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THE MOWAT RECEPTION.

The reception to be tendered Hon. Oliver Mowat at Toronto on Sept 16th promises to be the grandest political demonstration ever held in Canada.

The rallying cry has been raised all along the line, and from Amherstburg to the northwest angle of the Lake of the Woods the Reform pulse will be largely represented in the gathering that will welcome the honorable gentleman who has fought so well and so successfully to haffle the efforts of the men who would disintegrate Ontario, if they had their heart's desire.

When the slogan is sounding and the clans gathering let the muster roll from Huron be a full one. Huron sends more Reform members to the parliamentary halls of Canada than any other country, and what her people turn out so nobly on the day of political battle and score so successfully when the battle is fought, they should now look to it that in the day of rejoicing for the Reform cause their presence should be largely felt.

Every Reformer in Huron who can spare the time should be in Toronto on the 16th of Sept. We want to see a good contingent from the Huron tract. South Huron—the Grit hive—will be well represented; Gibson's standbys from the East will turn out in force; and the Ross men from the West will hang their banner on the outer wall, and raise aloft the chorus, "Ontario, Ontario!"

ATORY OPINION.

The more unparliamentary of Ontario press, led by the London Free Press, are now doing the contemptible work of running down the territory recently awarded the Province. The task is a wretched one, and in the face of high Tory opinion, is as foolish as it is mean and unfair.

"I am afraid that by the Bill before the House (that extended the boundaries of Manitoba eastward) our friends of the plucky little Province of Manitoba will be thrown off their balance. They are not only to have a vast and fertile region in the west, but by this bill we dangle before their eyes the gold of the Lake of the Woods, and the forests of the Rainy River region. If the line at the entrance of Lake Superior is to hold good as the western boundary of Ontario, and it has much to sustain it as the legal boundary, our friends of the Prairie Province will have their way extended over the clear waters of Lake Superior. The shores of that inland sea, with their rich ores of silver, copper and iron, will be theirs. The silver islets which are coming to light every day will be theirs. There are thirty thousand square miles of forest lands on the waters of Rainy River. Nature has planted pines there for the freeness practice of lumber. The market will be unending and prices will rule high, and if Ontario could obtain control of these forests, the cost of constructing her new Parliament Buildings would be a mere bagatelle. By this bill we (the Dominion Government) say in effect to Manitoba: Fight Ontario for the vast forests of Rainy river, for the gold of the Lake of the Woods, and the silver of Lake Superior."—[S. J. Dawson, M.P., 1881.]

The Strathroy Dispatch says Hon. G. W. Ross "saved himself from being unseated by his own evidence." If the statement of the Dispatch is correct then the people of West Middlesex have great reason to feel proud that they have in their representative a man whose personal evidence can carry more weight than the hundred and odd witnesses who were subpoenaed by "Jumbo" Johnston to prove that Ross had been guilty of corrupt practices. We hope G. W. Ross will live long to bear the same character for unimpeachable integrity that the Strathroy Dispatch gives him credit for. The Tory organs didn't mean to put in a good word for Ross when it published that sentence, but it did it all the same. Even Balsam's ass spoke wisely on one occasion.

The Goderich Reform Association will meet at their rooms on Saturday evening, to take steps for a full representation at the Mowat reception in Toronto, on Tuesday, Sept. 16.

SCOTT ACT PETITION.

This document was placed in the Sheriff's hands on Saturday, and will remain there until the latter part of next week. 5,000 names are attached. Geo. Jackson, of Egmondville, on behalf of the anti-Scott party, examined the list a few days ago. His leading objection, we understand, is that a large number of the voters signed the petition with their initial instead of their full Christian name. "John Smith" for instance, signed himself "J. Smith." The objection is not a serious one.

The Middlesex Tories have been again treated to a bitter dose. The petition against the return of D. M. Cameron was flung out of court on Tuesday by Judge Oker, and Dr. Rooms, the Tory candidate and petitioner, has to pay the cost. It is said that the election and the cost of the trial have nearly ruined the doctor financially. The Tory candidate for the Local Legislature became bankrupt after his first election, and was defeated on being unseated. The Middlesex Tories are now in doleful dumps.

