

the only means of doing it is borrowing

our public debt is close on to one hundred and fifty millions of dollars, am I to keep

I am set myself in favour of the building of railways anywhere till the means of the country are adequate to accomplish it. But I have no hesitation in saying that the plan advocated in Mr. Macpherson's admirable pamphlet—which everyone ought at least to read—is characterised by sound logic and excellent good sense, and is

In moral weight, through this man, we, as a party, have been sinking fast. Where is the eminence now on which we stood five years ago? Where is that on which you

stood, when that unselfish and high-souled man, Robert Baldwin, led you, like a serried host of ancient ironsides, exulting in the goodness of your cause and in the fine generalship of your leader, to victory on many a field.

Don't then, be *louvered* by this man. Lose anything, everything, but save your honour.

I am willing to discuss any matter with any of you and to listen to you calmly, if only the appeal be to fact and reason, not to passion. I have not left Mr. Mackenzie. Mr. Mackenzie has left me. My objection to your candidate is not anything on his part; but this only, that, like Sinbad in the story-book, he carries on his shoulders the old man of the sea. Let him only

him off, and then . . . but I must conclude

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Kingston, Sept. 5.

POLITICS IN NORFOLK AND ELGIN.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

On Thursday evening last Mr. Wallace, the Conservative candidate for South Norfolk, addressed a large and influential meeting of the electors of the Townships of

Houghton and Daynam in front of Mr. Henry Walmsley's store and hotel at Kinglake. Mr. Walmsley had provided admirable accommodation for an outdoor meeting, by having a commodious and spacious platform for the speakers and seats laid for three hundred persons. These were more

than filled, which was a striking contrast to the few that attended the meeting of Mr. Allen, Mr. Wallace's opponent, some evenings before at the same place. The evening was very fine, and a large and brilliant camp fire lent a cheering and comfortable aid to the success of the

meeting. At eight o'clock proceedings commenced by the election of Mr. Edwin Brookfield as chairman. Mr. J. C. McBRIDE, of Port Burwell, an advocate of the Government, was called to take a seat upon the platform, and came forward.

The chairman bespoke a fair hearing for

Mr. RICHARDSON said he would beg to be excused making a speech, as he knew this large assembly came together purposely to hear their much esteemed and worthy representative Mr. Wallace and therefore

They would pardon him on this occasion for not speaking to as great a length as he would wish. However, he called their attention to the vitality of the question now before the country, and desired every lover of good government to work well until the evening of the 17th of next month, in the behalf of Mr. Wallace, and put him at the

head of the poll by a vastly increased majority.

Mr. WALLACE then came forward amidst loud and repeated cheers, which made the neighbouring woods echo, and said he felt a pleasure and a confidence in once more coming before the electors of Houghton, and assured them that they would find him, as

hitherto, an advocate for the good of the country. He asked the friends of the Government present to call to mind what reforms the present party in power had promised, and the unscrupulous manner in which they had broken every one of them. He then referred to the expenditure of the Macdonald and the Mackenzie Governments, and in the contrast clearly and con-

infects, and in the contrast clearly and convincingly showed the enormous increase of the latter over the former, the proofs of which were received by the audience in acknowledged rounds of repeated cheers. He assured those present, if any gentleman in the assembly doubted his statements, he would prove them from the Public Accounts. His exposure of the duplicity of the party

in power in curtailing the Public Works and the Militia Departments, for the purpose of showing a saving of expenditure, was clear and forcible, and his familiarity with the figures of these transactions relieved the subject of that dryness usually met with when handled by many others. While dealing with this part of his dis-

course, he alluded to the very objectionable and outrageous acts of the Government in displacing efficient and active servants of the public for the purpose of making room for friends of the Government, thus greatly increasing the public accounts by superannuation and pensions. A local instance of this the speaker gave as existing at Port

Rowan, which drew forth marked indignation from the audience. He referred briefly to the subject of immigration, which was also found as objectionable as the others. He (Mr. Wallace) then reviewed the public debt of the Dominion, showing how it increased under Sir John by the bringing in of the different Provinces at the time of Confederation, and assuming the debt of Quebec

and Ontario. He showed that the *Globe* encouraged the building of the Pacific railway, and that the present Government had unwisely and largely heaped increased debt upon that of 1873. He then took up the National Policy question, and dwelt upon the subject at great length, relieving many present of misconceptions and

strengthening others in their conviction of the great necessity of a Protective tariff. He ridiculed the loyalty cry of the Grits, and in doing so coupled the name of prominent members of the Government whose loyalty is very questionable." He closed by giving a lively exposure of the "do nothing and fly on the wheel party," and re-

A motion of confidence in the integrity and ability of Mr. Wallace was heartily passed by hundreds of uplifted brawny hands and loud hurrahs.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, three cheers for the Queen, Mr. Wallace and Mr. ...

The fight in East Elgin is going on admirably, and Mr. Arkell is meeting with fresh success every day, and at every point. His meetings are largely attended, while those of Mr. McDougall attract fewer persons. The Grits are much depressed at the appearance of things, and are bent on to explain the cause of such

small meetings. The less ardent of the party confess it is going to be a very close election; and Mr. McDougall himself admits the same; for, while on the train from St. Thomas to Aylmer he acknowledged to a friend in his company that it was going to be a very close contest, and that many of his old and warm supporters were

Mr. Walsh, of North Norfolk, is also meeting with good success, and it is positively asserted by those who have good reasons for knowing that he stands well to be elected.
Kinglake, August 30th, 1878.

The plum harvest in Quebec is abundant.

As some school children of Stephenson, Muskoka, accompanied by a teacher, were proceeding to a picnic, a she bear with two large cubs crossed the concession—the 12th and 13th—immediately in front of them.

They did not attempt to interfere with them, and old bruin took a quiet stare and moved off with her family into the bush.