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## THE HURON SIGNAL

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FRIDAY, OCT. 2ND, 1885.

### SO-CALLED "INDEPENDENTS."

A few papers in Canada are arrogating to themselves the title of the "independent press," and claim that all others are partisan, and, therefore, not reliable in editorial utterance. The absurdity of such pretensions is obvious to all. There are two great parties in Canada, and no matter what straddle-fence utterance may be given by the milk-and-water "independent" sheets, the editors of these sheets have their political leaning toward one or other of the great parties, and when election day comes around exercise their franchise one way or the other. If they don't do so, they are worse than ciphers in the body politic; and if they do, what avails all their preaching when their practice is the other way? The party politics of this country are like the departments in a great mechanical workshop. The individuals in one department may have different crochets from the artisans in another, but there is a grand central authority that governs the entire works, and so long as the individuals are loyal to that central authority the business goes on satisfactorily. When mutiny begins and strikes occur, injury is done to all concerned. And thus it is with a political party. We have our leader and our heads of departments in each locality. We have men who have grown grey in political harness, and made state-craft their special science, and though we may not at all times see eye to eye with them yet on the great lines of political demarcation we are with them. When such is the fact what are we to think of those who from splenetic or other motives raise a hue and cry and want to annihilate party lines? If the present parties were disintegrated tomorrow others would arise in their place, and so on, and so on. In no country under the sun has party government been done away with, and no such change will be made until the millennium comes. But even when the time comes for the lion and lamb to lie down together, we will find some of the so-called "independent" folk who will endeavor to be free of the existing order of things, but whose efforts will then be as futile as those of today.

The disposal of Riel is one of the important questions of the day, and the friends and opponents of Sir John are impatiently waiting to see what the old politician will do in the case. The Orange section of the Tory party will be satisfied with nothing, so they say, but the execution of the leader of the Northwest rebellion; and the Quebec *Bleus* are equally anxious that his life should be spared. We are out of the quarrel and have no interest in the difference of opinion between the Brethren and the *Bleus*, but present indications point that Sir John will do as he did when the Orange bill was before the Dominion House—continue to retain the good will of his French supporters. The Tories will talk loudly for a time, but when election day comes round they will, as in times past, fall into line, and lick the hand that smote them. We shall see what we shall see.

THE Tory papers are again going in for plenty of coarse personal abuse of the editors of this paper. And the editors of this paper smile serenely, and push the circulation of THE SIGNAL on the strength of the free advertising the Tory press is giving us. The younger Tories, however, are surprised to find on close inspection that we do not wear hoofs and horns, as the virulent party press would have them believe. The best commendation a Liberal editor can have is that the Tory press is down upon him. And so we let the gutter journals

The big pumpkin and the mammoth mangel wurtzel are on deck, and so the prize list of the fall show has crowded our usually powerful editorial articles. The interesting "figures of speech" in the prize list will more than compensate for the absence of the above mentioned "powerful articles."

The *Star* last week alluded to the "red-headed editor" of THE SIGNAL. To save argument, we'll admit the impeachment and allow that the editor's head is red,—in fact, everything in THE SIGNAL is read, and that's more than can be said about the *Star*. Notwithstanding these facts our advertising rates have not been increased.

The School Board will meet on Monday evening at the Central School. The public will doubtless be well represented, and the scenes of the last meeting will hardly be repeated. But perhaps some of the bifurcated orators of the board will make the meeting an occasion for abusing persons either absent or present, as is sometimes done at the Goderich school board.

The editor of the *Guelph Mercury*, who attended a meeting of the Crofters in Scotland last month writes:—

There was one incident at this meeting strongly characteristic of the strong and simple faith of the crofters in the aid to be received from a Higher Power, but so far as we were aware, never before practiced at a political gathering. It was opened by prayer.

Two years ago a Reform convention at Brucefield, in South Huron, was opened by prayer. Hon. Alex. Mackenzie led in that exercise.

We are pleased to see that the *Star* is again making an effort to straighten itself on the temperance question. We must encourage our contemporary in its good efforts, and hope it will not again yield to political temptation. We are glad to know that good influence is not wasted upon the *Star* editor, and that it is possible to brace him up occasionally by running a sort of moral poker up his back. We never rejoice over the slippings of a truly good man; we correct him when he goes astray; we commend him when he returns to the light. The editor of the *Star* is again on the right track, and we give cheerful testimony to this pleasing fact.

