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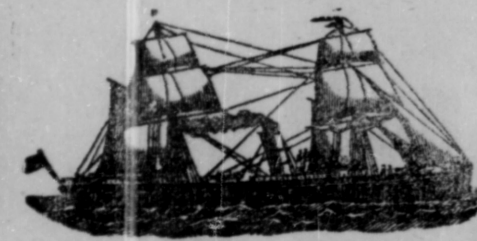
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THE DAILY EXAMINER

AUGUST 15, 1899.

PROHIBITION AND THE PARTIES'

REFERRING to Mr. Duncan Marshall's speech a few days ago, we pointed out the reasonableness of his advice to all prohibitionists to "vote down the federal government which deceived and insulted them," and "vote down the Provincial Government which betrayed them."

We showed, that by following this advice prohibitionists would at once demonstrate their sincerity and their political power, and advance the cause they profess to have at heart. In view of this fact we asked the assistance of The Guardian in advocating its adoption by those whose action in respect to prohibition it may be supposed to influence. But, without giving a good reason for its refusal, the Guardian has refused to do so. The test of sincerity in the prohibition cause, seems to have been too severe for our discreet contemporary The Guardian is, evidently, while professing its independence of party, rather more of a Liberal partizan than it is of a Prohibitionist. Without doubt the Guardian has a right to take its own course; and, feeling sure that thousands of prohibitionists will follow the advice of Mr. Marshall, the Guardian to the contrary notwithstanding, we should not have again referred to the matter, but for an attempt on the part of our discreet contemporary to convey the impression that, with respect to prohibition, the Conservatives are in the same position as the Liberals. The Guardian states that if an excuse "is good for one party it is good for the other." What are the facts? The Conservatives, when in office, avowed their sympathy with the prohibition cause, but frankly and plainly told the prohibitionists that they did not then see their way clear to the enactment and enforcement of a prohibitory law. This if honest and manly, was unsatisfactory. So the Liberals in Opposition, ever intent on gaining votes, brought the matter up in their convention, promised a plebiscite, and made it one of the subjects of their campaign speeches. They told the prohibitionists that if a majority should vote for prohibition, the law would be passed; for, said Sir Wilfrid, "the majority rules in this country."

How many Conservative prohibitionist votes they won as a result of this inducement will never be known, though we know that it at once arrested the attention of temperance men and temperance organizations throughout the length and breadth of the country. The Liberals obtained office; and, after a long delay, a costly plebiscite was held in circumstances calculated to keep back the full strength of the prohibitionist vote. But in spite of all that the Government could do to that end, a majority of 14,000 was rolled up for prohibition! Then, after a period of profound cogitation, they declined to be bound by the result of the plebiscite, and have since declined to afford even Provincial prohibition. The record of the Conservatives furnishes no such instance of tergiversation, deceit and insult. To say, in these circumstances, that an "excuse that is good for the Conservatives is good also for the Liberals" is to say that which is ridiculously wrong. The Liberals are in honour and duty bound to act in accordance with the plebiscite vote. They have not done so. Consequently, as Mr. Marshall says, the right thing to do is to vote them down; and the prohibitionist organ ought to try to induce the electors to do so; for if

it should appear that the prohibitionists can, by voting together, break the government which has "deceived and insulted them," a lesson of which politicians will not be slow to profit will have been taught.

YES, LET THEM REST.

The morning organ pleads that the ministers are entitled to a rest. There is force in this suggestion. Disappointed office-seekers will please make note of it. Deceived taxpayers, who were led to expect an annual expenditure of \$35,000,000 or \$36,000,000, and are called upon to foot the bills for upwards of \$60,000,000, will also do well if they keep silence—for the Ministers need a rest. The deceived and insulted prohibitionists must also be quiet. Our farmers, too, ought not to say a word, though oats are down as a result of tree corn from the States, while binder twine is up as a result of the destruction of the competition of the Canadian factories and the fostering by the Government of a ring of Liberal dealers in twine. Be careful. Don't disturb the poor minister's rest. Obey the Guardian's injunction. Say nothing,—but wink.

EVEN WITH THE PREMIER.

(Truro Searchlight.)

Not long since a commercial man from Nova Scotia went to P. E. Island to do business, and had, of course, to pay that "Injun devil" tax of \$20 imposed on commercial travellers by the Island government.

The commercial man expressed his opinion of the tax to the premier in language more forcible than eloquent and said he was going to try and get even with a government that would impose such a tyrannical tax on honest business.

At the last local by-election was going up in one of the ridings of Prince County. Thither the commercial man hied himself, took off his coat, and went to work in the interest of the Conservative candidate. When the election was over it was found that a Liberal majority of over 200 of the year before had been converted into a Tory majority of 31.

