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THAT PLATFORM.

For sheer nonsense and ignorance of the first principles of current political topics and a mean effort to deceive the independent electors of the North Riding of Perth, commend us to the fly-sheet issued above the name of the self-styled People's Candidate, Mr. Geo. Hess. Truly, with him the doctrine that all things are fair in war, is fully endorsed and acted upon; but we submit that a man claiming the right to represent the intelligent riding to which he aspires should at least keep silent if he is unable to discuss the questions of the day in such a manner as all events as not to impose on the intelligence of the people whose candidate he professes to be. This platform, purporting to represent the Opposition generally, and the local candidate in particular, opens with the astounding statement that "Confederation must be maintained." Does Mr. Hess believe that Confederation is in danger of falling to fragments? If so, he is neither honest to his own convictions nor to the electors of North Perth, if he remains one hour in the field as a follower of Mr. Meredith and his leader, Sir John Macdonald. The true friends of Confederation are those whom Mr. Hess is moving heaven and earth to defeat; and its enemies are Sir John and Meredith, who declare that our Local Parliaments have no right to legislate according to the terms and agreements framed in the British North America Act. At Confederation the autonomy of the Local Parliaments, in all matters pertaining to local rights, was clearly defined and guaranteed, and were this not done, Ontario, and much less so Quebec, would never have agreed to enter the union. The Conservative party at Ottawa, followed unpatriotically by the Opposition in the Local House, have begun a series of encroachments on the liberty and rights of our Local Parliament. They, in opposition to the spirit and letter of the terms of union, ignored our rights as a free people to legislate for our own interests, except in so far as this legislation meets the approval, not of the Dominion Parliament, but of eleven Cabinet Ministers, from the neighboring Provinces, who meet in private, and whose actions the people of Ontario are not in a position to condemn or punish. The Reform Party of this province, we beg to assure Mr. Hess, contributed no small part towards the existence of Confederation. They are loyal to its principles and extension, but they claim the rights which were promised the provinces by speech and statute, when the terms of union were ratified in 1867. The enemies of Confederation are Mr. Hess's own political friends, who declare that, in effect, our local affairs cannot be trusted to the chosen representatives of the people, but their acts are to be vetoed and disallowed at the whim of a Minister of Justice hailing from Nova Scotia. The Reform Party, we again say, wish for the success of Confederation, but not at the expense of the Local Legislature, and if an agitation should spring up in the country, tending towards the abolition of our Dominion, the Conservative Administration at Ottawa, by its tyrannical acts, overruling local legislation strictly within the Constitution, must and will be held responsible for so dire a calamity. Mr. Hess still shows, in the second plank of this wonderful platform, how easy an ambitious politician can sacrifice principle for expediency and patriotism for party. Says he: "The boundary of Ontario should be fixed by proper legal authority, and not by illegal award and force of arms." Just so. By force of arms, eh! This is a new version of the boundary dispute. Who ever asked in this Province that the award should be made effectual by force of arms? This is credulity with a vengeance! But if we understand this plank of Mr. Hess, it means that as a citizen of Ontario, as

