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A VOTE ON THE FUSION OUESTION We print in another column an article

from Bradstreet's on the Grand Trunk and Great Western fusion scheme. Respecting a main point made, it seems almost a without beiny detected ? We do not recall caucus to advocate the views or interests of fectly aware of the clique dictation under miracle of perversity that Great Western any other instance oi the discovery of a his constituency, nor to deliver his own which they lie helpless and bound, and comet during an eclipse. proprietors in England did not clearly see it months ago. Here are the facts : From played on this occasion is another interestthe beginning the Great Western has had its Canadian connections limited to the ing feature. The observers, it is said,

an connections initial to the succeeded in photographing the spectrum what else is he wanted for? My good could be brought out, and in many farther east it could not go. of the corona, and also in determining reader, I reply, look through the papers. they would be returned. We should not be Ontario peninsula. It was stopped short at Such was the case for a quarter of a cen- the place of the new comet by the same tury and more. Now observe what happens. There is thus every indication that the Something new turns un the Quebec and

Ontario road is put on the cards, offering full story of the doings of these astronoto the Great Western, for the first time, mers who went down into the laud of an eastern outlet through Canadian soil. Egypt armed with the marvellous instruan eastern outlet through Canadian son. Egypt armed with the will prove of ex- Hon. Edward Blake, or the Right Hon. Sir John Macdonald. Why are they so sent?

For its proprietors the new situation did not perhaps hold within itself the potentiality of riches beyond the dreams of avarice, but it did carry with it a reasonable his position on trial by jury made by Judge | ing man in Ottawa, and congratulate him | hope that the Great Western Armour and reported in the Globe. As on the result of the elections, and get rebe stronger than ever would usual the Globe, in its haste to get a point plies bcck, fully agreeing, and complimentbefore. More than a reasonable hope, inagainst the professor, misreported the deed, a certainty that, with a new eastern judge. But the latter in open court at once reoutlet through Canadian soil to the Canapudiated the Globe's report and expressed his able gentleman can assure him "is fully apdian seaboard, the prospects of the Great high opinion of Mr. Smith. The professor, preciated in the most influential quarters, Western would be revolutionized Such an opportunity never came to the Great in his reply, probed the whole matter when and will not be allowed to fade from their he says : "It would be unsafe to assume Western before ever since it was a road at the veracity, in any matter in which I am all. Now for the astounding, almost in-

concerned, of a jou .... which its proprietors credible part of the story. At the very allow to be used for the purpose of personal time when these new prospects are opening up, with a certainty of revolutionizing the malice." whole situation in favor of the Great IS THE N. P. SETTLED ?

Western, the shareholders get frightened The Telegram says so; and so does Mr. Mayor McMurrich. The former never has and sell out to the Grand Trunk ! In railway history there is probably not a more any opinion; the latter doesn't want to complete give-away upon record. At the have any-on the N. P. But Sir John very time when the Great Western was Macdonald says the issue before the electors about to obtain new and most important is the N. P. Shall it be continued ? advantages the proprietors "cave in" and So does the Globe say it is the issue, And retire from the nobly-maintained contest of the reformers of St. Patrick's ward thought twenty-five years. How they happened to so at their meeting on Saturday night when be caught, and to do this most extraordin- they began questioning Mr. McMurrich. ary thing, they will never be able satisfac- Let every candidate give a straight answer torily to explain, either to themselves or on this issue. There must be no trimming anybody else. As we said at the time, their or avoiding the issue, or begging the fusion vote of a few weeks ago will stand question. as one of the most unaccountable surprise CANADIAN INDEPENDENCE - THE party decisions on record.

