

THE ONTARIO ELECTIONS

CONSERVATIVE Standard Bearer.

POLLING DAY, JUNE 5th

ELECTORS SOUTH WELLINGTON.

Public Meetings

In the interest of Col. Macdonald, Q.C., the Liberal Conservative standard bearer, will be held as follows:

- Wednesday, May 14, The Town Hall, ROCKWOOD.
Thursday, May 15, Wilson's Corners, GUELPH TOWNSHIP.
Friday, May 16, Brown's Hall, MARDEN.
Wednesday, May 21, School House, KILLBURN.
Thursday, May 22, Township Hall (Centre Inn) ERASMUS.
Friday, May 23, School House, ARKEL.
Tuesday, May 27, Drill Shed, ELORA.
Wednesday, May 28, The Hall, MORRISTON.

Col. Macdonald, Q.C., and other speakers will deliver addresses. All Electors are cordially invited to be present.

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MONDAY EVENING, MAY 12

THE MERCURY'S RIGHT ABOUT.

In its eager search to find something to say against Col. Macdonald, Q.C., the Mercury has betrayed itself into a statement which requires a few words of remonstrance.

On the 14th April last it gave the substance of Mr. Guthrie's remarks before the Reform convention here, and from that record we find that he said: "The Jesuit Bill had nothing to do with the question of the Local Government or Legislature, and he guarded himself against being called upon to answer for the conduct of any of his Reform friends in connection with that matter. The Mercury, of course, duly endorsed his sentiments. Now, however, that paper wishes to take Col. Macdonald, Q.C. to task for having in December last seconded a vote of thanks to Robert Parter, M.P. for West Huron, and a supporter of Sir John Macdonald, who "refused to disallow the Jesuit Estates Act," and seeks to make its readers believe that the Colonel has been misrepresenting his own position on the Equal Rights question.

It is very well known that Col. Macdonald, though he has never been a member of the Equal Rights party, has been in strong sympathy with many of the views of that party, and has expressed his opinions and sympathies long before, as well as since this contest was entered into, being in fact what the Rev. Mr. Clarke designated as an "Outside Supporter."

The Mercury, in the article we refer to as well as in others, endeavors to lead its readers to understand that Mr. Guthrie is actually in accord with various views forming the platform of Mr. Meredith. It seems very much alarmed that it should be thought otherwise, and generally betrays the weakness of its reasons against them by attempting to absorb them for its own party. We fail, however, to find any record of Mr. Guthrie's conduct in the House that he has on any occasion spoken or voted for any one of the many measures put forward by the Opposition, and which are approved of by the Equal Rights party. He certainly was absent from the House very frequently when these questions were voted upon, but when present his vote was invariably cast with the Government, and against all measures which are now supported by the party of Equal Rights. He has been ever since the movement commenced a public man, and he had any sympathies with the Equal Rights platform he has taken good care to conceal it.

Why, however, should Col. Macdonald be attacked with regard to the Jesuit Bill when Mr. Guthrie and the Mercury have expressly declared that it has nothing to do with this contest? We would commend the Mercury to a

consideration and explanation of the course of Mr. Guthrie and his political friends on the following questions:
1. An explanation of the defence of the creation of the office of Sheriff of Toronto, and of the Hon. Oliver Mowat's appointment of his own son as sheriff with an income of about \$15,000 per annum.

2. An explanation of the vote of Mr. Guthrie in favor of the creation of a second registry office in Toronto, making what Mr. Sheriff McKim at the St. George's Society dinner aptly called a "soft map" for a political supporter, who now sits in the same office with the old registrar and takes in his fees which would otherwise have gone to the city of Toronto.

3. An explanation as to why the city of Toronto should have a minority candidate forced upon it as a member with the consequent patronage, and the county of Wellington left to suffer for so many years without a representative of the minority.

4. An explanation why Mr. Guthrie voted to gag the House by preventing discussion on the resolutions prepared by Mr. Mowat after his coalition with Mr. Mercer, Premier of Quebec, in 1887.

5. An explanation why the general system adopted in this country of voting by ballot should not be extended to the Separate schools.

When the Mercury gets through with these conundrums we will be happy to furnish it with others, but in the meantime that paper might as well stick to its original idea that the Jesuit Estate Bill question has nothing to do with this contest.

