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We expect to hear the wire-pullers of the Conservative association say now that they would not have brought out opposition to Hon. A. M. Ross, had it not been for the fact that THE SIGNAL supported his candidature.

The Hamburg Lottery circulars are still flooding Canada. We hope our Postmaster General will see to it that this German swindle is not permitted to go on unchecked in the Dominion.

The Mail is already ranting about the Bull Pup and the Stagger in West Huron. There was a little excuse for the Mail editor during the dog days, but in the cool November it is astonishing to see so sad a case of the rabies.

The editor of the Goderich Star should carefully ponder upon the following, from the London Advertiser: "None of the Tory organs have so far boldly stated that they do not believe ill-health to be the cause of Mr. Young's resignation from the Ontario Cabinet, but several of the meaner-spirited ones have insinuated it."

The faction organs are telling the electors not to look at Col. Ross's excellent character, but to oppose Mowat's "corrupt" Government. A man with Col. Ross's excellent character would not be a member of a corrupt Government.

The new Treasurer is assured of the cordial support of many of the more honorable Conservatives, and we can afford to let the factionists bellow themselves hoarse. The louder they shout now, the quieter they will be after the 17th.

The London Free Press sets the Goderich Star an example of good taste in the following reference to Hon. James Young's Minister of Agriculture in the Ontario Government, has been obliged to relinquish his position owing to ill-health, acting under the direction of his medical advisers.

We don't hear so much about the "thanksgiving turkey" on this side of the line. The Lieutenant-Governor's proclamation does not seem to arouse public interest in the day, although we are just as full of gratitude to the Great Provider as are our friends in the States.

The Tory organs, from the Mail to the Star, seem to delight in sneering at the illness of Hon. James Young, ex-Provincial Treasurer. That the honorable gentleman has been so afflicted for weeks past is a fact which is regretted by all honest-minded persons, no matter what shade of politics they prefer; and it is as a matter of course that the moulders of Conservative opinion—the Tory press—have demeaned themselves by sneering at an opponent who is unable to defend himself owing to physical debility.

PERSONAL.—Reference having been made in the Globe of Monday to the matter, we may say that the health of Hon. James Young has given his friends in Galt and himself some uneasiness for several weeks past, and his visit to New York last week was to consult Dr. Hammond, a very eminent specialist on the nervous system, on the subject. We are glad to learn that Mr. Young has already improved under the treatment of Dr. Hammond, and will doubtless be better in a few months' time.

THE PROVINCIAL TREASURER.

At the time of writing we are unable to state definitely whether Hon. A. M. Ross, the new Treasurer of Ontario, will be opposed in West Huron or not.

If the advice of the leading Conservatives of the riding be taken we have every reason to believe the new minister will be elected by acclamation on Saturday next. There are many reasons why Liberals and Conservatives should join hands on this occasion, and do a graceful act to the man who has caused honor to be the portion of the constituency which he represents, and amongst them are the following:—

(1) Col. Ross is the first Huron county man, who has ever held a Cabinet position.

(2) He is not an extreme partizan, but has always exercised his independence when acting as the people's representative.

(3) In three previous contests he demonstrated that he possessed the confidence of the large majority of the electors of the riding.

(4) Many of the leading Conservatives have expressed themselves in favor of his election by acclamation.

(5) His ability is undoubted.

(6) His integrity is indisputable.

(7) Nothing will be gained to the Conservative party on this occasion by a tactious opposition.

(8) Even if the Mowat Administration were defeated, it would be many a long year before a Tory representative from Huron would sit in the Cabinet of Ontario.

We think the above are good and sufficient reasons why Hon. A. M. Ross should not be opposed on the present occasion. Personally we don't care a brass farthing whether our opponents put up a candidate to be knocked down or not.

But in the interest of economy we would ask the Tory wirepullers to bear in mind that the election expenses in West Huron, which have to be borne by the country, will amount to nearly \$700, and it would be well for them to think twice before bringing on a contest and incurring so great an expense, merely for the purpose of causing a factious opposition.

Hon. A. M. Ross has a strong hold upon the affections of the electors of Huron, and a contest under existing circumstances will prove that fact, by a large majority.

