

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

AUGUST 17, 1894.

"HUMBUG" OR WHAT?

In the course of one of his speeches to the electors of Prince Edward Island, Premier Peters said: "What do you think a victory of the Liberal party in Canada would mean to us? It means that this Province, which for years has been denied fair play, would receive it. Not many years ago all the great leaders of the Liberal party met together at the Quebec conference. You all remember how they agreed on the scheme which, if carried out, would give to this Province a largely increased subsidy. You are aware that we send from this Island one of the foremost Liberal politicians of Canada. And when the great change came, instead of Prince Edward Island being a little unrepresented province, it will have as its champion a man who will fill a place second only to that of the Premier of Canada. We will then receive justice."

This utterance has lately been the subject of a discussion on the part of The Mail and The Globe. The fact that the political relationship of Premier Peters and Mr. L. H. Davies is very close, and the announcement that Mr. Davies would accompany Mr. Laurier into the North-west Territories, caused the Mail to demand of Mr. Davies a repudiation of the implication that he would obtain "a largely increased subsidy" for P. E. Island if the Liberals are successful in the next election. Mr. Davies has not responded to the request. But the chief organ of the Liberal Party in this regard, The Globe says:—

"At the National Convention, neither a committee nor in open convention was any proposal for better terms offered. The resolutions of the Inter-provincial Conference, if these could be said to include better terms, were not adopted by the Liberal Party of the Commons. The Liberal Party is not a better-terms party."

It is clear either that Mr. Premier Peters was humbugging the people when he held out the hope of "a largely increased subsidy" as a result of victory on the part of the Liberals, or that The Globe has stated that which is untrue.

There is a good deal of collateral evidence in favor of the first hypothesis, and no evidence whatever against the latter. Mr. Premier Peters led the people to believe that when his party were in office the expenditures of the Government would be considerably reduced—the result which followed the advent of the Peters Administration was a very large increase of expenditure and a big deficit of \$120,000,000! Mr. Premier Peters intimated that the day of direct taxation was far off; and, now, the tax gatherer is at our doors! The people have been humbugged by Mr. Peters, and the reasonable conclusion is that he was merely humbugging when he set forth "a large increase of subsidy," as a result of a Liberal victory in Canada. It is safe, at least, to conclude that Mr. Davies will not dare, at any time before the next election, to go into Ontario and say that triumph on the part of the Liberal Party will involve largely increased subsidies to the Provinces.

On the other hand, it will not be forgotten that every concession to the just demands of Prince Edward Island—from the concession of \$30,000 a year in 1873 to the concession of \$20,000 a year in 1889, was asked and granted by the Liberal Conservatives and opposed by the Grigs. It does not seem to have ever entered the minds of the men of the Liberal Party in the west that Prince Edward Island can possibly have any just claim upon the treasury of Canada. But the Liberal Conservative Government has shown a disposition to look into the merits of our claims, and to yield somewhat to the arguments of our delegates and representatives. While there are good grounds for the expectation that the just demands of Prince Edward Island will, in the future as in the past, be favorably considered by the Liberal-Conservative party in Ottawa, there are no good grounds for the hope held out by Mr. Peters of "a large increase of subsidy" resulting from a Liberal triumph. The Globe, and not Mr. Peters, is in this case, the true interpreter of the mind of the Liberal Party. The taxpayers of Prince Edward Island have nothing whatever to hope or expect from the Liberal party of Canada.

THE VOTER'S DUTY.

The duty of everyone qualified to be an elector is to see to it that his name shall be properly registered upon the Dominion voters list. The qualifications which entitle a person to have his name so registered are, in brief:

- That you are a male of the age of 21 years;
That you are a British subject; and
That if you live in a city you are owner of real property amounting to at least \$200; or in towns amounting to \$200; or in villages, townships, etc., amounting to \$150; or
That you are the tenant of any real property within the electoral district under a lease, at a monthly rental of at least two dollars, or a quarterly rental of at least six dollars, or a half-yearly rental of twelve dollars, or a yearly rental of at least twenty dollars; or
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That you are a resident of the electoral district and derive an income of at least \$300 annually in money or money's worth; or
That you are a farmer's son not otherwise qualified to vote, and have been a resident with your father or mother for one year previous; or
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