For the information of the farming community, we would state that the "farmers' day" at the Toronto Exhibition, has been fixed for Wednesday, Sept. 17th. As the Mowat reception will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 16th, a fine opportunity will be afforded all who go down on the 16th, to see both of these interesting events. Let Huron be represented by a solid phalanx.

Mr. Meredith stated at Selby on Friday that he had repeatedly challenged the members of the Ontario Government to meet him on the public platform, and that they were all afraid. But the next day he declined to meet Hon. A. M. Ross in the Opera House, although expressly invited to do so. Courage is not one of Mr. Meredith's characteristics.

HERE is a point for Scott Act defectors: At the Scott Act convention at Grimsby on Wednesday, Phillips Thompson (Jimmie Briggs) spoke at length on the success of the Maine law. "He went to Maine as the anti-prohibitionist correspondent for the Globe, but such were the facts that presented themselves everywhere that he was compelled to acknowledge the Maine law a success. Like every other law it could not be said that the Maine law was everywhere and always obeyed, but the facts were overwhelming that it was as well, and in some parts of the State better, observed than in any other law in the country."

ADDENDA'S ARTICLES.

The Old Man Does not Believe in Summer Holidays.

I've been meditating lately. I suppose you thought I was off on vacation. If you thought so, you were mistaken, for I don't believe in vacations. Men and women were made to work, and nature ordained that they should receive nourishment and vigor from eating and sleeping. This junketing about in the summer months is something that I am opposed to, and ever shall be. Now, there is Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle, neighbors of mine, who during the summer months shut up their comfortable house, and are not for Muskoka to enjoy themselves. Enjoy, did I say? Well, yes, I said enjoy. It's really astonishing what constitutes enjoyment for some folk. To my mind a very little of the commodity pleases them. The Doolittles got back home the other day after an eight weeks' trip. They were full of the pleasures of camping out—full of bee stings and mosquito bites. Doolittle, with his face parboiled, his nose peeled and his head too large for his hat, looked as if he had gone back on his truthful record when he said, "Addenda, old boy, you should have been with us;—never had so fine a time in our lives. Had we dear?" The last sentence was addressed to Mrs. Doolittle, who looked fazed out and generally used up; nevertheless the little woman was forced to stand by the heavy assertion of her other half, and replied, "No, indeed, dearie; it was delightful—very delightful." And they both looked as if misery had been their portion for ten years instead of having experienced "pleasure" for eight weeks. I must have looked incredulously at them for Doolittle was constrained to remark, "I see you are still skeptical on the question of summer outings, and I am free to admit that there are a few trifling inconveniences which one has to put up with, but then it is a change, you know, and change is everything. However, the best of the pleasure is getting home, and once more settling down in our own comfortable quarters." I didn't think it was necessary to add anything to the frank confession of Doolittle, and so bade him "Good morning" and passed on.

R. W. Phipps, who has been for a couple of months incapacitated for journeys in the forest by illness, has, on his recovery started for a tour through the bush region between Kingston and Lake Nipissing, with a view of observing the possibilities of protecting from fire valuable woodlands and of obtaining practical opinions on the best means of continuing them in a reproductive state. Advertiser.—If you would catch the fall trade—advertisers. They all read THE SIGNAL.

CONTEMPORARY OPINION.

THE GLOBE'S VIEW.

From the look of things, we are justified in concluding that just about now is the close season for this in London. (Advertiser.)

THE REVENUE IS FALLING, and Sir Leonard will have to invest new taxes. "It would be a master stroke for him to slap an export duty on Canadian drivers out of the country by his tariff."—(Winnipeg Sun.)

SOME OF THE DUES WANT to call old Niagara, "Niagara-on-the-lake," after the English fashion of distinguishing two or more places with the same name, by affixing a phrase indicative of location. This custom has been introduced by some of the American Anglo-maniacs, and in sections of the Eastern states such cumbersome and complicated names as "Brownville-up-the-creek," "Podnik-in-the-strump," are getting common. It is a clumsy style of nomenclature. If the name of a place is not sufficiently distinctive as it stands, it should be changed to one that is.—(Toronto News.)

