

JUNE 1, 1887.

A Mythical Statement.

WITH Hansard before him, the editor of the Patriot published from the Parliamentary report of the Montreal Gazette the erroneous statement that Sir John Macdonald said "The tunnel was a myth."

The Hansard report of Sir John's speech is published herewith, and our readers will see for themselves whether or not Sir John said the tunnel was a myth.

"Sir John A. Macdonald.—The hon. gentleman is very curious to know whether I am going to implement my letter, and he says he was rather surprised and sorry to hear my answer to the question which was put to me to-day. Well, it was a plain question, and I gave it a plain answer. I will read the question:—

"Is it the intention of the Government to cause a survey to be made during the present season of the Straits of Northumberland, with a view of building a subway across the Straits, as promised by the National Club at Toronto—though the full report was courteously furnished it by the Governor-General's own stenographer.

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"It here appears that Mr. Welsh, and not Sir John, characterized the proposed Subway as a myth. Sir John, when he used the words, was only summarizing the remarks previously made by Mr. Welsh. That his summary was nearly correct, is proved by Mr. Welsh's admission, 'That is pretty near right.'"

"When the Island's representatives express such opinions, 'what are the Government to do?' This was the point raised by Sir John. Fortunate it is that Sir John and his colleagues are not guided by the opinions of Davies, Welsh, et al. Our readers will be delighted to hear that, notwithstanding the sneers and abuse of our misrepresentatives, the Government intend to proceed with the survey, in order that the feasibility of the Subway scheme may be fully proved.

Editorial Notes.

The Toronto Globe has just given another proof of its fitness as a representative of the "Organized Hypocrisy"—the "Jug Handled Party"—of Canada. It has deliberately suppressed a material part of the Governor-General's speech, delivered before the National Club at Toronto—though the full report was courteously furnished it by the Governor-General's own stenographer.

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Communication With the Mainland.

SUMMARY OF THE RECENT DEBATE.—MR. DAVIES SIZED UP.

(Staff Correspondence of the Sun.)

The first day of the session after the holidays was captured by the Prince Edward Islanders, who began the discussion in a way calculated to leave the impression that they wanted an improvement on the steam service between the Island and the Mainland. Before the debate was over it was found that they wanted an opportunity to pitch into the Government. The position of the marine department with regard to Prince Edward Island is not hard to understand. For fifteen years the minister in charge has striven to provide the people with regular winter communication. The problem is not an easy one, as all who have tried to solve it know. The first practical experiment tried with any success at all was the Northern Light. As compared with anything that had previously been done she was a success, but when looked at in the light of the needs and desires of the people she was a failure. The Northern Light has cost a great deal of money, and has been refitted and strengthened many times. Whether or not a better style of ship can be procured is an open question, but there is no doubt in honest minds that the Government would very gladly avail themselves of any practicable solution of the difficulty. A great many Prince Edward Island people thought that an Arctic sealer would be the right thing, and urged the Government to construct a vessel on the sealer plan. Very properly the department concluded not to go to that expense without some guarantee of success. So they engaged the best of the Newfoundland sealers and placed her on the route. The Neptune was voted a complete failure, and Canada was delivered from a great waste of good money.

Another scheme is the subway, so earnestly advocated by Senator Howland. This appeared at first sight a wild idea, but it had the endorsement of many practical engineers, and the Government has not disdained to look into it. Preliminary explorations were made, and Sir John announced last winter in a letter to Senator Howland that it was then the purpose of the Government to make further surveys, in order to ascertain whether such a work was possible, and whether, if possible, it would be safe, and whether, if safe, the undertaking could be carried out at reasonable expense. Meanwhile, as Mr. Welsh testified and as no member disputed, the Cape transport service has been put on an altogether better footing, and has been conducted at large expense by the Government. The Minister of Marine explained clearly and circumstantially to the House what steps had been taken. At present the department was gathering information, and in a few days he hoped to be able to state the conclusion to which the Government had come respecting the alternative methods proposed.

This being the condition of affairs, it was plain that the members for Prince Edward Island were amply justified in making practical suggestions, asking information, or urging the Government and Parliament to extraordinary efforts and expenditures on behalf of their province. It is

CIVIC ELECTION BY THE MAYOR.

IN pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly of this Island, made and passed in the forty-third year of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, intitled "An Act to amend the Act of the eighteenth Victoria, Chapter thirty-four, intitled 'An Act to incorporate the Town of Charlottetown, and all Acts amending the same.'"

I do hereby give Public Notice that an Election of one person to serve as Common Councilman in the City Council for Ward Two of said City, in place of John Kelly, Esquire, resigned, will be held

On Thursday, the 9th day of June Next, A. D., 1887.

at the following place, that is to say: In Ward 2, at or near the house of Thomas Connolly, opposite Mr. R. Hearty's warehouse, Sydney Street, between Great George and Prince Streets.

And at the said election the poll will be opened at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and continue open till 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

DESCRIPTION OF WARD.

Number 2 shall comprise all that part of Charlottetown which lies south of Richmond Street and north of Dorchester Street.

NOMINATION DAY.

Thursday, 2nd June next, A. D. 1887, from the time of Twelve at noon until the hour of Four o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

QUALIFICATION OF ELECTORS.

See Act 43 Victoria, Chap. 15, Sec. 20 and 64 and 48 Victoria, Chap. 8, Sec. 12.

T. HEATH HAVILAND, Mayor of the City of Charlottetown. A. H. MACPHERSON, City Clerk. Mayor's Office, Charlottetown, June 1st, 1887.

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T. HEATH HAVILAND, Mayor of the City of Charlottetown. A. H. MACPHERSON, City Clerk. Mayor's Office, Charlottetown, May 30th, 1887.—jun

Household Furniture

I AM instructed by the Rev. Charles O'Meara to sell by auction at my Salesroom,

Friday, June 17, at 2 o'clock,

All his Household Furniture, consisting in part of 1 Parlor Set, in Walnut and Hair Cloth, 3 Bedroom Sets, Ash and Walnut, 1 Bed Lounge, 3 Flock Mattresses, Dining Room Chairs, Extension Table and sideboard, Hall Chairs, Table and Hat Stand, 5 Carpets, in Brussels, Tapestry and Wool Rugs, Mats, Ottomans, 1 Walnut Writing Desk, 1 Dinner Set, 1 China Set, and a general lot of Crockery, Glassware, etc.

G. M. HARRIS, Auctioneer.

May 31, eod till sale

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Kate Parlington, the world-renowned Topsy, as Topsy No. 1.

Gracie Peck, the beautiful and phenomenal child actress, as Eva.

Engaged for this season, the only genuine South Carolina Jubilee Singers and Plantation Troupers, 20 in number; the aesthetic trained donkey, LEON; the smallest Shetland pony in the world; Edison's electric parlor light; magnificent scenery by "Coelgen"; elaborate costumes by Dazien.

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G. M. HARRIS, Auctioneer.

May 31

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May 18, 1887.

Head Saint Peter's Bay, May 23, 1887.—eod & wky

THE undersigned will receive TENDERS up to the 15th day of June next, for the Lathing and Plastering, Moulding and Ornamental work of the inside of the Catholic Church at St. Peter's Bay. Tenders to state what they will perform the work for and find all materials except the laths; and also to say what they will do the work for, and the Committee do not bind themselves to accept the lowest, nor any Tender.

ANDREW LEWIS, Secretary.