an aspirant for the representation of North Perth in the Local Legislature, he is dissatisfied with an arbitration solemnly agreed upon by the Dominion Parliament and the Province of Ontario, which granted to us an addition of 100,000 square miles of valuable territory, on the ground of its illegality. Who told Mr. Hess that the award is illegal? How does he account for the demands made by his leader, Mr. Meredith, for two consecutive sessions, calling upon Sir John and his Government to ratify the award, made by three of the most distinguished arbitrators on the Continent of America. Until last session, Mr. Meredith supported every resolution of the Mowat Government censuring the Dominion Government for the non-ratification of the Boundary Award. The session that is just closed saw him, at the bidding of Sir John and the Quebec Blues, Mousseau and Masson, wheeling right about and declaring that the award is illegal. The latest Conservative candidate who follows Mr. Meredith, to wit, Mr. Hess, says to the intelligent electors of North Perth, we have no right to the 100,000 square miles of territory, which in future years ought to be our protection against direct taxation, because the award is illegal, and our rights should be sustained by legal means. The electors will no doubt remember on the 27th instant, that Mr. Hess, in the platform just published by him, is willing to sacrifice our territorial rights, or, as he hints, follow Mr. Meredith's suggestion and give the decision already given by a more competent tribunal to the Privy Council. Mr. Hay, they will also remember, is the unflinching champion of legislative and territorial rights, and we are not afraid as to whom the people will entrust, if they consult their own interests, with their rights for the next four years. The next plank deals with the Rivers and Streams Bill. It may well be imagined that if Mr. Hess is audacious enough in asking the suffrages of the electors of this riding to declare that he is willing to reduce Ontario to a third-rate province of Confederation, he would not scruple also to vote for the reduction of our Local Legislature to a sham and a delusion. He may be pardoned for alluding to the Rivers and Streams Bill as depriving Mr. McLaren of his private property, silly as the statement is, coming from an aspirant for political honors; but when he alludes to the Mercer Estate as having been confiscated by the Government, patience ceases to be a virtue. The Government did not confiscate the Mercer Estate. The Courts decided that the claimants to the property had no legal claims, and by the law of escheat the estate reverted to the Crown. Mr. Mowat applied the funds awarded by the legitimate tribunals of the country to the building and maintenance of an institution of which the people of the country feel some pride. Mr. Hess, in his views of the licensing system, is even bolder than his leader. He calls out, "No centralization!" Let the municipalities be allowed the right, as of yore, of licensing the liquor traffic. That is to say, abolish the Crooks Act, and let the busy ward politician once more indulge in the luxury of licensing by the wholesale, grogeries and saloons. Free trade in whiskey! Electors of North Perth, what think you of the People's Candidate! We call upon tavern-keepers, where trade has been made respectable by the Crooks Act, upon temperance men and lovers of law and order, in Perth, to condemn with an unmistakable verdict this man who is willing that we should plunge back into the regime of crime and drunkenness, notorious during the old license system. Let our friends only do their duty to themselves and their country, and the victory is ours by a majority that will entirely be triumphant.

UNTRUE.

The following morsel of Parliamentary history, for the enlightenment of the electors of North Perth, appeared in a late issue of the Volksfreund, one of our town contemporaries. This newspaper, being printed in the German language, is, of course, specially intended for German readers, but we question if there is a German in the riding, so utterly ignorant of the facts connected with the Boundary Award dispute as not to know that the state-

ments made use of by the Volksfreund are utterly untrue. It said: In the year 1874 when the Government at Ottawa referred the question to arbitrators for decision the Conservatives were satisfied with the proposal. These arbitrators gave their decision in 1878 in favor of Ontario, and the question would have been set at rest thereby, and the Conservatives were satisfied it should be so. But now the Reform party, which until then had pretended to guard the welfare of Ontario so zealously, showed the cloven-foot. In consequence of the trade question another Government suddenly got into power at Ottawa. This Government was willing to accept the award. Mr. Meredith, Sir John A. Macdonald and Mr. A. Morris have said this again and again. But by such a step the lever would have been taken out of the hands of the Mowat Government wherewith they could turn the people in their favor. For then it was no longer a question of the welfare of the country, but a question of the existence of the party. For that reason the dispute must under no consideration be brought to a termination. But they know that the people of Ontario wanted the question settled; in order therefore to shift the responsibility of the delay they adopted a contemptible policy of slander. It is said, they, the Conservative party, that will not give Ontario her rights, &c. Would it be believed that there is scarcely a statement in the above that is not untrue. Shortly after the award was made, in 1878, it was confirmed by Mr. Mowat's Government; the Dominion Government at first found excuses for delay in ratifying it. At a more recent period, they began to take objection to some of its features and finally repudiated it altogether. The whole of the responsibility rests along with the Dominion and not with the Ontario Government. MR. HESS'S CANVASS. From the letter furnished us from a Mornington correspondent, and which appears in another column, we are given an insight as to the manner in which Mr. Hess is prosecuting his canvass amongst the electors of the riding. It is true that in one sense there is no absolute rule for canvassing. A candidate may resort to any means within the bounds of the law to influence an elector in his favor, but, at the same time, as there is honor in war, so there ought to be something like a color of honor observed in the mode of soliciting votes. Mr. Hess's appeal to his countrymen, to his nationality, and not to the cause he maintains, or the principles he opposes, is a disreputable practice, and one which no gentleman worthy to be a member of Parliament would be guilty of. But, perhaps, with him it is a matter of necessity, and for that there is no law, either moral or civil. Knowing that he is without the first qualification, from a mental point of view, for the position to which he aspires, and knowing that he would never have been selected as a candidate in behalf of the Conservative party, but from his supposed probability of catching the German vote, Mr. Hess is playing the only card he thinks likely to be of any use. But we are happy to learn that the intelligent Germans of the North Riding are not the serfs to national prejudice that Mr. Hess and other political wire-pullers supposed them to be; and we are certain that the mean attempt that has been made to induce our German friends to prostitute their political principles for the sake of nationality, will meet a proper and lasting rebuke at the polls on the 27th instant. Editorial Notes. Mr. Kirkpatrick has been elected Speaker of the House of Commons. The Conservatives of West Lambton have nominated E. P. Watson as their candidate to oppose Hon. Mr. Pardee. A FEW days ago, on the eve of his departure for Ottawa, G. W. Ross, M. P., was made the recipient of an address from the Young Men's Liberal Club, of Glencoe. The Mail says Mr. W. R. Davis' prospects in the South Riding are becoming brighter every day. From this we infer that his prospects some time ago were hopelessly dark. MONTREAL Witness:—The Mowat Government has wisely, honestly and economically administered the affairs of Ontario, and the people of Ontario know it and will probably support it. The time for trying the Bothwell election petition has been extended by the High Court. It is not likely that the trial will now take place till the close of the session of Parliament.