IT LOOKS FEARED. The Toronto News publishes a statement to the effect that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has purchased Mr. Nelson's stock in the Globe, in order to secure a controlling interest in that paper and put a stop to the Globe's criticisms upon the affairs of the railway company. The story is told for a purpose which can be easily guessed. It so happens, however, that the Globe is in the hands of Hon. George Brown's Globe stock, and has at no time possessed a controlling interest. He may or may not have sold out to Stephen & Co., but that transfer would not necessarily change the policy of the Globe toward the company.—(Hamilton Times.)

THE DIFFERENCE.

The Toronto Mail says Mr. Gladstone is a "grand old idiot." He is certainly deficient in the smartness which distinguishes Canadian statesmen. It has never occurred to him exact bribery funds from Government contractors. He appears to be quite ignorant of the nature of the bribe, and is in a hurry to tell the truth and otherwise observe and commendations. That he is a man depraved is clear from the fact that he sprays a title and consorts with greasy manufacturers like Briggs and Chamberlain. The Mail's idiotic theory is borne out to that extent; but to accept it unqualifiedly would be to slur the intelligence of the English people who have submitted to Mr. Gladstone's rule for some years, and who think that he is marvellously sane. One thing, however, is certain, that between the grand old man at Ottawa, and the grand old idiot at Westminster, judgment will have no difficulty in judging.—(Winnipeg Sun.)

CANADA AND JAMAICA.

Here we have British constitution in miniature, but with all its parts working without the least friction. In Jamaica this is not the case. The island has been subjected to the experiment of being incapable of self government; it is without representative institutions; it is a Crown colony, which has been ten or a dozen years in a constant state of ferment, and is now in an attitude of defiant hostility to the Crown. It has a population of nearly half a million, and is a territory, as they are termed, representing the aristocracy who are all powerful, and the common people, who are little above mere serfs, and from whom the proprietors have strenuously sought to keep all power. Assuming that the practical sense of the British people is not so considerable, it is to be the advantage of Canadians to enter into political relationship with people who are adjudged by the mother-land to be unfit to have such political institutions as we have enjoyed for a century.—[St. John Globe.]

A LEVEL-HEADED OPINION.

The Ottawa Sun, the editor of which is an old campaigner, denounces as a crazy scheme the proposal to send 600 Canadians to Egypt to take part in the Gordon relief expedition. The scheme originated with General Wolsley, who so highly praised the hardihood and endurance of the Canadians in the Red River expedition. The Sun says: "Had he paused to enquire why the hardy Canadian voyageur is the man he is, he must have arrived at the conclusion that it is owing to the excellent sanitary nature of the country in which he is born and brought up. Living in a pine-clad country with a limestone formation he is able to defy with impunity all the laws of health. His frequent wettings do not produce rheumatism, and notwithstanding his diet of grease-soaked beans dyspepsia has no terrors for him. But change these conditions and take him from the pure air of his native land down to the miasma of the Nile—a putrid, sluggish stream, running for a great portion of its length through an arid desert, from which it drains all matter of filth from Central Africa—and what would be the result? The sturdy warriors of the sea and the forest would go down like wheat before the sickle. It would be suicidal for such a Canadian contingent to go to Egypt and if the mad scheme is carried out, it will bring sorrow into many a Canadian home. The men who are such splendid fellows in the Canadian forests and streams would not be sent to work in an African sewer. We admit the compliment, but we fear that too high a price will be exacted for it."

STAFFORD GAMES.

A Big Turnout of Spectators and Spectators.

The Perth Caledonian Society inaugurated its annual games on Friday last with favorable auspices. The weather cleared up in the afternoon, and was all that could be desired. The Bismarck Governor was there, and appeared to enjoy the sport. Bonnets and tartans gave a picturesque appearance to the mass of three or four thousand spectators assembled, while the sound of the bagpipes and the strutting of the pipers lent an air of festivity to the proceedings. Among the visitors were representatives from nearly every town or county in Western Ontario. The donors, adult and juvenile, were out in great force, while there was a perfect swarm of foot soldiers at heavy stone—10 ft. 6 in. in capital style. D. Smith, formerly of Lockport, also beat the Canadian record in throwing the heavy hammer. Geo. Pirie, another Huron lad, took a good place in the heavy weight competition.

Boyd and Quirk gave some capital exhibitions of running. The jumping was good, and the events were well contested. We append the PRIZE LIST.

