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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1881. BANQUET TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

We do not propose to invade the privacy of club life, or to make any comment whatever on the domestic economy of the Manitoba Club, and it is no concern of ours if they have elected to prefer an auctioneer instead of a journalist, as the medium of communication with the outside world respecting that portion of the recent banquet to His Excellency the Governor-General which they had a right to consider as their own and entire disposal. Neither have we to do with that curious conception of journalistic duty and identity which considers it consonant with legitimate journalistic enterprise to send an emissary to an affair of this kind disguised as an assistant to the butler or a member of the band. That is a Yankee way of doing business, the luxury of the performance of which we are quite willing to leave to those who measure their self-respect by a standard not quite in accord with our idea of the position of a Canadian journalist. We shall endeavor to confine our attendance at occasions of this kind to such only as we can visit in the way in which gentlemen may. But with the utterances of His Excellency the Governor-General on such an occasion, the expressions of his experience and conclusions at the close of a public mission, his first report, as it were, of a voyage of investigation undertaken at the public expense and for the public advantage, we have to do; and we have an opinion upon the method chosen by the Governor-General, or those whose advice has more than once led him into judicious action, which we propose to express freely and emphatically. The speech of the Governor-General on this occasion is one we are glad to be able to say, which does the very greatest credit to His Excellency's intellectual capacity, to his powers of oratory and his practical sagacity as an observer of men and things, in such an important undertaking as a critical and intelligent examination of the resources and capacities of a great and comparatively undeveloped country, upon whose occupation our people are entering, and to whose opportunities the eyes of the people of the old world are now directed with the keenest and most critical interest. But this speech was more than this—it was public property, and not a thing to be properly disposed of at the caprice of any of the gentlemen who, also at the public expense, enjoyed the pleasure and the honour of accompanying the Governor-General on his recent explorations. The speech itself, the material upon which it was founded, and the opportunities of acquiring the knowledge, and of so admirably collating and presenting to the public the experiences and observations presented therein, were all paid for by the people at large, including the readers of THE SUN, as well as those of our wicked contemporary the Times. The very stenographer who caught the golden periods and eloquent perorations of His Excellency, as they fell upon the charmed circle who were privileged to listen to the glowing eulogy to which conviction, born of personal observation, impelled him, was a public servant, and by no manner of means entitled to place the first results of his labor at the disposal of one newspaper to the disadvantage of or preference of another. The person so employed—if we are correct in believing him the same gentleman who so efficiently acted in a similar capacity for Lord Dufferin—will recollect that that admirable Viceroys was scrupulously careful that all such public utterances were placed at the immediate disposal of all journalists who were in a position to make immediate use of them, with the strictest impartiality. He properly recognized that all such deliverances were public property, and they were promptly furnished to all newspapers within immediate reach. The first publication of this particular speech should have been furnished to the Free Press, if it had the enterprise or resources to enable it to make the publication, and it should simultaneously have been furnished to THE SUN and that lesser luminary, the Times. We mention these circumstances because by them

our readers have been apprised, and deprived of something which they had a right to expect at our hands, and which we had a right to expect from the proper source. We should not the least, however, take an opportunity of enabling our readers to have an early perusal of this important speech, which is undoubtedly the most able and admirable public utterance of the Marquis of Lorne since his arrival among the people of Canada, or probably of his lifetime. It is a glowing proof that the flame of hereditary genius in the House of Argyle is not to expire with the present distinguished head of the family, but that it glows with expanding brilliancy in the unfolding intellect of the young heir of the honors of a long line of orators and statesmen. But for us it has a more important significance. Repeated, as they unquestionably will be, in the press of Great Britain, and read with confidence and lively interest by thousands of British tenant farmers, who are regarding with increasing faith the great wheat-fields of the West—the very home and empire where "Plenty with her golden horn" holds sovereign sway—these utterances, so eloquently presented, bearing a testimony of the highest character to the unbounded resources of these vast and fertile plains, and endorsing, from personal investigation, even more than endorsing, all that has been said before of the glorious opportunities here held out to the oppressed and suffering of the old world, cannot fail to make a deep and beneficial impression in the mother land, and will be a powerful influence in determining very many who are now casting longing eyes hither—who hesitate in doubt if it can be possible that there is an actual realization to be gained here of the grateful vision of a free people upon a free soil, of such inexhaustible fertility that it has literally to be but tilled with the plough to laugh into the harvest—to try their fortunes under the old flag in the new world. We augur the very greatest results from this tour of investigation by the Governor-General, and are glad that he has been able to present the fruits of his examination and enquiries in so admirable a shape.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