The Hamilton *Spectator* bears the following testimony to the ability of one of Mr. Mackenzie's appointees to the bench, our former townsman, Judge Sinclair:—

"Mr. Sinclair, before his elevation to the bench, was an earnest Reformer. We have no doubt that his sympathy with the Reform party is as strong to-day as ever. On the bench he lays aside his partisanship and endeavors to administer justice without fear, favor or affection. He has excellent natural ability, a quick, penetrating intellect, and remarkable facility in getting at the real merits of cases brought before him." The Reform Government always appointed good men to the bench.

The Hamilton *Times* has the following sensible and timely words:—"Goderich is to have a Young Men's Liberal Club. The recent convention begins to bear fruit. It boldly admits the right of the young men to take a full share in the governance of the country, and by active co-operation with their seniors, by meetings at which public questions may be discussed, and information exchanged, the young men can do much to qualify themselves for the work which lies before them. The young men are the hope of the country. They cannot afford to stand idly by while she is being misgoverned by her substance wasted by incapable old fossils of the Macdonald and Pope type."

The Toronto *World* of Tuesday has the following:—

The Scott Act in Goderich. When the Scott act came into operation in Goderich last May a gentleman there got the following prescription from his medical man, which he has used ever since: "Two gallons whiskey, two gallons native wine, two dozen ale, one bottle gin, one bottle brandy, to be taken monthly until further orders."—M. D.

We would like to see the original before believing the prescription to be genuine. However, with the incapable (or worse than incapable) commissioners and inspectors, such a condition of affairs could well be imagined. If one liquor store were "pulled" in Goderich both would have to be, and the Inspector, who loves his position and salary, dare not prosecute one of them for the most obvious reasons. We need not look for an honest and fearless administration of the Scott Act until we have new commissioners, and a new inspector in West Huron.

## WEST HURON LIBERALS.

The Reform Convention at Duncannon on Monday promises to be a success. Among the speakers expected, whose names have been already announced, will be W. T. R. Preston, secretary of the Reform Association of Ontario.

Again we say to the Reformers of West Huron, young and old, rally around the Liberal banner at Duncannon on Monday.

The friends of temperance will be pleased to know that the diminution of drunkenness was most noticeable on fair day. There was not one drunken man to the score on former occasions. Score one for the Scott Act.

Now is the time for the Reformers in the different constituencies to band themselves together and to adopt means to hinder the voters' lists being tampered with hereafter by the revising barristers. It will entail some trouble and considerable expense, but if proper means be taken the results will well repay the work done. Our Tory friends will not require to lose time or money in the matter, as in the majority of cases the revising barristers will look after their interests. Reformers be up and doing.

The town council will meet tonight. The harbor mill taxation question will come up, and we hope the best interests of the town will be served, irrespective of any clique or any outside influence. The council will need to act cautiously and justly, as there is a great division of opinion upon the question. So far the press has left the council to decide the matter as they think best, but that does not imply that they are not keeping a keen eye upon the action of the town fathers on this ticklish subject.

## NEWS ABOUT HOME.

A child's among ye, takin notes 'An' faith he'll prent it."

**TOWN TOPICS.**  
George Stewart, photographer, is ready to take all kinds of photographs on the shortest notice. He invites an inspection of samples. Books and stationery in variety at Mrs. Cooke's. Send your children to Mrs. Cooke's for school supplies. Young and old get equal attention at Mrs. Cooke's book and stationery store.

Don't be deceived by the warm weather, but get your overcoat ordered at once at F. & A. Pridham's. For stylish suits for nobles, overcoats call upon F. & A. Pridham, Crab's block.

TO THE FARMERS.—Call at the Goderich foundry and leave your orders for horse powers, steam cutters, grain crusher, hand rollers, stoves, furnaces, etc. RICHMAN BROS.

The fall show is now over, but Sallows, the photographer, is still making a specialty of portraits in the picture line. If you want a correct and correct likeness of yourself, call upon Sallows.

NOY ROY LATE YET.—It is not yet too late to get your houses, fences or gates painted with durable coloring. Call upon E. R. Watson, the Goderich painter, for estimates. He aims to give satisfaction on every job. E. R. Watson.

