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TOO MUCH GAB.

When Mr. John Redmond, M. P., of the Parnellite party was in Montreal, he passed through the ordeal of an interview—something which very few prominent men escape. He told the reporter, speaking of the English Parliament, that the man who was listened to, is the man who has something to say worth hearing.

Mr. Redmond would be apt to rule most of our local legislators out of that desirable class of statesmen.

The debate on the budget was wearisome reading. Such stale expressions as "neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet," "give an account of our stewardship," and the like, must have the effect of causing a very weary feeling to come over the listener. When the debate got down to personalities, it was more exciting, but not over edifying. But, then, if our local actors are not to get into personalities, how are they to put in the time? They must talk about something.

So far the representatives from this county have preserved an even balance. THE DISPATCH sincerely trusts that they belong to that order of statesmen who will preserve silence until they have something to say to which the house and the people are anxious to listen.

The legislature is under sharp inspection by the independent people of the province. They know full well that it is a costly show, and that there is a good deal of jockeying, on the carpet. They are also beginning to ask why the three Maritime Provinces can not be run by one legislative body. Ontario with upwards of 2,000,000 souls has a house of 90 members. New Brunswick with between 300,000 and 400,000 of a population has a house of nearly fifty members. New Brunswick's representation, being too small to do the immense business, was raised recently.

The Chatham World is nothing if not outspoken. Here is what it says of the provincial financing:—"The expenditures of one year have been systematically carried to the next, by a rotten system of financial kite-flying that is only too well known in private business. The people know this very well, and have endorsed it time and again at the polls. They like it, and there really seems to be no need of the attempt at concealment. The government might as well make a clean breast of it, by presenting an honest statement, showing matured obligations to date."

In our issue of 13th January last we published an article contributed by a Jacksonville correspondent calculated to bring Mrs. Alma Eliza Francis of that vicinity into ridicule. The article was thoughtlessly published by us, it was undeserved by her and the publishing of it we acknowledge to have been ungenerous on our part, and for it we take pleasure in apologizing and expressing our regret.

In the Nova Scotia legislature a bill was introduced by the premier which provides that at the next general election a plebiscite shall be taken. If the majority respond in answer to the question "Are you in favor of abolition?" and vote "yes," then the council will be forthwith abolished by order in council.

The meeting of the Public Accounts committee should certainly be open to the press. It is news to many electors, that such has not been the custom all along. What reason is there that the press should not be admitted? They have free admission to meetings of similar committees at Ottawa and at Toronto, then why not at Fredericton?

Crete's Independence.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 20.—The report that Lord Salisbury, British Prime Minister, sent a circular note to the powers favoring the granting of autonomy to Crete, with the Prince of Greece to administer the affairs of the island, is confirmed. It is the general opinion that Greece will ultimately attain her object and again count the island as one of her possessions. Popular opinion in England is strongly in favor of Greece.

MARRIED.

WILSON-BELL.—At the Methodist parsonage, Debec, by Rev. Frank Frizzle, on Feb. 10th, William Wilson to Mrs. Annie Bell, both of Oakville, Can. Co., N. B.

MESSENGER-DEWITT.—At the same place, by the same, on Feb. 17th, Arthur Messenger to Angelina Dewitt, the former of Oakville, and the latter of Weston, Can. Co., N. B.

Mighty is the force of motherhood. It transforms all things by its vital heat; it turns timidity into fierce courage, and dreads into fearless submission; it turns thoughtlessness into foresight, and yet still all anxiety into calm content; it makes self-humility become self denial, and gives even to hard vanity the glance of admiring love.

We rail against fortune when we do not like the life we have made for ourselves.

TREASON! OR ONLY A KICK.

All Eyes on The Members From These Up River Counties.

It would seem from some of the outside papers, that our up-river members have joined in a revolt against the government. The Fredericton Gleaner's report of the Thursday session of the house contains the following:—"Mr. Dibblee, of Carleton, said that he desired to declare the statement in last night's St. John Globe to the effect that the up-river members had held a caucus for the purpose of considering their relationship with the Government, and with a view of breaking with the Government, to be untrue. Mr. Dibblee further said that the up-river members were quite satisfied with the Government, and would continue to be, just so long as they were as well treated as they are at present."

Mr. Smith, also of Carleton, said that the Globe's paragraph was not correct in fact. Some of the up-river members did meet in a room of the Parliament buildings, but not with the idea of breaking with the Government. He hoped that the Globe's statement would not also appear in The Gleaner. While the meeting was in progress Mr. Sumner of Westmorland dropped in, and observing that they were all supporters of the Government pleasantly remarked that he could make some tempting offers to them to join the Opposition. He (Smith) was not aware that Mr. Sumner was there by invitation.

Mr. Porter, who was also present, said that he did not know who had invited Mr. Sumner, but he had assumed that it was Mr. Dibblee. The Globe's paragraph was not correct.

Mr. Beveridge also characterized the paragraph in our St. John contemporary as untrue. No resolutions, he said, had passed by the meeting and it was not for him to say that the sense of the members was for or against the Government.

Mr. Sumner said that as his name had been drawn into this matter it afforded him some pleasure to say that he dropped into the room in which the meeting was being held more, he thought, by accident than by design, yet he wished it understood that if there was any inclination on the part of the up river members to come over with the opposition in these last house of the moribund government he would use his best efforts as a member of the Opposition to secure for the up river section of this province their due representation in the administration soon to be formed by his friends at present to the left of the Speaker. He had always felt that the interests of the up river counties demanded representation in the Government of this province. There was a very important section of New Brunswick, yet the present Government had defiantly ignored their reasonable claims to representation in the executive.

