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SOUTH RIDING OF WELLINGTON.

To the Electors of the South Riding of Wellington.

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the unanimous request of the delegates of the Reform Convention of the South Riding of Wellington, I am a candidate for representation of this Riding in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

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Regarding the working of our new constitution, I am fully in favor of a permanent and stable government as being the best system adapted for the proper carrying out of the British system of Responsible Government.

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Local News.

DAVID STIRTON and PETER GOW, the Peoples' candidates.

THE QUEEN'S BOOK.—Mr. T. J. Day, Bookseller, opposite the Market, Guelph, has on hand a large supply of the Queen's Book. It is an interesting history of a royal courtship, marriage and domestic life, and is written in a simple and readable style. It refutes the generally accepted assertion that the private life of England's Queen and her husband was darkened by clouds of disagreement and dissension, and the easy, familiar style in which the book is written must render it attractive to every reader.

DAVID STIRTON and PETER GOW, the Merchants' Candidates.

ROCKING ESTATE—CHANCERY DECISION.—The Court of Chancery gave judgment yesterday in the case of Newton vs. the Ontario Bank, the particulars of which we gave at the time the case was heard in Guelph. The Court sustains the Bank in its position in all the transactions impended, and discharges the bill with costs. The costs of the assignee to be paid out of the estate.

DAVID STIRTON and PETER GOW, the Manufacturers' Candidates.

GUELPH VEGETABLE MARKET.—This market is abundantly supplied with all the vegetables of the season. Tomatoes, however, seem to preponderate. They are actually brought in by cart loads, and people are seen carrying them away by the basketful. The price is five cents a quart. Potatoes by the bag may be bought for 50c, but if bought in small quantities they will cost more than that much per bushel. Apples are abundant, but rather dear. Very good cooking apples, however, have been brought from hawkers for 50c a bushel. We saw blue plums this morning by no means fit to eat, but which the vendor claimed were in good condition for preserving, and for which he asked 12c a quart.

DAVID STIRTON and PETER GOW are the Farmers' Choice.

SEPTEMBER FAIR.—The fair today was, we believe, the dulllest of the last three, and those who attended them know that these were dull enough. The quality of the beef brought to market was, as a general thing, very indifferent, and buyers were careless about purchasing. A moderately fat beast might be bought for \$3.50 live weight, but it required something approaching excellence to bring \$4.00 per cwt. There was quite a number of yokes of working oxen, and some of them fine animals. These, in singular contrast to other kinds of cattle seen to be of an unvarying value. The price asked for a yoke of cattle has been for a considerable time past, and is yet in some instances, exorbitant. Mr. McKillop bought 21 head at about \$8.25 per cwt, and these together with fourteen more bought promiscuously making sixty-five in all, will be immediately shipped for Hamilton. Mr. George Hood disposed of a large number of cattle at the same rate.

DAVID STIRTON and PETER GOW, the Mechanics' Candidates.

NOTICE TO BROWNIETTES.—We would remind our fair friends that there is a law in force giving full Justice's power to each Deputy Returning Officer during the polling days, and any one making a rumpus, or disturbing the peace in any way will be locked up until the election is over.—Advertiser's 3rd.

Our contemporary is possessed of a superfluity of legal and medical knowledge, and were it not for the occasional occurrence of elections and small-pox to give him a chance of raising the safety valve and allow the lore to escape it would be a thousand chances to one but he would "burst." Those that make a rumpus will be locked up till the election is over.—4th.

One of the Advertiser's pets managed to get himself locked up yesterday until after the momentous occasion has passed, and there were many more of the same kidney who displayed themselves at Lillie's, whose coaches may for a night be the prison floor, if they do not exercise more caution, and evince more numerous symptoms of sanity than they are wont to do.

The Brownies would have felt under a far greater obligation to Mr. Advertiser had it given the admittance direct to the party of which it is the organ, and which stands most in need of such counsel, and not throw it at them over the shoulders of men who know how to behave themselves, and act according to their knowledge.

REFORMERS OF SOUTH WELLINGTON.

Vote against the nominee of the Licensed Victuallers' Convention, and for Mr. Gow, who as Chief Magistrate only did his duty, and exerted his influence to have our laws carried out, and for the preservation of order and good morals.—One vote before 12 is worth two after.

ELECTORS.—Vote for the anti-corruptionists, Messrs. STIRTON and GOW, who won't pocket debentures at Ottawa and Toronto, if they get the chance, like some men who now support the Tory candidates (Stone and Leslie) did.

Right Must Triumph.

To the Editor of the Mercury.

