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VERY GOOD REASONS. Our town contemporary would have its readers believe that THE SIGNAL is a

"Rielite" organ. Our contemporary can - fell its readers what it pleases, so far as we are concerned. The very heavy

articles of our contemporary have very

little weight, paradoxical as this statement may seem. The Star is sprious to know our opinion on the Riel question.

and as our mission is to wipe away

3. We know that Sir John Macdonald,

candidate for Provencher, and resign-

ed in behalf of Sir Geo. Cartier-Sir John's first lieutenant at that time-

pounding a felony.

5. We know that Riel and his asset

6. We know that there was mal-

grievances, for Sir David Macpherson

publicly stated that henceforth the in-

7. We know that the petitions regard-

We know that immediately after

10. We know that Riel must have been

insane if he ever thought, with a hand-

ful of half-breeds and some scattered

ed for murder-without being on trial for

12. We know that the jury was spe-

dict of such a jury anywhere in Ontario.)

13. We know that the opinions of such

eminent constitutional authorities as

sanity is of no avail.

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posed by Sir John in 1871.

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GODERICH, ONT., FRIDAY, DEC. 4, 1885.

THEN AND NOW.

murders that we can discover when we ago :ignorance and mental darkness we will was not an element in deciding the doom the murder of Scott some fifteen years and that the brethren from one end of payment of money from the public chest aided a criminal to go unwhipt of justice. was a more foul surrender made than

TWO LITTLE CONUNDRUMS.

2. Why do we pay High Commission-

him with a \$40,000 residence, and spend thousands of dollars yearly in maintain-

his seat in Letbiniere, as he believes be

Letellier.

that by Sir John A. Madonald. after aiding Riel to escape, at Peter-If these opinions constitutes THE borough looked to heaven with arms STONAL a traitor to the best interests of outstretched, and "wished to God he the Dominion, the Dominion will have to stand the pressure. The principles of 4. We know that while Riel was vet an escaped felon he was elected Tory THE SIGNAL are not like those of the Ster -- they can't be changed to suit the

2. We know that Sir John Macdonald exceptions clamored for the death of the

was an accessory after the fact, and by Metis chief. Never since the daughter

ashamed to be in the company of such

intelligent Tories on this occasion.

MR. FRANCIS, editor of the Woodstock which showed that Sir John was com-Times (Tory) spoke at an anti-Scott house meets? meeting at St. Catherines lately, and is reported as follows :

ciates were fully pardoned for their connection with the first Northwest rebellion, on the basis of an amnesty pro-

member that anterior to May 1st the not equal to the work? Scott Act had been in force in Halton that the halfbreeds and Indians had for three years, and having been voted upon a second time, had been sustained. has been made a scapegoat of, and his successor - Hon. Thes. White - has was under the supervision of local license inspectors, but since the 1st of May, in Halton, as in Huron, Dominion license leader.

The Sayings of the Brethres interest. terior department "will be properly atcommissioners have ruled the roost. The consequence is that things have been for ducting parliamentary elections is not Doyle in his capacity of junior judge of ing half-breed grievances were syste-matically pigeon-holed until the rebellthe past six months as Mr. Francis re- worth copying. Our plan of simultaneous this county, but we think if he had the 9. We know that there was no armed law was an improvement on its predecesty of our sovereign lady the Queen," but that the half-breeds rebelled against the "crown and dignical the constable was an improvement on its predecestor of our sovereign lady the Queen," but that the half-breeds rebelled against is a dead letter. If the constables were as described duty as the license inspection, and were successful in driving him license of Halton and Huron, the laws against murder, arson, theft, etc., would be ebservable in him.

