

Signal Extra.

The following was issued from THE SIGNAL Office in the form of an extra on Saturday morning. Further particulars are given on another page:—

Attempted Assassination.

President Garfield Shot

The Ball Causes a Bad Wound

Great Indignation in Canada and the United States.

(Per Dominion Line.)

New York, July 2nd, 1881.

President Garfield, while purchasing a ticket in the Baltimore and Potomac depot at Washington this morning was shot.

The assassin was arrested. Dr. Bliss says the wound is not mortal.

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Another report says Garfield is dead, but a later report contradicts this and says he is not dead but badly wounded.

The President has just been taken to the White House in an ambulance, under guard of mounted police. The excitement is intense.

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The name of the would be assassin is Giteau. He was quickly apprehended and is in the District Jail.

The President is lying in a critical condition, one of the balls having entered his bowels. No one is allowed to see him save the doctors, who are in constant consultation.

Immense crowds with anxiety depicted upon every face, throng the grounds around the building where the wounded President is lying.

The White House is now surrounded by troops and police, and the excitement is unabated.

All communication with the White House, except by telephone, is cut off. There is great indignation in Canada and the United States over the attempted murder.

Centre Huron Liberal Conservative Convention.

The annual meeting of the Centre Huron Liberal Conservatives was held in the Queen's Hotel, Seaford, on Monday afternoon last. Although the morning was wet and sloppy quite a large number turned out, each township being represented by three and four or more representatives, composed of the most influential Liberal Conservatives in the riding.

It is not generally expected that the annual meeting will be large, there being no prospect of an election in the near future and the business is usually confined to the election of officers and other minor business. Among those present we noticed a number of familiar faces—F. W. Johnson, W. Campbell, S. Platt, J. Beck, H. Martin, Alex. McNeil, Dr. Coleman, Jas. Mitchell, T. Kidd, A. Morrison, T. D. Ryan, Thos. E. Hayes, K. H. Ferguson, Jos. Evans, M. Morrison, G. E. Jackson, P. Kelly, F. Meyer and James Hicks. On this occasion it was certainly gratifying to see the amount of enthusiasm and the general feeling of satisfaction in the manner in which the affairs of this Dominion are being conducted by the present Government, as the presence of so many from a distance is ample proof of.

Mr. James H. Benson, the President, called the meeting to order, and briefly explained the objects of the meeting in a neat speech, and the meeting proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year:

James H. Benson, President. F. W. Johnson, 1st Vice-President. James Hicks, 2nd Vice-President. Wm. Campbell, Sec.-Treas.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

SEAFORTH.—Thos. D. Ryan, Dr. Coleman, and Thos. Kidd.

GOBERICH.—Markus Hutchinson, Jas. Gordon and Wm. Mitchell.

BRUSSELS.—James Young and Thos. Watson.

TUCKERSMITH.—Joseph Nigh and Geo. Jackson, Egmondville; R. Marks, Brucefield.

HULLETT.—W. E. Caldwell, Constance, John Lasham, Ludesboro; James Morrison, Clinton; Isaac Barr, Ludesboro.

COLBORNE.—Joseph Beck, Salford; Patrick Carroll, Carlow; W. Vanstone, Benmillar; Alex. McNeil, Salford.

McKILLOP.—Bernard O'Connell, Dublin; Robt. H. Ferguson, Walton; James Hayes, and Thos. E. Hayes, Seaford; A. Morrison, Walton.

GREY.—E. Brines, Jamestown; Michael Keffer, Ednet; M. Morrison, Walton; John Whitfield, Cranbrooke; Uriah McFadden, Brussels.

The following resolution was moved by George Jackson, seconded by Mr. P. Kelly.

Resolved, that the present Dominion Government deserve the warmest thanks, not only of the Conservative party, but of every true Canadian, for the admirable manner in which they are administering the finances of the country, in dispensing with all unnecessary officials, and expending our surplus revenues in developing the resources of the country, which stands in marked contrast to the feeble, wasteful, and foolish policy of their predecessors. We deem it our bounden duty to use every exertion in the way of organization and personal influence to secure to these gentlemen a general, cordial and hearty support at the next elections. We conscientiously believe that the inhabitants of this country owe them a great debt of gratitude for the wise and judicious method they adopted in carrying out the express wishes of the Canadian people, in building the Pacific Railroad by a non-political company. We also heartily approve of their successful dealings with the national trade policy, which has already more than exceeded our expectations, and will no doubt, in the future be the means of making Canada a self-sustaining and prosperous nation. We regret, that the

salt industry of this locality has not received that attention which its importance demands. We cannot allow this opportunity to pass without testifying our appreciation of the great services to our Dominion rendered by that distinguished statesman, Sir John A. Macdonald, and we trust he will be enabled shortly to return to his adopted home with health completely restored.