TAILORS OF TOOLEY STREET.

Our town contemporary flew into a flutter last week, and attempted to find fault with the Local Government for bringing on the election of the Provincial Treasurer at so early a day.

Our contemporary had no ground for complaint. The full notice required by law was given, and if all things done by the Tories were kept within the requirements of the law the Liberals of Huron would never raise voice.

But, really, when we come to think the matter over, it seems terribly strange that the Ontario Government did not consult the Goderich Tories on the subject of opening the constituency. Would it not have been courteous to ask the president and secretary of the Lib.-Con. Association to send word to Toronto as to the time when the writ should be issued?

The president and secretary of our local Lib.-Con. Association are such important persons (in their minds) that simply because they are not granted the confidence of the Government to which they are opposed, they consider a great wrong has been done to the commonwealth, and affix their signatures to a large poster which declares: "The sudden springing of the election on the public is an indication of the weakness of the Mowat Administration."

History repeats itself in this instance, only that instead of the three tailors of Tooley street, who represented themselves as "we, the people of England," two gentlemen of Goderich who were not told in advance that there was going to be an election in West Huron, state over their signatures that an election has been sprung upon "the public."

"The public"—forsooth! And supposing the election has been brought on at the earliest possible moment, is there any reason why the matter should be delayed? The Provincial Treasurer had resigned, and his successor had been named by the Ministry. It was necessary that the new incumbent should be installed in office with the least possible delay, and this has been done. Had Hon. A. M. Ross accepted the portfolio, and the writ for the election in West Huron been delayed, these gentlemen would have raised their hands in holy horror at the "springing of the election," would have raised lusty voice against the new Minister holding office without going back at once to his constituents for reelection. Our local tailors of Tooley street would not have been satisfied with anything the Mowat Government could do, and would boldly announce, in any event that "the public" had suffered.

Under these circumstances we endorse the action of the Government in not calling them to its aid when the day for issuing the writ was to be named.

It is an open secret that there was an interesting family quarrel at the Conservative meeting on Thursday night of last week. All the birds in the nest didn't agree, and there was considerable gruffling of feathers.

NE SUTOR ULTRA CREPIDAM.

When the proclamations were posted up on Thursday of last week, announcing that a day had been set for the nomination of a candidate to represent West Huron in the Legislature, almost every voice was raised in favor of the Hon. A. M. Ross, the new Provincial Treasurer.

All admitted that he had proved himself to be an able legislator and a faithful representative, and the more responsible men of the Conservative party expressed the hope that he would be unopposed for the position. But, as in all other communities, so in Goderich, there are one or two meddlesome fellows whose only opportunity for obtaining notoriety is when things are put in a ferment.

One of these happens to occupy the position of president of the Lib.-Con. Association, and he at once raised his voice for a contest in West Huron under any circumstances. It did not matter to the president that there was no possibility of capturing the riding, that in his own heart he believed Hon. A. M. Ross to be the most competent man for the position, and that although he had been conferred upon the county when West Huron's representative was taken into the ministry. No, no! These matters were of small account if only an election contest could be gotten up, so that the bills calling the factious meetings could have the name of the president in heavy black letters at the foot of them.

Now, we have no word to say against the president of the Lib.-Con. Association personally. He is, as far as we have heard, a kind husband and father; in our private relations with him we have never found him otherwise than courteous; in business matters he is as good as the average; in his position of town clerk during the past year he has proved to be a very satisfactory public servant; and we have had no cause to complain of him in any particular, save that at election time he allows his partizan feelings to run away with his sound judgment.

On an occasion such as the present—when an election is imminent—the president of the Lib.-Con. Association in Goderich always labors under the delusion that he owns the Conservative party;—he forgets that he is only an individual member of that body, and that there are many of his associates who are fully as qualified to judge upon political exigencies as he.

There are some men who think they are great politicians, who are very commonplace mortals, after all is said and done. Washington Irving gives an illustration of this class in his quaint Knickerbocker's History of New York. The erudite historian is dealing with the time when Peter Stuyvesant, the Dutch governor of New York, was annoyed by the knowing element of his people, who were anxious to expose their want of knowledge on political matters on all occasions.

