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GREAT MEETING IN MARKET HALL

Splendid Speech by Mr. Stewart, the Peoples' Candidate for West Queen's.

Short Rattling Addresses by Mr. Martin, Senator Ferguson, Mr. Mellish and Dr. McNeill.

Good News from Queen's both East and West—The Belted Knight and his Candidate meet a Snag.

Opposition Strong, United, Enthusiastic, all along the line.

A crowded hall enthusiastically greeted Mr. Stewart, the Opposition candidate shortly after eight o'clock last evening.

Patrick Blake, Esq., President of the Liberal-Conservative Association, occupied the chair, and on the platform with him were Mr. J. B. Dawson, President of the Tupper Club, and others. In the course of a short introductory speech, he showed the unfairness of the Patriot's remarks anent the invitation to Sir Louis Davies.

MR. STEWART, on coming forward, was received with cheers and applause which was renewed at frequent intervals as in the course of his able and eloquent speech he scored point after point against Sir Louis Davies and the Laurier-Tarte Administration. After acknowledging the introduction of the chairman Mr. Stewart pointed out that it was his duty, a duty he owed the people whose suffrages he sought, that he should place the issues fairly and squarely before them, and that duty he would endeavor to fulfil.

If in business life, said he, a man who is trusted is found to betray the trust he is promptly discharged by those whom he has deceived. As in business life, so in public life; the individual or administration which betrays a trust reposed in it by the people should be turned out. Sir Sir Louis Davies had deceived the people, had proved false to the promises he made to the people, and the duty of the electors was clearly to turn him, and the Government of which he was a member, out of office.

Taking up the Ottawa platform, Mr. Stewart pointed out that the Liberals promised the people free trade instead of protection, and reciprocity instead of restriction. Everyone knew that these

PROMISES WERE NOT KEPT.

They also denounced the expenditures of the Liberal-Conservatives and promised to lop off several millions each year, if they were put into office. But when they obtained power what did they do? Did they practise economy and reduce expenditures as they said they would do? Not they. The average annual expenditures by the Liberal Conservatives was $42,000,000; but the first year the Liberals were in power they increased it to about $43,000,000. The second year the expenditure was $45,000,000. The third $51,000,000 and the fourth $53,000,000. The expenditure of this year is actually $10,000,000 in excess of the expenditure for 1896. This is how they have fulfilled their pledge to be economical and reduce the expenditure.

WHERE DID THEY GET THE MONEY?

They increased the tax on tobacco and other articles, and also borrowed $8,000,000 which they added to the debt of the country.

The Liberals should have been more than generous to the people of this province because of the fact that for the many long years they sat in opposition the people invariably sent up representatives to oppose the Government of the day. But what return do they make to the Island province for this kindness on the part of the people? Do our people get more from the Liberals than they did from the Liberal Conservatives? Was it not the Liberal-Conservatives who gave us, among other things, the Post Office and Customs Building at Charlottetown, the Customs and Post Office building at Summerside and the Post Office at Montague Bridge? Was it not the Liberal-Conservatives who built the Cape Traverse railway and secured the construction of the railway at Cape Tormentine which is of special benefit to us? Was it not the Liberal-Conservatives who erected lighthouses and built breakwaters all around the coasts of this Island? And they did all this in the face of the fact, already set forth, that at each election the people sent up men to oppose them.

Mr. Stewart pointed out that the present Liberal representatives were to be held responsible for the failure of the Laurier-Tarte administration to do their whole duty by the Island in respect to public works. He contrasted the conduct of the Liberals and the Liberal-Conservative representatives in parliament, showing that Mr. Martin strongly urged upon the Government that the Belfast railway should be built, while Sir Louis never opened his mouth with regard to this public work excepting once, and that was

JUST BEFORE AN ELECTION.

Sir Louis Davies was certainly not to be credited with the Belfast railway. Senator Ferguson induced the Liberal-Conservative Government to agree to build six branch railways in this province, and the Government committed itself to this course by resolution. But the Liberal-Conservatives were not given the opportunity of keeping their promise in this regard, and their successors in office dallied with the project until they saw an election looming up. Last year Hon Mr. Blair brought in the bill for the Belfast Railway, and Hon Mr. McMullen, in the House, congratulated the Government upon getting clear with one road instead of six. But he (Mr. Stewart) was here to say that all these works would be built if the Liberal-Conservatives were returned to power.

Proceeding, Mr. Stewart pointed out that none of the Belfast railway has been built. It is true that a contract for some eleven miles of the road has been let, but the probability is that the Liberals will not be afforded an opportunity of finishing it. There is also talk of the Hillsborough Bridge. But

NOT A DOLLAR

has been spent on that work. Sir Louis Davies some time ago announced that the contract was let; but we do not know the

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Vigorous Measures Called for.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER]

LONDON, Oct, 16—Commenting upon the activity of the Boers, and the statement from Cape Town that Lord Roberts has postponed his home coming, the Standard says: "There are certain indications pointing to the conclusion that unexpected difficulties have arisen which Lord Roberts deems grave enough to demand his presence for some time to come. All facts suggest that it is impossible yet to denude South Africa of any substantial portion of the large army now engaged in dominating a sullen and recalcitrant population."

The editorial finally calls for several measures against the irreconciliable Boers. Prompt and ruthless punishment for every burgher caught in delicto. The editorial concludes with the statement that the Imperial Government has the country's mandate, and need not be afraid to act vigorously.

STARTLING EVIDENCE

Of the Netherlands Railway Management.

PRETORIA, Oct. 16.—The Transvaal Concession Commission opened its session to-day. Lord Roberts' proclamation giving the Commission power to compel the attendance of witnesses was read.

The first witness was Herr Kroos, chairman and managing director of the Netherlands railway, who had threatened to evade attending. He gave startling accounts of the doings of the company before and during the war, especially the matter of blowing up bridges in order to stop the British advance, and in assisting the Transvaal government in other ways.

A BOER OPINION.

Folly and Puffed up Impotency Caused Ruin.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

BERLIN, Oct. 16—The Berliner Tageblatt publishes a letter from Machadodorp which concludes thus: "Not the superior numbers or the greater military capacity of the British, but folly and puffed up impotency among our leaders caused our ruin."

THE EMPRESS FREDERICK

Pessimistic View of Her Condition

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER]

BERLIN, Oct. 16.—A bulletin, issued to day at Hamburg, regarding the condition of the Dowager Empress Frederick confirms the report cabled yesterday, that her health is dangerously affected. This gives a most pessimistic view here.

German Coal Station.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER]

AEDN, Oct. 16.—The Sultan of Turkey has leased to Germany for 30 years the island of Uron in the Red Sea, 47 miles north of Kamaran for a coaling station.

Lord Roberts' Honorary.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER]

LONDON, Oct. 16,—The Queen will appoint Lord Roberts Honorary Colonel of the new regiment of Irish Guards.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—Yesterday afternoon a young man named Hector Murchison was caught in the shaft of the engine in McLean's foundry, where he is employed, and very badly hurt. He was carried around by the shaft four or five times before the engine could be stopped. His right leg was broken and otherwise badly injured. A rib was also broken. The young man's body received severe injuries. He is now at the Charlottetown Hospital doing as well as may be expected.

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