

Ottawa Letter.

OTTAWA, 9th June—It is safe to assume that the desperate attack which is being made just now upon Mr. Blair, both in the House and in the Conservative press, is the very best evidence that could be had of his strength as a Minister and a politician. A weak man is not likely to receive much attention at the hands of the Opposition; it is the strong man who must bear the brunt of their assaults, and the stronger he is the more vigorous will be the onslaught. When the Tory papers assert that the Minister of Railways is a failure, his friends may take it for granted, without looking for further proof, that the contrary is true. The Tories would not concern themselves very much about the Minister's weakness; it is his success that is keeping them awake at night. When they send out the story that he has shown a feeble understanding of any particular measure brought before the House, it may be accepted as a fact that he has really shown a full and masterly grasp of the Bill, in all its bearings. Their plan is to say that black is white, that good is bad, and that success is failure.

Even the Montreal "Gazette," usually fair and moderate in its political warfare, repeats this week the absurd story that the Minister of Railways, when introducing the Yukon Railway Bill, displayed a lamentable ignorance of the measure in hand. This Tory yarn had its foundation in the fact that to three questions in chief Mr. Blair was unable to give a positive answer. These three questions were: First, as to the area of mineral bearing lands; second, as to the value of mineral lands in the Yukon; and third, as to the estimated value of the lands which it was proposed to grant to Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann. Of course, the Minister could not answer these questions. Nobody on earth could. They were not capable of being answered then, nor can they ever be answered. What is more, the Tories knew that they could not be answered, and they would have scored a point if they could have induced the Minister to attempt an answer.

During the past week the Minister of Railways has had to meet the unscrupulous, unfair, and vicious attacks of the combined Opposition. Realizing that Mr. Blair occupied an impregnable position in relation to the Drummond County purchase and Grand Trunk lease, and that his strong hand in these two matters was calculated to add very considerably to the prestige of himself and the Government, they directed against him the meanest warfare that has perhaps ever been waged in Parliament. At every step they made all sorts of absurd demands for information, their purpose being to delay the progress of business and to annoy the Minister. They certainly succeeded in the former respect; but their efforts in the latter regard were a failure. Their scheme was to find out what the Department could not supply, and then insist upon having it. As a result of these tactics the House was kept in session from Wednesday afternoon last until six o'clock Thursday evening.

Two instances will suffice to show the nature of these Tory tactics. The Opposition had been insisting for some time past that the Minister should bring down a statement showing the cost of an independent railway from the western terminus of the Drummond County to Montreal, and in order to satisfy this demand Mr. Blair had the Chief Engineer prepare an estimate relating to such an alternative project. In that estimate there was a certain sum for a bridge over the Yamaska river. This figure the Opposition claimed was too high. Whether it was or not was a matter of no importance. There was no proposition to build a bridge; it was a mere estimate of cost prepared to satisfy the unreasonable demands of the Opposition. Yet the Tories squabbled over that item until near four o'clock in the morning. The all night sitting on Wednesday was due to a request for information as to car mileage, and the sincerity of the struggle over this matter may be judged by the fact that, when the figures were obtained by telephone from Montreal on Thursday afternoon, they were not so much as looked at. The Bill was allowed to pass within a few minutes thereafter.

As will be readily guessed by the Liberals in New Brunswick, Mr. Foster has been the leader in these indefensible attacks upon the Minister of Railways. He has not only led in the exasperating demands for useless and irrelevant information; but he has gone out of his way to make himself personally offensive to Mr. Blair. His methods have been low and vindictive. He has not even sought to conceal the intensely bitter character of his feelings towards the Minister. The other night he declared openly that Mr. Blair was lying, and if the temper in which he has been of late continues there is no telling to what depths he will descend in order to give vent to the spleen which controls him. Of course, he is not entirely without excuse. Since the little event of 18th February last Mr. Foster has realized that his days as a political leader in New Brunswick are over. More than that, he does not know where he will find a resting place for the sole of his foot when the next Dominion fight comes on, and it matters very little, for, with Mr. Blair in charge of the struggle, his defeat is certain. His object is, while the opportunity is still within his reach, to hit as hard and as

viciously as he can at the man who has already humiliated him into the very dust.

