

and reminds us of tortures, dungeons, and men's heads stuck on poles in the barbarous days of the past.

But, when Mr. Adams proved to the satisfaction of a few of the people in the audience who believe in his statement that there was hardly any public debt at all, and if there was the light-house, etc.

It was a great relief to the most enthusiastic burst forth from a knot of these supporters in a bagful of cheers.

The way in which he paid off and wiped out the debt was a most surprising and perfect proceeding. He admitted that the debt was 280 millions, but in a jumble of words and figures, and a few plainings of his fingers, which are as long and more eloquent than his tongue, he brought down to the credit of the account a total of assets, provincial debts, light-houses, public works, etc. all lumped together in defiance of order, method or arithmetic, so that, in fact, there is really no doubt but we are actually getting richer by expenditure. In this ridiculous way the whole debt vanished to the delight of Mr. Adams' supporters, who went home to relate how he 'went for' Mitchell, made the walls resound, and, in endeavoring to blacken Mitchell for having been connected with Sir John A. Macdonald, set down in an unconscious glory of soul, to the entire satisfaction of all concerned in Mr. Adams and his political talents. Admirable man! bright master of phantoms, finance learned without coin or responsibility, with chips and counters and a slate and sponge! It is needless to say that Mr. Adams made no attempt whatever to deal with the question of public revenue, expenditure or other public matter in a serious or intelligent manner. In fact, his speech was not worthy of an amateur politician debating a sham question in a mock parliament. He simply tried and failed every time to win a cheap victory, with large assertions, misrepresentation and the logic of a punster. His object, plainly, was to stir up the prejudices of those who mistakenly think he is sure of, sway the wavering and poison the minds of those who were would measure in his own bushel of party rancor, which would set class against class. In Mr. Adams a theatrical star has been extinguished in a cloudy and waning politician.

The Sun of Tuesday morning virtually gives up hope of Mr. Adams winning in this County. Its information is to the effect that the old Liberal sentiment of Northumberland is re-asserting itself—that old associations have been revived in the remaining of the two branches of the Liberal party, and that before election day torism and its pretensions in this County will be defeated.

When Northumberland stood solid at the back of John M. Johnson and Peter Mitchell, it is really amusing to read that the party that Mr. Adams represents, as referred to by the Sun, as a few disappointed and expectant office-seekers, staff-officers, could hope to be dignified by the name of a party;—The Sun's idea over Mr. Adams' prospects reads as follows:—

"In Northumberland Mr. Adams is pursuing a favorable course. He would easily have beaten Snowball. Opinion did not rest on the result of the impending contest. The Northumberland agents are a quarter of the way to victory. Mitchell and Adams have said about him. Mr. Mitchell's campaign following makes the result doubtful. If the party are true to Adams and desert their traitorous leader, as they should, there can be no reasonable doubt as to the result."

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The Local Seat.

The friends of the local government have taken action in reference to the seat to be vacated by Mr. Adams. There was quite a large meeting held at Chatham on Tuesday evening of last week, when it was determined to call another for the purpose of nominating a candidate. The latter meeting was held on Tuesday evening 18th, and notwithstanding the snow blockade there were supporters of the local government present from about half the parishes of the County, while others were heard from by telegraph. The matter, being discussed, it was thought an inopportune time to select a candidate, especially as Mr. Adams' resignation. The meeting was unanimously, with one exception, in favor of running a candidate to be chosen on behalf of the supporters of the government throughout the County, and a small committee was appointed to submit to the meeting the names of representatives of the different parishes on a basis of one for each two hundred voters who should, in the opinion of the party, be empowered to select the government candidate and announce their choice, when they deemed such course advisable.

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Southesk—Jas. Somers, Robert Parks, Alvinick—A. K. McDougall, Jas. Anderson, Jas. Mazzoni.

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They found that there are eight papers in the establishment, nearly all of whom are far advanced in years, and your committee recommend that an addition be made to the staff provided, more nourishing food, such as meats, butter, &c., as such will not entail much additional expense.

JOHN T. MERRIBEAU, ROBERT FLAAGAN, MICHAEL RYAN, JOHN WOOD.

The report elicited considerable discussion many councillors advising the adoption of the report, more than one suggesting that as they did not know how soon misfortune might land them within the precincts of the Alms House, and with this fate staring them in the face they should certainly act otherwise than measurelessly. Other members argued against adding to the taxation by a more generous diet, and the main object of the matter be left to the Alms House Commissioners. On the motion for the adoption of the report it was carried.

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Two receipts for taxes imposed on Robert McLeod—one in Carleton Parish, Kent, the other from Glencoe Parish in this county, have been before them, but as they are unaccompanied by any petition or return by law, the committee do not feel justified in dealing with them.

In the matter of petition of Wm. B. Howard of Chatham, the same similar recommendation as that in reference to Mrs. McLeod's case.

In the matter of Thomas Clark they have the same observations to make as in the case of Robert McLeod.

The Committee desire to impress upon those who may wish to come before the Council by petition that the law requires all statements in petitions to be verified by oath of the petitioner. If this were more generally understood your committee believe it would save much time of Council and unnecessary disappointment to many presenting grievances for redress.

J. Tozer, Chairman.

Report received.

Coun. Somers moved that Robert Chaplin be added to the list of officers as surveyor of lumber for the Parish of Southesk.

Coun. Fowle moved Council adjourn until 5 o'clock for committee work—carried.

Council called to order at 5 o'clock.

Coun. Fowle presented the following report of the committee on contingencies: Recommend the amount of \$5,089.00 be assessed with the usual addition for assessing and collecting for contingencies, together with the deficiencies for the various parishes \$2000, in all \$7089. Passed.

Coun. Tozer presented the following County accounts.

W. C. Ansh, advertising \$2.50. Passed. D. G. Smith, " \$2.50. J. L. Stewart, " \$3.80.

Jail Building Committee, passed, to be paid out of the Land Fund.

Committee on petitions report in reference to petition of R. Hetchum, recommend it be referred to the Assessor to report back to this council in July. Coun. Smith wished also to add that the collection of the amount \$28.00 be suspended until the assessors report and moved that this class be added to the motion. Carried.

Coun. Betts moved that Coun Underhill be granted leave of absence from the Council for the rest of this session. Carried