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THE 'CAMPAIGN.

Campaign work is being pushed along with much vigor, and with a great deal of satisfaction to the Liberals. The three candidates have thrown themselves into the canvass with great determination. Mr. Pickard has already visited the majority of the Parishes, and in every instance has been very enthusiastically received. His old friends rally round him as they would a historical hero of a thousand fights, and

only pledge themselves to vote for him of his Party, but they place their valuable services entirely at his disposal. In every Parish so far visited such has been the encouragement received, and how can it be expected to be otherwise. Always a true friend to the farmer, of the deserving poor, a consistent legislator, with his eye on the interests of York, it must be expected that he would be supported in preference to those whose views, if they have any, are entirely antagonistic to the interests of this county and province. Mr. Fraser is meeting with a very cool reception, and we would not be much surprised to see Mr. Fisher poll double the number of votes that will be cast in favor of the Government-made Tory Candidate.

Mr. G. F. Gregory is visiting some parishes in the interest of Mr. Pickard, and is meeting with remarkable success. On Friday and Saturday he had rousing meetings at Hanville, Action and Cork where Liberalism is in decided ascendancy.

The Farmer unintentionally let out one of its secrets in a late issue in its efforts to under-rate Mr. Fisher's candidature. It stated that the Government at Ottawa did not order it. Forsooth the Ottawa Government must tell York constituency who must represent them. If it were not for the Liberals the constituency of York would be in as abject slavery as ever were the serfs on a Russian soil. The Farmer cannot but see the grave mistake it made in letting in a little light into the dark machinations of those who consider themselves at the end of the wires just now.

If you wish the laboring man to prosper, to have no more taxes to pay for the necessities of life than the rich have for their luxuries, vote for John Pickard. If on the other hand, you wish to be ground down by oppress tax, and the already rich to become richer at your expense, and the leading nabobs to fatten on the Government pap, as they have been doing, vote for John Fraser.

THE TORIES' POLICY.

From one end of Canada to the other Tory orators may be heard lauding the N. P. beyond all measures of common sense, but there is such extraordinary inconsistency in their statements that one very naturally arrives at the conclusion that these orators are either so totally blinded by prejudice, or woefully ignorant of facts, that they know not what they speak. To find such silly morals of orators we need not even go outside of our own Province. From Sir Leonard Tilley all the way down the ladder, the same inconsistency of statement characterizes their utterances. For instance, Sir Leonard Tilley at St. John admitted that the N. P. had increased the prices of the necessaries of life, but to offset that he said that labor commanded a much higher figure than it did before the N. P. came into operation. At Campbellton, the other day, he hinted that it had only increased the price of a few articles. Now, let us take Sir Leonard at his word in both places for,

as the remarkable freak of nature, Hon. John Boyd, says, "there is nothing like truth;" and let us see if it is at all possible to reconcile Sir Leonard's statements. In the first place then he admits in St. John that the N. P. has increased the prices of the necessaries of life. Well might he make such an admission, for his constituents know well from sad experience that the cost of living has been increased greatly since Sir Leonard, contrary to his promises in '78, introduced his increased scale of duties. But as an argument to maintain his policy he says that wages have advanced, and labor has been in greater demand than formerly. This is true in one sense, and entirely untrue in another. The wages of the general mechanic have not been increased one cent, but in many places in Canada a great reduction has taken place. On a railway in Quebec, now owned by the Syndicate, a reduction of wages was made from \$1.00 to 80 cts. per day. In large establishments in Montreal a similar reduction was made. In this Province there has been no material reduction, although labor has been much more difficult to get than in '78 in consequence of the great exodus to the United States and a slight move towards Winnipeg. A few laborers, of course, are now getting a slight advance, but had so many not been driven from our midst to such advance, small as it is, would have been made under the N. P., but on the other hand there would have been a great reduction. Of course it will be said that most of our people who left us have not left the Dominion, but this is not true. In '78, about the commencement of the depression, the emigration from Canada to the States was 21,474; last year it was 125,392, thus showing that the great part of our labor, which was crushed under the N. P., has gone to seek a living under a

scarcity of labor, and the slight increase in the wages in some quarters, but it should be remembered that this increase is not by any means commensurate with the advanced cost of living. Again, no general advance has been made, while the rate of duties have been generally increased by Sir Leonard Tilley. To look reasonable at the matter then, Sir Leonard, from his own utterances in St. John, has not a leg to stand on. Let us now look at his conduct of speech in Campbellton. He felt, of course, that he was addressing a lot of farmers, whom he supposed to be an ignorant class. He found there had been no advance of wages in that section of the country, and to endeavor to make a good showing from a poor cause, he did the best he could to prove that the prices had not been increased. This shows at once Sir Leonard's inconsistency; it shows too that he will stoop to anything, however low, to accomplish his purpose. But the farmers of Restigouche will never allow themselves to be bulldozed by one with such an inconsistent record as Sir Leonard, or by one who has betrayed this Province for self-aggrandizement as that now notorious belted knight has done. To show our Campbellton readers Sir Leonard's untruthfulness we quote from Mr. McLeod's speech in St. John:—

"I hold in my hand an invoice of 100 pairs of horse blankets, of the common kind, such as are used in the lumber woods. Their value is \$61, and the present duty 20 per cent. on \$12.20 and 7½ cents per pound, making 425 lbs. or \$31.87. Total duty \$44.07. The old duty on these blankets would have been \$10.67, so that we have an increase of 414 per cent. These statements are facts, taken from actual transactions, and he defied the 'readjusted' Senator to controvert them. [Cheers.] He would ask any fair minded man, of any political party whatever, if this was not a most serious increase of the tariff. Should not a man be judged by his record, and if Mr. Tilley was to be judged in that way what must the judgement be. [Cheers.] Take another article much worn by working men, refining