DR. ROBITAILLE, brother of the Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, has been called to the Senate, vice Hon. Eugene Chénier, of Quebec, resigned. He will move the Address to the Speech from the Throne in the Senate, which will be seconded by Hon. John O'Donohue. REFORM nominations Saturday were made as follows:—South Brant, Hon. A. S. Hardy; Brockville Riding, Hon. C. F. Fraser; Stormont, Mr. Isaiah Warner, Reeve of the township of Onabruk; South Grenville, Mr. John Adams; West Durham, Dr. McLaughlin; West Simcoe, Mr. Robt. Paton. The Conservatives have nominated Mr. Thomas Cowan in South Waterloo; Mr. John Miller in South Ontario; Mr. T. J. French in South Grenville; Mr. N. Murphy, Toronto, in West Wellington; Mr. C. C. Robinson in North York. LONDON Advertiser:—The Toronto Mail says that the extension of the franchise to farmers' sons was first proposed by the Toronto Mail. This is not a fact. It was proposed by some of the Reform candidates as early as 1867, and it was proposed by Mr. Mills in the House of Commons when Sir John Macdonald first introduced a Dominion Franchise Bill. That measure shows precisely what the views of the Tory party were upon the subject of the franchise. Sir John then said to enfranchise the farmers' sons would be a fraud upon the property holders. The cry that Sir John or the Mail "is your friend" will not be believed. PORT Hope News:—Through the Crooks Act the whiskey ring influence has been removed from municipal corporations—a better system of hotel inspection has been inaugurated than was previously in existence—a more desirable class of persons are now engaged in the trade—greater care is exercised in the issuance of licenses—fewer licenses are issued than formerly—the old hell-holes of bygone days are closed up—a large sum is received by municipalities, and many objectionable features in connection with the traffic have disappeared. Such are the expressions heard on all sides from observing, thoughtful, intelligent, and sober men. CORNWALL Freeholder:—What the Ontario Government has done for the promotion of Agriculture entitles it to the support and respect of every farmer. In fact no Government ever did so much for the farming community as has the Mowat Administration. It has assisted in every possible way the various agricultural associations by liberal grants. It has promoted horticulture by generous assistance to the Fruit Growers' Association. It has encouraged the Dairy Association in a substantial manner. It has devised means and made liberal provision for the drainage of land, whereby thousands of acres are annually brought into a state of cultivation. EXCHANGE: Mr. J. B. Plumb has been packed away in the Senate. We shall miss the dear, old boy. His speeches were such real nice reading for finishing up an evening on. They sent us off into such an agreeable sleep, and one awoke, not with a start, but in a dreamy air of poesy, they lead one to forget care, to take another doddle of rye, and retire to one's regular slumbers regardless of whether one's boots were on or not. He is now wrapped in the swaddling cloak of our Canadian peerage, and tucked in the Senatorial bassinet, and though the still small voice may yet cry out for pip, the plaintive cry will never more be recorded in the public press. The following complimentary notice of our Local Member which appeared in a late issue of the Woodstock Sentinel Review, of the present position of affairs, is very correctly given: Among the ablest private members of the Ontario Legislature is Mr. D. D. Hay, the representative of NorthPerth. Well-informed, industrious and an excellent speaker, Mr. Hay has always been able to take a prominent and highly creditable part in the work and debates of the House, as well as to do effective service in current political discussions upon the platform. Having been renominated in the present contest as the Reform candidate, an attempt, more cunning than creditable, is being made to defeat him by an appeal to the prejudice of race, but we have too much confidence in the fidelity of the Reformers of NorthPerth of all classes and nationalities, to believe that this attempt will succeed. In Mr. Hay they have each and all had an efficient and faithful representative and upon this, the only legitimate and highest ground upon which a public servant can appeal for the approval of his constituents, he is eminently entitled to a triumphant reelection. As MR. MEREDITH is expected to visit this Riding next week, with the object of justifying if possible the course taken by the Opposition in the Local

