with respect to the Civil Service; they have amalgamated several offices; reduced the salaries of heads of departments from \$1600 to \$1300 a year, and instituted a system of rigid economy. They promised to encourage agriculture. The results of the two last Dominion Exhibitions, the new Stock Farm Buildings and the splendid stock imported, prove that that promise has been performed. They promised to obtain, if possible, a share of THE FISHERY AWARD. With respect to this question he would speak at some length; for out of this question the Opposition have obtained their "single plank." In connection with this matter there is one very important fact to be considered, and that is the treachery and deceit practiced by ex-Governor Laird. A brief review of the matter may be excused. In 1871 the Island, in compliance with the request of the British Government, opened its fisheries for the use of American fishermen, on certain stipulated conditions. On the 1st of July, 1873, the Treaty of Washington came into operation. In accordance with that Treaty the Americans were to have the use of our fisheries for twelve years, and under it the Fishery Commission was held and an award was made. In the year 1877, Mr. L. H. Davies was at the head of affairs in this Province. But instead of looking after the interests of the Island, and seeing that the conditions under which we opened our fisheries in 1871 were fulfilled, he took a retainer from the Dominion Government, under which he obtained for himself some \$8,000. While attending before the Commission, his duties here were performed by Mr. Fred Peters, who received therefor, from the Public Treasury, some \$500; by Mr. John Longworth, who received from the Public Treasury about \$2,200; and all the while he was drawing his own salary at the rate of \$1,600 a year. Now, in 1873, Messrs. Laird and Haythorne made their famous midnight journey to Ottawa; and the sequel will show who it was that sold the Island to Canada, so far as this award is concerned. It is well known that the present Government endeavored to obtain a share of the Fishery Award. They memorialized the Dominion Government and they sent a deputation to Ottawa. I was one of that deputation, and when I submitted the subject of our mission to the Dominion Government, what was I confronted with? Messrs. Laird and Haythorne were empowered by the Government to make certain propositions to the Dominion Government, and among these was one that, in the event of Union, we should receive a share of any award which might be made by the Fishery Commissioners. We shall see how they disposed of this demand. The demand was made in the following words: FIFTH.—Allow the Prince Edward Island Local Government to retain any sum which may be awarded by the Fishery Commission under the Washington Treaty, as an equivalent for surrendering the Fisheries of the Colony. This was the demand. Now let us see the decision respecting it, to which the Government of that day agreed. It is contained in a telegram, dated, Ottawa, 3rd March, 1873, and signed, HAYTHORNE, LAIRD.

The following is an extract:—"FISHERIES SAME AS OTHER PROVINCES, IF NOT SETTLED BEFORE UNION."

The award was not made till about four years after the Union; and, therefore, it is contended by the Dominion Government that, with respect to it, the Island is in the same position as the other Provinces. This agreement met the approval of the Laird-Haythorne Government, several members of which are now appealing to the country to put the present Government out and to put them in, in order that they may get a share of the Fishery Award. After agreeing to place the Island in the same position with respect to the Fishery Award as the other Provinces, we find Mr. PETER SINCLAIR in the first district of Queen's County, Mr. HENRY BEER in the third district of Queen's County, and JAMES R. McLEAN in one of the districts of King's County, making the Fishery Award their platform, and asking to be elected on the strength of it. OTHER PROMISES. Then the Government promised to revise and amend the laws relating to roads. They have done so. They have introduced a Statute Labor Act, which is working well, and the essential features of which have been incorporated in a Bill recently passed by the Legislature of the great Province of Ontario. They promised to abolish the registration of voters and ballot. That has been done; and the Government is hereby saved an expense of about \$4,000 a year, while the people are saved all the time and trouble it took to have their names registered on the voters' lists—and time is money. KITE-FLYING. But the Government is charged with being too economical. Well, this is, at all events, a contrast to the extravagance, the suspicious accounts—the financial kite flying practiced by the late Government a few years ago, and by means of which an indebtedness was incurred by the Province of

some \$73,000. Mr. Sullivan here produced the statement of Mr. F. W. Hyndman, late Provincial Auditor, proving the correctness of the statement that the late Government ran the Province into debt to the tune of \$73,000; and commented in scathing terms on the allegation subsequently made that the Government had forced Mr. Hyndman to make a false statement.

HON. D. LAIRD'S ESTIMATE.

The Hon. D. Laird is reported to have stated that the Government is not spending a sufficient amount to meet the wants of the Province when they spend only \$252,000 a year. But in 1873 Mr. Laird made an estimate of what our revenue and expenditure would be under Confederation. Here it is: Total revenue.....\$218,640.32 Total expenditure.....206,048.85

Yearly surplus.....\$ 12,591.47 Then Mr. Laird thought \$206,000 enough! Now he thinks \$250,000 a year insufficient!

HON. J. C. POPE'S ESTIMATE.

It is worthy of remark that, of all the estimates made at that time, that of the Hon. J. C. Pope (applause) is the most correct. He then estimated that our yearly expenditure in Confederation would be about 257,000. Last year we expended only a few thousand dollars more, while the late Government expended nearly \$400,000!

WHAT THE GOVERNMENT HAVE SAVED.

Mr. Sullivan here exhibited a statement, signed by the Provincial Auditor, showing that the saving effected by the Government amounts to about \$127,000 a year.

REPEAL OF THE ASSESSMENT ACT.

Mr. Sullivan met the charge of the Opposition, respecting the repeal of the Assessment Act, by supposing a man to have plenty of money to meet his wants, going into the money market and borrowing a sum on interest, at the rate of 25 per cent., and then depositing it in one of our banks, and obtaining interest for it at the rate of five per cent.