Mr. Jackson briefly referred to some of the most important questions. We had come there for the purpose of organization, and from the present appearance there would not be much difficulty in that respect, judging from the feeling of the present meeting. It was one thing the Conservatives could boast of—good legislation for the people. Reformers could not point to jobs or any other unpatriotic act of the present Government. The people are the government of this country, and it was an erroneous idea which some people possessed that because they had no job or other favour to ask of the Government they should have nothing to do with politics. We must all do our share towards making wise and judicious laws. A Government cannot build your houses, clear your farms, etc., but they can legislate in your interest and keep larger and more powerful agencies from usurping your markets. As an evidence of what a bad Government could do, Mr. J. cited the old "family compact," of 1837, and contrasted the difference existing in the state of the country then and at the present time. It was the duty of the Government to make laws to protect the life and property of the people of that country. The present Government stands pre-eminent in this respect through their wise trade policy and that of opening up our undeveloped resources. There cannot be a doubt that the National Policy has not benefited the country, and it did what Mr. Tilly claimed for it by fostering and building up manufacturing industries that have benefited the people. During Mr. Mackenzie and Mr. Blake's regime the settled policy of these gentlemen was to help foreign countries to the detriment of this Canada of ours. Instead of the retrenchment they had promised before taking office, they foolishly wasted the people's money in jobs, such as the Goberich Harbor, Fort St. Francis locks, Kaminstiquia and Neebing hotel jobs, and gave David Glass, of London, an immense sum of money to build a line of popular telegraph poles that were of no earthly use, and last, but not least, they deepened the Welland canal to benefit the farmers of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota by giving them an easy outlet for their grain into Canada and to the sea-board.

On viewing the policy of the present Government we find them legislating for the benefit of our own people. The have given us our home market, which has benefited the farmer, merchant and mechanic alike. They had given the contract for the construction of the Pacific Railway, the success of which had discomfited the Grit party by their liberal land terms and the large immigration which was taking place in consequence. It could only be a matter of conjecture what the population of that vast country would be in a few years. It was necessary that we should have a through railway line from ocean to ocean to develop and open up the resources of the country, which is essentially necessary to make us the great nation we are destined to become at no distant date. He was certain the people of this Dominion would be willing to record their verdict at the coming election of 1883, as they did in Picton and Colchester last week.

Dr. Coleman then followed in a stirring speech, and paid a very high tribute of respect to the wise and statesmanlike policy of Sir John A. Macdonald and colleagues, yet he regretted, in common with gentlemen engaged in the salt industry of this country, that there was not some protection given to native salt, against the ruinous supply imported from foreign countries. The spirit of the meeting sustained the Dr. in his well-timed remarks, and it was

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. T. E. Hays, and resolved; that whereas many erroneous opinions have existed as to the purity and quality of our Ontario salt, and this now proved by analysis, as well as experiment, that our Huron salt is equal to, and indeed superior to any English salt, we most respectfully request that our salt industry be put on a similar footing with the other Canadian industries by being sufficiently protected, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Government.

Speeches were also delivered by Messrs. Benson, Ryan, Thos. Kidd, T. E. Hayes, Morrison and Campbell.

A communication from Mr. M. McQuaid, Tuckersmith, was read, favorably received, and commented upon. It was referred to the local organizations.

The usual votes of thanks were given to the past officers, and one of the most successful and enthusiastic meetings held here was brought to a close. The next meeting will be held in Seaford at the call of the President.—[Sun.]

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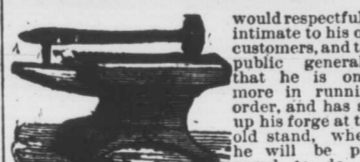
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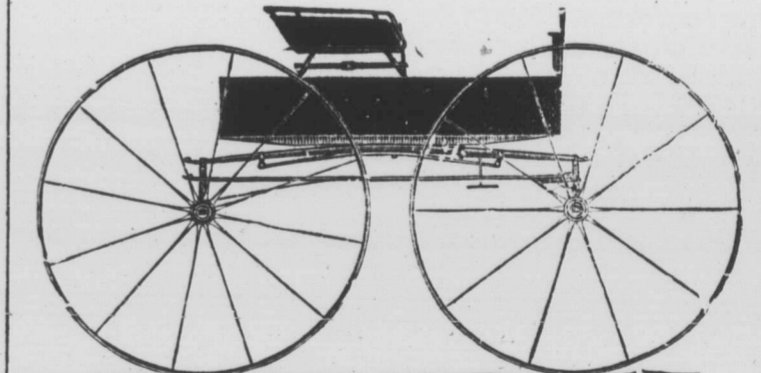
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