THE CAMPAIGN. "He whom the gods would destroy they first make mad," is an old maxim. Paradoxically our local contemporary is mad, and the object of its indignation is the mode by which Col. Macdonald is conducting his canvass. He is guilty of asking a number of pronounced Reformers to join the bolting hundreds from the ranks of that party. This is a great wrong in the eyes of the Mercury and it attempts to read the Conservative standard bearer a lesson.

Our contemporary takes a narrow view of every political question, and consequently falls into a great many errors. If its editor would carefully peruse the platform of the Conservative party as announced by Mr. W. B. Meredith in his able speech at London, he would learn that it is a broad, liberal one, and embraces nearly all the planks in the Equal Rights platform. Col. Macdonald stands pledged to this platform and he will fight the present campaign with these principles engraven on his banner.

Prominent Reformers who have never cast a Conservative vote in their lives are coming forward and proffering their support and their influence. This is a strong indication of which way the wind is blowing and is a harbinger of success on the 5th June.

The Mercury may just as well bow to the inevitable with good grace as otherwise. Honorable men are not willing to countenance the trickery which is being practiced by Mr. Mowat. They will not stand idly by and see the treasury depleted of the large surplus piled up by the late Sandfield Macdonald; they do not want men who will play loose and fast with the liquor question; they will not support politicians who will rob the country in order to award party helms; they will not countenance the jobbery practiced in connection with the new Parliament buildings; they will not tolerate teachers in the public schools who cannot speak the English language; they want a ballot which is absolutely secret in order that coercion and tyranny may be stopped. They want, in brief, men of honor and principle. Mr. Mowat and his ministry have shown a lack of these qualities and therefore must go. Mr. Mowat's hour has come.

SEPARATE SCHOOL SUPPORTERS. The Mercury had the hardihood on Saturday to state that Roman Catholics are by law set down as supporters of the public schools. This statement is at variance with the truth, as will be seen by a glance at Mr. Mowat's Act. It reads: "The assessor shall accept the statement of, or made on behalf of, any ratepayer that he is a Roman Catholic as sufficient prima facie evidence for placing such persons in the proper column of the assessment roll for separate school supporters, or if the assessor knows personally any ratepayer to be a Roman Catholic this shall also be sufficient for placing him in such last mentioned column."

This clearly states that the assessor may on learning that a ratepayer is a Roman Catholic class him as a supporter of the Separate Schools, whether he is willing that such should be the case or not. At the last session of the Ontario Legislature Mr. Meredith introduced a Bill respecting public schools of which the following is a copy: "Whereas every ratepayer ought to be by law prima facie a public school supporter, and no one should be rated as a Roman Catholic separate school supporter unless he by his own voluntary act declares his intention to be a supporter of separate schools in accordance with the provisions of the law: "Therefore, her majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the legislative assembly of the province of Ontario, enacts as follows: "1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any act or law to the contrary, no person otherwise liable for public school rates shall be exempt from the payment or be liable for the payment of rates in support of a Roman Catholic separate school unless he shall have given the notice provided for by section 40 of the separate schools act. "2. It shall be the duty of the clerk

of the municipality in preparing the collectors' roll thereof to place in the column of public school rates the rate of every ratepayer who shall not have given the said notice, so as, according to the provisions of the said section and of this act, to entitle him to exemption from public school rates for the year for which such collectors' roll is made, but any error of the

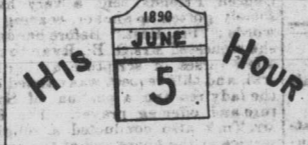
shall be conclusively on any ratepayer who shall be erroneously rated or entered therein, nor shall the assessment roll be any evidence as to whether such ratepayer is a supporter of the public schools or of the Roman Catholic separate schools." The whole Reform party voted against this and it was rejected. If it had been carried it would have placed it beyond the power of any person other than the ratepayer himself to say which school he desired to send his children to. Mr. Mowat's law leaves the ratepayer no choice but gives power to others to compel him to send his children to the Separate School.

NOTES Col. Macdonald's address after June 5th will be written this way:

Stamp here: COL. MACDONALD, Q.C., M.P., 7 DOUGLASS STREET, GUELPH, ONT.

The Mowat Government's blackmailing scheme to raise a boodle fund has not yet been explained away by the Globe, although it has had ample time to do so. If the Globe's assertion were true, that there were only four letters sent out would it not readily publish the names in order that this scandal could be cleared up, and that the Government might be vindicated? Under the existing circumstances it looks very much as if the "voluntary subscriptions" were given in the same manner as a man would hand over his money to a highway man who held a revolver to his head.

MR. MOWAT MUST GO.



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