The trackmen's strike on the Grand Trunk railway has been the subject of several discussions in Parliament during the past week, and it has transpired that Mr. Powell, the valuable member for Westmorland, has brought himself into considerable discredit in connection therewith. An arrangement had practically been completed under which the men were to receive certain concessions and be allowed to return to work, when, unfortunately, Mr. Powell undertook to be an intermediary. Mr. Lowe, the organizer of the Trackmen's Association, has stated in an interview that he was opposed to outsiders meddling in the matter, as the Committee was making fair progress; but Mr. Powell, with characteristic confidence in himself, undertook to approach Mr. Hays. The result was, that although it had been announced that the strike was over, the poor trackmen were placed in a worse position than ever. It is no consolation to them to be told that Mr. Powell meant well. The fact remains that, had he not interfered, the strikers would have been taken back a week ago with some improvement in their position.

It is not often that Sir Charles Tupper can be commended for his methods in Parliament; but his snub to Mr. Clarke Wallace yesterday afternoon showed that he is not always insensible to the proprieties which should prevail in a deliberative assembly. When Mr. Blair brought down the information for which the Opposition had been contending for the preceding fifteen hours, Sir Charles expressed his satisfaction with what had been done; but Mr. Wallace, who poses as an independent Conservative leader, with very curious notions of dignity and fair play, arose to continue the offensive tactics which Mr. Foster had inaugurated. He had not proceeded far when Sir Charles called him down rather sharply, and declared that he would not be a party to further action of that nature. Mr. Wallace immediately left the Chamber in high dudgeon, and in the corridors expressed his feelings with considerable warmth. The snub also fitted Mr. Foster; between whom and Sir Charles there are evidences of a daily widening breach.

As a result of the methods being pursued by the Opposition very little real progress was made during the week in the business before the House. There has not been at any time any earthly reason why Parliament should not have discharged all the work of the session weeks ago; but as it is, no one can at present foresee the end. At a cost of \$1,000 per day Parliament is being kept needlessly in session in order that the Fosters and Tupper may vent their grudges against Ministers. Nine tenths of the estimates remain yet to be considered, the Railway Bills are not passed, and the Redistribution measure is still to come. Of course, much of the blockade set up against other bills has been intended to make the obstruction against the Redistribution Bill seem shorter when it is under way. It is quite certain that many Conservative members are fretting considerably under the senseless tactics of their leader, and it would not be surprising if this feeling should quite soon take the form of a revolt.

When the Opposition come to deal with the Redistribution Bill they will not find themselves able to support the position which they took when the measure was introduced. They committed themselves to the view that the English system was in every way commendable, declaring, however, that the Canadian Bill recognized inequalities utterly unknown under the system in the parent country. They spoke in ignorance; for it now transpires that the inequalities in England are much greater than is contemplated by the Dominion Bill now before the House. The graveness of their complaint is that while Brant will have a member for each 17,000 population, Toronto will only have a member for each 48,000. It so happens, however, that there are many constituencies in England with a lower population than 17,000, one being as low as 9,000, while there are quite a number far beyond 50,000.

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Each rubbed some grime off while they put a heap on.

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Harder than poverty, rougher than sin;
From the roller suspended it never was bended,
And it flapped on the wall like a banner of tin.

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The first successful submarine cable was but twenty-five miles in length. To-day they reach beneath the surface of every great ocean save the broad Pacific, and bring our new empire beyond the seas to but just outside our very doors. According to official figures furnished by the Postal Telegraph & Cable Company, the United States now has 214,394 miles of land lines, carrying an aggregate of 1,017,710 miles of wire. Of these latter the Postal Telegraph has 143,290 miles of its own wires, while the Western Union, on its own and leased lines, controls 874,420 miles, making an aggregate for this nation alone greater than that of all the rest of the world. During the year 1898 these two companies handled 77,580,767 messages in their almost 25,000 offices, at an average toll of about thirty cents.

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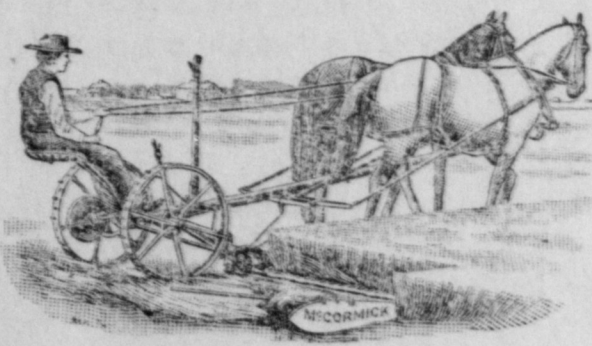
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