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SENATOR MACPHERSON'S LETTER.

Our readers are, we suppose, aware, that Mr Blake has engaged in a perpetual campaign against the present government. He is responsible to no one for the political doctrines he preaches, and no one is responsible for them. While the practical Mr Mackenzie was head of the liberal party, Mr Blake could not be induced to make a move, but preferred going to England, and finding fault with what his associates were doing. He never agreed with Mr. Mackenzie, with Cartwright, with Mills, with anybody but himself. Now he has it all his own way, because he is leader, and his confederates are just as astounded at his up-in-the-clouds policy as anybody else, and not one of them knows what anybody may bring forth for their party, with Mr Blake on the stump. Several banquets have been given to him lately, and at these he has taken pains to air himself. But it is easy talking when the talking is all on one side, and it is easy creating an enthusiasm when the audience are all of the same politics as the speaker. Things would not be quite so charming with Mr. Blake, if Sir Charles Tupper were at hand. Mr. Blake is in mortal terror of Sir Charles, and was actually afraid to meet him in Montreal last winter. We hope the party will see that Sir Charles this summer will not be so very very far behind Blake on the speech-making campaign.

Senator Macpherson has been reading the wild statements of Mr. Blake, and seeing they were so misleading if not in many cases totally without foundation, the Senator wrote and addressed a letter to an M. P., George Jackson, a friend of his from Ontario. He says:—"When in past years I compared the expenditure of Mr. Mackenzie's government with that of his predecessor, Sir John Macdonald, and exposed and reprobated what I considered it needless and extravagant increase by gentlemen whose political battle cry has always been 'Economy and Retrenchment!'—I say, when I compared their expenditure with that of their predecessors, I eliminated from the gross amount the charges for interest, sinking fund, and other items connected with the public debt, and dealt only with the controllable portion.

To make comparisons on which to judge Administrations fairly, the items of fixed outlay, such as subsidies to provinces, should be deducted, as they are beyond the control of the Government. The outlay in the North West territories should also be separated from that of the Dominion proper. When all this is done, the public accounts are simple to all who understand the first four rules of arithmetic; and the people can readily distinguish prudent and economical administrators from those who are reckless and wasteful. The following table formulated on the above plan,



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shows the annual expenditure for seven years from 1st July, 1873, to 30th June, 1880, the first of these being the year of Mr Mackenzie's advent to power, and the last of them the first complete year under Sir John Macdonald after his return to power in October, 1878, and the last for which we have the public accounts.

For the table given by the Senator, we use that of the Mail for convenience. Therefore, the result in brief is:—

Comparison of Controllable Expenditure. 1873-4 \$13,060,518, 1874-5 12,588,345, 1875-6 13,366,012, 1876-7 12,029,974, 1877-8 11,843,634, 1878-9 12,502,730, 1879-80 12,190,966

It thus appears that the alleged grossly extravagant expenditure of 1879-80 (putting aside all considerations as to the necessity of an increase in certain directions in consequence of the increase in the demands of the public business) is actually less than in previous years, as the following figures will show. The expenditure in 1879-80 is:—

\$869,552 less than in 1873-4, 397,379 less than in 1874-5, 1,175,046 less than in 1875-6. And the figures for the following years show that it is:— \$160,992 more than in 1876-7, 347,332 more than in 1877-8, 311,764 less than in 1878-9.

These figures show plainly that the Mackenzie Government swelled their controllable expenditure enormously in the three first years: and that they were only cut down under the pressure of general distress, and by the abandonment of necessary and long-looked-for expenditures which have since had to be undertaken and which have swelled the accounts of the present Government slightly. If we add the figures together and compare them, we shall see a singular result:

Expenditure in 1873-4, 1874-5, 1875-6, and 1878-9, over and above expenditure of 1879-80. \$2,753,741. Expenditure in 1879-80 over and above the expenditure of 1876-7 and 1877-8. 508,324

Difference in favour of the year 1879-80 and the present Government. \$2,245,417

Next let us take the second part of the table. Senator Macpherson contends that the North West expenditure is not properly part of the controllable expenditure, and there is much force in his contention. If, therefore, the North West expenditure be deducted as well as the charges for debt, interest, sinking fund, and subsidies, the figures of the controllable expenditure arrange themselves as follows:—

Controllable expenditure in 1879-80, \$11,015,797. Decrease as compared with 1873-4, \$1,112,737. Decrease as compared with 1874-5, 577,572. Decrease as compared with 1875-6, 1,192,105. Decrease as compared with 1876-7, 239,342. Increase as compared with 1877-8, 71,157. Decrease as compared with 1878-9, 561,018. Total (deducting \$71,157) in favour of expenditure of 1879-80 and of the present Government \$ 3,662,775

These figures are put forward by Senator Macpherson at once as a statement and a challenge; perhaps Mr Blake, who has of late exhibited a desire to indulge in financial calculations, greatly to the amazement of some of his party, may feel disposed to criticize them. They are at his disposal for that purpose. He and his followers have been denouncing the present Government for extravagant expenditures. Here is proof that the highest expenditure of the present government is yet millions less than the expenditures of his own government in former years. If he is disposed to boast of the apparent economy of 1877-8, he is informed by Senator Macpherson that the retrenchment was due to a decrease in the expenditure for militia purposes and for public works payable out of

revenue, neither of which reductions brought the Government glory or honor.

Senator Macpherson, deals at some length, with Mr Blake's speeches at Montreal, and after showing up the falsity of the Hon getheman's figures adds,—"The success of the National Policy is no longer problematical. The benefits it has conferred upon the whole people are recognized and admitted throughout the Dominion. Yet at Montreal Mr Blake did not hesitate to threaten that, if he should attain to power, he would shake the whole industrial fabric of the land, the fabric in which every producer, from the agriculturist to the smallest handicraftsman, holds a vital stake. This was felt to be so untimely and injudicious that other speakers endeavoured to assure the manufacturers, and those interested with, and dependent upon them, that they had nothing to fear, that the revenue requirements would preserve the tariff from destruction, and that, if the Reformers should succeed to power, the industries of the country would be quite as safe in their hands as in those of the Conservatives."

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