

The Poet's Corner.

The Place Where the Old Horse Died. In the hollow, by the postard, where the crop is tall and rank...

PROROGATION.

His Excellency's speech to the Members of the House of Commons and the Senate. Yesterday the fourth session of the fourth Parliament of the Dominion was prorogued...

industries. I am, however, advised that their progress would have been still greater were it not that capitalists hesitate to embark their means in undertakings which which would be injured if not destroyed by a change in the trade and fiscal policy adopted by you in 1879.

SOUTH PERTH.

Rousing Reform Convention at Fullarton Corners.

James Trow, M. P., Unanimously Chosen Candidate for the Commons. FULLARTON CORNERS, May 19.—A Convention of the Reformers of South Perth was held here this afternoon, in the Village Hall.

Mr. Hugh Campbell, of Mitchell, President of the Reform Association, was called to the chair. He said the Riding was new about to enter upon a contest, and was pleased to see so large and enthusiastic a gathering present.

Mr. J. J. Crabbs, Mayor of St. Marys, acted as Secretary. Among those present, in addition to the delegates, were Messrs. Jas. Trow, M. P., for South Perth; A. Bishop, M. P. P. for South Huron; George R. Pattullo, Woodstock; A. Matheson, Stratford, and J. H. Rae, of Mitchell.

Messrs. John E. Harding, of St. Marys, and Dr. Hodge, of Mitchell, were appointed a committee on credentials, were appointed the following: DELEGATES PRESENT: Hibbert—W. A. Allison, Daniel Gallagher, Andrew McLellan, D. Mitchell, John Delaney, Thos. Gourlay, Alex. McLaren.

Fullarton—R. H. Bain, R. B. Gill, F. Anderson, Jas. Smith, Wm. Tiers, T. Curran, J. McIntyre. Downie—Geo. Frane, O. Smith P. Muir, W. Roger, D. Finnanagan, James Dunn.

Usborne—Jas. Elder, C. Monteith, Jas. Ballantyne, D. McGinnis, John Essery, Jas. Gilmore, S. Routley. Blanchard—Dr. Irvine, P. McVannell, Thos. Fern, Capt. Campbell, W. Ford, Wm. Carmichael, Chas. Bellamy.

St. Marys—H. E. Wilson, J. D. Moore, J. E. Harding, W. C. Moscrop, R. Bon, D. Dewar, M. W. Kenny. Mitchell—H. Campbell, Dr. Hodge, George Rily, Wm. Francis, John Whyte, Thos. McDonald, Wm. Kerr.

NEW FRIENDS WELCOMED. The President said he missed from the Convention the familiar faces of many old friends. He said that he was glad to welcome new friends from Usborne township. Said he, in concluding: They will loyally engage with us in the fight, and with us participate in the crowning success which is certain.

The gerrymander has been forced upon this Riding, but it will prove none of our funeral. We go forward in this campaign strengthened and encouraged by the able and successful leadership of Hon. E. Blake. (Applause.)

THE NOMINATION UNANIMOUS. Mr. John E. Harding then nomination Mr. James Trow, M. P., as the candidate for the approaching Dominion elections. Captain Campbell, of Blanchard, seconded the nomination.

No other names were mentioned by the Convention, and the delegates rose to three feet, en masse, declaring the nomination unanimous, and great enthusiasm and rounds of applause.

OFEN AND STRAIGHTFORWARD. The attention of the President having been called to the fact that there was present the representative of a Conservative paper, he said the convention did not intend to transact anything they would be ashamed of.

Mr. Harding—We don't do that kind of business at our meetings. All is open and above board. (Applause.)

The Chairman's salary carried on no such proceeding as to place at a recent convention at St. Marys, where the representative of a Reform journal was excluded.

Captain Campbell—No sale and no net business here, gentlemen. (Laughter.)

AN EXCELLENT SPEECH. Mr. Trow, in accepting the nomination assured the delegates of the heartiness of their reception was beyond his expectation. While in Ottawa he had written to several persons in the riding, stating that whoever might be the nominee of the convention, he would throw in all his energy and influence to elect. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart, and would enter as once upon the campaign. The elections, he said, had been sprung upon the country a year sooner than should have been the case. Some allege that the reason for this action on the part of the Government was because the wheat crop might prove a failure. (Laughter.) Others claim that the Government cannot trust Providence any longer. (Renewed laughter.) The fact that the matter seems to be that the longer their day of reckoning is put off, so much smaller is the probability of their success. The last crowning effort of the present Government has surprised even their own friends. Many Conservatives, as well as Reformers, had written to him complaining bitterly of the Redistribution Bill in which, as well shown by the general indignation, Conservatives had overstepped the mark in carrying water to their own mill. In this campaign there was every reason to believe that success for the Liberals was certain. The feeling was spreading that this last attempt to legislate the people out of their rights