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With a license commission composed of a chairman who has a brother licensed under him, another member who has a serment changed that mode for the retrievable in him. against murder, arson, theft, etc., would a backward move. be of little avail.

bands of Indians, without munitions of get some little perquisites, but at times at Smith's Hill last week, as no report their lot is not a happy one. Persons of the many partizan speeches at the whose property adjoins bridges being Tory convention are given in the built or repaired often pester those truly columns of the West street organ. Or war, without money, and without foreign credit, to establish a free State in the Northwest. Against these facts all the Northwest. Against these facts all the good men until to soothe them the com- was it a dumb al. w-a political pantomissioners put them off with half pro- mine?-or were the speeches too rabid mises or what seem to the applicants to for publication? We know that there be half promises -- of reparation for dam - | were men there who were full of "Rielite" 11. We know that he was tried for treason-felony, but was actually convictapplications for damages done to property burst. Where is the record of their by the building of Londesboro' bridge burning eloquence? We see that Mr. that crime and that the yerdict was acwere read in the council on Tuesday. James Mitchell, of the Star, was apcompanied by a strong recommenda-Road commissioner Hays, however, car- pointed secretary. Surely he has not had ried the war into Africa by saying it was an attack of scrivener's palsy? Or pertime the county knew whether or not it haps the proceedings were "not neces cially chosen to try him, and that the had a right to get damages for any loss sarily for publication, but as a guaranusual "twelve good men and true" were sustained by the county, owing to delays tee of good faith." dispensed with, and six men placed in in bridge work caused by millers backing the juror's box to do the work of twelve. water upon them while building the (They wouldn't hang a dog on the verbridges.

GRE's first page cartoon of this week disagrees with his constituents on the deals with Sir John Macdonald's flight question of the French National party. Hon. Wm. Macdougall (a former col- to England. Sir John is represented as We honor Mr. Joly for his honest and C. P. R.'s Montreal organ—the Herald), though inviting him to return. Sir same question resign too. Mr. Joly is legality of the trial, and we are not good grasp of the situation.

LICENSE COMMISSIONER DOYLE ntelligent Tories on this accasion.

The feeling in Quebec is bitter

Whatever Judge Doyle's private feeling to Ricci against Sir John A. Macdonald because ings on the Scott Act may be, he should, was made so that Sir John Macdonald he led the French Canadians to believe as chairman of the license commission of might have a further opportunity of that Riel would not be executed. The Huron, endeavor to see that the law is weighing the political consequence of Premier has deceived his French supthe hanging of Riel; and that it was porters for the second time. He promoned ised Riel an amnesty in 1870, gave him other way could the Orange Tories be \$3,000 to fiee the country, and then the position of hostility to the Act on Thursday, he has said or done nothing to written, and takes the impregnable pacified that he resolved to execute his with impious hypocrisy at Peterboro' show that he is in harmony with the whilem political associate and partner raised his hands to heaven and said "I Act. His every act and every word has ground that the Bleus have a perfect wish to God I could catch him." The shown his hostility to the carrying out There are a hundred and one—yes, a following is an extract from a letter from of the law. If Judge Doyle was as much thousand and one reasons why we should Archbishop Tache to Sir Hector Lange- opposed to the carrying out of the laws not rejoice that a wretched being has vin in 1871, and its words seem like a sgainst burglary, arson and theft, as he been hanged by the neck until he was prophecy again to-day, as indeed it provies to the enforcement of the Scott Act, dead. There have been many judicial ed to be when it was made fourteen years he would get his present large salary for look back in history, and when the history of this country is written years hence, it will be found that the execution of Riel is but another added to the black list of legal crimes. Had Riel never caused the death of Thomas Scott he would be alive today, but having been pardoned for that erime, it should not have caused his doom in the later trial. doing very little work. His remarks on Doyle was on the occasion judge, jury and ment may seem. The Star is anxious to more opinion on the Riel question, and as our mission is to wipe away gnorance and mental darkness we will proceed to enlighten our neighbor.

1. We believe Riel deserved death for the murder of Scott some fifteen years he murder of Scott some fifteen years have caused his doom in the later trial.

