

THE EXAMINER.

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ONE of the most interesting incidents connected with the political revolution lately consummated in this colony, is the attempt which has just been made by the Charlottetown Tories to win the good opinion of the country people. If a liberal from town put himself to the trouble, in the bad old times that are past, of canvassing a country constituency, either for himself or for a friend, those straight-laced Tories, who fared sumptuously every day at the public expense, and fancied they enjoyed the "right divine to govern wrong," turned up their would-be aristocratic noses, and d-d him for a demagogue, seditious caitiff, and popularity hunter. It was matter of small consequence to them what the common people (as the mass of our population have been disdainfully styled) thought, felt, or desired in reference to public affairs,—they enjoyed the rich livings of their offices, and believed that no earthly power could take them away; they anathematized the complaints of the people, as disloyal and seditious,—and trampled upon their leaders whenever they could do so, under the slightest shadow of law. But time has at last "set all things even," and transferred the people from the degrading position of servitude to a Government faction, to that pre-eminent one in which they can annihilate any Government by the expression of their will. How true it is, that

"If we do but watch the hour,
There never yet was human power
Which could evade, if unforgiven,
The patient search and vigil long
Of those who treasure up a wrong."

It is certainly the most astounding presumption that can possibly be imagined, to find individuals who laboured all their lives to perpetuate "wrong" doing in the administration of our Government, now taking up the occupation of travelling politicians, which they had formerly denounced as disloyal, and striving to worm themselves into the good graces of those whom they had so long oppressed. But, thank Heaven, the people have the spirit, as well as the power, now to resent the wrong, and manfully to reject the proffered alliance with the invaders of their liberty, and the traducers of their fame.

The Havilands, the Palmers, and the Longworths—the chief men of the Tory party—have put their influence to the test in Prince County: the groans and hisses with which they were almost every where received—their precipitate and disgraceful retreat from the public meeting at Grand River—their narrow escape from personal violence at the hands of the Tignish French—all clearly demonstrate the deep-rooted hatred of the people in that county for the principles of the fallen party. The return of the Liberal candidates—a matter beyond the shadow of doubt—will be another and more significant demonstration of this fact. The friends of Mr. Gall and Dr. Conroy cannot console themselves under the reflection, when their champions are beaten—as they are sure to be, and beaten handsomely too—that the result might have been different, had they been more active and energetic in their canvass. Indeed, they could not have been more so. Since the General Election of last year, the Doctor has not lost a single opportunity of ingratiating

himself with the constituency of the third District, to the end that he might supplant Mr. Pope when the change of Government occurred; and since the acceptance of offices by the latter gentleman, as well as by Messrs. Warburton and Fraser, the foulest and most despicable means have been used by individuals who assume the aspect of moral, Christian gentlemen, to induce the electors in the three Districts to vote against their consciences. Indeed Mr. Yeo is known to have told some electors in his neighbourhood, that in England people frequently vote contrary to their consciences, and they ought to do so here! It is, however, gratifying to know that the people of Prince County have not yet learned from either Mr. Yeo or his unprincipled allies how to set aside the dictates of their consciences; and that their political principles are not to be purchased by any of the base bribes insultingly offered to them.

The Obstructives have done many foolish acts in their opposition to Liberal principles, but their saddest blunder is the opposition now offered to the return of the official candidates—involving on their part the high moral and legal offence of gross bribery and corruption,—when they might have known that **THEY ARE SURE TO BE BEATEN.**

"Every body believes the Islander at last."—(Islander of Friday.)

This is pretty conclusive as to the conviction of its editor, that "every body" did not believe the Islander at first. But the fact that it is as thoroughly disbelieved now as formerly, is proved by the contemptuous reception its principal supporters lately received from the people of Prince County, and by the honours and applause which every where attended the objects of its hate.

The Islander is sadly in distress for a subject of complaint against the Government, when it is reduced to the miserable alternative of reprinting the oath taken by members of the Executive Council, which we described last week, and pointed out to be precisely the same oath as that which was taken by the patrons of the Islander, when they entered the Council. We know—and so does every body know—that the Islander's great annoyance is, that the Tories have been relieved from the obligations of that oath. It is eminently creditable to the new Government, that, notwithstanding all the vague and incoherent grumbings of their adversaries, the only serious charge that is proved against them, is, that they have taken an oath which their predecessors took, and which they would take again, if they were allowed to do so. The ex-solicitor General—taking his cue from the Islander—insinuated, in his rambling speech at St. Eleanor's, that the obligations of an Executive Councilor's Oath of office rendered Messrs. Coles, Pope and Warburton, unworthy of public confidence. We wonder that his audience, when they knew that he took the same oath himself—had forbearance enough not to pitch him out of the Court House window, for daring to insult their understandings by such a falsehood.

BOUNTY TO THE INDIANS.