NOMINATING OF CANDIDATES. The surprise party vote, however, is not [BY P. W. PHIPPS.] finally binding, it may possibly be reversed I wish, in this article, to comment on at the special general meeting which must one particular form of dependence, from yet be called to determine. But, let this which, in their progress towards political turn out as it may, perhaps the vote of the people of Ontario may count for some and national self-assertion, it is most desirable that Canadians free themselves. I thing. The Dominion elections are on. In would impress on the minds of all who read advancement, for after a number of years every constituency, candidates must appeal to the people and say where they stand. this that it would be an excellent thing, a movement towards independence, au exer-No better opportunity could be wanted ; if legislative sanction be needed cise of self-assertion, if the constituencies fusion it is the Dominion parliament that must consent or refuse. Now, we beg to put before the people of to represent them in Parliament.

ine comet was discovered close to the sun. select candidates ; they fan the agitation ; progress hindered, our resources wasted This could not have been the Wells comet, they "work up" the constituencies. He to be stayed? How is it to be checked? which is still at a considerable distance must keep their favor. How is he to do I answer, by encouraging the spirit o I answer, by encouraging the spirit of from the sun, being, in fact, more than it ? By being as useful and agreeable as independence, and by manifesting that three weeks from its perihelion. If it is a he can to the leaders of his party, who in spirit by coming forward, overruling the new comet how happens it that the astro- return can be useful to his friends, perdictation of the nominating convention nomers, who are constantly sweeping the haps, some time or other. and choosing candidates for yourselves. heavens in search of such objects, have let From such a system as this what must There are in every constituency in Canada it slip into the neighborhood of the sun result? This, a member is not sent by a a large body of independent voters, per-

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opinions. "What then ?" you will ask. very anxious to obtain their freedom. If re-The important part that photograpy has "These," you will naturally say, "are the quisitions were carried round by very things he is supposed to be sent energetic men, in very many to do. What else is he sent to do? constituencies independent candidates Look at the nominating reports. Will you deterred from this by the party cry that find me one member nominated to express, independent men are only men who whit to in parliament, the opinions he himself or sell themselves. Better that some of them his constituents entertain on public ques- should, than that they should be as at prestions ? 1 doubt it. But what will you find ent, all secured before hand. When chosen everywhere ? They are sent to support the Hon. Edward Blake, or the Right Hon. Sir by yourselves for independence of character,

Because the party leaders are each in their JUDGE ARMOUR AND MR. GOLDWIN SMITH turn the fountains of place and advance- independence of character would be a blem-Mr. Goldwin Smith publishes a letter set- ment, such as they are. Then the chief ish. ting himself right in regard to a criticism of winning wire-pullers write to some lead-

> could be introduced into our legislature-men who would examine into ing the wire-puller on his own effective co. the questions arising, state the facts in the case, in that clear, lucid, impromptu operation in "the cause," which the honor. language which many of our citizens are well able to use, these speeches would have influence on the house, they would be rememory." "No," says the wirepuller on ported through the country, and the utter ances of these men would have more weight getting the letter. "I'll take care it shan't." hough there were but a dozen-nay, though He thinks he is one of the inside ring. He does not always know that from one leading there were but one-than all the declara tions on either side of speakers "supportman or another ten-yes - twenty thousand ing their leader." And from that nucleus such letters go after every election-that would soon arise a large body of independent of the twenty thousand recipients perhaps two hundred will after long waiting get some members, in whose presence it would be impossible to do many things such as our little gratification ; that the nineteen present house has found it only too possible thousand eight hundred, and probably to do.

himself, will get nothing, and pass their lives, the ignis fatuus ever floating I have stated that those who meddle much in politics lose by it. They do. But on the gold-like in the distance, while customer other hand, remember, it is largely because after customer go over to their rivals with the main body of the people do not come the remark, "Oh, so-and-so thinks so much orward to take their part. If every indeof politics that his goods are not wellpendent, patriotic voter, (and we have chosen nor his work so reliable as it was." And the member-what is the effect on many) would assist to set this matter right, him ? He goes to Ottawa bound hand and it is impossible to over-estimate the advantfoot. He is not to follow his own opinions age to be gained. nor to suggest what he thinks best. He is