The sturdy old Governor undertook to teach the blatherkites a lesson, and succeeded in doing so after a style peculiarly his own. For the benefit of our local denizens we reproduce the incident:

He accordingly watched his opportunity, and one evening, when the enlightened mob was gathered together, listening to a patriotic speech from an inspired cobbler, the intrepid Peter, like his great namesake of all the Russias, all at once appeared among them, with a countenance sufficient to petrify a millstone. The whole meeting was thrown into consternation—the orator seemed to have received a paralytic stroke in the very middle of a sublime sentence, and stood aghast with open mouth and trembling knees, whilst the words "horrible! tyranny! liberty! right! taxes! death!" and a deluge of other patriotic phrases, came roaring from his throat, before he had power to close his lips.

The shrewd Peter took no notice of the skulking thronaround him, but advancing to the brawling bully ruffian, and drawing out a huge silver watch, which might have served in times of yore as a town-clock, and which is still retained by his descendants as a family curiosity, requested the orator to mend it, and set it going.

The orator humbly confessed it was utterly out of his power, as he was unacquainted with the nature of its construction. "Nay, but," said Peter, "try your ingenuity, and how easily the clumsiest hand may stop it, and pull it to pieces; and why should it not be equally easy to regulate as to stop it?" The orator declared that his trade was wholly different; that he was a poor cobbler, and had never meddled with a watch in his life. That there were men skilled in the art, whose business it was to attend to those matters; but for his part, he should only mar the workmanship, and put the whole in confusion.

"Why, harkye, master of mine," cried Peter, turning suddenly upon him, with a countenance that almost petrified the patcher of shoes into a perfect lapstone—"dost thou pretend to meddle with the movements of government—to regulate and correct, and patch, and cobbler a complicated machine, the principles of which are above thy comprehension, and its simplest operations too subtle for thy understanding, when thou canst not correct a trifling error in a common piece of mechanism, the whole mystery of which is open to thy inspection?—Hence with thee to the leather and stone, which are emblems of thy head; cobbler thy shoes, and confine thyself to thy vocation for which Heaven has fitted thee."

Our readers will see at a glance the fitness of the heading to this article.—Ne sutor ultra crepidam—Let not the shoemaker go beyond his last.

Twenty-five of those who appealed to be put on Howick voters' list this year, before the judge, were refused.

A LAME DUCK.

A Victim Found for West Huron.

The Tories in Conclave at Smith's Hill See Mr. Ed. Meredith, of London, to Contest West Huron—No Local Max Foolhardy Enough to Run.

Well, the Tory convention at Smith's Hill hatched out a candidate after all. After offering the nomination to Mr. F. W. Johnston and other local men, without avail, the convention, at the instance of the Wingham delegation, finally gave it to Mr. Ed. Meredith, of London, and we understand that personage has accepted it.

Mr. Meredith is a London lawyer, of passable parts, but as a politician is practically unknown. In February last, procuring upon the fact that he bore the same name as the leader of the Opposition, he contested North Middlesex and was beaten by Mr. Waters, M.P.P.

Let the friends of Hon. A. M. Ross, Reform and Conservative, close up their ranks and join heartily to bury this presumptuous outsider under an overwhelming majority.

The bringing in of a stranger, barren of political record, shows that no local Conservative believed Ross should be opposed.

Stand to your guns, men of West Huron, and let your action on the 17th tell us you endorse your old, tried and trustworthy fellow-resident, Hon. A. M. Ross, as the candidate for West Huron.

WEST HURON'S MAJORITY.

It was at the general election in 1879 that Col. Ross, of West Huron, had so large a majority over his opponent. The figure was over four hundred. At the last general election he was not so fortunate, as he only secured a majority of 167. Going back with the increased importance and prestige of a minister of the Crown will strengthen him. We have no idea that he can be defeated.

The Mail's theory is that a candidate should be put up on every occasion, even if there are only two Conservatives in the constituency, in which case it would have the one nominate the other. This is factious, pure and simple. Where is the wisdom in exposing your weakness unless there is some chance of success; but there is really nothing exhilarating in butting your head against a stone wall.—Toronto Telegram.

