

THE KENT ELECTION. The Attorney General opens the Campaign.

The postponed political meeting and visit of Hon. Mr. Blair to Kent brought a large gathering on Monday evening of prominent politicians and others from different parts of the county to hear the Attorney-General discuss the political situation. There were also many ladies present occupying seats on the platform. The capacity of the Temperance hall was pretty well taxed to accommodate the large number assembled. Notwithstanding the fact that the hall was so well filled the meeting was very orderly throughout the whole evening and the different speakers listened to with marked attention. C. J. Sayre, Esq., was chosen chairman and, before opening the meeting, read an address of welcome to Mr. Blair, highly commending that gentleman on both his political and social life. The audience applauded the address, irrespective of party lines.

MR. BLAIR.

after thanking the chairman for the flattering introduction, commenced his address by saying that he was not present in the role of a dictator and he did not propose to interfere in the choice of the government standard bearer in the coming campaign, but it was his intention to discuss and defend the policy of the government in view of the fact that the vacancy in Kent must be filled in the course of the next few weeks or months. He then reminded those present of the avowed policy of the government on assuming the reins of office. His definition of their policy was—economy in the expenditure of public funds, the better regulation of the crown lands department and the abolition of the Legislative Council. He said the government had made a saving in all the departments of public expenditure except printing, in which there had been an increase, which he explained by saying that the government, unlike its predecessors, had all the bills introduced printed. He therefore thought they had fulfilled nearly all their promises. He next proceeded to explain that his administration was better than his predecessors, and that the abuses of the old way in which operators were allowed to take possession of Crown lands was changed, and a new system for the better had been introduced. Referring to the Legislative Council, he explained the government's course in reference to the abolition of that body asserting that some of those appointed to the council pledged to vote for its discontinuance, had failed to carry out their promises. Consequently the council was *status quo*, but thought the government had honestly tried to abolish that body sooner. He then reviewed the financial position of the province, and while admitting that there had been a large increase in the public debt, contended that the government's immediate predecessors were largely responsible for it and that his government had contracted much of it in carrying out the legislation of their predecessors. He referred to the leading members of the opposition, some of whom, he said, had been most strenuous supporters of his policy, and if wrongs had been committed they were equally to blame. Many of them had left him on minor questions of patronage. Dr. Atkinson, a very prominent man, had deserted him on a question similar to that on which Mr. Phinney had done. Their reasons, he thought, were not sufficient. He also reviewed Mr. Hanington's course. The county must have a straight supporter of the government if they wished their representative to be consulted. He contradicted the statement that he had said he would not give Kent another member because it would increase the French vote, and claimed he had been misrepresented in this matter. He then appealed for the support of the electors of Kent and closed his eloquent address amid applause by thanking the audience for the good order and attention given him.

After the speaker had taken his seat there were loud calls for Phinney, and the chairman invited him to address the meeting.

MR. PHINNEY

was loudly applauded on rising. He said he was under the impression that the hon. gentleman who had so eloquently addressed the meeting did not desire discussions, and, therefore, had not taken notes as he would otherwise have done and was not prepared to speak. He replied to Mr. Blair's assertion that the reasons for his going into opposition were not sufficient. Mr. Blair had broken faith with him, and had not done Kent justice in the matter of railway subsidy. Mr. Blair had introduced a resolution to appropriate money for the Woodstock road after assuring his supporters he would not do so. Appropriation was not needed and Mr. Blair had not dared to spend it even if it had been granted.

It might seem a trifling matter to the Attorney-General to spend the people's money so lavishly, but Mr. Blair did not mind that as he was used to spending other people's money to retain himself in power, but to him it was a very serious matter when his own county had to suffer on account of Mr. Blair spending such a sum when the only good was to strengthen Blair personally. He (Phinney) would do again under similar circumstances as he had done, and had seen no reason to regret his course. He would not cringe to Blair or anyone. If they wanted a scoundrel to represent them then they must get someone else. The reforms Mr. Blair claimed credit for he (Phinney) had supported and could consequently claim some of the credit as well. But there was one act of Attorney-General he did not support and that was the infamous Northumberland deal. This was the most disgraceful transaction in the history of the Province. In order to defend it it was necessary to have recourse to false statements. The truth of the matter is, as everyone knows, the Northumberland members were elected to oppose Mr. Blair. He (Blair) finding he was defeated at the polls (as he had admitted) bought up some of those who had been elected to oppose him in a most barefaced manner. He challenged the Attorney-General to meet him and discuss matters in dispute fairly. (Mr. Blair—Name the day). And he (Phinney) would prove what he said. Mr. Phinney's remarks were direct and forcible and evoked much enthusiasm and he was loudly applauded on resuming his seat.

