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THE DAILY EXAMINER NOVEMBER 16, 1899. WRITING IN CONNECTION: THE announcement in The Patriot of Tuesday, that dates are fixed for the elections in Belfast and Murray Harbor might have been expected since Sir Louis Davies entered in the campaign in these districts. The withholding of the writs in the first place was due to the well-grounded fear that the district would be carried by the opposition candidates, which would not only be the death knell of the Local Government, but would be a certain omen of defeat in the approaching Dominion contest. The plan was to delay the Provincial bye-elections so that they could be held simultaneously with the Federal general elections which had been booked for January. But the "Best laid schemes of mice and men Gange aft agley."

The popular indignation over the work of the machine in Ontario and the attitude of Messrs Laurier and Tarte regarding the Transvaal contingent compelled the Federal Cabinet to abandon the idea of a general election before the meeting of Parliament. Hence Farquharson and his proteges, Messrs Irving and McKinnon, have to "tread the winepress alone." This decision is "four kroun" for the Federal Government; for by means of it they have lost all hope of another term and have made up their minds to realize all they can from the existing lease of power.

But unpleasant as was the turn of affairs for the Federal politicians it was still worse for the Local Machine. As Mr. Arthur Peters, said very truly, the Local Premier "is very unpopular, and the poor man knows it." He had already received black eyes in New London and Tignish, with a diminished majority in Bedeque; and he fairly shook in his shoes at the idea of having to face the electors of Belfast and Murray Harbor at the polls without the advantage he hoped to derive from Federal power and boodle which he knew would be unsparingly used in a Federal election.

We can imagine the efforts of Sir Louis and Mr. Farquharson to comfort each other in the lamentable situation in which they were both placed. Sir Louis stood as the Provincial leader of a Federal administration which, in the midst of good crops and buoyant times, finds itself too weak to bring on the general election at the time which it had decided on; and Mr. Farquharson, as Provincial leader, already wincing under two electoral defeats, is openly reminded by one of his supporters of his notorious unpopularity and confronted with two vacancies in the Local Legislature which he dreaded to have filled.

The announcement that Sir Louis was going to lead a forlorn hope in Belfast and Murray Harbor was the first intimations of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's backdown in regard to the Federal election. The issuing of the writs fully confirms the impression already strongly made.

The men of Belfast and Murray Harbor will give their answer to both Sir Louis and Mr. Farquharson on the 13th of December.

"OH! WHAT A FALL." The Liberals of Ontario, with the aid of both governments and the machine, have succeeded in electing the Minister of Public Works in the Ontario Government. But the victory is one to make them sick. With two candidates pitted against their candidate—not a member of the government—their plurality at the last general election was 1441; in the recent bye-election, with but one candidate in opposition, their majority was "about 250"

FACTS FOR THE ELECTORS.

The present government have increased the debt of the Province since 1891 to the tune of about half a million of dollars. They have during the same period collected nearly two hundred thousand dollars from the people in direct taxation.

According to the figures for part of the present year, produced by Mr. Arthur Peters, at Murray Harbor, the deficit will be not less than \$45,000 in 1899.

The Island is going over head and heels into debt. The Premier is borrowing in every direction,—even from the Credit Foncier.

Will Belfast and Murray Harbor vote confidence in the government which has done these things?

PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

LORD METHUEN and a relief contingent is, even now, within striking distance of Ladysmith. Barring accidents, uneasiness regarding that beleaguered camp may now be dismissed. If it be true that General Joubert has fallen in battle the issue of the campaign will be arrived at the sooner. But the report needs confirmation. Brave men all over the world will, if it be true, regret the death of a clever and a brave commander. Yet, if it be true, there cannot be a doubt that the lives of thousands of other brave men will be saved. The Boers have no man who can fill the role of Joubert. Their inaction before Ladysmith, when action on their part is essential, is consistent with the news of Joubert's death.

General Buller is now quietly moving a large force in Cape Colony and will probably be ready to march upon the Orange Free State sooner than was anticipated.

The Britons at Kimberley and Mafeking were, at latest advices, holding their own.

THE B. C. BORDEN.—The schooner B. C. Borden, O. F. Taylor, master, arrived at Santiago, Cuba, from New York on the 27th Oct. Captain Taylor reports two days bad weather on the south side of Cuba, running into one of the West Indian hurricanes of which there have been so many this season and escaping further damage than the loss of his boat and forsail. From Santiago the B. C. Borden goes to Crandall Florida to load hard pine for Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Montreal Gazette: Winnipeg wants a larger hall. The lumber of those disappointed in not being able to get into the largest of the present structures to hear Sir Charles Tupper speak brought the fact forcefully to the people's attention.

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REV. DR. CARMAN. Who will lecture in Grace Church this evening at 7.30 on "Colonial Empire."

W. C. T. U.—The Dominion W. C. T. U. convention resumed at Halifax Tuesday morning. The superintendents of the various departments were appointed. The corresponding secretary's report was read by Mrs. Allison. Total number unions, 605; Total membership, 10,886; increase since last convention, 917; unions organized, 137; unions dropped out, 27; pledges taken 4,127; Receipts \$1,982.68; Expenditures, \$713.07. Balance in hand, \$1,269.61. A resolution was passed condemning the Minister of Militia and others in authority for the flagrant violation of the military regulation forbidding the use of intoxicants in the military camps. This resolution was ordered to be published and a copy sent to the Minister of Militia. The convention unanimously resolved that a license system would be preferable to the present prohibitory regulations.

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Political Meetings.

Belfast District.

- The undersigned will meet the electors of the Belfast district at the following times and places:—
- Avondale, Friday, Nov. 17th inst., at 6 p. m.
- Pownal, Saturday, 18th Nov. inst., at 6 p. m.
- Mr. Buchanan, Monday, 20th Nov. inst., at 1 p. m.
- Eldon, Monday, 20th Nov. inst., at 6 p. m.
- Belle River, Tuesday, 21st Nov. inst., at 6 p. m.
- Wood Islands, East Hill, Wednesday, 22nd inst., at 6 p. m.
- Caledonia, Thursday, 23rd Nov. inst., at 6 p. m.
- Grandview, Friday, 24th Nov. inst., at 6 p. m.
- Ugg Hall, Saturday, 25th Nov. inst., at 6 p. m.
- Cherry Valley (Gleason's) Monday, 27th Nov. inst. at 6 p. m.
- Melville School House, Wednesday, 29th Nov. inst., 6 p. m.
- Montague Cross, Thursday, 30th Nov. inst., at 6 p. m.
- Iris, (Pleasant Valley), Friday, 1st Dec. inst., at 1 p. m.
- Mt. Vernon, (Rona) Friday, 1st Dec. at 6 p. m.
- Albany Plains, Saturday, 2nd Dec. at 6 p. m.
- Orwell Cove, Monday, 4th Dec. at 6 p. m.
- Vernon River Bridge, Wednesday, 6th Dec. at 6 p. m.
- The Government Candidate, Mr. D. P. Irving, is cordially invited to attend. A. A. McLEAN.

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