Our contemporary is correct in the last portion of the above paragraph, but with regard to the question of majorities a little explanation is in order. In 1875 what was considered to be a fair test of the relative strength of the political parties was had, when Col. Ross and Mr. John Davison, a well-known local lawyer, contested the riding. Both men were new candidates, both were cultured and educated gentlemen, and every effort was put forth by the political friends of each to secure his election. Col. Ross was elected on that occasion by 89 of a majority. In 1879 he was opposed by Mr. Pat Kelly, of Blyth, who was an untried man, and who in addition to that fact, lacked education sufficient to fit him for a member of parliament. In addition to the foregoing, Mr. Kelly, because of being a Catholic, did not receive the hearty support of many of the Orange Tories of the riding, and consequently fell to the rear to the extent of 404. Mr. Kelly had always been a consistent worker on the Tory side, but those whom he had fought for at previous elections basely deserted him because of his creed. Hence the figures against him in 1879. At the last election, Mr. Johnston, ex-county master of the Orange order in Huron, opposed Col. Ross, and the vote that had not come forth for Mr. Kelly, rolled up, so that the majority against the Conservative candidate was again lowered, and made to stand at 167. That vote is about the normal Reform majority in West Huron, and cannot be lowered. In the event of a contest on the present occasion, we are assured the majority of February 17th will be supplemented by over 100. Let our Tory contemporaries paste our figures in their hats, and examine them carefully on the evening of the 17th.

Moody in London.

LONDON, Eng., Nov. 4.—Moody successfully opened his great mission at Islington to-day. Four meetings were held, each attended by from 4,000 to 6,000 persons. The iron hall built for the occasion proved a complete success, affording seating room to 5,800. All around on the sides of the hall appropriate texts were displayed. Sankey sang with his customary effect. Moody's powerful addresses showed he had not lost his hold on the people. A hundred persons rose to be prayed for. A heavy storm in the afternoon and evening somewhat diminished the attendance, but unfailing interest was manifested. A number of prominent clergymen occupied seats on the platform. Moody, alluding to his mission in Ireland, said his three weeks' work there had been the most productive of his life. At the close of the evening meeting a man shouted that Moody's last mission in England had been a failure. Moody answered by calling on the volunteers to come out boldly on the Lord's side, whereupon about 3,000 men rose en masse. The incident caused much excitement.

It is probable that within a year Albert University, Belleville, will be incorporated with Victoria, and thereafter degrees will not be granted by the former. It is likely to be maintained as a high class college, and will be an important feeder of Victoria University, Colburg.

HON. A. M. ROSS.

The New Provincial Treasurer.

"Welcome Home"—He is Elected to the Liberal Association Room—His Acceptance of Office Enthusiastically Endorsed by the Meeting.

When it was known on Friday evening that Hon. A. M. Ross was to return on the 9:30 p.m. train from Toronto, whether he had gone to be sworn in as Provincial Treasurer, a number of his friends decided to meet him at the railway station and welcome him home. The notice was very brief, yet upon the arrival of the train the platform was crowded by young and old, anxious to see the return of the new Cabinet Minister. A number of High school students, who take a keen interest in matters political, and with whom Mr. Ross is a favorite, bore torches to light up the darkness of the night, and headed by the town band, marched before the carriage containing the hon. gentleman and his friends to the Reform rooms.

The crowd was quickly increased by the other friends, and Mayor Horton taking the chair, the meeting was called to order. The chairman paid a high tribute to Hon. Mr. Ross as a citizen and a politician, his remarks meeting with enthusiastic approval.

Col. Ross made a pithy reply. He had, he said, accepted the office at a considerable personal sacrifice, but he felt that he could not well refuse to serve his constituency, his party and his Province in the more arduous work of a department. He had endeavored to faithfully serve them as a private member, and he would also try to do his duty towards all, independent of party color in his new sphere. It was the practice in England, and it prevailed to a large extent in Canada, not to oppose a new minister who went back to his constituents for re-election.