Legislature, it would be well amongst other things, that he show why, during the session of 1881, he and his followers voted for the following resolutions, which they now repudiate: "1. That this House deeply regrets that notwithstanding the unanimous award made on the 3rd of August, 1878, by the arbitrators appointed by the joint and concurrent action of the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario, to determine the northerly and westerly boundaries of this Province, no legislation has been submitted by the Government of Canada to the Dominion Parliament for the purpose of confirming that award, nor has the validity of the award yet been recognized by the Government of Canada. "2. That the omission of the Government and Parliament of Canada to confirm the award is attended with great inconvenience, has the effect of retarding settlement and municipal organization, embarrasses the administration of the laws, and interferes with the preservation of the peace, the maintenance of order, and the establishment of good Government in the northerly and northwesterly parts of the Province of Ontario. "3. That it is the duty of the Government of Ontario to assert and maintain the just claims and rights of the Province of Ontario as determined by the award of the arbitrators, and this House hereby reaffirms its determination to give its cordial support to the Government of Ontario in any steps it may be necessary to take to sustain the award, and to assert and maintain the just claims and rights of the Province as thereby declared and determined." DOMINION PARLIAMENT. OPENING OF THE SESSION. The House of Commons was formally opened on Thursday, last week. After the usual Parliamentary ceremonies had been performed and a Speaker elected, His Excellency the Governor-General delivered the following address from the throne, on the following afternoon: Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons: It is my pleasing duty on the opening of a new Parliament to congratulate you on the auspicious circumstances under which you will begin your labours. Canada is in the enjoyment of peace and prosperity, and all her industries, agricultural, manufacturing, and commercial, are in a healthy and improving condition. Following the example of my distinguished predecessor, I paid a visit of some length to British Columbia last season. The great natural resources of that Province promise that as soon as the Pacific Railway is completed, an impulse to its prosperity commensurate with the progress made elsewhere will be assured. Meanwhile the disposal of the lands set aside in aid of the railway to actual settlers will add to the importance and wealth of the Province. While passing through the United States, I was rejoiced to observe many evidence of regard for the Empire of which this country forms so large a portion. May this friendship, which is so fully returned by us, be as enduring as it is natural and advantageous to the mutual interests, of both great nations. The steady flow of settlers into Manitoba and the North-West territories last year, and the assurances received of an increased immigration during the coming season, promise well for the early development of those fertile and salubrious regions. It is important that the laws relating to the representation of the people in Parliament should be amended, and the electoral franchises existing in the several Provinces assimilated. A measure for this purpose will be submitted for your consideration. I am advised that the judgment of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council delivered last June, in the appeal of Russell v. The Queen, goes to show that in order to prevent the unrestrained sale of intoxicating liquors, and for the purpose to regulate the granting of shop, saloon, and tavern licenses, legislation by the Dominion Parliament will be necessary. Your earnest consideration of this important subject is desired. Your attention is specially invited to a measure regulating factory labour, and the protection of the workman and his family. Bills for the consolidation and amendment of the laws relating to the customs, the militia, and the public lands, will be laid before you. I am glad to be able to inform you that the progress of the Canadian Pacific Railway has been quite unprecedented. Traffic can now be carried on the main line from Thunder Bay to within fifty miles of the crossing of the South Saskatchewan, a distance of over one thousand miles. It is confidently expected that the Rocky Mountains will be reached during the present year, that within the same period substantial progress will be made on

