

Miramichi Advance.

CHATHAM, N. B., MAY 10, 1894.

Are They Safe Liberal Leaders?

The Gloucester election has emphasized a feature in New Brunswick politics which is a great source of weakness to the Liberals.

It is any wonder that intelligent Liberals who were well-informed respecting the merits of the two men and the influences they represented, threw those papers aside with disgust and asked themselves what really were the issues for which the Liberals of New Brunswick were contending?

The course of the Globe, therefore, was consistent with its despicable treatment of the Quinn matter, which was before the legislative Assembly last month and is an illustration of what is too often done by small-minded Liberals against their leading men through envy, or to gratify personal ambition.

There was no liberal candidate there, yet they called upon all liberals to vote for the weakest, least available and least desirable man, and falsely proclaimed him a liberal. They did all they could to unnecessarily attach to the Liberal Party the odium of defeat.

The Globe and Transcript, assisted too by the only paper published in the county, and a French paper at that—that fails of success there.

Referring to the Gloucester election the St. John Record, which is a Liberal paper says:—"Perhaps some of the Liberal journals feel a little sore over their defeat; they sided strongly with Mr. Doucet, only for the sake of opposition to a Conservative candidate, and their hero has been beaten. It is just such tactics as these that hurt the Liberal cause."

Those Honorable.

An Ottawa despatch of 3rd inst. to the Toronto Empire says that there appears to have been a misapprehension on the subject of the conferring of life of the title of honorable on those persons who have held the office of Speaker of a Legislative Council or Assembly in the provinces or colonies for three years.

The Double Two-Storey House on the Foundry Lane. This is suitable for three or four families. If not sold before the 1st of June, it will be offered for sale at 12 o'clock noon, in front of the Chatham Post Office. For further information apply to J. J. PIERCE.

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shall bear the title of honorable for life after three years' service. After all, these are matters of courtesy only, and it is not to be expected that the fests of the imperial authorities will prevent the "sovereign people" from applying the title of honorable upon ex-members of the provincial governments and ex-speakers of the legislative houses.

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The Transcript and the Gloucester Election.

Our esteemed, but crassly contemporary, the Moncton Transcript, appears to have lost its temper over the ADVANCE's rejoinder of last week to its remarks on what we said the week before concerning the Gloucester election. It intimates that we are—like all others who oppose that astute statesman, Mr. Laman R. Doucet of Bathurst—entirely untruthful and "very bad man."

It is not to be supposed that I could attempt to conceal this insulting proposal. I could not consent to be the depository of an offer of a disgraceful character, and felt it a duty to myself, the congregation and the moral welfare of the community, first to acquaint some of the officials members with it.

Dominion Parliament.

OTTAWA, May 1st.—The distinctive feature of the last week in Ottawa was more social than political. On Friday night the ladies of the Russell House gave what may be considered the closing ball of the season, which was attended by most of the Cabinet Ministers, Members of Parliament, and the Senate, and their wives and daughters, and a large number of the leading society people of Ottawa.

It seems clear that our friend of the Transcript has got himself into a serious difficulty in shouting for a political non-descript as a true blue liberal. His supposed knowledge of the situation in Gloucester has been only a delusion and a snare to confiding friends, who we hope, will deal leniently with him. We do not think he purposely deceived them, but has, himself, "had his leg pulled."

Freights.

Referring to freights the London Times of 28th April says:—"Canadian business continues active and slightly firmer, a fair amount of orders having been closed on the basis of 40s to 42s. 6d. from St. Lawrence. We may observe that freights have shown some peculiarities this year, prices from Montreal being cheaper than from Quebec, which has been explained to us as arising from the fact that outward cargoes to the former ports can be more readily obtained, and ships have an advantage in loading up for home, at the port of discharge. We believe that a 1,100 standard steamer was taken up last week from Montreal to a west coast port at 40s."

Mr. Gladstone.

A London despatch of last Saturday says:—"Those who feared that the retirement from public life would bring upon Mr. Gladstone just those evils which he designed to avoid are beginning to find their judgment justified. The grand old man has aged many years in the past three months, and the picture he made at the Andrew Clark memorial meeting Thursday was a pitiful one. He was a feeble and bent octogenarian, who leaned upon a stout stick even when addressing the audience from his chair."

His words were brave, polished, well chosen and appropriate. Not a shadow has yet crossed his shining intellect, but both flesh and spirit are breaking. He is not ill. There is no specific malady undermining his marvellous vitality, but the great change which is grieving his friends cannot fail to be recognized as making rapid progress.

He has lost an interest in life that is ominous. For 60 years he found rest in other forms of activity and peace in new struggles. Work has been his only recreation, and fresh responsibilities never failed to renew his vigor.

