

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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IN BRIEF.

The meeting held in the rink last evening was one of the greatest ever held in Charlottetown. It was fully representative of the brain and brawn and independence of Prince Edward Island. The speeches of Sir Charles Tupper and Mr Foster were absolutely convincing,—the argument against the Laurier-Tarte government overwhelming.

We publish today a large part of the shorthand report of the speech of Sir Charles Tupper, and will, as the copy comes in, give the speeches of Mr Foster and those who followed him. Although their treatment of the case was elaborate and extended, the arguments of the orators were simple and clear, Sir Charles Tupper called upon the electors of the country to note that, as between the two political parties, the course of the Liberal-Conservatives had been proved right, and that of the men who call themselves Liberals wrong. This was admitted in respect to the consolidation of Canada, which the Liberal-Conservatives brought about in spite of the contrary efforts of the Liberals in respect to the Canadian Pacific Railway, which the Liberal-Conservative promoted and the Liberals opposed; in respect to the National Policy, which the Liberal-Conservatives carried in the face of the most determined opposition of the Liberals. Everyone now admits that these great measures of the Liberal-Conservatives were, one and all, in the interest of the Canadian people and of the Empire at large. This being so, the prudent and intelligent and independent electors of Canada are asked to give their confidence once more to the Liberal-Conservative party. The Liberals in office have admittedly failed to fulfil their promises to reduce public expenditures, debt and taxation; they are admittedly guilty of breaking their election promises to the people; they are admittedly guilty of having tried to force through parliament a measure for the purchase of the Drummond County Railway, under which the country would have lost a million of dollars—subsequently saved as a result of the action of the Senate; they are admittedly guilty of having tried to effect a deal in which McKenzie and Mann would have obtained nearly 4,000,000 acres of the public domain, including some of the best timbered acres in the world, in return for 150 miles of tramway; they are admittedly guilty of jobbery and corruption in the Yukon,—consequently they are unworthy of the continued support of a majority of the Canadian people, who are, in duty to themselves and to their country, bound to vote against them and in favor of the Liberal-Conservative party which is struggling to obtain that Mutual Preferential Trade with the British Empire, in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier, before the elections, saw—in common with every intelligent man—immense possibilities; and which, after the election, he prevented,—was Sir Charles Tupper's argument in brief.

Mr. Foster appealed to the honest and independent Liberals who at the last and previous elections supported Sir Louis and his friends in the faith that they would do certain things which they have failed to do. The men who were the accusers in 1896 are now the accused; the men who were profuse in their promises in 1896 are now to be tried in the light of their performances; and in that light what have their honest and independent supporters and canvassers to say about them? They promised reduction of debt, reduction of taxation, reduction of expenditures—all of which they declared to be extravagantly heavy; and they have increased all by millions upon millions of dollars. Honest Liberals who worked for them and voted for them in 1896, do the belief that their statements were true, and in the expectation that their promises would be fulfilled, where are you now at? They promised reciprocity or trade with the United States and the abolition of Protective duties. In respect to the former they have received nothing but a snub; in respect to the latter the duties are but a fraction of a fraction less than they were and protection has been fully maintained. Honest Liberal electors, where are you now at in respect to these matters? Mr. Foster appealed eloquently to the moral sense of the country; and in view of the facts, asked the electors to vote out the Laurier-Tarte Government.

Both Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. Foster gave convincing reasons for their belief that the Government will be defeated in the coming contest.

MONSTER MEETING.

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Sir Louis Davies—I will not say your representative, because I think he is misrepresenting you. I shall have occasion to refer to Sir Louis Davies in rather strong and unqualified terms. I regret this very much, for personally he is a very charming man, and I enjoy a quiet chat with him. I would very much prefer not being compelled to refer to any public man in terms that would be felt to be unkind by his relatives, friends or neighbors, but public questions require to be dealt with on a higher plane; and therefore I shall be obliged to tell you that one of the greatest sinners of them all, and the man who does not deserve the name Liberal but the name Obstructionist, is Sir Louis Davies. Mr. Mackenzie declared on the floor of parliament that all the resources of the Empire could not construct the Canadian Pacific Railway in ten years. Mr. Blake, another eminent Liberal, moved a resolution to prevent any attempt to pierce the Rocky Mountains. He declared that British Columbia was a sea of mountains; that it was a barren, worthless country, and that any money spent in attempting to open that country was wasted. He declared that bankruptcy would be brought upon Canada. [Sir Louis Davies put on record as a public man that the contract for the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, made by Sir John Macdonald, the Hon. John Henry Pops and myself, in London, in October, 1880, was fraught with such ruin and destruction to Canada that it would land us in annexation with the United States. He said that there was nothing for Canada but bankruptcy, that we were sure to fall into the lap of our neighbor to the south of us, and that under existing circumstances it would be impossible to maintain our national existence. Now, I am not blaming these gentlemen, for I assume that they were honest in their opinions. If they really believed what they said, they had the right to pursue that course. But that does not prevent intelligent men, whether Liberals or Conservatives, from judging between right and wrong; and if one party show true statesmanship on their side, they (the electors) will follow that party. The people at the last general election were led to support a party who obstructed the great public works carried out by the Liberal-Conservative party; but today they are compelled to admit that the Liberals were wrong, and that we were right.