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PICTURESQUE QUEBEC. to obey his leader, or the small politicians turesaue Quebec: A Sequel to "Quebec, Past and Present," by J. M. LeMoine, Dawson Bros. Montreal, 1882. who send him will get no credit for sending a man "to support the Hon. Mr. Chatter-This last venture of Mr. LeMoine's will box, whose course, etc., -undying gratitude fully sustain the reputation which the of an appreciative country, etc." for conauthor long ago built up for himself-the tinuation see any political address. reputation of a painstaking and enthsiastic And he finds also that this is collector of facts with reference to the surely the way to his own personal quaint old spot where the greater part of his life has been passed. As indicated on steady support of his party, he may get the tille-page, the book is intended as a some place or other, generally a contemptsequel to "Quebec, Past and Present," by ible thing when he does get it, the same author, which appeared a few years could contrive to have some voice in the generally he never gets it, but the expecta- since, and is now out of print. It brings selection of the members who are supposed tion keeps him in line. So you see the the city's history down to the present time, I shall be met, of course, with the things-to please, first the crowd of nomi-



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voters, and all, this plain, straightforward reply, "Why, the constituencies do select issue. We say that there is not in any them ?" But I must answer. That is a interest," who "werk the constituency." constituency, from Ottawa to the Detroit popular delusion. You, my friend, have and who sent him. How is he to please river, any candidate who dare stand up been a voter most of your life. Did you them ? By following his leader. Next to before the electors and declare that he is ever, in your life, select a fellow-citizen in favor of amalgamating the Great Western with the Grand Trunk. If such there be, go mark him well. But we do not think he will be "there." Among all our aspiring politicians there is no such daring individual. The courage required for the effort transcends anything that is going. We repeat it-no candidate dare stand up any mere in Ontario and tell the electors that he is in favor of fusion; let it be tried, however ; let us see the candidate who will dard We are positively aching for the sight of him. It may almost be called a godsend that a popular vote on the fusion question the body of the citizens, they are not so is within reach, and just at this time. The occasion should be improved instantly, immediately, and with all the vigor that a regard for Canadian interests in a great crisis can inspire.

Ontario, candidates, election managers

## AN INTERESTING ECHIPSE

A brief cable despatch, announcing the the entire dictation of the choice of candisuccess of the observations of the solar dates in their hands. Yet they have. And eclipse on Wednesday by the European the same people, or nearly so, continue Mr. X.) astronomers who went for the purpose, con- every year to come forward as nominators, tains two very interesting statements. The so that if the place be stated you can tell

tence of a lunar atmosphere. If this atmos- the nomination of candidates, these conphere is of considerable extent, these observative ventions are carefully canvassed by two tions may result in some change of opinion or three wire-pullers who want to get sing Rule Britania. concerning the physical condition of the moon "their man" chosen. So that all ends in Many have held that there were indications this: in every constituency two or three The opposition sigh three times solemnly. of a slight atmosphere in the moon, but irresponsible persons really select the candiwe have been so long accustomed to hear date. If a tory get in, they have selected our satellite spoken of as an "airless and him. If a reformer, it is still they, that is, waterless desert," and a "dead world," their fellows of the same class in the oppothat it would be a genuine surprise should site caucus, who have selected him. But own and for the good of the country proit turn out, after all, that the moon is not most emphatically, the electors did not posing certain measures to which his party quite dead. Still, even if the moon has an select either. They had their choice of leaders object? Dare they do it? quite dead. Still, even if the moon has an atmosphere, it is probably greatly rarefied, wo. But from the other twenty thousand or so in the constituency they were forbid- we have a dimen, and will not rise. And so, year after the constituency of all states they are they at the source of the sour forms of light with which the earth is den to choose. Yet in that twenty thou- year, the paltry show still is exhibited on

belleve, however, despite the apparant ab- mand as they should be, there would be overmastered and looked down upon by believe, nowever, despite the apparant as-sence of the first requisites for the support of life, that the moon is not destitute of in-the durant is not du habitants have always been maintained, inating wire-pullers, for by the men sent mate, resources to emulate, but whom we \$3 per dozen; tablets, \$5 per dozen. with a show of reason, that we ought to we see they have chosen such and many of never will, until we can send men to parlimit the existence of living beings to such as sit unheard in the house the whole liament to attend to our affairs, and not, as pot, S2 King st. west, and see the light limit the existence of living beings to such as sit unneard in the nouse the whole is easily conditions and surroundings as our make it. (It is a mistake to say they are their own.