HON. C. H. LABILLOIS was the next speaker. Explaining why he had withdrawn from the Landry-Han-

ington government, and some Restigouche matters. Mr. Labillois only occupied the attention of the audience for a short time.

When Mr. Labillois resumed his seat there were loud calls for Gogain, Leger, Barriau, Johnson, McInerney, Carlyle, but as it was now Tuesday morning the chairman dismissed the meeting, which was a success as far as numbers went, but there was very little enthusiasm, not a solitary cheer being given for any one.

Chatham.

The amateur photographer is abroad in the land and we have quite a number of them in this vicinity. Miss McDougal of the Willows however being the only lady thus far who has taken the matter up. Then we have MacD. Snowball, Geo. Col-linson, Walter White and Mr. Jones of the Bank of Montreal. Newcastle has several, and it is hardly necessary to mention the Messrs. Miller of Millerton who can almost be called professionals and are known all over as making very fine landscapes, stereoscopic views, etc.

Mrs. Hugh Marquis is slowly recovering from the injuries received from being kicked with a horse a week or two ago.

John Marquis, Esq., of Telluride, Colorado, is here visiting friends after an absence of some 10 or 12 years.

The town schools reopened to-day. Inspector Mersereau is in town to-day and leaves for Escuminac to-morrow.

Miss Annie Shirreff who has been visiting in town for the last few weeks left for her home in Boston by the noon train to-day.

We understand that R. Murray, jr., has tendered his resignation as Police Magistrate.

We regret to learn of the quite serious illness of John Sadler, Esq., but are pleased to report that he is progressing favorably towards recovery.

On Saturday afternoon last, Donald Sutherland, Esq., of Sutherland & Creagh-an, while trying to stop a runaway horse belonging to Councillor Flanagan was knocked down and quite severely injured. He was carried into Capt. Allan's on Water St., where Dr. J. S. Benson rendered the necessary surgical aid, and he was removed to his home on St. John St. in the evening. While his injuries are severe we are pleased to learn that they are not considered dangerous and that he is doing well.

Miss Jennie Russell is home from New York visiting her mother.

Mrs. H. M. Drake is also visiting her mother, Mrs. McAlpine.

Miss Effie Sadler has returned from her visit to Dalhousie.

Lieut. Col. McCully and J. D. B. F. McKenzie, Esq., returned from Yarmouth, N. S., on Saturday where they had been attending the meeting of Oddfellows Grand Lodge. LE JEUNE.

Treasures of Earth's Interior.

A scientific scheme of much importance has been agitated in Washington recently. During the last two Congresses there have been a number of representatives and two or three senators who have used their influence in favor of an appropriation for boring a hole in the earth several miles in depth. It has been long recognized that an inconceivable amount of value in the shape of precious metals and other mineral substances is locked up out of reach beneath the crust of this planet. All the riches dug out of it present merely the most superficial and ineffective scratching of the surface. Once render accessible the internal recesses of the sphere, and it is plain that every human being might be a thousand times a Monte Cristo.

Geologists are agreed that the interior of the earth is largely composed of metals. Whereas the surface matter of the planet weighs only two and one half times as much as water, it is known as a fact that towards the earth's center the average weight of things is eleven times that of water. This is due to the circumstance that while this sub-lunary orb was cooling and condensing, the heavier particles sought the middle. Therefore it is probable that the great mass of the sphere is iron. But there are other metals more heavy than iron, and these would form an accumulation immediately about the center of the globe. Among them may be mentioned most importantly gold. Geologist Gilbert, of the Geological Survey, said the other day that he would rather expect to find a vast accumulation of gold at that point than anywhere else, his notion being that such of the yellow metal as is found on the surface of the earth is only an accidental detritus. However, there are two or three substances known even more weighty than gold, and one of them is platinum, which has doubled in market value during the last year or two, owing to the increased cost of production.

So it is not unreasonable that certain members of Congress and other persons of keen judgment should consider the advisability of boring a hole in the earth for the purpose of extracting some of its metallic contents. For scientific purposes a pit has recently been sunk at Speling, in Germany, to the depth of a mile. Unfortunately water had been struck, and no results which add materially to human knowledge has thus far been obtained. Another well has been driven at Wheeling, West Va., as far down as three-quarters of a mile. It is dry and the boring process is proceeding at the rate of ten feet a day. The management will be disgusted if oil or something is not struck before the hole comes out at the antipodes and somebody tumbles into it at the other end.