the Lake Superior section of the railway, and the track laid upon a large portion of the road now under contract in British Columbia. I have also pleasure in stating that the traffic on the Intercolonial Railway is largely in excess of any former year, and that the balance in favour of the road shows a gratifying increase. Gentlemen of the House of Commons: The accounts of the last fiscal year will be laid before you. You will be pleased to learn that notwithstanding the expenditure on capital account amounting to more than seven millions of dollars, the surplus of the consolidated revenue together with the proceeds of the sales of the lands in the North West during last year were more than sufficient to cover that expenditure, and that the net debt at the close of the year and the amount of interest paid thereon were less than for the year previous. The estimates for the ensuing year will also be submitted. They have been prepared with all due economy consistent with the necessary development of the varied resources of the Dominion. On the first of January, 1885, the large five per cent. loan will mature. A bill will be submitted authorizing the issue of debentures bearing a rate of interest not exceeding 4 per cent. for the redemption of this loan. Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate; Gentlemen of the House of Commons: The subjects I have mentioned to you are of much importance, and I commend them to your consideration with full confidence in your discretion and patriotism. A World of Good. One of the most popular medicines now before the American public, is Hop Bitters. You see it everywhere. People take it with good effect. It builds them up. It is not as pleasant to the taste as some other Bitters, as it is not a whiskey drink. It is more like the old-fashioned bone-set tea, that has done a world of good. If you don't feel just right, try Hop Bitters. —Nunda News. —On Friday, last week, Frank McCormick whilst coupling cars at Palmerston station, met with an accident to the forefinger of his right hand, necessitating amputation at the first joint. An Answer Wanted. Can any one bring us a case of Kidney or Liver Complaint that Electric Bitters will not speedily cure? We say they cannot, as thousands of cases already permanently cured and who are daily recommending Electric Bitters, will prove. Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Weak Back, or any urinary complaint quickly cured. They purify the blood, regulate the bowels, and act directly on the diseased parts. Every bottle guaranteed. For sale at 50c. a bottle by J. H. Michener. —It is stated that Prince Olloff, Russian ambassador to France, while in Berlin declared that Russia relied on Austria and German friendship, and valued the security of the peace of Europe the more because of Russia's absorbing interests in Asia. "Humanity's great hope for the future is alone to be realized in improved conditions of matrimony." What a profound obligation does this fact involve! Those who realize the responsibility can hardly do better than take advice from Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham whose wonderful remedies for the cure of all diseases peculiar to women are so justly celebrated. Send for pamphlet. —The following salaries are paid to the Goderich staff of the High School for 1883: Mr. H. L. Strang, \$1,200; Mr. A. J. Moore, \$800; Mr. S. P. Halls, \$800; Miss I. E. Oliver, \$450. "Evil dispositions are early shown." Evil tendencies in our systems are to be watched and guarded against. If you find yourself getting bilious, head heavy, mouth foul, eyes yellow, kidneys disordered, symptoms of piles tormenting you, take at once a few doses of Kidney-Wort. It is nature's great assistant. Use it as an advance-guard—Don't wait to get down sick. Read adv't. —The Dublin authorities have accepted the evidence of John Devine, one of the prisoners charged with the murder of Policeman Cox. Devine's evidence will be very startling. "Diamond Dyes will color any thing any color, and never fail. The easiest and best ways to economize. 10 cents, at all druggists. —It is reported that the Castle line steamer Kenmare Castle, 2,000 tons, from London bound to Shanghai, by the way of the Suez Canal, is lost and the passengers saved, but many of the crew drowned. A Life Saving Present. Mr. M. E. Allison, Hutchinson, Kan., saved his life by a simple Trial Bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, for Consumption, which caused him to procure a large bottle, that completely cured him, when Doctors, change of climate and everything else had failed. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Severe Coughs, and all Throat and Lung diseases, it is guaranteed to cure. Trial Bottles free at J. H. Michener's Drug Store. Large size \$1.00.

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