That was a pertinent remark of Hon. Wm. McDougall recently, to the effect that, however fertile the Northwest might be, it was not possible for a farmer to cultivate the soil with a gun. He expresses the hope that the class of immigrants who come out next spring will be men who are not afraid to put their hands to the plough, for to such and such alone are success and a satisfactory experience assured. It is stated that among the new Senators will be Mr. Jas. Beatty, the long-time Conservative organist of the Leader, and Mr. John Rordian, the real publisher of the Toronto Mail. The Government can do no better than recognize the services of their journalistic supporters, as was done by the late Ministry in the case of Hon. Messrs. Brown, Penny and Fabre, though they might have reason to hope for more fidelity than the latter gentleman displayed to the party to whom he owed his appointment. The Kingston Daily says:—"All opinions concur in eulogy of our Northwest Territory as a fit and proper home for future settlers. The most recent observers seem to be loudest in its praise. The Governor-General and the correspondents with him, Archbishop Lynch, Principal Grant, and many others, all unite in extolling its advantages and attractions. Where such unimpeachable testimony is combined in its favour there need be no misgiving about the future of our great Northwest and its capacity to support the millions of people whose future home it is destined to be."

The Toronto Telegram says:—"It is likely that the Governor-General's tour through the Northwest will do this country some good in the old world. The London Times is printing graphic sketches of it, and by this means is bringing the illimitable wilderness under the attention of the people of the older countries. So far as the Globe's accounts are concerned, complaint has been made that they contained much greater reference to the correspondent's uncles and his backboard than to the Governor-General and his suite. But this was no fault of the correspondent. He met with a mishap—or rather his back-board did—and the vice-regal party cruelly left him in the lurch. The Governor-General's trip will cost some-

body a nice penny, and for the country to arrive at the benefit of it is at least a long time. The vice-regal party will be "back" shortly, and the Governor-General will doubtless take occasion to give the people a glowing account of the wonderful country through which he has

Hon. SENATOR SKELDON has, it is said, declined the Lieutenant-Governorship of the Northwest, and his name has been mentioned in company with that of Hon. Wm. McDougall, in connection with the reversion of Lt. Governor. Cawson's place. Either one of these gentlemen would admirably and satisfactorily fill the place. Mr. Skelton's gubernatorial experience has been for the most felicitous kind, and it will be an entirely novel change to have a resident at Government House who can realize that the people have a right to expect something more from a Lt. Governor than the mere knowledge that he draws his salary regularly.

WOMEN BEAT.

The Toronto News comes out strongly in favour of a Divorce Law. We fear he will find "relief" much more easily and economically effected by taking "residence" in Chicago for a few months.

The Toronto News says: "What with clerical equestrians, farmer delegates, special correspondents, railway pamphlets, land advertisements, despatches, diaries, speeches, private correspondences and prodigious sons, we in old Canada probably know more at present about the Northwest than the 'Northwesterners' themselves." It calls upon the professional interviewers of the Ontario press to let up on ventilating the crude experiences of "every Tom, Dick and Harry who has been in Winnipeg, and was lucky enough to secure a return ticket before going there."