SIR.—I send you in the form of a question and answer an epitome of a dialogue in the Market Shed, on Saturday morning last, after Mr. Leslie had declared on the hustings, that he would vote for our taverns to be kept longer open than they are now allowed to be by law.

Q. Do you think, said an elector to another, that an extension of time for selling, which Mr. Leslie says he is in favor of, would be a benefit to heart-broken parents, most abused wives and mothers, and suffering children, or to any class of the community but the tavern keepers themselves.

A. I consider that an extension of time for liquor selling would be productive of an increase of all the evils which are directly traceable to grogshops and intemperance.

Q. You acknowledge that voting for a member of Parliament is a deliberate and important action, and one for which you will have to render an account as well as for others which you perform?

A. I do.

Q. Could you after deliberately voting for the man who is the tavern keeper's candidate, and who says that he will vote for that extension of time to grog-sellers which you say would be productive of an increase of all the evils traceable to intemperance, ask God to follow with his blessing the vote you have given?

A. No, most emphatically not. Were I to do so, which I believe I never will, I would fall down on my knees, and with true penitence and heart-felt earnestness implore pardon for the great sin I had willfully committed.

I ask then Christians who view this matter in a similar light, to reflect that they have solemnly vowed that whatever they do, shall be done to the glory of God, and to be careful lest they should cast a stigma on their own characters, as well as the cause the profess to love, by voting for the Tavern Keepers' candidate.

AN ELECTOR.

Guelph, Sept. 2nd, 1867.

FELLOW ELECTORS OF GUELPH.

Vote for PETER GOW, whose interests are closely allied with your own and that of the County.

Look Out For Them.

Reformers! It is the boast of John A. Macdonald that he has at any time, when urged by necessity, been able to buy half a dozen Reformers to his side. His minions and admirers in Guelph are loudly boasting their ability to do the same, and vaunting that the golden bait will not be wanting to lure voters to the ranks of the Tories. These gentlemen, no doubt, have as profound a respect for their money bags as their opponents—the difference between them being, that the latter have a higher regard for principle.

Agens ubi necesse est, as the old adage has it, which in plain English means that necessity is a powerful weapon, and the present sickly condition of the Conservative cause in this Riding may lead to the unloosening of purse strings, and the attempt to tempt the weak.

INTELLIGENT ELECTORS OF SOUTH WELLINGTON, we do not tell you of this corruption to warn you against being trapped. We would not insult you by hinting that the patsy here could induce you to prove traitorous to your cause; but we make known the fact, that you may understand the opinion that the Tories of the South Riding entertain of Reformers, and that you may reprobate the dastardly action of resorting to unlawful means to secure the election of two men qualified by neither nature, nor education, for the position to which they aspire. Farmers, mechanics, mechanics, artisans and every lover of his country, let it be seen that you at least cannot be seduced from your allegiance to Reform by golden temptations. Let it be said of you that you can be bought like sheep in the shambles. The movements of these gentlemen who make such boasting about purse influence over your consciences are well watched, and if we are called upon to chronicle their names, and their nefarious work, the fault will be theirs, not ours.

Don't Split your Votes!

Vote for STIRTON and GOW the Reform Candidates.

Vote before 12 o'clock on Friday.

The Centre Riding.

To the Editor of the Mercury.

DEAR SIR.—In last week's Mercury an Elector places before its numerous readers a choice specimen of political perversion. An Elector is up to all the mysteries of the "double-shuffle," but does not appear to possess a due regard for the truth, or he would not have falsified a "Correspondent's" report of Mr. Dobbin's meeting at Speedside. He must either be tormented with local jealousy, suffering from a perverted vision, or troubled with politics on the brain, and therefore not responsible for his acts, or he would never have given to the public the faint glimmers of his own misty fancy for what really did take place at the meeting.

Such meddling and muddling can do no good, as facts are "chiefs that winna ding," an Elector's opinion to the contrary notwithstanding. He quotes from a "Correspondent" thus:—"The meeting was nearly unanimous for Mr. Loghrin, only five hands being held up for Mr. Dobbin," and then goes on to say, "he would fain make the public believe that 55 out of the 60 were for Mr. Loghrin, whereas it is a well known fact to all present that not more than ten hands were held up for him." Hold, Mr. Elector, not quite so fast, that won't go down; why fight so shy of the truth? Come, honestly confess that your arithmetic was at fault, or you would not have stated TEN, when you knew or ought to have known that over four times ten supported Mr. Loghrin. Had only ten supported themselves "a Correspondent" would have noted the fact, as it is none had a better opportunity of so doing. "A Correspondent" has no political bias, being unpledged and un