No really scientific person has been so foolish as to imagine that possible results commercially speaking, could be secured without digging much further than this.

Estimate is made that at twenty miles from the surface of the earth every known substance—metals, rocks, and all—becomes fused and liquid. Once let this point be reached, and naturally whatever is below must spout up of its own accord, without expense of mining. Immediately the price of metals in the market would be reduced to little or nothing, and a new age would dawn upon civilization. It has been suggested that such an artificial conduit would be, to all intents and purposes a volcano, but any dangers which it would otherwise threaten might be obviated easily by establishing the works on an open prairie.—Washington Star.

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A Clergyman Speaks Out.

Rev. Dr. Macrae, one of the most liberal-minded and intelligent clergymen of St. John, took occasion on Sunday last to sound an impressive note of warning against the shameful unveilings that have been made at Ottawa lately. During the course of his remarks, he said:

"Is integrity departed from the earth? Is true high-mindedness fled to some other shore or planet? Is honor actually but a sham? Then verily we may close our churches, abandon our pulpits, lay our bible on the shelf as a worn out fable, and surrender ourselves to the reign of misrule as long as He who cleansed the temple in Jerusalem is pleased, for our sins, to tolerate the continuance of misrule. For it cannot be in the light of bygone experience, that He will bear forever. The magnificent temple of old, the world's wonder for splendor, was duly destroyed, as He intimated it would be. And so my prayer and trust is, He will do in regard to the evils, shameful and degrading, if such things are, that are making our country a bye-word.

"Let me emphasize my feeling with respect to the evil influence that the reports in question must certainly tend to bring upon the minds of rising generations. When it is apparent that pledges made previous to election are habitually violated or forgotten, that principles loudly avowed are instantly disregarded, that the words are merely a disguise for baseness of conduct, that the alleged interests of the country mean merely some contrivance for the 'devouring,' that positions are coveted, not for the sake of the vantage ground they offer for using the power for good, but because they enable the occupants to utilize power to get personal gain, that bribes in one guise or other are current official coin, and that by their agency the various springs of honor may be poisoned and the welfare of the country unblushingly sacrificed—yea, the humane penalty for conduct of this so when discovered there is literally not certainly none adequate to the flagrant of the crime—the ill-gotten gains left the hands defiled by them—what marvel that in the lower walks of life there should be chicanery, fraudulent bankruptcies, misprision of trust in the directorate of companies, absconding with the funds of banks and corporations, and all the other items indicative of moral corruption with which the columns of our press make us almost daily familiar?"

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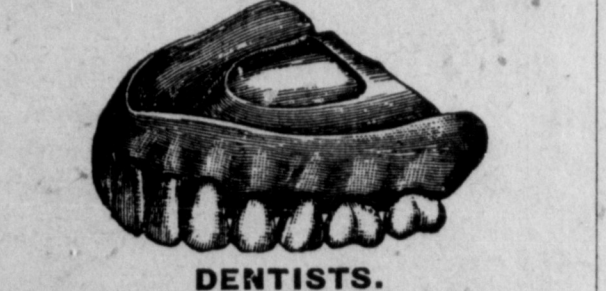
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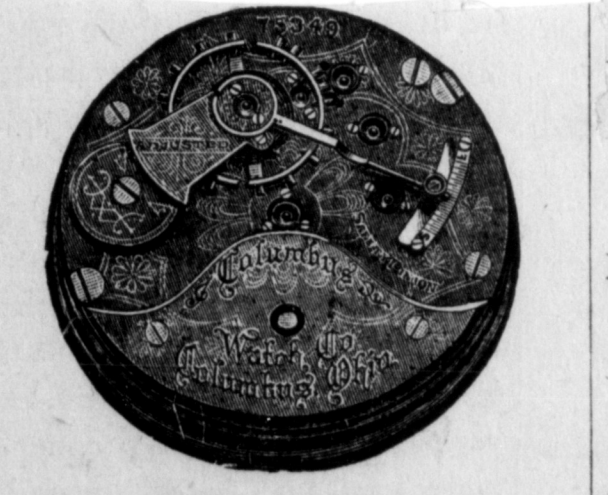
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