The Toronto News has been endeavoring to find a suitable name by which to know the citizen of the United States, and protests against their use of the term American. The Ottawa Free Press very properly suggests that we make the Yankees a present of the name American; and we quite agree with it. It has come to be their accepted title in the old world, and is surrounded by such associations, and synonymous of so much in social, moral and political life that is repugnant to the people of the old country, that we can afford to adhere to the name Canadian, and labour to make it great and respected.

The Montreal Gazette is rather hard upon Mr. Miall, Assistant-Commissioner of Inland Revenue. It says: "We have no love for Mr. Brunel; we regard his coming superannuation as one of those long-deferred blessings, which, when they do come, are causes of devout thankfulness. But if the superannuation were only to result in filling the place by the gentleman who figures so strangely in the 'Tabby' Dorian case (Mr. Miall) we say, let us suffer as we have been doing, with 'Mr. Brunel at the helm.'" The Government should appoint an experienced and competent man of business to this position, and thus elude people of the genus Miall.

We have challenged the Free Press to ventilate in its columns the opinions of the political leader whom it professes to serve, in respect to the Canadian Pacific Railway Syndicate, but that truly good organ is so occupied just now with discussing Parnell and the land act, and tendering advice to President Arthur as to his policy and the construction of his Cabinet, that it has not found time to make an effort to instruct its readers in the doctrines of Mr. Blake upon that subject. And we venture to say that it never will find time. Mr. Blake will take notice that he is leaning upon the rottenest journalistic reed in this Province, and if he expects assistance from the F.P. in the time of need, he will find himself just where that organ left Mr. Mackenzie in the hour of trial. But if Mr. Blake should by any accident succeed in acquiring the reins of power, and patronage, he may rely upon having no more servile supporter during his whole term of office, and no more enthusiastic gourmand at the flesh-pots, than the F.P.

The Dominion reports that for the first quarter of the year are now in, and show the receipts to have been \$8,229,950, as against \$7,165,590 in the corresponding period of last year. The surplus for the last fiscal year was over four millions, and that for the year ending June 30th next will be over six millions. These are discouraging figures

for the Knight of Lennox to ponder over. When the National Policy was adopted, Sir Richard declared that not only would the high duties oppress the people, and strangle instead of stimulate industries, but that they would prove exclusive, and thus diminish instead of increase the revenue. Yet the people have had no such result. The infant industries are expanding with a lusty vigor that causes the Free Trade theorists to weep tears of anguish, and the revenue is looming in a way that would make the late Finance Minister tear his hair in despair, if he were not so very bald-headed. Experience has shown that there were more things in political economy than Sir Richard Cartwright ever dreamed about, when he was having no end of fun out of the supposed-to-be deluded followers of the N.P., in the memorable campaign of 1878.

Correspondence.

Letters inserted in THE SUN, under this heading, must invariably, when not signed by the writer, be accompanied by a responsible signature, as a guarantee to the Editor of good faith. The Editor does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents. Correspondence must be strictly free from personalities.

To the Editor of THE SUN.

Sir,—I have observed, with no little indignation, that the published list of the invited guests at the recent banquet to the Governor-General, did not include the name of His Lordship the Chief Justice of the Province, the only gentleman who, by the dignity of his position, could fittingly represent the Bench and the Bar on so august an occasion, and I may add, the gentleman above all others preeminently fitted to do justice to the toast of the profession in which he holds *ex officio* the highest place in this Province. Is it possible that there is some malign influence in a Club which is presumed to be representative of the best life in this Province, which has taken advantage of the confidence entrusted to it to perpetrate an act for which the word outrage is too mild a name? To deliberately exclude the name of the Chief Justice from the list of invited guests, and to emphasize the fact by causing it to be published in a public journal of the city, is a wanton insult to the Bench of the Province—an affront, not upon the individual, but upon the distinguished position he occupies, and one from which, in justice to their self-respect, the members of the Club should endeavor to free themselves. I beg you to afford space for these remarks in the columns of your valuable paper, as the matter is one of which the public have a right to take cognizance. Yours truly, PROPERTY.

Winnipeg, Oct. 12, 1881.

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