HOW THE COUNTRY STANDS AFFECTED.

Mr. Sullivan said, in conclusion, that advice from all parts of the country went to show beyond a doubt that the Government would be sustained at the polls by an overwhelming majority; and showed the advisability of the city keeping itself in accord with the country by returning the Government candidates.

MESSERS. MACLEOD AND BLAKE.

Enthusiastic cheers were given for the candidates, for the Leader of the Government, and for the Queen, and at half-past eleven o'clock, the great meeting dispersed.

The exodus of Canadians still continues. Another train load of French Canadian families passed over the Central Vermont one day last week. But as the party were bound north, and were emigrating from the United States to Canada, the Grifts will probably omit to make a note of the fact. This is the kind of exodus they had rather not see.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS LOUISE, Marchioness of Lorne, has sent a letter regarding the nurses' training school in connection with the General and Marine Hospital, St. Catharines, to Miss Mary Bruce, Marchioness of St. Catharines. The Princess, who is Lady Patroness of the training school, expresses her sorrow at the lamented death of Dr. Mack, its founder, and also her sense of the loss it will be to the school. The letter contains a cheque for £15 for the funds of the institution.

MARRIED.

On the 8th March, at Lamouli, India, by the Rev. J. H. T. Blunt, Ernest F. Dawson, P. W. D., Irrigation Department, to Alison, only daughter of John Steel, mem. L. C. E., and granddaughter of Sir John Steel, R. S. A., Edinburgh, Scotland.



TELEGRAPH LINES. SELKIRK TO EDMONTON!

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to noon on WEDNESDAY, the 17th day of May next, in a lump sum, for the purchase of the Government Telegraph Line (embracing the Poles, Wires, Insulators and Instruments), between Selkirk and Edmonton. The conditions to be that a line of telegraph communication is to be kept up between Winnipeg, Humboldt, Battleford and Edmonton, and that Government messages be transmitted free of charge. The parties tendering must name, in addition to the lump sum they are prepared to give for the telegraph line, the maximum rate of charge for the transmission of messages to the public. F. BRAUN, Secretary, Dept. of Railways and Canals, Hill 17th May Ottawa, 18th April, '82, wksly

HORSES FOR SALE. I WILL SELL AT AUCTION, in front of my Sale Room, Market Square, on FRIDAY, the 25th Inst., at 12 o'clock, noon,— 1 Mare with Foal, 1 Carriage Horse. E. NEEDHAM, Auctioneer, Ch'town, April 26, '82—21

SALE BY AUCTION, SOURIS WEST. THE subscriber will sell by Auction, on the premises, Souris West, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th day of May next, at 1 o'clock in the forenoon, the farm or tract of land adjoining the village known as the "Hillyer Farm," comprising about thirty acres. Terms easy and made known at office of LONGWORTH & MASZARD, Solicitors, Ch'town, April 26, 1882—wksly till sale

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Having a very heavy Stock on hand, a large portion of it must be cleared off at greatly reduced prices.

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JNO. R. BOURKE, JR.

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GRAND CONCERT

Oddfellows' Natal Day Celebration.

Wednesday, April 26.

PROGRAMME

- 1. Overture—Over the Garden Wall... Band 82nd Battalion
2. Chorus—O! Hail us ye free, from Ennami... Glee Club
3. Vocal Solo—Good Bye... Mrs. W. Longworth
4. Duet Vocal—On the Blue Wave... Mrs. Mal. Macleod and Miss G. Desbrisay
5. Duet for two Cornets & Selections from Norma... Messrs. Galbraith and Hayden
6. Song—Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep... Mr. Reid
7. Vocal Solo—The Watchman... Miss Hayden
8. Comic Reading... Mr. Anderson
9. Overture—Midnight Galop... Band
10. Vocal Solo—Hunting Song... Mr. Hamilton Brown
11. Duet Vocal—All's Well... Mrs. Maynard and Reid
12. Vocal Solo—Beautiful Bird sing on... Miss Knight
13. Chorus—Hail to thee Liberty, from Semeramide... Glee Club
14. Overture—Cranet Waltz, Fairy Revue... Band
15. Recitation—The Parting of Douglas and Marjorie... Mr. Cleveland
16. Vocal Solo—She Wandered from the Mountain Side... Mrs. Mal. Macleod
17. Song—Come Whome to you Children and Me (in the Lanza hion dialect)... Mr. Unsworth
18. Overture—Grand March... Band
19. Grand Chorus, from Faust... Glee Club
20. God Save the Queen.
Tickets, 25 cents; Reserved Seats, 50 cts. To be had at the Drug Stores, Diamond Book Store, Brennan Bros., and at the door. CONCERT AT 8. FRANK KENNEDY, Sec Com. Ch'town, April 24, '82—3in

NOTICE.

I WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION, on WEDNESDAY, 3rd May next, at 1 o'clock, p.m., all the Sails, Rigging, Yards, Spars, Chains and Anchors purchased from the wrecks of the Schooner Ada R. and Brig. Emma Pitcairn. Also, at same time, a lot of Nets, Lines, Hooks, &c., being the property of the estate of E. G. and F. W. Fuller. JOHN McLEAN, Souris, April 26, '82—81

CITIZENS' Skating Rink Company.

THE GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Citizens' Skating Rink Company will be held AT THE RINK, ON— Wednesday, 10th day of May, AT 8 O'CLOCK, P. M., for the purpose of electing Directors and transacting such other business as may be brought before the meeting. JOHN A. MOORE, Pro Secy., Ch'town, April 25, '82—81

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To Lobster Packers