Thursday, the 12th instant, having been the day appointed for presenting the Government bounty to the Indians, usually given on the accession of a new Governor, very nearly one hundred of the tribe, male and female—for the most part decently clad—walked in procession, on the afternoon of that day, to the Government House, led by the Indian Commissioner, Henry Palmer, Esq. On ar-

iving there, they gave three hearty cheers for His Excellency and Lady Bannerman, who, surrounded by the members of the Executive Council, and many ladies and gentlemen of the Town, stood on the Balcony to receive them. Mr. Palmer then presented to his Excellency a newly-elected Chief (son of the late chief) Thomas Le Bob, to whom Sir Alexander gave a commission, under the great seal of the Island, ratifying his election; after which the Commissioner read, on behalf of the Indians, an excellently written address, in which His Excellency was warmly congratulated on his assumption of the Government, and the unhappy condition of the Indians graphically and characteristically described. His Excellency replied extempore, thanking the Indians for their good wishes towards himself and his lady; expressing sympathy for their destitute condition, and promising the use of his influence towards promoting their improvement. His Excellency then handed to the new Chief a bag containing twenty-five pounds, desiring him to distribute the money amongst his tribe. Lady Bannerman having provided an abundant collation, consisting of Bread, Meat and Wine, the Indians were invited to partake of it, the gentlemen in attendance serving it out to them. Before and after the repast, the Indians exhibited some ingenious specimens of their handiwork; and amused his Excellency and his party by their curious modes of dancing and singing. Lady Bannerman was most unremitting in her attentions to promote the happiness of the tribe; and made them several presents of money. As may be well imagined, those children of the forest were enthusiastic in their praises of her Ladyship.

[From our Supplement of Saturday.]

News from the West!

THE Hon. Mr. Pope, who arrived in Town yesterday from Prince county, has communicated to us most cheering accounts of the state of public feeling in that part of the Island in reference to the approaching elections. On Monday last about 400 people assembled at Mrs. Garrett's, Lot 19, at least three fourths of whom pronounced themselves strongly in favour of the Liberal cause, and will of course vote to a man for the Liberal candidates. The meeting was addressed by Messrs. Pope, Coles, Warburton and Lord, on the one side; and by Messrs. Rae and Montgomery on the other. The editor of the Islander was present, and though urged to come forward, and substantiate the calumnies he has been constantly circulating to the prejudice of the Government and the Assembly—preferred the safety of inglorious silence, and held an obscure place in the crowd. Montgomery and the Speaker, who appears to have thrown himself body and soul into the arms of the Obstructives—sneaked off from the main body of the meeting, and having mustered their forces, who were chiefly Duncan Maclean's New London "yahoos"—attempted to cram down their throats every falsehood propagated by the Islander for the past twelve months. Messrs. Coles, Pope and Warburton, having given their own meeting full explanations touching the various political topics of interest—came over to where the Speaker and Montgomery were entertaining their audience, and the way in which they were "used up," in one or two effective speeches from the Liberal side, was a caution to such political charlatans. In fact many of their own friends felt ashamed at the manner in which their treachery was exposed.

At St. Eleanor's on the following day, when Messrs. Warburton's and Gaul's

nomination took place, the expression of public opinion in favour of the Liberals was most marked and significant. The Court House was, densely crowded, and Messrs. Pope and Warburton addressed the electors amidst the most unbounded applause. After the close of the Sheriff's Court the discussion commenced in good earnest,—it was conducted on the one side by Messrs. Pope, Coles, Warburton, Lord and Adams, and by Messrs. Palmer, T. H. Haviland, and Rae on the other side. The latter gentleman was hooted out of the Court House for his tergiversation and renegadism, and the two former were listened to with great reluctance, and were frequently groaned. At the close of the debate the Liberals were enthusiastically cheered, and the "Muzzlers" in general, and the "Pensioner" in particular—as Mr. Adams styled Mr. Haviland and his friends from Charlottetown, because they objected to his addressing the electors whilst the Sheriff's Court was open, he not being a voter in Mr. Warburton's District—were treated to a perfect hurricane of groans. The learned Doctor kept aloof from the melee, though repeatedly called by the Hon. Mr. Lord,—and of course passed unscathed by the fire through which Mr. Haviland, Mr. Palmer and Mr. Rae had to pass. Mr. Adams, familiarly known as "John Bull," gave the late Secretary a dressing which he will not easily forget.

At Bedeque, Tryon, and Grand River, other meetings were numerous attended, and public opinion manifested most decidedly in favour of the Liberal candidates. The Obstructives—smarting under the castigation they received at St. Eleanor's—thought proper to keep away from those meetings, to avoid further punishment. It is true they made a melancholy attempt at getting up a meeting, on their own hook, at Tryon, but when the friends of Messrs. Lord and Pope, who were accompanied by a Band of Music, and a variety of flags, were aware of the fact of the Obstructives being in their neighbourhood, they boldly marched up to them, passed thro' their little gathering, playing their merry airs, to the no small confusion of the poor Speaker, who was vainly endeavouring to get a hearing from his story friends. If these people had a particle of common sense they would not have run their heads into a contest which, in its issue, is sure to cover them with disgrace—excite public feeling against them more strongly than ever, and involve a most foolish expenditure of money.

MORE NEWS FROM THE WEST.

Accounts from the "far West" received on Saturday, inform us that Messrs. Warburton and Coles are doing their work handsomely, and exterminating Toryism from Prince County. They have attended many public meetings, and every where received a most gratifying reception. Not so with their opponents. At Tignish, on Sunday week, Mr. Gall and some of his supporters, while canvassing the French, commenced abusing Mr. Coles, as cowards would, in the absence of that gentleman, when the French turned upon them, and would probably have hung them up on the nearest tree, had they not made a speedy exit.

We erred in our Supplement, in stating that the Charlottetown Tories absented themselves from all the meetings held subsequently to the nomination at St. Eleanor's. Those gentry did presume to shew their phizzes at Grand River, but the people there intimated to them that their absence was very desirable for their