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SIR JOHN AND SIR CHARLES

At the meeting in North Simcoe, a few days ago, Hugh John Macdonald arose to the strains of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" from the band. When the cheering had subsided, he thanked the people and the band for their welcome. "Whether I am a jolly good fellow or not," said he, "I am generally known as one of the boys." He was glad that the people of that district were willing to extend to the son the confidence which they had reposed in the father. He was glad to be there to support his father's old friend and colleague, Sir Charles Tupper. He was told that there was a feeling among some of his father's old friends in Simcoe that Sir Charles had not acted fairly by Sir John Macdonald, and had endeavoured to appropriate to himself credit which properly belonged to the latter. "Had that been a fact," said Hugh John, "I would not have been on this platform to-day; no man in active political life stuck to Sir John Macdonald and supported him so ably as Sir Charles." Several cases in which this support was given were instanced by Mr. Macdonald. "Can you wonder," he asked, "that I am anxious to support Sir Charles Tupper? Can you wonder that I am anxious to see every good Conservative throughout the Dominion do the same thing?"

A QUESTION.

Our discreet contemporary sums up, in its own impartial and independent way, the influences which make for victory and defeat in the forthcoming contest of the two political parties of Canada. Strangely enough, the judicial eye of the Guardian does not at all see, in its "outlook," any indications resulting from the broken promises of the Tarte-Laurier party, the great increase of the expenditures, taxation and debt in the face of explicit promises to reduce all three; the Yukon rascalities, the Drummond deal (in which Mr. Tarte's boys got La Patrie) the election scandals, the jobbery, the bribery which have prevailed instead of the reign of honesty and purity which the leading Liberals now in office promised the people that they would inaugurate. Does The Guardian give the people of Canada no credit for that element of moral sense which rejects and spurns the deceiver and the breaker of his promise? The Guardian seemed to think, a few months ago, the Government behaved badly when it refused to implement the majority vote of the plebiscite in favor of prohibition with a prohibitory law. Does it suppose that because it has subsided or collapsed in regard to that matter, that the temperance people of Canada have forgotten all about it? Yes, we have had good crops and a measure of prosperity, thanks to a kind Providence, the industry of the people, and exceptional trade conditions;—but does The Guardian suppose that an honest electorate, an independent electorate, will vote to reward promise breakers and corrupt politicians, such as Mr. Tarte, on that account?

—The khaki issue is expected to aid the Conservatives in the British elections. The Gazette says it would have probably helped the Liberals in the Canadian elections, too, but for the emergency ration blotch. That spoiled the color of the Government cloth.

MR. TARTE'S CHALLENGE.

At one of the great Ontario meetings of the Liberal-Conservatives, Mr. Hugh John Macdonald referred to Mr. Tarte's challenge. "It is an easy thing," said Mr. Macdonald, "for a man to make a challenge which he knows cannot be accepted. Mr. Tarte knows my engagements. If he chooses to come to any of the places in Ontario where I am to speak this week I will be glad to meet him. If the elections are put off, if they do not come in October or soon after, I will be glad to meet him in any town of Ontario he may name." In Montreal, as at Belleville, Mr. Macdonald had charged Mr. Tarte with raising the racial cry; and he had said the same thing in both places. He does not believe in speaking one way in one province and another in another. He objected to the way Mr. Tarte had spoken in France. "No man," said he, "is more anxious to prevent the introduction of racial or religious cries than I am. The people should feel that whether English or French, Catholic or Protestant, they are all Canadians." Mr. Macdonald declared that he would not attempt to deprive any of his fellow-citizens of the rights to which they are entitled by law, and no one who tried anything of that kind would have any stronger opponent than himself. It was disreputable for a French-Canadian in Quebec to attempt to stir up race prejudice. But there might be some excuse for it; because their votes could be got for it but the man who went to a foreign country and made speeches which led foreigners and Englishmen to believe that a great portion of the Canadian people were not loyal, and had done this at such a time, was a traitor, and ought to be denounced. These are Mr. Hugh John Macdonald's sentiments. These are, we believe, the sentiments of nine-tenths of the people of Canada.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—The St. John Sun says that the nomination of Mr. Carvell as the government candidate in Carleton will not greatly disturb Mr. Hale. It will, however, give Mr. Hazen a chance to get another supporter in the legislature.

—It is said that Mr. Tarte absolutely refused to "give in" or "go out" at the desire of the Ontario contingent of the Ministry. As Tarte is the master mind, the Ontario contingent will have to "back down."

—The Liberal programme still consists in saying one thing in one province and another thing in another. The Globe, of Toronto, Ontario, declares:—

"Mr. Tarte is not the leader of the Government. He alone does not make its policy. Mr. Tarte is a member of the Laurier administration, and, it may be, is not always discreet in his utterances."

In Quebec, remarks the Montreal Gazette, Mr. Tarte is the master of the administration and knows when the elections are to be held; and no one questions his authority. It is only questioned in Ontario for purposes of deceit.

—The editor of the Guardian takes a very liberal view of the prospects of the New Liberals in the coming contest. It would seem as if the balmy air of Hampton were having a very exhilarating effect on our discreet contemporary. But then The Guardian has always been a newspaper with a very strong and partizan leaning towards the New Liberals.

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