is the crowning act of villainy which even Conservatives will not brook. Added to this was the sale of the country to the Syndicate. All along the Conservative leaders had boasted of the prosperity of the country on account of their national policy, but they dare not face the people's honest vote. They felt that they must get before another day, and so the "Gerris are hired." There was no necessity for changing the complexion of South Perth, as the population was on the verge of 21,000, which was considered the safe average. Leading Conservative wire-pullers in the House told him that they did not desire to touch South Perth. But they could not fix North Perth as they wanted without meddling with the South Riding. He believed that the newly-added township of Usborne would furnish him many warm friends—men of the right stamp. He felt that he must present so large an assembly of the leading members of the party in South Perth. Throughout the country unwavering confidence was expressed in the leadership of Hon. Mr. Blake. Speaking of the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Trow said that a few days ago he felt grieved beyond measure to observe the headless team to which he had been subjected by Sir John. Mr. Mackenzie had requested by motion that a certain portion of the township of St. field, gerrymandered from East York, be returned to him. Sir John would not comply; did not even deign to answer, but voted it down at once by the large majority at his back, exhibiting through a spirit of bitter animosity. It touched his heart far more than the loss of East-hope. After all his years of faithful service to the country this was the treatment Mr. Mackenzie received from the man he trusted in power in his hours of failing health.

A voice—What better could you expect from them? Mr. Trow went on to expose the machine-like regularity with which the supporters of the Government voted down the motion brought by the Opposition. They have endeavored to rally the people of their just rights in order to strengthen their own positions. In proof of this statement he cited the numerous glaring examples. During the session he had seen Mr. Guest, his opponent in this contest, at the House in close conversation with the leader of the Government. Mr. Guest then declared that he had nothing to do with politics, though he changed mind very suddenly after the gerrymander, and that he was going North-west, as that would be more profitable.

A voice—He's right, there. (Laughter.) Mr. Trow—"Perhaps he will think so before he gets through this campaign." He (speaker) said he was bound to win the election if there was any possibility of doing it by fair means. He felt quite confident as to the result. He exposed the gerrymander of the Government in the payment of old, humbugging claims and in general management of public business; condemned the unwarranted disallowance of Provincial legislation, and the robbery of the rights and territory of Ontario. In conclusion, he said that he intended to go bravely into the campaign, and asked his hearers to rally to the ranks of Reform in his support, the the nominee of the Convention. (Applause.)

COMPREHENSIVE RESOLUTION. Moved by Dr. Irwin of Kirkton seconded by Mr. J. Elder of Usborne, "That the members of the Convention express their hearty thanks to the noble band of patriots, led by the Hon. Edward Blake, who have so bravely stood up for the rights and liberties of the people of this Dominion during the last Parliament, and whose devotion to their duty has been the admiration of all lovers of high-minded statesmanship; and we pledge ourselves to do all we honorably can to secure the election of such candidates as will carry out the principles and policy of the Reform party in the House of Commons." (Applause.)

SHORT, STIRRING SPEECHES. Mr. Bishop, M. P. P., said this was the time for work, not talk. He reported very favorably on the state of the Reform party in Usborne. He pronounced the conduct of Sir John in connection with the gerrymander as cowardly, and traitorous to the best interest of Ontario. He was surprised to see Sir John attempt to tie the hands of Hon. Edward Blake behind his back and then smite him below the belt. At the close of this speech he heard three rousing cheers announcing the victory of Mr. Trow in South Perth.

Mr. Geo. R. Pattullo condemned the Government for springing the elections upon the country one year before the proper expiration of the present Parliament. It was wholly unjustifiable from a public standpoint, but might prove an advantage from a party standpoint. Such, at all events, was the object of the Government. But though unjust, this action would afford the people an early opportunity to get rid of the worst Government that had ever cursed this country.

He based upon the N. F. a policy of taxation upon the people, which enabled sugar and other monopolists to amass enormous fortunes in this country, and then retire to the Old Country and erect palatial residences. He said it appeared to him that the old fight for the principles of Responsible Government had to be fought over again in this Province. The Conservative party had turned back the dial of time fully twenty-five years, as was shown in the disallowance of Provincial Legislation by the Dominion Government. The gerrymander tended to destroy the very principles of Responsible Government. The wire-pullers of the Conservative party were responsible for this measure, but he would want to see whether the party would sanction the outrage at the polls. The great object of the measure was to save the "old man of the party." Sir John Macdonald, He strongly condemned the many atrocious features of this miserable Bill, and held that the supreme issue now before the people was: "Shall Responsible Government prevail in this country. Shall party or people rule?"

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A correspondent of the Guelph Mercury says—While in conversation the other day with an old time conservative he said to your correspondent:—"Well, I have supported the Tory party for 22 years, but I shall not support the in this time." "You don't mean to say you are going to vote for the 'Grits' queried your correspondent. "Well, I am," said he, "and it will be the first time I ever voted for the Reform party." Another gentleman who was standing beside him said, "That's my case exactly, and I will vote against it chiefly on the ground of anti-monopoly." And that's the case exactly with thousands of the Canadian people.

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