We are told by some of our Tory content to advocate for the defence, and he worked as if a large fee was involved in the result. When Rev. T. M. Campbell advocate for the defence, and he worked as if a large fee was involved in the result. When Rev. T. M. Campbell advocate for the defence, and he worked as if a large fee was involved in the result. When Rev. T. M. Campbell advocate for the defence, and he worked

> 1. Is an important question like the fisheries or reciprocity likely to be taken sound a judgment, and as sterling prodigals return, as they are sure to do up by any Government in the midst of a integrity as that possessed by Hurgeneral election, and before the new on's junior judge "a slanderer," and dared to lecture him upon his mistaken for the fattened calf." duty as a clergyman. Mr. Doyle er Tupper \$10,000 a year, and furnish forgot that he was not on the benchthat for the occasion he was only licence commissioner Doyle-not Judge Doyle; Unfortunately Mr. Francis Cidn't re- ing his London establishment, if he is he forget that it was his duty to listen to the statements brought forward in a

and our Tory friends can work out solu- the gentlemen who formed the memorial tions to these two questions during the committee was his inferior in any quality THE boasted British system of con-

presented. A similar state of things has elections is much ahead of the slow and to some extent existed in Huron, but as uncertain mode that prevails in England, we know the cause we have to grin and The "revising barrister" idea (amended er or act differently. We all know that the outbreak a Commission was bear it until such time as the present to suit party exigencies) is borrowed if he is not pecuaiarly interested in the despatched to the Northwest to settle officials are replaced. Because unfaithdespatched to the Nerthwest to settle despatched to the Nerthwest to settle half-breed land claims, and that since the latter some 2,000 half-breed scrips for public servants fail to enforce laws that time some 2,000 half-breed scrips does not necessarily make the laws bad. Halton showed, on the vote to repeal, by an increased majority, that during the first few years, with efficient officers, the first few years, with efficient officers, the ties on other days. The Ontario system of the Park House, ne fin accordance with our Canadian views of fair play and advancement than is the dispassionate manner of acting, and a first few years, with efficient officers, the first few years, with efficient efficien

terested in the hotel business, it is easy to understand that no great effort has Our road commissioners occasionally the Star was stricken with pen paralysis hinder the law falling inte disrepute.

the throes of a general election. The elections have been breaking out in spots during the past week, and will continue until about the middle of the ing will occupy considerable power in the next parliament, as the Liberals and Tories are likely to be pretty evenly balanced. Parnell evidently had this result in his mind when he, in his ante-election manifesto, enjoined upon Irish voters scattered throughout the United Kingdom to vote for Tory can-How, H. G. Jory, the former leader of the Liberals in Quebec, has resigned didates in all elections where nationaling; ever, asserted that a compact has been entered into between Gladstone and brow. Salisbury to nullify the influence of Has the visit of Mr. Thos. White to league of Sir John Macdonald), Hon. skurrying along a back lane on his way conscientious stand. Now let the French Peter Mitchell, (also former colleague of to the steamship, while Quebec stands Canadian Tory Ministers who are not in Sir John and at present chief editor of in the door with a pointed revolver, as sympathy with their constituents on the policy regarding Ireland, in which event the usefulness of the nationalists, as a Mr. Macmaster, Q. C., a present sup- John shouts back, "Portant engage- not a Tory now. He is the same patriotic party of obstruction will be gone. The Mr. Macmaster, Q. C.; (a present supporter of Sir John's in the Deminion ment elsewhere; just thought of it." man that he was when he assumed the provincial premierable under noble old tion of mixed pickles.

The artist seems to have got a pretty provincial premierable under noble old tion of mixed pickles. next Imperial Parliament, from pres-

BRITISH ELECTIONS.

The latest report as we go to press is Elected-Liberals, 237; Tories, 193; Parnellites, 54.

MR. TARTE, M.P., writes a vigorot letter to the Toronto Mail in defence of right to vote as they think, and that there is no more danger of French dom ination if they reject Sir John as a leader than if they support him.

