

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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INSUFFICIENT REASONS.

AFTER a quarter of a million dollars have been spent among government supporters and a majority of not less than 20,000 has been polled for prohibition, the organs of the government are striving to persuade prohibitionists that they ought not to expect the passage of a prohibitory law. The Montreal Herald says:

"The only mandate which the government should be asked to recognize when so revolutionary a proposal as prohibition of the liquor traffic is in the balance, is that given by the preponderating majority of the whole electorate, for only then could a reasonably strict enforcement of the law be expected."

And again:
"The prohibitionists can approach that parliament only for legislation affecting the whole dominion. And such legislation, in the face of the opinion of Quebec, is impracticable. No government would be justified in forcing a law on a province so unitedly opposed to it."

Here are two reasons why the government is to be excused from bringing in a prohibitory law. As to the first we have yet to learn that any measure, even the most important ever passed in Canada, even Confederation, the National Policy or the Canadian Pacific Railway, had behind it "a preponderating majority of the whole electorate." Yet all these measures were passed and have been carried out to the satisfaction of the country. The Herald forgets apparently that the electorates of Ontario, Manitoba and Prince Edward Island had previously declared in favor of prohibition by overwhelming majorities, and that the large majority more recently polled over the whole country was obtained in the face of ministerial statements by which many of the people were convinced that the latest plebiscite was a farce as the others were, and therefore not worth while voting in. But the Herald says, also, that prohibitory legislation is impracticable because a majority in Quebec has declared against it. "No Government," it continues, "would be justified in forcing a law on a province so utterly opposed to it." That is to say, a majority in Quebec is to sway the Government of the whole of Canada. This is a new idea. Certainly the Government did not act in accordance with the will of Quebec when it hung Riel! If the Quebec majority against prohibition had overtopped that of all the other provinces combined in favor of it, all prohibitionists, being good citizens, would have instantly submitted. But the majority against prohibition in Quebec, being overtopped by the majority in favor of prohibition throughout Canada, it becomes the duty of the people of Quebec to yield an equally ready submission. It is openly charged that the majority in Quebec was increased, if not obtained, by means of fraud and misrepresentation. But apart from this consideration—we shall be greatly surprised if the majority obtained in Canada as a whole will be content to bow submissively to the majority obtained in Quebec. To do so would be to act in a manner that is un-British and unconstitutional. Quebec must not and shall not rule Canada at large.

A NEW CLAIM.

SIR LOUIS DAVIES has set up a new claim. At the Tarte banquet, a few evenings ago, he said,—we quote the report,— "He regretted that he could not speak French, although he was of French descent."

Sir Louis' claim to French descent will, of course, be recognized by the French-Canadians of West Queen's.

THE YUKON RAILWAY.

SIR LOUIS DAVIES at the Tarte banquet "challenged the whole Tory party to a discussion of the charge that the great Laurier had broken his pre-election pledges, and he would show that they all had been religiously adhered to. The Government had built the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, and would have constructed the road to the Yukon had not they been prevented by the Senate, and by this act the Tories had diverted "no less than \$20,000,000 worth of traffic from Canadian to American channels." Sir Louis seems to be unaware that Mr. Domville, one of the Government's right hand men, who has lately been in the Yukon territory and over the ground, has condemned the proposed Yukon railway as "not worth a hair pin." The St. John Sun aptly and forcibly says that "if the Yukon contract had gone through the senate, Mackenzie and Mann would now have their agents in the Yukon selecting gold lands. From this time forward every rich district discovered by the free miners would have been at the mercy of the contractors until their four or five million acres were all gathered in. They would have grasped the timber wherever it could be found, and by this time next year would have had a property worth nearly as much in the markets of the world as all the rest of the Yukon territory. For this price the country would have had a cheap tramway beginning somewhere up the dangerous Stickine and ending on the half navigable Teslin Lake. At best, it would have been a road having the Stickine rapids at one end and the property of Mackenzie and Mann at the other. To day there is completed a better railway direct from tide water at the coast to the White Pass, within fifteen or twenty miles of Bennett Lake, which is a tributary of the Yukon. The remainder of the road is under rapid construction. When this railway is completed it will take the passenger at the coast, and not like the Mackenzie and Mann's road, far up a rapid and dangerous river. At the other end of the line the passenger will be delivered much nearer to Dawson than Mackenzie and Mann would have let him." Sir Louis spoke, apparently in ignorance of these facts.

—Signs of collapse on the part of the Laurier Government begin to multiply. Be prepared for an election at any time.

MONTREAL GAZETTE: If the country can consume the very large volumes of imports that have been pouring in during the past season, and merchants do not find themselves overstocked, and if influences from outside have no sinister effect, there seems reason to expect a fairly satisfactory winter's trade.

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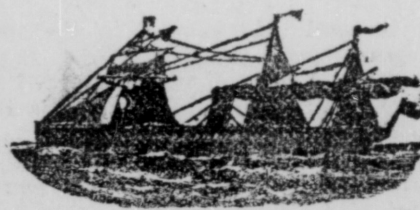
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To be sold by public auction, at the Court House, in Charlottetown, on Tuesday, the sixth of December next, A. D. 1898, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in an indenture of mortgage, bearing date, the twenty-sixth day of April, A. D. 1882, and made between John McQuaid and Mary McQuaid, his wife, of the one part, and George Peake of the other part, which said mortgage is now invested in Alice Rebecca Peake as Administratrix of the estate of George Peake, deceased. All that tract piece and parcel of land situate lying and being in the Common Lot of Charlottetown, Queen's County, Prince Edward Island, bounded and described as follows:—commencing at a stake fixed at the corner of the lane on the west side of the road leading by Spring Park, thence running north fifty feet, thence running westwardly one hundred feet, thence southwardly fifty feet to the aforesaid lane, thence eastwardly along said lane one hundred feet to the place of commencement.

If the above described land is not sold at the place and time aforesaid, it will thereafter be sold by private sale.

For further particulars apply at the office of Peters Peake & Irgs, Barristers-at-Law, Charlottetown.

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