Throwing light hammer—1st. D. Smith, 109 feet 7 inches; 2nd. G. Perry, 97 feet 6 inches; 3rd. J. D. McColl, 93 feet 6 inches.

Throwing heavy hammer—1st. D. Smith, 92 ft. 10 in.; 2nd. G. Perry, 82 ft. 8 in.; 3rd. A. Scott, 76 ft. 10 in.

Putting light stone—1st. A. Scott, 43 ft. 10 in.; 2nd. G. Perry, 42 ft. 11 in.; 3rd. J. D. McColl, 42 ft. 9 in.

Putting heavy stone—1st. J. D. McColl, 36 ft. 1 in.; 2nd. A. Scott, 35 ft. 1 in.; 3rd. L. Sinclair, 34 ft. 11 in.

Tossing the caber—1st. D. Smith, 28 ft. 11 in.; 2nd. J. D. McColl; 3rd. G. Gordon.

Turning 56 lbs. high—1st. J. D. McColl, 10 ft 10 in.; 2nd. G. Perry, 10 ft 6 in.; 3rd. A. Scott, 10 ft.

Highland fling in costume—1st. G. Matheson; 2nd. Jas Anderson; 3rd. G. Angus.

Sword dance—1st. G. Matheson; 2nd. H. Heddridge; 3rd. J. Fotheringham.

Heel-and-toe—1st. G. Matheson; 2nd. Jas Moon; 3rd. G. Angus.

DEATH OR FREEDOM.

The Mad Leap of Two Prisoners—One of Them Escaped.

Not a little excitement was caused at the Grand Trunk Railway station, Hamilton, on Sunday afternoon by the narration of a tragic incident which occurred on board the steamer Ontario on Thursday night last, while on Lake Huron. The story was told by those in charge of a prisoner, named James Drake, Deputy Sheriff Clarke, of Port Huron, with Constables Eltram and Orve, of Thessalon, who accompanied the prisoner who was sentenced at Port Arthur to serve a term of two years in the Kingston penitentiary for highway robbery. They left Port Arthur by the Ontario, the 2nd of the Sarnia line, with another prisoner named Jess Dunbar, once a resident of Toronto, and who was to have served the same length of time as Drake for a similar offence, who had been along with Drake, sentenced to a like term. The reason why their second prisoner did not accompany them yesterday, as they passed through the city, was the enactment of a tragedy at midnight on Thursday last, and the fact that his corpse now lies at the bottom of Lake Superior. The following are the details of the affair: The two prisoners, who were convicted on the charge of larceny, were taken on board the Ontario with both hands and feet securely shackled. As they were not considered desperate characters, Deputy Sheriff Clark ordered, as soon as the boat steamed out of the harbor, that they be placed in a state-room and their hands unshackled. Their feet were fettered by a heavy chain, which held the two men together, but otherwise they were quite at liberty. To guard against any possible escape, Mr. Clark's assistants were placed as sentry at the door of the room where they were confined. So they arranged everything securely, and the Ontario steamed out in the darkness to the open lake. When about three miles from the shore the sentry had occasion to step forward to speak to the captain for a moment or two. It was only for a moment or two, but the two prisoners inside, who had apparently been preparing for it, took advantage of the brief space to strike for their liberty. He was on the point of turning to go back to his place, when the door was suddenly thrown open with a crash. Before he could collect his wits, the water was cold, it was thought that a single leap both cleared the bulwarks and plunged into the lake. The engines were immediately reversed, and a boat lowered and manned and sent in search of the men, both of whom were seen to strike out vigorously for the shore. As the water was cold, it was thought that both would soon succumb, and by their cries indicate their position. Smothered cries, as though coming from drowning men, were at length heard about four hundred yards from the ship in the direction of the shore. The searching party made for the spot with all speed and succeeded in rescuing Drake, who was in a very exhausted condition. His companion, who was weighed by the chain around his legs, which had been wrenched from Drake's ankle, had sunk to rise no more. The weight of the chain, which was considerable, must have sunk him shortly after he struck out from the ship. A search was made for the body, but to no purpose, and the party pulled back to the steamer. Drake was given the best medical attendance on board, and soon recovered from the effects of his cold bath.