Mr. Dibblee was in Woodstock on Sunday and on Monday THE DISPATCH called on him. He looked much as usual, and there was no traitorous gleam in his eye, nor was he apparently armed with a dagger, or any weapon suited to a Brutus-like character. He said that the entire story of the up-river members' so called revolt was founded on sand. The fact was that the members from Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska were holding a meeting in a room up stairs talking over their common interests, as representatives of one section of the province. The members from Victoria and Madawaska were naturally somewhat dissatisfied as to bridge money, inasmuch as there is not one permanent bridge in either of these counties. The members all agreed that they should stick together in working for their common interests. Mr. Sumner happened along, and dropped in remarking in a humorous manner "You had better come over to us, and we will help you along." Mr. Porter, in the same spirit, said "oh! we can't treat with you, you will have to go and get Stockton." Sumner then went out, whether meaning really to get Stockton or not, Mr. Dibblee did not know. Anyway that was the last of the conspiracy.

The St. John Globe of Saturday had this correspondence from Fredericton:

The report in Thursday's Globe that the Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska county representatives had met in caucus and heard offers from Mr. Sumner, representing the opposition, created quite a flutter of excitement among the members here. Many thought it could not be true, but the proceeding in the House this afternoon proved its accuracy. Immediately after routine business Mr. Dibblee rose to a question of privilege, and after reading the statement in question declared it was false. He then proceeded to tell the House that it was true a meeting had been held of the members of the counties mentioned, and added that Mr. Sumner dropped in. He denied that any such representations were made as was intimated and closed with a declaration that as long as the government used them as well as it had in the past they would all stand true. Mr. Dibblee's colleague, Mr. Smith, next took the floor and in a straightforward manner admitted the correctness of the statement of the Globe, declaring he had gone to the meeting on the invitation of Mr. Dibblee who told him the meeting was to discuss matters pertaining to their counties. He said he found Mr. Sumner there and heard him make very tempting offers. This is substantially the version of the meeting also given by Messrs. Porter and Beveridge and by Mr. Sumner. The latter, however, told the House that his presence there was purely accidental, that seeing the members in the room he went in and told them if they were looking for offices to come and help the opposition. This in brief is the story of the explanations as made to the House, except that Mr. Smith said he told the meeting it would be bad if the story got in the Gleaner, and Mr. Porter said he told Mr. Sumner he better bring in his leader, Dr. Stockton.

The Record remarks, editorially.

Mr. Dibblee took occasion yesterday in the house to announce his position to the protest leaders but he admitted that the representatives of the up river counties had been holding a caucus to decide what was best to do in the interests of themselves and their constituents. Using the official report of Mr. Dibblee's words the caucus was satisfied if the government continued to use them as had been done—but if not the alternative

was rebellion. A few days since Mr. Dibblee's brother was appointed to an office that had been promised a follower of Messrs. White and Fowler. Were there any threats made prior to the appointment and is there some thing not yet made public respecting the advent to office of Mr. R. Dibblee's brother. We do not question the right of Mr. Dibblee to put his brother in office and do not question the ability of Mr. George Y. Dibblee to fill the position; but assuredly there is not that cordiality between the Carleton and King's county contingent that there has been. Mr. Dibblee shows a natural and laudable desire to be independent—or at least he does not care to pose as a man who will be led by the nose. He sees the northern part of the province unrepresented in the government and can notice a determination on the part of the executive to quietly but firmly ignore his county and its demands. This is the legacy that comes down to him from the late Dr. Atkinson and Mr. Connell. His county is being punished for their manliness in demanding fair terms and equal rights; and though he has given the government an honest and firm support, and though he has fought hard elections he must realize that the county he represents is being punished because former representatives had the boldness to stand out like men and demand their rights. St. John and York are being legislated against because the people really detest the present regime; and so it is with Carleton. Some little "chaff" may be thrown out to his constituents in the way of government work but the intention is to go as far in ignoring Carleton as possible without driving Mr. Dibblee and his northern confederates into opposition. The river counties have many things in common and Mr. Dibblee might become a strong factor in the political life of New Brunswick instead of as now following men in whom he can not have confidence, and whom he cannot trust. Carleton county demands the disposal of Messrs Tweedie and Emmerson. Its people have for years past spurned all the efforts made by government to purchase their votes; and Mr. Dibblee would not dispute the statement that should he go to the electors as an opponent of Messrs Tweedie and Emmerson and their government he would be returned by an overwhelming majority over any candidate who might espouse their cause. Why then does he follow the cabal? Why as a representative of Carleton does he not do as the people would desire, as he is assured a majority of the people would sanction—why does he not say boldly: "My constituents have no faith in you, and as their representative I must vote to turn you out?" Carleton and the rest of the province are watching how he will decide. His own future depends on that decision.

So much for the racket the members from their three up river counties have kicked up. It is certainly true that Carleton, Victoria, and Madawaska have many things in common, and in a legislature in which "grab" seems to be the game, there is nothing unnatural nor unfair to their constituencies that they should meet together and devise ways and means to further their interests.

Do Away With Law Clerk.

At a recent meeting of the legislature, in the matter of the law clerk, Mr. Smith said as there was an implied contract for this session, he would vote for the item, but if a resolution came up to do away with the office of law clerk he would vote for such resolution.

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Woodstock, N. B., Feb. 16th., 1897.

J. T. ALLAN DIBBLEE,

H. PAXTON BAIRD,

DANIEL A. GRANT,

C. FREDERICK CARPENTER,

J. CHIPMAN HARTLEY.

Provisional

Directors.

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