Saunders & Son continue to supply all purchases of coal stoves with cheap and stove coal, at special prices, direct from the mines. Don't forget to ask prices of our stoves before buying, and save money. The cheapest house under the sun.

"FINE TAILORING."—GENTLEMEN.—Our stock is now complete for fall and winter trade. Our prices cannot possibly be surpassed, quality and style considered. Take a look through our immense range of new goods complete at A. P. McLean's.

H. Clucas will return shortly to Brantford.

Mrs. Black is visiting friends at Detroit.

Alex. Saunders was in Toronto this week.

James McVicar has taken a contract at Clinton.

Harry Holmes, of Theford, was in town this week.

Jamieson Reid returned to Lucknow on Tuesday last.

W. Davis took in the wonders of Chicago during the week.

Mrs. McBride, of the Albion, spent the past week at Detroit.

Mrs. T. Dark has returned from a visit to Clinton and Kippen.

Messrs. John and William McVicar are building a bridge at Ayr.

W. Armstrong is at Clinton, in the establishment of J. C. Dettler.

Miss Frankie Savage returns to Buffalo this week accompanied by her nephew. O. C. Williams, of Seaford, well known in Goderich, is on a holiday trip to the United States.

Mrs. Martin Murphy, of Hamilton, is professor of vocal music at the Hamilton Ladies' College.

Mrs. F. Lawrence and Miss Dark were this week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Wilson, Detroit.

Joshua Moore, who was in the employ of H. H. Kimes, has returned to his home at Detroit.

Mrs. W. McLean we learn, intends spending the winter in California for the benefit of her health.

Miss Noble has accepted a position in the store of J. Robertson, Clinton, as mantle and dressmaker.

J. C. Harrison, of the Palace roller rink, returned from a business trip to Detroit on Monday last.

Mr. McCloskey, of Yale, B. C., was the guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Evans, Cambria road.

M. Crossman almost lost his fine horse recently, from his eating too plentifully of new mown hay and oats.

Mrs. Frazer and four children, of Windsor, is the guest of James McFarlane, Mrs. Frazer's father.

D. Cantelon shipped a large quantity of apples by steamer for the North-west on this port last week.

Mrs. Alex. Kirkbride has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. Logan, of Stratford, for the past two weeks.

Dunlop, the merchant tailor, is advertising fashionable tweeds and cheap ready made clothing, overcoats, etc.

Three or four liquor cases will be tried at Clinton today. Mr. Campion, of Goderich, has been asked to defend.

Rev. J. McLeary, of Holmesville, preached at Victoria Street Church, both morning and evening, on Sunday last.

Quite a number of our citizens took advantage of the excursion on Friday last to Chicago, Detroit and other places.

The doughty sheriff showed his pluck and power on fair day by stopping a fight. He is a useful man in a crowd yet.

Capt. and Mrs. Jackson, who have spent the summer at the Albion, purpose returning to their home at Philadelphia.

Mrs. Simpson and little daughter, of Seaford, spent Sunday in town, the guest of Mrs. M. Johnston, Kingston street.

The Salvation Army made three concerts on Sunday last, one of them being considered a remarkable case. May all hold fast.

The "Harvest Home" of North St. Methodist church congregation will be given as usual on the evening of Thanksgiving day.

Rev. Mr. Forrest, of Bayfield, preached in Knox church on Sunday morning, and the discourse was a pleasing and profitable one.

Mrs. W. Smith, East street, is visiting her son, James Smith, at Detroit, whose wife has been very ill for some time past.

Miss Hodge returned on Wednesday last from a very pleasant visit at Toronto where she was the guest of her brother, A. Hodge.

Miss Lottie Polley, we understand, will teach in St. David's ward school for the remainder of the term, in room of Miss Casaday.

Capt. Cox, who has been in delicate health for some time, will with Mrs. Cox, retire from the British Exchange at an early day.

Keith McLean has accepted a position in the G. T. R. shops, Stratford, where he is studying mechanical engineering. We wish him success in his adopted profession.

E. Hopper, who drives the dray, has a card in this week's issue. We commend him to our readers. A local dispatch waggon is a very convenient thing for the town.

