

The North Star.

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TWO PICTURES.

This is what the great Edmund Burke says of the duty of a Representative. We want Mr. Snowball and his friends to read it:—
'It is the duty of your Parliamentary representative to sacrifice his repose and his pleasures to yours, and above all, TO PREFER IN ALL CASES OUR INTEREST TO HIS OWN.'

MR. BLAKE AND THE GRIT PARTY.

We question very much whether Mr Blake's tour through the Maritime Provinces has done much to elevate the Grit standard of purity by endeavoring to convince our people that it would be to their political and financial interests to exchange the present Liberal Conservative Government for that of the Grits. We have been told that "a tree is known by its fruit," and that "a corrupt tree cannot bring forth good fruit." Judging the Grit Party, of which Mr Blake is the acknowledged champion, orator and special pleader, by this rule, we in times past have found it fearfully lacking in all the qualities necessary for the government and well being of this country, and neither by argument or sophistry during his tour has he convinced our people that it has increased in wisdom, honesty or patriotism during the four years it has been in the cold shades of the opposition. Our readers will remember that previous to the time the Grit Party of Purity assumed the government of the country its members were loud in their denunciation of the Liberal Conservative Government of Sir John A. Macdonald, and while they were charging its members with incompetency, corruption and office seeking, they were eloquent while dwelling on the ability, honesty and incorruptible patriotism of the leaders of their own party. When however the government of the country fell into their hands how did the honest and patriotic members of the Grit cabinet act? Why, a majority just held their departmental offices until better and more permanent ones offered into which they safely shelved themselves, for like leaving government vacancies with \$7,000 a year to be filled up by other hungry Grit patriots; others, in consequence of shifting from one department to another, never had time to perfect themselves in their duties, and as a natural consequence their department were in a disorganized condition owing to their being administered by a lot of irresponsible clerks. As a proof of what we have said we will give a few of the changes that took place in the heads of departments of the late Grit government. There were for example four Ministers of Justice:—
1 Hon A Dorion.
2 Hon T Fournier.
3 Hon Edward Blake.
4 Hon T R Ladflamme.
There were also, for example, five Ministers of Inland Revenue:—
1 Hon T Fournier.
2 Hon F Geoffrion.
3 Hon J C Cauchon.
4 Hon T B Laflamme.
5 Hon M Laurier.
There were also, for example, three Postmasters General:—
1 Hon D.A. Macdonald.
2 Hon T. Fournier.
3 Hon L. S. Huntington.
There were also three Ministers of Militia:
1 Hon William Ross.
2 Hon W B Vail.
3 Hon A G Jones.
And there were also three Presidents of Council:—
1 Hon I C Cauchon.
2 Hon L S Huntington,
3 Hon Edward Blake.

OUR LOCAL INTERESTS.

Now that the excitement generated by the recent visit of government politicians has calmed off, it is well for the people to consider their own home affairs. Every one admits that some change is needed in the town affairs. The state of our streets has been so disgraceful this summer, that it is needless to refer to them, and nearly all other departments of our town are in a similar state. The fault of this belongs to no single individual nor to any set of individuals but to system at large. Under it from year to year we have been going from bad to worse, until it is now so glaring that we do not think there is any one but will admit that a change is needed. Now, what should that change be? We think that the only remedy is town incorporation. We will then have local government, and we are sure there is enough public spirit in the town to make self government successful. Our leading citizens, many of whom, have by private exertions done a good deal to counteract the evils of our present system, will un-

doubtedly give their aid to any measure that will conduce to the benefit of our town. They will, because it is their duty, take an interest in town management, and in a few years with little expense Chatham can be made a model town. The increased value of property and the increased healthfulness of the place will more than ten times repay any increase of taxation there may be.

Of course there will be some who will oppose incorporation, as there have been some found to oppose every measure of reform that has ever been originated. They will endeavor to raise prejudice and excite passion, and will no doubt harp on the "taxes." Taxes are only heavy, like any other expenditure, when no value is given for the money paid, and judging by that standard, we are now a heavily taxed community. But when under an improved system, taxes are properly levied, and judiciously disbursed, the trade of these croakers will be destroyed, and taxes will be cheerfully paid, because the rate-payers will recognize that they are getting value for their money.

FOREST FIRES.

Our Western exchanges are filled with accounts of disastrous forest fires. While we here in New Brunswick have encountered a spell of wet rainy weather, our neighbours in the West have been suffering from a severe drought. In the State of Michigan the ravages of the fire season have been fearful. Not only the forests, but towns and villages, as well as crops, cattle, etc., have been destroyed. Whole tracts of country have been devastated, in one place a sheet of flame six miles wide swept everything before it. Hundred of people have been burnt to death. Late reports in Detroit from the fire regions shows that the suffering is appalling, despite the efforts made to furnish relief. More dead are found every day, and the great trouble now, next to getting relief to the afflicted, is to keep the living victims from deserting their farms and homes. The Polish settlers are terrorized and leaving in every direction. Detroit sent a revenue cutter load of supplies, and has raised \$30,000 in cash and a ship load of supplies. Every city and village in the city is pouring out money, clothing and seed wheat. Subscriptions for the Michigan sufferers in New York amount to \$22,000. There are no doubt many yet living who remember the great fire of Miramichi, which occurred 67 years ago next month. Those can estimate the sufferings, &c., of the inhabitants of the stricken portion of Michigan.

DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT.

On the evening of Monday last, President Garfield died from the effects of the wounds he received from the assassin's bullet, on the 22d July last. Late telegrams say that his death was from sheer exhaustion, and from one end of the country to the other there is the deepest sorrow and mourning at the sad event. Bells tolled, buildings have been draped, and flags placed at half mast. In Boston city crowds gathered around the newspaper offices, where bulletins were read in subdued silence, which was only broken at last by expressions of grief.

