

was down upon the list as the next speaker, and, as it proved, his speech was one of the great features of the afternoon. He grappled with his subject, as the phrase is, "straight," discussed it in its aspect as affecting the unenfranchised, and declared in respect of the cry of the majority of the House of Lords for redistribution, that it was "a sham, a cheat, a huge imposition." It had been said of Lord Salisbury that he had been working with a rope round his neck, and as they all know that that was so, his lordship had better take care and pass the measure desired by the country, as the rope might of necessity have to be tightened. This sentiment evoked general cheering, prolonged for several minutes. Mr Alexander Duncan, mason, Jute Street, seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted.

At Platform C Professor Minto presided, and had supporting him several of those who may be styled the *elite* of the Liberalism of Aberdeen—including Dr Bain, the Rector of the University; Lord Provost Matthews, Mr Webster, M.P.; Mr Henderson of Devanha, Councillor H. Gray, &c. Professor Minto's speech was of a clear and argumentative character, and was followed up by, among other excellent speeches, a most interesting address by the respected city member, who never since the evening of his triumphant return for the burgh experienced so enthusiastic a reception.

Around the D Platform, which was allotted to the Trades Council, a large proportion of the processionists and spectators collected, and when the chairman—Mr J. C. Thompson—the highly popular president of the Trades Council, opened the speaking he received an ovation. Mr James Forbes and Mr George Bannerman, who respectively moved and seconded the resolution, also got a most flattering greeting from their fellow-tradesmen, and all the subsequent speakers were accorded equally enthusiastic receptions. The speeches were forcible, stirring, and eminently radical in tone, and the interest and enthusiasm were sustained to the end.

The Old Reformers were presided over by Mr William Lindsay, and the speakers (who showed that even with advancing age their Liberalism was unabated) included Mr David Mitchell, advocate, and others.

THE PROCESSION.

According to previous arrangement, those who were to take part in the procession mustered at 3 o'clock on the Reclaimed Ground, occupying the vacant space, triangular in shape, between Palmerston Road, the extension of Market Street, and the river. Several of the trades' contingents put in an appearance unexpectedly early, but the marshals were present, and the parties were duly arranged in the order in which they would finally leave the ground. None were admitted within the lines save those who were to take part in the demonstration, but, notwithstanding, there was a large crowd of spectators without, and the various bodies as they passed through the lines and took up their respective positions were loudly cheered. Dr Moir, the chief marshal of the procession (upon whose shoulders the chief work of the day devolved), was in attendance at half-past two, and was mounted

on a very fine brown horse. His *aides* for the day were Mr G. A. Robertson and Mr Daveron Tough, and the whole three had most arduous labour in seeing that the arrangements as to the formation of the procession were carried out. However, all were in good humour, no difficulty occurred, and the greatest political display which Aberdeen has ever witnessed passed off most satisfactorily.

The procession moved in the following order:—

- THE OLD REFORMERS.
- THE CHAIRMEN AND SPEAKERS,
- BAND OF MUSIC.
- THE TRADES COUNCIL.
- The Trades with their Apprentices, as follows:—
- Brassfinishers.
- BAND OF MUSIC.
- Joiners.
- Plumbers.
- Bakers.
- BAND OF MUSIC.
- Shore Labourers.
- Shipwrights.
- Rope and Sail Makers.
- TWO BANDS OF MUSIC.
- Masons.
- Boot and Shoe Rivetters.
- BAND OF MUSIC.
- The Leather Trade.
- Carvers and Gilders.
- Moulders.
- Corkcutters.
- BAND OF MUSIC.
- Iron Shipbuilders.
- Blacksmiths.
- Horsehoers.
- Bookbinders.
- Lithographers, Printers, &c.
- Pipemakers.
- Cabinet and Chair-makers and Turners.
- Wood-carvers and Upholsters.
- BAND OF MUSIC.
- Plasterers.
- House Painters.
- Soap and Candle Makers.
- Sawmillers.
- Combmakers.
- Tailors.
- BAND OF MUSIC.
- Fleshers.
- Curriers.
- Preserved Provision Workers.
- BAND OF MUSIC.
- Engineers.
- Slaters.
- EMPLOYEES AT PUBLIC WORKS IN CITY—
- Broadford Works.
- Union Works.
- Bannermill Works.
- Ben. Reid & Co's Workers.
- BAND OF MUSIC.
- Quarriers at Rubislaw.
- BAND OF MUSIC.
- The Executive Council and Members of the Aberdeen Liberal Association.
- Liberals who may not be Members of the Association.
- The Junior Liberal Association.
- Old Aberdeen Liberal Association.
- THE CONTINGENTS FROM THE COUNTRY—
- Kennay and Fetternear.
- Monymusk and Tillyfour.
- Peterculter.
- Cluny, Echt, and Midmar.
- Skene.
- Kintore.
- Woodside and Auchmull.
- Newhills.