Bairnsfather, the Scottish vocalist, will be heard on Wednesday, October 28th. Let the sons of the heather give the minstrel a bumper house when he comes this time.

Dr. S. J. Fraser, of Michigan, and his bride, spent a portion of their honeymoon in Goderich during the week, and were the guests of the doctor's father, Deputy Registrar Fraser.

Next Sunday educational sermons will be preached at the North street Methodist church by Rev. Andrew Cunningham, of Mitchell. The collections will be in aid of the educational fund.

Intelligence has been received from the Educational Department allowing the work of the Model School to be continued on the present plan until the arrival of the Model School Inspector.

Mrs. G. W. Thompson, of Goderich, a former resident of Stratford, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Holmes, of this town, returned home last week accompanied by her daughter, Aggie.—(Strathroy Age).

At St. Peter's during the month of October, on week days, the masses will be said at 6.30 a.m. and 8 a.m., and prayers and benediction will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings throughout the month.

The funeral of the late John McDonald, of Port Huron, father of John McDonald, Bayfield road, and of Mrs. Connors, took place on Tuesday last at Hullett, his remains being brought by train. Rev. Fr. Watters officiated.

The entertainment given in Victoria Hall on Monday by the Goderich Amateur Dramatic Club was up to the high standard attained by our local players. We regret that the press of other matters prevents a fuller notice of the pieces presented.

George Cox, foreman of the Goderich Signal, was called at The Times office last Saturday. Mr. Cox is one of the oldest printers in the county, and has been connected with THE SIGNAL ever since it first started, over 37 years ago.—(Wingham Times).

THE GODERICH SIGNAL, under the management of the Messrs. McGillicuddy, has entered its sixth year. THE SIGNAL is now 37 years old, is an able and well conducted newspaper, and an ever welcome visitor to our sanctuary.—(Amherstburg Echo).

Henry Horton, who spent a couple of months in Great Britain and Ireland, returned last week. He was delighted with his trip. It was nearly thirty years since he saw old England, and the changes that have taken place during that period were many and great.

Here is a local item which seems to have a very great present popularity with the press:—"Now that harvest is over and the beautiful crops have been gathered, we all expect those of our subscribers who are in arrears to plank down the cash without any further dunning."

SALVATION ARMY.—The holiness meeting at the barracks on Wednesday evening was the most approved of any S. A. meeting. Dr. Striving, of Kingston, has a perfect mastery of religious thoughts and Biblical knowledge. He was assisted by Staff Captain Glover, D. O., and Captain Hassan.

We are pleased to learn that at the recent Manitoba teachers' examination Miss Rose Currie, daughter of our old townsman and chief constable, J. C. Currie, succeeded in obtaining a second class B certificate. Her success is all the more creditable as the papers this year were rather harder than usual.

The biggest bass of the season was caught on Tuesday by the venerable George Morrow, uncle of Mrs. Cooke. The old gentleman caught his fish in the river, near the end of the breakwater, and had a lively time landing it. The bass weighed exactly three pounds and six ounces. Mr. Morrow is being congratulated on his catch.

TEMPERANCE RALLY.—The temperance meeting to be held in the Temperance Hall under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. has been postponed until Tuesday, October 13th. Some pointed and practical speeches and good music may be expected. Mark the date on your tablets, and turn out and hear the proceedings of the next temperance meeting.

We guess we will have to take it all back. The *Wingham Times* says:—"The Goderich Signal thinks it would have been better had the Wingham Calceonian Society not had horse races in connection with their games. As there was no race of that description, or even a horse on the grounds, the advice of our cotenants is quite inopportune." It was a mistake of our proof-reader in the first place. We wrote horse-race.

AN ORATORICAL TREAT.—We direct close attention to the advertisement of the lecture by John R. Clarke, the "Boot-Boot Orator." Mr. Clarke is said to be a most eloquent speaker, and he has made a reputation for himself for wit and oratory. The lecture in Victoria Hall on Tuesday will be well worth hearing, and those who would listen to one of the most popular platform speakers of the day should go and hear him. Don't miss it.

SANDY MCCALLUM'S BOARD BILL.—This so-called case came off at the division court yesterday. J. McBride, of the Albion hotel, brought an action for some \$100 against A. M. Polley for boarding his bus driver for several months. It was brought out that the boarding of the well-known bus driver was part of the arrangement made between Polley and McBride when the Albion was running a free bus. Polley was to furnish the bus, and McBride was to board the driver. McBride lost the case.