The following official bulletin has just been issued: The President died at 10.35. After the bulletin was issued at 6.30 this evening, the President continued in much the same condition as during the afternoon, his pulse ranging from 102 to 106, with rather increased force and volume. After taking nourishment he fell into a quiet sleep, about thirty-five minutes before his death, and while asleep his pulse rose to 120, and was somewhat more feeble. At ten minutes after ten he awoke, complained of severe pain over the region of the heart, and almost immediately became unconscious, and ceased to breathe at 10.35.

EDITORIAL CLEANINGS.

CANADA PACIFIC RAILWAY.

From late accounts we learn that the construction of the Pacific railway. Mr. Duncanson reached Toronto on Sunday last and left for Montreal the next morning. Of course he was sought out in Queen City by the ubiquitous reporter, who questioned him closely as to the work when the company is doing. Mr. Duncanson told the Montreal reporter that the track laying across the prairie is proceeding at the rate of a mile and a half a day, and that he expects the railway will reach the rocky mountains in two years from now. The Thunder Bay branch will be ready for use in July of next year, when we will have railway connection through Canadian territory, with Manitoba and the prairie land.

NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERY QUESTION.

This question which the New York Herald thought ought to rouse England's

wrath against France, has been amicably settled. Newfoundland is to have complete territorial jurisdiction, with the right of making land and mineral grants anywhere, and popular representation is granted to the people about St. George's Bay in the Newfoundland Legislature. A troublesome question is just settled in a way that must be satisfactory to the people of "Ye ancient colony," and a bone of contention between England and France is removed.

THE CROPS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

From all parts of British Columbia good crops and bountiful harvests are reported. Vancouver's Island has been particularly favored, little or no unseasonable weather having occurred. The best crop ever raised on the Island will be harvested this season.

JEWISH PERSECUTIONS.

It has been a favorite device of the nations whenever anything went wrong to blame it on the Jews. In England at one time, if a famine or a pestilence arose, the Jews were blamed by the populace and a persecution began at once. Every evil affecting the masses were attributed to the Jews. The rulers frequently turned this disposition of the people to account. If there was danger of a revolution among the people against the rulers, they would turn it into a massacre of the Jews. It was the same all over Europe. About the middle of the fourteenth century a fatal distemper raged. The Jews were suspected of having poisoned the springs, and were massacred by thousands. Russia appears to have been studying medieval literature and to be engaged just now in trying to divert the people from Nihilism by starting a new excitement in the shape of a persecution of the Jews.

SIR JOHN MACDONALD IN ENGLAND.

In our last issue we published the speech of the Duke of Rutland, in which there was a reference to the prophecy of Sir John Macdonald concerning the rise of the fair trade agitation in England. Events pass so rapidly now that the Canadian reader may have forgotten what Sir John Macdonald said on that occasion. We therefore reproduce his remarks to the English deputation of merchants and manufacturers in August, 1880, as follows:—

"Sir John Macdonald:—The day may come, notwithstanding that free trade is a religion in England—I had almost said a superstition—(laughter)—when the logic of events will induce a modification, sooner or later; and if it does not come from above, it will certainly come from below.

"Mr. Biley—Then that will be your time. You had better establish your Zollverein when it comes.

"Sir John Macdonald—No person would be more unwilling than myself to see the hazardous experiment of taxing food; but in ten years, if our great North-West proceeds as we expect it will, we shall be able to furnish the food supply from that country to make up the deficiency in your home products which you now import from foreign countries. When that time comes, when we have a surplus and sufficient to supply the deficiency here, then we can talk of a Zollverein with England. We would, perhaps, make a difference, say of ten per cent., between the products of England and the products of the rest of the world if we had a countervailing advantage in the English market, but I think not before."

That was spoken but a year ago, and in the course of the year that has elapsed an enormous impetus has been given to the agitation which Sir John Macdonald predicted. It has both come from above and from below. The artisans and their employers, the politicians and their constituents, have alike been moved to the conviction that the conditions under which the main industries of the country are being conducted are unfair to all classes alike. Sir John Macdonald's prophecy has been in great part fulfilled, and the Duke of Rutland is probably not the only one who has recognized the fact.

Not long ago our Montreal correspondent said that the opinion prevailed amongst men recently from England that the influence of Sir John Macdonald was being distinctly recognized in certain phases of his free trade agitations. We have little doubt that such is the case. That prophecy of a year ago must have long to the memory of those who heard, if not of those who read, it; and it would be interesting to know how many of the men present at that designation are now engaged in the fair trade movement. The extent to which Sir John Macdonald has been an Imperial statesman, and has influenced the policy of successive governments, is mainly within his own cognizance; for in spite of much publicity, many secrets of State remain unrevealed. Always true to Canada, Sir John Macdonald has been true to the Empire also; and he has recognized that the best interests of the Dominion were involved in the best interests of the Motherland. Had Lord Beaconsfield remained in power during even the short period that was given him to live, he and Sir John Macdonald would probably have framed for the Empire and the Dominion such a policy as would have greatly benefited both. Even with the succeeding Liberal Ministers Sir John Macdonald has had such influence as has resulted in the cordial reception of Sir Alex. Tait, the recognition of our right to consideration in treaties of commerce, and the effort to direct immigration to Canada. It, with all this, he gives, as he certainly has given, a stimulus to a great agitation which may end in the adoption of an Imperial policy of a character advantageous to the colonies, he will have about crowned, so far as credit, honour, and public affection can crown, a life of labour for the good of his country and the honour of the Empire.

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