The London Advertiser describes the situation accurately when it says :-"Here is the point in a nutshell: The Liberal party of Canada oppose and always opposed the Government of Sir John Macdonald. If a section of the House that formerly supported the Government choose to renounce their allegiance, that is their lockout. their allegiance, that is their lookout. The Liberal party does not change its

what I think, I new make to you an avowal I deeply regret to make:—Two years ago a change of ministry would have seemed to me a great misfortune for the Dominion in general, and for Quebec and Manitoba in particular. Today I ask myself what we should lose by it, and whether on the courtary, we might not find it a gain."

Satisfies as a second of provinces against provinces against provinces against Quebec. Sir John A. Macdonald, having deceived his French followers, has incontinuously fled, but the Mail is making of the Mr. Campbell, "How do you know a terrible mistake in fanning sectional, that Mr. Kelly did not act in good faith?—you are not a county councillor."

Toronto World takes an independent

The following political conundrums are given for the benefit of our Tory contemnators:

And yet he had the hardinood to call a gentleman with as good powers of observation, as therough an education, as the rough an education and says:

"We beg of the esteemed Mail to calm its powerful mind. There is no immediate danger of civil war. It is just possible for the Tory organ to carry its anti-French threats so far that when the

Owing to the protracted length of the

PHENOMENAL HINDSIGHT. The Goderich Star says :—"We admit it—Sir John Macdonald has gone to England."

THE Toronto World says that Sir John THE Toronto World says that Sir John Macdonald "having squeezed the Lower Canadian lemon for all it worth, he flings it away." Our contemporary forgets to add that Sir John Macdonald then stepped upon the discarded lemon and fell upon the pavement.—[Ottawa Free Press.

SNORED AWAY THE PRACE OF CANADA. Mr. Royal, MP., says that he was chosen to lay the petitions of the half-breeds, praying for a settlement of their claims, before the Minister of the Interior. While he was explaining the matter, Sir David sank back in his chair and GREAT BRITAIN and Ireland are in present month. As a result, onlookers left him snoring, and he slept until he went comfortably to sleep. Mr. Royal are in a state of uncertainty as to the result. A sufficient number of elections have been held, however, to warrant the conclusion that Parnell and his following will occupy considerable power in [Tompute Naws]. -Toronto News.

Mr. Nicholas Flood Davin, as a jus

thoughtless smile as they removed locks of hair from the dead man's (Riel's) Brussels, subscribed \$100 towards pay

iar views regarding "party exigencies!
—[London Advertiser.

THE OTHERS PAID THEIR WAY.

in the discussion of Northwest affairs, because he has seen the country and they have not. This is both a misrepresentation and an assumption. Sir Richard Cartwright, Mr. M. C. Cameron, M. P., and many other members of the Opposition have not only visited the Northwest definition in the House of Commons. Had their advice been taken there would have been no rebellion, and Mr. White would have found the opening of his Ministerial career beset with few of the difficulties which now engage his atten-

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The Toronto Mail reproves the Times for calling the Premier of Canada Mac-donald without the Sir John. Our Tory contemporary is too tender. The Governor General signs his name "Lansever, we are always willing to comfort the afflicted, and we would not willingly harrow the soul of the Mail in its dire distress. Henseforth we shall speak of Sir John Macdonald's skeedaddle, Sir Sir John Macdonald's skeedaddle, Sir Leonard Tilley's deficit, Mr. Bunting's berbery conspiracy, Mr. Shield's frozen whiskey, Mr. Onderdonk's extras and Hon. Mr. Pope's railway steal. The Tory big wigs are welcome to their full titles; it is their crimes to which we object.— [Hamilton Times] Hamilton Times.

WHY RIEL WAS HANGED.

Sarnia Observer: It must be admitted even by Riel's worst enemies, that, had the crime for which he was tried and convicted been his only offence in the eyes of the people of Canada, he would never have been called upon to expiate it faith?—you are not a county councillor."

