R. S. WILLIAMS, MANAGER.

so loudly about British precedent.

the present system.

Next we have this precious plank :

Here we have advocated a change from

the present efficient license law, which has

gained not only the approbation of the

clergy and temperance people, but is

looked upon by even the hotelkeepers as

the best system thus far adopted. MERE-

DITH until recently advocated the

return of the licensing power to the

municipalities, as was the case previous

the appointment of commissioners by

counties' council. As there happens to

be as much straight politics in the coun-

ty council-in Huron, at any rate-as

there is in the Legislature we fail to see

how this action would relieve the com-

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This is a little one for a cent, and is

ling to keep the other planks in place. The Opposition candidate in West Hur-

mportant Acts, without waiting for in-

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ing, and if any of them can be improved

upon we have no doubt Mr GARROW will

accept any pointers the defeated Opposi-

tion candidate can give him after the 5th

of June, and embody them in practical

Act for the Relief of Co-Operative As-

Creditors' Relief Act (which applies to

Franchise and Representation Act.

And other legislation specially de-

It is so extremely thin, in the light of

Tory temperance legislation, that if it

Mechanica' Lien Act.

Employers' Liability Act.

Railway Accidents Act.

signed to benefit working men.

curtailing of the drink traffic."

Here is a basswood plank :

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FRIDAY, MAY 30, 1830.



MR. J. T. GARROW.

the Reform Candidate for West Huron, will hold meetings as follow from now to the end

HOLMESVILLE, Goderich Township, Saturday, May 31st, at 7:30 p.m. PORT ALBERT, Monday, June 2nd, at 7:30 to the Crooks Act, but latterly he favors GODERICH, Wednesday, June 4, at 8 p.m. The Opposition candidate is invited to attend.

## OUR TICKET.

For PREMIER-HON. O. MOWAT. FOR WEST HURON-J. T. GARROW. For East HURON-T. GIBSON. FOR SOUTH HURON-ARCH BISHOP.

A PLATFORM OF POOR PLANKS One of the most peculiar manifestos issued during this campaign is the "platform" of the Conservative candidate for West Huron, and a consideration of the planks might not be out of order on the

present occasion. The first plank reads:

"A reversal of the centralizing policy these Acts we might mention the followwhich grasps power and patronage for the Government at the expense of municipal and local authorities.

This is intended as a protest against the Government's taking out of the hands of individuals the appointment of certain | legislation : officials and assuming all responsibility in connection with the appointments. Formerly bailiffs and division court clerks were chosen by the judges, who were not responsible to the people for the appointments made. Our judges as a rule are men of probity and integrity, but there have been cases where individual members have acted in a venal manner and trafficked in the offices at their disposal. To obviate this the Government of OLIVER MOWAT assumed the responsibility of appointing and dismissing the officials, and since that has been done there has been a decided improvement not only in the method of appointment but in the standing of the appointees. The positions of bailiff and divi-sion court clerk are now filled with regard platform one would be tempted to take to the ability of the appointees instead it for a shingle. We all know what the now be vested in a responsible Minister of by the favor of a relative or through Tories did when they undertook to over- and that I should not stand in the way of bribery. What's wrong about that prin- ride the Crooks Act by the McCarthy the application to our varied education ciple?

The next plank is:

"A secret ballot to put an end to intimidation and bribery.

The Tory stumpers all along the line have waxed wrathy on this question, and it is little to be wondered at that MERE-BITH'S candidate in West Huron has before the introduction of the Crooks gest the modification and extension of seized upon it as a plank for his platform. A little investigation, however, will prove that it, too, is worm-eaten and dozy. The best way to find out the know that in spite of the reduction in the Provincial Secretary wrote as folmerits or demerits of anything is by number the amount realized from licen- lows :comparison, and if we compare the Pro- ses has been increased; that the prohibwincial ballot with that used in either itory hours have been increased; that Lieutenant-Governor to thank you the Dominion or municipal election it the age of "minors" has been placed at the valuable suggestions contained in will be found to stand the comparison eighteen instead of sixteen years, so that your letter, and to request that you wil will be found to stand the comparison and have points in its favor. The Proposition of municipal elections. No Dominion or municipal elections and have made which have met with hearty endorreturning officer and acrutineers at the public. In the light of these facts it time of counting and they are oath- will be seen that this plank in the Tory ure for placing your department under bound. No comparison of figures on candidate's platform is very, very thin. the direct supervision of a member of ballots and counterfoils can be made during the counting of the ballots. When the ballots are counted the box is sources instead of drawing on them as an sealed and forwarded to the returning encouragement to extravagance." officer and thence to the clerk of the Crown in Chancery. The packages are which in the past has brought to the piece of lumber, which has lain in the not broken unless a scrutiny is called Provincial treasury an average of \$751 back-yard of oblivion, where it was relefor, and then only the wrongful ballots per square mile by way of bonus should gated at the instance of Egerron Ryerare examined by the proper judicial offi- be abandoned and a substitute should be son, for the past fifteen years. This cer. The honest elector need have no found in the policy which under the plank is punk. fear, but bogus voters can be caught and manipulation of that expert Cabinetpunished by the provisions of the Pro- maker, Sir John MacDonald, netted us form is : vincial Ballot Act. There is no way an average of \$5 a mile, and gave us of stuffing the ballot-box under the political vampires of the stamp of John port of the platform of Mr W. R. Mere-Provincial Act, and the rascalities per- CHARLES RYKERT. No, no; thankee. petrated in the Dominion election in The electors of West Huron will not de-