He hoped that such would be the case in West Huron now. He had won three contests in succession, and he thought it was plain that he had the confidence of the electors of the riding. He had not spent one cent illegally in previous elections, and he did not intend to do so in this. He hoped none of his supporters would do anything, should a contest be forced, which would in any way bring discredit on the party. He had no new policy to announce for the Government; their position now was the position they had always taken, and that was to firmly uphold the territorial and legislative rights of the Province. He was not going to move his family from Goderich, as was reported. He had been in the riding since childhood, and if the electors permitted him, he was willing to live and die here. Should a contest be insisted on by the Conservative party he believed his friends would stand shoulder to shoulder as before. Such a contest would be fiercer than any before fought, but he trusted that his supporters would send him back with a larger majority than ever. The hon. gentleman was warmly applauded at times during the delivery of his sensible, manly, and timely address.

Mr. D. McGillicuddy, at the call of the meeting, made a brief speech. He said an honor had been conferred upon Goderich and the county of Huron by the Mowat Administration when it recognized the ability of Col. Ross by offering him the Provincial Treasurer's portfolio. It would be a gracious act on the part of the Conservatives of West Huron if they would accept the appointment of Col. Ross to a Cabinet position as an honor conferred upon the riding. Mr. Ross, although he leaned toward the Liberal party, was a faithful representative of all his constituents. In this respect he resembled the Irishman who said he hoped that, when he died, his friends would lay him between his two wives, for he had loved them both, but added, "Give my head a slight cant towards Biddy, for she was my first love." The speaker concluded by stating that it was the wish of the Liberals of Huron that Mr. Ross should be elected by acclamation, but if a factious contest was brought on by the hot-headed portion of the Tory party, it was the duty of the Liberal and fair-minded Conservative friends of Hon. A. M. Ross to face the music vigorously, and successfully re-elect him by an increased majority. He then moved the following resolution:—

That this meeting fully endorses the action of Hon. A. M. Ross in accepting the position of Provincial Treasurer of Ontario, and the individual members thereof pledge themselves to earnestly support his candidature in the event of a contest.

The motion was seconded by Mr. C. Seager in a brief but practical address, and carried amidst great applause.

The meeting closed with cheers for Hon. A. M. Ross, the Mowat Administration, and the Queen. This impromptu gathering has shown that the Liberals are enthusiastic and full of confidence.

One of the striking features of the assembly was the number of intelligent young men who were present and joined in the hearty reception to the new Minister.

Opinions of the Press.

Listowel Banner:—No better appointment could have been made.

Hamilton Tribune:—He possesses a sound financial training, and rarely makes mistakes.

Stratford Beacon:—Mr. Ross is well qualified for the position by training, experience and ability. The Premier has made a capital selection.

Lindsay Post:—The selection will give general satisfaction. Col. Ross is a able speaker, and has made provincial finances a specialty.

Toronto World (Independent):—The selection of Col. Ross of West Huron as Mr. Young's successor is unobjectionable, except from a sectional point of view, and sectionalism must not be permitted to interfere with public business.

London Advertiser:—Mr. A. M. Ross, member for West Huron, has been appointed to the office vacated by Mr. Young. Mr. Ross has been in the Legislature for several years. He is a good debater, and thoroughly able to take care of himself on the floor of the House.

If the new member of the Ontario Government is to be opposed in West Huron the election will take place on the 17th inst. The Conservatives of the riding would show sense if they declined to oppose him, as there is little or no

chance of defeating him. His majority in February last was 467, but his prestige as a minister in the giving of a tactical strength.—World.

Clinton News:—In taking Mr. Ross into the Ministry, Mr. Mowat has at the same time showed his appreciation of one in every way capable of discharging the duties of the office, and conferred an honor on this section of the Province, which it has not hitherto enjoyed. It is always a certain advantage for any section of country to have a representative in the Ministry, and we have no doubt that the people of this section will show their appreciation thereof. There is not even an opponent who will question his eminent fitness for the position.

