

## Chignecto Post.

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## Local Politics.

The utmost apathy prevails throughout the Province respecting the near approaching local elections. Scarcely a political meeting has been held anywhere. If our exchanges mention the subject at all, it is dismissed with half a dozen lines. This indifference is owing to two causes; first, there is really no great question as at the last election, and, secondly, the Local Legislature has been so short of its glory and strength by Confederation, hereafter it can never command the public interest it has even within four years.

So far, the issues in the approaching election are purely personal. In this county there are announced as candidates, Messrs. McQueen, Landry, Hanington, Humphrey, Mackenzie, Killam, Black and Wood, whose political principles are all identical—each of them pledging himself to economy and good government—and the electors will have to consult merely personal preferences in their selection, and such issues are therefore yet below the dignity of a newspaper discussion. We foresee, however, that one issue may be turned up which we think the electors ought to be prepared for. At the last election four Protestants were triumphantly elected on the non-sectarian school question, and although that section is settled and at rest we hope forever, the same religious acrimony that was necessarily aroused in fighting out that great battle, may again be stirred up and turned to good account in this contest. It is already hinted that Westmoreland is to have another religious war, not in the interests of a great national principle, but to gratify the self-seeking ambition of some four men and their partisans. It is already reported that some parties who were loudest at the last election in denouncing sectarianism in politics, now propose an appeal to Protestant feeling, in the hope of exciting it sufficiently to elect their nominees. We ask all fair minded and independent electors, when they hear such cries as "Catholic election," "Shall Catholics or Protestants rule," "Shall Peter Landry select whom he likes," to look to the antecedents and designs of those men who undertake to array race and creed against each other. Have such men themselves never profited in the past from the Catholic vote? Have such men never set at defiance an English and Protestant majority and role on to victory at the head of the French phalanx? Are not such men, now that they have sought unavailingly French support, ready to denounce their lukewarm opponents for possessing it? When any candidate ventures, during his canvass, to use "French dictation," "Peter Landry's choice," etc., we venture to say that enquiry would prove that such candidate has been already on his narrow bones before said Peter Landry praying for his assistance and abjectly begging for French votes.

Any man or set of men who, to gratify their own selfish ends, throw the coming contest in the hope of rising to place and honor on the fires of passion and prejudice, and of sectarian hatred and national jealousy, is guilty of a crime, and deserves the execration of all just and upright men, and for all who do not hesitate to denounce any such attempt whether on the part of Messrs. Humphrey and Black, or Killam and Wood.

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Westmoreland Nomination will probably be Tuesday 11th June; Polling Friday 14th; Declaration Tuesday 18th.

The correct dates of the Gloucester election are: Nomination 6th June; Polling 10th; Declaration 14th.

Northumberland election: Nomination 4th June; Polling 8th; Declaration 12th.

A POLITICAL CONVENTION, held at Woodstock on Thursday week, adopted as a platform the abolition of the Legislative Council, the passage of a prohibitory law, under the new Dominion Act, and the establishment of a model farm. It considered the course of the Government in offering extraordinary inducements to foreign emigrants, while many of our young men were leaving and seeking homes in the United States, tending to decrease our own population and is a gross injustice to our own people, and they therefore advocate that free grants of 100 acres be made, and also \$100 cash to actual settlers to assist in erecting buildings, obtaining team, seed, &c.

BIG PRICES FOR CANADIAN SHORT IRONS.—At the sale of short irons, at Sussex, on 17th, there were two head of short iron imported from Canada a few months ago. One was bought by the Duke of Devonshire for nine hundred and five guineas; for the other, whose appearance in the ring occasioned Mr. Crawford's admiration and applause, the bidding started at one thousand guineas, and ended at fifteen hundred and thirty guineas, at which price he was knocked down to Sir Currier Lamson.

It seems quite certain that Hon. J. E. Crawford, F. E. Morton and John E. B. McCready, will be the contestants at the ensuing local election, in the Government interest in Kings Co. It speaks volumes for Mr. Crawford's success in attending to the interests of his constituents, that he is the only member of the local Government who seems able to form a ticket. Who the Opposition men are to be, will be settled on 25th inst.

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The Coroner's Inquest—Scenes and Incidents.

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ANNIE PARKER'S cross examination continued.

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