cerning its ultimate limitations. If it otherwise would not be endured.) turns out that the observations just made of a considerable atmosphere surrounding

from the many you considered fit for the vance them? By following his leader. positior, and vote for him as your parlia-This naturally results in the ridiculous state mentary representative? You will answer, of affairs you observe at Ottawa, where the "Well, now it is put in that way, I cannot say proceedings might be described in burlesque. I did ; but I often voted for the one I liked as follows . best of the two who were running." Well, Mr. Blake advances and scratches his who set them running ? Had you any voice left-ear contemplatively. The opposition in that? "Well, no ; that was done by advance, and scratch their left ear, contemthe nominating cooventions." Now we platively. are come to it . Who are they ? Sir John advances, and holds out his I think my readers will agree with me right arm dictatorially. The ministerial ledge of the attractions of their that, throughout the country, though these supporters advance, and hold out their conventions are supposed to be selected from right arms, dictatorially. (At this stage of the proceedings, it is selected. The mass of the people do not observed that Mr. X. of the ministerial put themselves forward to get into, or even party, has held out his left arm, dictatorial-

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nators, wire-pullers, people who "take an

advance his own hopes. How is he to ad-

to send people to, these caucuses. They ly. His neighbors immediately look are composed generally of those persons who astonished at Mr. X. Extremely black are said to "take an interest in politics." visages are turned towards Mr. X. Sir I will merely say of them, which few will John is advised of the fact, looks very grave. deny, that they are not fitted to have and directs the ministerial whip to interview Mr. X that evening. In the meantime, the other members do not speak to esque Quebec" is fully equal to the stand-

All resume their seats. Mr. Blake advances and stands on his first is that the spectrosopic observations of beforehand what names will be on head. His followers advance and stand on the French astronomers indicated the exis- the nominating list. Then, before their heads. They then sit down.

Sir John advances and sings Rule Britania. The ministerial party advance and Mr. Blake sighs three times, solemnly

The house adjourns. Is it much better? Can we point to any independent action-to any individual forms of light with which the earth is stacked. The absence of signs of water upon the moon also militates against the notion of its being inhabited. Those who

unless we have certain gases mixed in cer- workers. Whether in committee rooms or Of course, on the surface, matters are tain proportions, or, in other words, what in the house, the transmission of intelligence different. There you hear nothing but tain proportions, or, in other words, what we call water and air, we should not as-should be by vocal and impromptu should be by vocal and impromptu the properties of the country, and promising in-the country and promising in-the country and promising in-the country and promising in-the country and promising inmanner. In fact, the earth itself furnishes and in good and granfmatical language, is numerable benefits to it. But session after manner. In fact, the earth itself furnishes sufficient examples of the very various con-ditions under which life may exist to warn us against jumping at any conclusions connot being fit to take his share, leaves the floor free for the perpetual gabbler, who otherwise would not be endured.) after quarter century goes by and you learn too certainly that the fine talk was for the ears of the voters, but that deep from Brazil. Try a sample. Why, then, are not better men selected ? below and carrying all before it, runs the in Egypt have demonstrated the existence Simply, because the mode of nomination dark current of clique and caucus, party of a considerable atmosphere surrounding the moon, the believers in the theories of lunar habitability will feel greatly encour-bosed—the good of the people. The this night-mare of paltry dictation by a supplies quite a different motive for par- and self.

posed—the good of the people. The this night-mare of paltry dictation by a member must think of something else. few of our by no means best qualified citi-few of our by no means best qualified citi-of the liver. S Powders in packet, 25 The other announcement that possesses special interest is that during the seclipse a who can manage the conventions. They "uled, and ordered about, our stamps. W. HEARN, Druggist, Toronto.

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