Southampton Express:—Mr. Ross was sworn in as Provincial Treasurer and Commissioner of Agriculture on Thursday. While we sincerely regret the cause which has led to the retirement of Mr. Young, we congratulate Mr. Ross upon his elevation and the Government upon securing the services of so competent a Treasurer. The announcement of Mr. Ross's appointment will be received with pride and pleasure by the people of this county, irrespective of party predilections, and will be equally acceptable to his fellow members of the Legislature. That he will acquire himself as creditably in the larger sphere as he has done in the smaller we have no doubt, and we have every confidence in predicting that he will serve the Province as faithfully and as efficiently as he has, for so many years, served the county of Huron in a somewhat similar capacity.

"GODSAVEIRELAND."

Meeting at Londonderry, in Which Women Take Part.

Londonderry, Nov. 5.—Several hundred women working in a factory here struck yesterday, because the proprietor refused to discharge a man who worked that the corporation rescind its resolution granting permission to the Lord Mayor to deliver a lecture in the city hall. The women paraded the streets, shouting: "God Save Ireland." They were attacked and stoned by a mob, which they fought desperately. The police finally dispersed the mob.

A man handed a parcel to a dock policeman last evening and requested the officer to deliver it to another constable. The parcel was placed in the dock yard, where it subsequently exploded.

The disorders arising from the hostility between the Nationalists and Orangemen continues. A Nationalist was stabbed today, and rows and the beating of persons are numerous on all sides. Revolvers and other dangerous weapons are used. Great anxiety is felt by the authorities and respectable people.

Dublin, Nov. 3.—The Lord Mayor returned from Londonderry last evening, and was received with great enthusiasm.

A Conductor's Adventure.

Port Hope, Nov. 5.—On Friday night last the express from Toronto left Millbrook for Peterboro at 8 o'clock, and when the train reached Fraserville it was found that the conductor was missing.

On arriving at Peterboro an engine was sent back with two men, and within about a quarter of a mile south of Fraserville they met the conductor walking on the track. He explained the occurrence in this way: He had gone through the smoking car and collected the tickets from the passengers in it, and, having gone through the baggage car, was about to pass into the coach when he met a man on the platform. He asked the stranger for his ticket, and got the reply that he had no ticket, and further that he had no money. The conductor said that he must either give a ticket or the fare in money, and turned to go into the car. As he did so the man pushed him and he fell of the train. He remembered trying to save himself from falling, but the fall stunned him. When he recovered consciousness he started to walk the track and had proceeded about a mile when met by the engine.

The Reception of Agnostics' Evidence.

KINGSTON, Nov. 3.—The Frontenac Assizes yesterday the grand jury in their presentment said:—"In regard to your Lordship's reference to the evidence of agnostics, we heartily concur in your views that a great anomaly exists. It is singular that an agnostic's evidence should be accepted in civil cases and excluded in criminal cases. The grand jury in expressing their opinion on the subject wish to intimate to your Lordship their entire disapproval of testimony of agnostics being received in any court of law." His Lordship was very sorry he could not agree with the jury in the view they took of agnostics' evidence. It was simply a matter of opinion, however, and members of the Legislature took a different view from the jury.

King Alfonso is ill with rheumatic fever. The slight, though slight, is sufficient to confine him to his apartments and has given rise to alarming rumors.

The Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise arrived at Liverpool Monday, and were accorded a flattering reception. In reply to an address from the Corporation, the Marquis referred to the increasing prosperity of Canada and the awakening interest of England in the affairs of the Dominion.

THE POWER OF A FLAG.—A colony at Angra Pequena, flying the German flag, and claiming authority over contiguous territory, recently threatened to fire upon a schooner for not paying duties levied by the colony. The captain of the vessel hoisted the British flag and was allowed to depart.

A man named John Carroll, aged 55, hotel keeper in the township of Tecumseh near Alliston, who was summoned as a witness in the Cardwell election trial, dropped dead just as he had entered the Court House gate. The cause of death was apoplexy, probably induced by excitement. Carroll was in a very frail condition before the attack and succumbed to it instantaneously.

The Cardwell contested election case has brought out the fact that bar-rooms were open on election day, and that, treating on behalf of the Tory candidate was general. Judgment was given on Tuesday last unseating Hamilton, the Tory member.