His friends are beginning to understand that Sir Andrew Clark was clearly that for such a man to fold his hands means despair and death. Every effort will be made now to provide the warrior and statesman with tasks and ambitions sufficiently important to keep alive that energy which craves and feeds upon what in modern men would destroy it. If his enthusiasm can be revived he may remain many days a figure of which the nation will be most proud. If not, then nothing can long delay the end.

The most remarkable effect of Mr. Gladstone's retirement has been clearly emphasized in connection with his first public appearance, Thursday. His enemies have already been his friends, and he has completely ceased to be a partisan figure in English politics. The Daily News said truly yesterday:—"In a few short weeks he has outlived hatred, malice and all uncharitableness. His fame stands as high to-day as if it had been purified by a half century of the tomb. Most great men have to wait for such vindication for the passing away of an entire generation in their appeals to posterity. In Mr. Gladstone's case the scales have fallen from the eyes of his

opponents almost at the very moment of his withdrawal from the position which made him the most commanding figure in the world.

Political Baseline.

Rev. Charles Laidner, of Harbor Grace, N.B., writes a letter to the Newfoundland Star, in which he says:—"On the evening of December the tenth past, Alex. Parsons one of the editors of the Star newspaper of this town, called at my residence and requested a private interview. This was granted, and after a short conversation on general topics he introduced political matters remarking 'that he had received a letter from the government the previous evening' and said, 'there is a fine chance for a person to get a thousand pounds.'

"On demanding what he meant, he replied: 'here are a thousand pounds for you if you will use your influence in obtaining the Wesleyan vote to return the government candidate, if this will satisfy you.' I asked what this money for? He answered 'to spend it as you please in building a church or parsonage if you like.' I could not but regard such a proposal as insulting in the highest degree to myself and the congregation, and replied: 'No! tell them if they offered ten thousand pounds, or fifty thousand pounds, or till Cove mine with them, I will not sell my principles.'

This offer was repeated and accompanied with the assurance that Mr. Bennett would do anything for the Wesleyans if we would support the government candidate. Mr. Parsons then presented the letter which bore the signature of C. F. Bennett. He read several extracts therefrom; one of which was the government was prepared to expend five thousand pounds to carry the Harbor Grace election.

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There was a little discussion at Thursday's meeting as to the clause including farmers, graziers, and non-traders. The bankers' union proposed to amend the bill so as to include non-traders, unless some provision was made that they should not take advantage of the exemption granted to farmers, graziers, and non-traders, especially those in the North West Territories, where the exemptions are so great, that in some cases they cover great numbers of the people as it is likely to possess, until he has been a good many years cultivating his land.

PROGRESS WITH THE TARIFF.

Although a fair amount of progress was made during the week, in getting through a large number of tariff items, in committee of ways and means, still the close of the sixth week of the session does not find the committee much more than half way through the new tariff, and it will probably take another two weeks before the resolutions assume the form of a bill. The opposition has not been making anything in the way of the factious fight, but has needed a good deal of explanation on almost every item, and progress therefore has not been very rapid. Several changes have been made in accordance with the notices given by Mr. Foster, all of which have been in the direction of returning to specific duties, the feeling in favour of which seems to be growing. As soon as the iron items are reached, which will probably be to-day or Thursday, Mr. MacLean will move the resolution of which he gave notice last week, and which will probably cause a general discussion on the general principle of protection. It is not very likely that the Government will adopt the whole of Mr. MacLean's resolution (which was given in full in my letter last week) but it is quite possible that some further changes in the tariff, in the direction of substituting specific for ad valorem duties may be made. There is a growing feeling among the members that a specific duty is the only one which can be depended on to afford any adequate measure of protection, as no matter what the ad valorem duty may be, there are times when the manufacturers of certain classes of goods in the United States would be obliged to sacrifice their goods at almost anything they could get by auction, in order to obtain money. This was very notably the case during the late commercial depression there. Had it not been for the specific duties then in force there is no doubt that Canada would have been made a slaughter market for many lines of goods.

When the House met on Wednesday last it was treated to a very interesting speech from Sir John Tupper, after whom a few remarks from Mr. Laurier and Mr. Devlin, the motion was carried. Sir John's speech was in the main an amplification of the report to Council wherein he set forth the reasons why the Northwest School ordinance should not be dissolved. To the French Canadian members who were based upon their fears of the consequences of the future to curtail their rights in regard to separate schools in the Territories, rather than give up their rights in the provinces which had as yet occurred under the ordinance of 1892. He pointed out that there was no ground for the present that separate schools had been introduced in the Territories of the Northwest. He pointed out that the French language in the schools had been discontinued, as Mr. Tarte and other Quebec agitators had proved in the latter connection. 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