The well known legal firm Cameron, Holt & Cameron, of Goderich, has enlarged its membership by the admission into partnership of C. C. Ross, barrister, son of the Provincial Treasurer. The name of the firm will not be changed, however. We congratulate our young townsman on his promotion. The new partner associated with the firm, and since passing the necessary examinations has been with the eminent firm of McCarthy, Oiler, Hoskin & Creelman. The increasing business of Cameron, Holt & Cameron will now be better served than ever.

AN ORIGINAL COMPOSITION.—The music of the voluntary sung in Knox church on Sunday evening was, we understand, the composition of the leader of the choir, E. L. Brown. It is a very pleasing composition, and was written on the occasion of Henry Horton crossing the Atlantic, and it was originally intended to sing it on the Sunday he was on the water. The piece is called "Horton," and the gentleman after whom the music was named had the satisfaction of assisting in the first public singing of it on Sunday night. We congratulate Mr. Brown on his musical gift. The composition will become popular.

CLINTON FAIR.—The Clinton fall show, held on Thursday and Friday of last week, was a great success. The weather was very favorable, the exhibition was a good one, and the number of persons attending was large. The band tournament attracted much attention. The prizes in this competition were awarded as follows:—1st prize to Waterloo Band, 2nd to Wingham Band, and 3rd to Clinton Town Band. These were the only bands that contested though the Goderich, Blyth and Doherty bands were on the grounds. Judges:—Prof. De Peudry, Goderich; Prof. Hiscocks, London, Chas. Blackstone, Clinton.

FAREWELL SOCIAL.—The farewell social to be tendered to John McGillivray, B. A., this evening in Knox Church, promises to be very successful. An excellent programme of readings, singing, etc., has been provided, and the choir has spared no trouble to make the evening an enjoyable one. Addresses are expected from all our resident ministers. Miss Knox, who is said to be one of the most pleasing elocutionists in Canada, will make her first appearance before a Goderich audience on this occasion. Refreshments will be served from six till eight o'clock. The admission fee charged is 25 c., but good value is promised.

SARNOV ON MARRIAGE.—Rev. T. M. Campbell, of North Street Methodist church preached a very salutary sermon on matrimony on two successive Sabbath evenings, ending on Sunday evening last. His very particular advice to the young women, was to impress upon their minds a love of simplicity and naturalness, which charms the truest men. His advice to young men was that they should love their homes. No young woman should marry a man who did not respect his parents, for he would never respect his wife. Mr. Campbell also stated that matrimony is too often talked of in jest, with much levity, but it was one of the most important steps in the life of man or woman.

S. S. ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.—A programme of the 12th Annual Provincial Convention of the Sabbath School Association of Canada, to be held in Stratford City on the 20th, 21st and 22nd of October, has been received at this office. The programme is a most interesting one, the Executive Committee apparently having left nothing undone calculated to make the session one of great helpfulness to all concerned. Delegates upon arriving at Stratford should proceed immediately to the place of meeting, Knox church, where the Reception Committee will furnish them with the railway authorities for the return journey at one fare and a third. Certificates for this purpose will be furnished on receipt of the filled up blank form furnished. Judging from the names of distinguished Sabbath School workers on the programme, and that of Mr. Wm. Reynolds, of Peoria, Illinois, together with the Messrs. Whyte Brothers, who will conduct the music, the session will be one of the most interesting yet held. Institute exercises will be led by the Rev. Alfred Andrews, S. S. Secretary of the Guelph Conference.

COLDS.—SERIOUS FALL.—A man named Million fell from a mow to the threshing floor on Thursday and broke one of his legs. We have been unable to get particulars.

LESSONS.—FALL WHEAT.—The beautiful weather of the last few weeks is bringing along the fall wheat exceedingly well.

COLT DREN.—Mr. Linfield, lake shore, had a valuable colt die Sunday evening. The cause of death is uncertain.

FRUIT.—The apple buyers are buying the fall apples pretty briskly. It will pay farmers to look well after their orchards in the future.

People of Goderich and those who are prepared to SEWING MACHINES, 8 and ATTACHMENTS, 4 prices, best notice, illustrated.

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