Back to Charlottetown went the drummer, entered the place of business of the premier, and said to him, "How do you like what we did up in Prince County? I told you I would get even with you. Now go up to the provincial building and get those offices cleaned up and in readiness for the fast incoming servants of the Island people. 'The handwriting is on the wall.' The Premier, so it is said, told the drummer he talked too much, to go away, and that he could come again next year for the tax he paid this year.

The drummer is said to have replied, that by next year the Tories would be in power on the Island, and the obnoxious law repealed. If it is not, said he, I live next door to a high official of the Nova Scotia Government, and I will have a law putting every Islander that sets his foot on Nova Scotia soil in jail for life.

THE FARMER'S BURDENS.

"A new mortgage is to be laid on, and we are to pay an increased amount of interest for ever in order to cover this extravagance."

"Already the taxes have gone up. 'In 1896 we paid \$19,833,000 through the Customs house."

"Last year the Government took from us over \$25,000,000 in the shape of Customs duties."

"Assuming that there is an increase of \$5,000,000 in the taxes, how does that tally with the promise to cut down?"

"If we want to know why the farmers are more heavily taxed by the politicians who promised to relieve them, the explanation is to be found in the estimates, which contemplate immense election expenditures—railways, wharves and enterprises of a like kind."

"The farmer is really forced to provide the means whereby the men who tax him may buy their way back to office to tax him the more."—Guelph Herald.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The assassination of Dreyfus's counsel and the arrest of Paul Derouelle and twenty-three of his Bonapartist allies betoken the gathering of a political storm in France. When an attempt was made to arrest M. Guerin, president of the antisemitic league, he refused to surrender and barricaded himself in his house. He says, so it is reported, he is prepared to hold out for three weeks, having a good stock of firearms. Matters are evidently in a bad way, and the situation is critical.

The Mail and Empire puts it this way: After eighteen years of Conservative rule the Federal expenditure increased to the extent of \$10,036,225.17. But after three years of new Liberal rule the taxpayer finds that there has been an increase of \$12,556,254. If the increase were to continue in the same ratio during a Liberal regime of eighteen years, it would amount to six times \$12,556,254, or \$75,937,520. Happily, the people are already preparing to turn the wreckers down.

A few days ago we published a statement to the effect that intense excitement was recently caused in London by the poisoning of a number of guests at the Inn's Court hotel with what was alleged to have been "American canned fruit." A reader of THE EXAMINER calls our attention to a statement of one of the poisoned guests who declared that he had no canned fruit, but partook, with others, of some sort of cream of a greenish color. The statement was published by the London Daily Mail and other papers. According to it, the poisoning and deaths could not have resulted from "American canned fruit."

The Edmonton Post, a new journalistic candidate, is evidently animated by the proper spirit. Here is an extract from its salutatory: "While the Post must always regard the Conservative party as the truly national party in Canada, the party indivisibly linked by history and tradition with the growth and progress of this country towards national status, the party whose theories and principles of government have made and are now making for the greatest good of the Canadian people, yet this paper distinctly disavows any intention of giving to that party or to any politicians the slavish and insensate support such as is expected from a reckless partisan press, and reserves the right of independent criticism of the public acts of public men when occasion arises."

In the far West the exposures made regarding the election of Mr. Holmes have excited a degree of indignation and disgust similar to that found here. The Victoria Colonist has this to say on the subject: "There may have been other elections as bad as that of West Huron, but we do not at this time recall any. If there were fifty as bad, or even worse, that would be no excuse, and would not render less culpable the action of the Government in declining to take the strongest action permissible under the law to punish the guilty and purge Parliament of the presence of a member who, whatever may be his personal qualities, is certainly representative of the worst possible practices at elections. We submit that it is the bounden duty of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to make an example of West Huron, so that, if possible, the tide of fraud and corruption may be checked before it does irreparable damage to the country."

ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

London News: Fighting Joe Martin has been robbed of some valuable papers by burglars. It is believed the thieves were looking for Mr. Martin's reputation but failed to locate it.

Mail and Empire: It will be surprising if Mr. Farr, late of West Huron, and now of the woolly west, does not get a Government berth. He should be made at least an immigration agent as a reward for his services to the cause of new Liberalism.

Montreal Gazette: The Royal Templars of Temperance of the Maritime Provinces have adopted resolutions denouncing the Government for not fulfilling its plebiscite pledges. The idea that the Laurier Government made monkeys of them in connection with the plebiscite is gradually permeating through the prohibitionist mass.

Mail and Empire: The New York Sun is in a bad way over the defection of William Waldorf Astor, who has renounced his American citizenship and become a British subject. A month or two ago, Mr. Astor published in his Pall Mall Magazine a pedigree of the Astor family extending back to the eleventh century. The Sun gets square with William Waldorf by asserting that the genealogical expert gold-bricked him with a spurious pedigree and that his original ancestors were butchers and manufactured weinerwurst.

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