Under these circumstances, our task is an easy one. You have only to read Canadian history to find that the Liberal-Conservative party has had the courage to grapple with the great public questions in a statesmanlike manner, and to solve them, while the other party has not. It is beyond dispute that through the efforts of the Liberal-Conservative party our country has been raised to the magnificent status which it occupies today. (Cheers.) The Government talk about the magnificent extension of trade, the good times, and the general progress and prosperity which exists in Canada today. Well, we all rejoice that such is the case; but we deny that this prosperity could have existed, if their obstructiveness while in Opposition, had not been broken down and paralyzed. (Hear, hear.) I do not intend to weary you with evidence and argument to prove this statement, as most of you are perfectly familiar with the facts. Yet every man of them is, today, boasting of the grand position to which Canada has attained! They well know that something which conduces to this prosperity, was done in spite of their most persistent opposition, and that if they had their way, we would be in no such position today. They assert that we had not been found capable of governing this country in such a way as to make it prosperous, although no less than about 14,000 miles of railway had been built during our term of office. All this was done in the face of their most strenuous opposition. We must not forget to remember, just here, that on one occasion, their present Finance Minister, Hon. Mr. Fielding, twenty years after Confederation was accomplished, went to the people of Nova Scotia, at a general provincial election, and declared that if they would give him a majority at the polls he would break up and destroy confederation. He obtained that majority, but was unable to carry out his threat. At the subsequent Dominion election for that province, I went down, assisted the Conservatives during the campaign, and returned to Ottawa with 15 out of 25 members pledged to oppose Mr. Fielding, and to support us. (Loud cheers.) Now, am I right or am I wrong when I say that Mr. Fielding is a bold, rash man when he tells the people of Canada that he has the right to claim credit for the great progress and prosperity of this country? Take the coal and iron industries of Nova Scotia. We know that there was a great field in that province to maintain and develop those great industries. Looking at all these facts the members of the present Government must not presume too much or take to themselves credit for the development of our resources, with our history staring them in the face. They well know that while a wave of prosperity is passing over us, and that almost everything has increased in value, the increase of the business, trade and prosperity of the country have not been achieved by anything they have done, but in spite of them. While claiming credit for this prosperity, I asked them on the floor of the House of Commons, and I ask any man here tonight to point out a single measure initiated and carried to completion by the Liberal Party that has contributed to any appreciable extent to the prosperity of Canada? They did not, and you cannot do so. They are dumb when you ask such a question. When, therefore, they talk about the prosperity that has arisen from causes with which they themselves had nothing whatever to do, they are presum-

ing too much. The history of this country and of their own party gives the lie to their statements.

(To be continued.)

At the conclusion of his speech Sir Charles was loudly applauded and cheered. Hon. Mr. Foster, who spoke after Sir Charles had concluded, was also received with applause and cheers. He spoke for upwards of an hour, closing about 11.20. He held the close attention of the immense audience throughout, and when he concluded was vigorously applauded and given three hearty cheers.

Messrs. Stewart and Martin, in response to repeated calls, made short and telling addresses, which were enthusiastically received. Then the meeting closed.

PUBLIC SERVICE PROSTITUTED BY PARTY.

DEAR EXAMINER,—I have not seen any notice by the press of the recent dismissal from office, without cause, of Mr. William McGrath, the efficient keeper of the light at St. Peter's Harbor, King's Co.

Efforts have been made on different occasions to deprive Mr. McGrath of his office. Mr. Commissioner Palmer was asked to investigate in hopes that some cause might be found on which to make an excuse for his dismissal, but the commissioner failed to find any. Now that an election is at hand pressure has been brought to bear on the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and the political exigencies of the party are such that poor McGrath is forced to make way for the friend of a political heeler, after about thirty years of faithful service. Such tactics cannot long survive, and there is no doubt but an indignant electorate will take the earliest opportunity to hurl from power a party who have proved recreant to every promise and who prostitute the public service to further their party ends.

Yours, etc.,

MORELL.

Sept. 1st, 1900.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—Charlottetown has lost aged, worthy and estimable citizens in the persons of Mr. Lewis and Mr. Worthy.

—The "political primer" issued by Sir Louis Davies' workers in 1896 is a boom-erang which in 1900 hits Sir Louis hard.

—Say, honest Liberals who worked and voted for Sir Louis Davies in 1896 because he promised to reduce expenditures, where are you at, now?

—Say, you electors who hustled for Sir Louis in 1896 because he said that the Liberals would obtain reciprocity of trade with the United States—where are you at now?

—Possibly the man who asked Sir Charles Tupper "what about the two-cent postage?" regrets that he spoke. That is a matter which reflects no credit upon the Laurier-Mulock administration; for the credit belongs to others, and the time was ripe for the change.

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