The Proposed Egyptian Expedition. A London cablegram says: The expedition for the relief of General Gordon is to be on a much larger scale than at first contemplated. The War Office has contracted for 400 more boats on the Nile, they being rendered necessary by the large additional contingent of troops which it is now decided shall be sent. This change of plans is due to the stipulations of Lord Wolsley, who, when requested by the Government to take the chief command, made it a condition that the expedition should be on a scale adequate to the difficulties to be encountered. Orders have been sent off to-day to employ extra hands at Woolwich and Deptford, who will work day and night until the requisite stores are ready and on board. Notwithstanding General Wolsley's recently pronounced opinion in favor of shortened enlistments and youthful soldiers, he now insists that the corps shall consist only of seasoned veterans, not likely to succumb to fatigue in a tropical climate. The increased force is required to keep open the line of communication from Wady Halfa to Khartoum, and to chastise any rebellious tribes likely to attack the expedition in the rear. Lord Wolsley will start for Egypt on Sunday.

The British newspapers approve of the despatch of Lord Wolsley to Egypt. The official announcement of his appointment says the preparations which have been in progress for some weeks for the expedition up the Nile resemble, in a great degree, those adopted in 1870 for the Red River expedition, which gave Lord Wolsley an experience which no other officer possesses. Lord Wolsley's appointment is due to the statement General Stephenson that the present plan for the campaign via the Nile is impracticable.

State Elections.

The greater number of elections for State officers and for Congressmen in the various States of the neighboring union will be held on the 4th of November, the day of the Presidential election. But there are some exceptions. Alabama elected State officers and legislators on the 4th of August; Louisiana on the 22d of April; Oregon on the 2d of June; Arkansas on Monday last, and Vermont on Tuesday. In Alabama, Louisiana and Arkansas the Democrats made a clean sweep; in Oregon the Republicans elected the Congressmen and a majority of the Legislature, indicating that the vote of the State will be given to Blaine in November; and in Vermont the Republicans were successful by a reduced majority. No significance attaches to any of these elections. The States named have simply gone as they were morally certain to go. The Democrats professed to have some hopes of Oregon, but that State has never given its electoral vote to a Democratic candidate for president, except in 1856, when Seymour had a majority of nearly 200.

COUNTY CURRENCY.

News from All Parts of Huron got on the Wings of the Wind.

These 28 female voters on the Wingham list. George Murrie, of McKillop, last week sold to the Minister, 22 head of fat steers, at \$74 per head.

Dr. Sloan of Wingham, left on Tuesday last to attend a Medical Council in Montreal. He was accompanied by his wife. W. J. Blatchford has sold his farm in Turvey to Mr. Anderson, late of "old land" for \$7,000.

Miss Thos. Hamilton has sold her farm of 100 acres on the 2nd con. of Stephens, on Tuesday last, to Samuel Sanders, for \$7,700.

Mr. Wm. Lewis, of Belmont, who wrote at the late examination in Toronto, came off successful and now has a first class certificate.

Miss Adams, from Ingersoll, takes the room for the Brussels school formerly occupied by Miss Higgins, who has to stop on account of ill health.

A. W. Bledsdell, formerly of Sarnia, was one of the Manitoba rifle team contesting at the matches of the Ontario Rifle Association in Toronto.

Alex. King's barn, a few miles north of Gorrie, was totally destroyed by fire late last Saturday night, Aug. 27th, together with its contents. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Robt. Jamieson arrived at Seaford from the Old Country on Tuesday. He was accompanied by his sister, Miss Maggie Jamieson, not "Mrs. Jamieson" as the daily papers announced.

W. Bay, a Canada Southern conductor and son of the late A. Bay, county surveyor, died of heart disease at St. Thomas on Tuesday. His remains were interred at Clinton.

The quill match played at Wingham, on Wednesday, between Messrs. J. Michell and Paterson, of Bluevale, and Messrs. Leslie and Inglis, of Wingham, resulted in a victory for the latter by 13 points.

FIRE ON A FARM.—Monday last sparks from a steam thrasher set fire to the farm buildings of Mr. Jamieson, of the Huron Road, about four miles east of Clinton. The buildings with a large amount of grain, etc., were burned.

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