Well how did Mr. Doyle know any more about the matter than Mr. Campbell—he was not a county councillor either? And yet he had the hardinood to call a gentleman with as good powers of observation, as therough an education, as The crime for which he was convicted was in every sense a political one, and although the penalty is death, the extreme sentence of the law has not of late years been visited upon political prisoners, either in England er America. All these reasons would have combined to shield Riel from the gailows, had it not been that during his Red River rule he shed the blood of Scott under circumstances reculiarly cruel and repulsive. stances peculiarly cruel and repulsive. Though the Queen's pardon was extended to him for that wanton crime, and he was nominally unanswerable for it, prache was made to suffer on the scaffold. The power that forced Sir John Macdonupon a second time, had been sustained.
During the previous three years the Act
was under the supervision of local license inapectors, but since the lat of May, in leader.

CONTEMPORARY OPINIONS.

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Secott's death its rallying cry, and it was to satisfy its demand for vengance that Riel was hanged.

Among the Slain

One of the most remarkable outcomes of the general election now in progress in Great Britain is the number of prominent politicians who have been elected to stay at home. nent politicians who have been elected to stay at home. The slaughter in many cases was unexpected. In Portsmouth, the Quebec of Conservative fortifications, for example, Sir H. Drummond Wolff, the Salisbury Government's special plenipotentiary to Turkey and Egypt, and the Hon. T. C. Bruce have been signally defeated. Their place is taken by Sir W. Crossman and Mr. B. Vanderbyl, and two seats have thus been wrested from the Tories. The Marquis of Lorne was defeated in Hampstond—a newly formed constituency. Right Hon. Mr. Childers, who has for years represented Pontefract, a manufacturing town in Yorkshire, has also been given the go-by. Sir G. R. Sitwell, who carried Scarborough in the Tory interest in three previous contests, has to give place to a Liberal. Jacob The Ottawa Citizen and other papers are reminding the French-Canadians that Riel did not amount to much as a patriot because he offered to sell out to the Canadian Government. Certainly that was no credit to Riel, but after all where did he get the idea that such an offer would be accepted unless it were from his previous experience with 'I-wish-to-God-I-could-catch-him Tomorrow,' the demi god of the corruptionists'—Belleville Ontario.

Yanderbyl, and two sents have thus been wrested from the Tories. The Marquis of Lorne was defeated in Hampsteen and Portent and Sent and Marquis of Lorne was defeated in Hampsteen and Portent and Sent and Marquis of Lorne was defeated in Hampsteen and Marquis of Lorne was defeated in Hampsteen and Portent and Marquis of Lorne was defeated in Hampsteen and Marquis of Lorne was defeated in Hampsteen and Portent and Marquis of Lorne was defeated in Hampsteen and Marquis of Lorne was defeated in Hampsteen and Portent and Marquis of Lorne was defeated in Hampsteen and M Bright and Mr. Plimsoft, the friend of the sailers, will have to look for new seets if they intend to sit in the coming Parliament, for they, too, are among the slain that number a Liberal ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer and an ex-Postmaster-General. On the other hand, there will be many new faces in the House, which will be one of average ability, despite the Tory cry that the average standard of candidates would be lowered through the extension of the suffrage. Among the new men is Prof. Roscoe, the famous chemist; Gen. Haw-Roscoo, the famous chemist : Gen. Haw ley, the leader of the Scotch brigade at the battle of Tel-el-Kebir; Capt. Charles Beresford, the hero of the fight at Alexandria and Metemneh ; Sir G. Har rison, who received his knighthood because of his signal success as Lord Provost of Edinburgh; Sir J. E. Commercil, late Admiral of the British fleet at Hati-fax, N. S., who is now one of the Liberal representatives for Southampton; and E. R. Russell, editor of the Liverpool Post, returned by one of the division Glasgow - Hamilton Times

ing off the indebtedness of the Episcops church there. He removed from the village, the subscription was not paid and Holmes refused to pay it. Finally suit was brought against him in th division court to recover the amount.
The plea of defendant was that the sub-The Toronto Globe says:—"The Conscription was conditional on the entire servative papers contend that at the next debt being wiped off, which the plaintiff session of Parliament Hon. Thomas White denied. Judge Doyle gave his decision will have an advantage over his opponents in favor of defendant.

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