logged plank as that. The West Huron Tory candidate does not want to "conserve our timber resources." He wants to "conserve" the interests of the Boodle Brigade and the camp-followers to Fine Ginghams, Sc per yd., worth whom Sir John attempted to parcel out the Northwestern portion of our Proviace before the Boundary Award the Robillards, Broders, Shields, O'BRIENS, TISDALES, BAILEYS, and hun- yd., worth 15c.; 'a' bale of Grey dreds of others of that ilk. He is in favor of dealing with our timber resources of Ontario on the line laid down by Sir John MacDonald at Parkdale, when he said, although the award was in favor of Mowar, the Province of Ontario would not receive "one ounce of mineral or one stick of timber." The Conservative candidate doesn't agree with the Liberal timber limit policy, whereby the Province has received \$751 per square mile for 3,276 miles in the past seventeen years, or an aggregate of \$2,probably one of the strong Tory objec-460,081, as against an aggregate of \$14,535 tions to it. Another feature of the Profor a like number of miles, or an average vincial ballot law is that it is exactly the of \$5 per square mile, by the Dominion same style of ballot as used in England. policy. He evidently doesn't favor the This also will prove unpalatable to our 'conserving of the timber resources" by Tory friends who are eternally howling letting the limits at public auction, but ground of that grand and glorious prinwould prefer that "conserving"—or Conservative system—by which Tory gentleservative system-by which Tory gentle-"Removing the licensing system from men of the BEATY and RYKERT stamp partisan control and putting an end to can make "a comfortable provision for the scandals which have arisen under

> "A larger representation of the agricultural and mercantile interests in the

> their old age." Was there ever a more

rotten plank?

This is a slap at the legal profession and is evidently intended to show that the Tory party made a terrible mistake the "Facts for the Irish Electors" was in 1875 and 1883 when they selected sprung upon the country, at the instance revenue was \$190,297.79 -a total of Mesers Davison and Johnston to be of Sir John Macdonald, W. R. Mere. \$422,709.34—the total amount collected their candidates in West Huron instead of Mr Roberts. The objection never was raised before by Mr ROBERTS, and was stigmatized as a narrow-minded possibly he would have gone to the grave bigot, who delighted in oppressing and with his private opinion on this question were it not for the fact that Mr lics of Ontario, but today, presto, change, GARROW, the Reform candidate, also hap- he is a truckler to Rome, and a hireling pens to be a lawyer, and a good one, too. of the hierarchy, say Mr Roberts and But while Mr Roberts raises objection the leaders whom he delights to honor. in this plank of his platform to too many At that time MEREDITH was referred to no knowing when disbursements may lawyers being in the House, he devotes as follows: intended to be used as a sort of scant. the greater part of his speech to advoeating the placing of Lawver MEREDITH at the head of the affairs of this Provon was probably not aware when he ince, and his voice has not rung out adopted that little plank that the Mowar loud and clear against the importation administration had devoted special at- into the South Riding of this county of tention to the amelioration of the con- a piece of legal raw material which bears appears with reference to Mr Mowar: dition of the working man and had the name of J. GABRIEL HOLMES. This placed on the statute book a number of plank is intended only for local use in West Huron and for only one campaign. "Non-partisan management of the

Educational Department. In getting up this plank, the Conseraware that as far back as December 7th, 1868, three years before the fall of the Ontario School System, wrote to Hon. Opposition in 1883 had spoken on the to have their own inspectors." In reply-MATTHEW CROOKS CAMERON, the then Separate School question as follows: Provincial Secretary, stating that, after an experience of twenty-five arate Schools in Toronto, but so far as London was concerned he believed they pitched his reply in a diametrically difyears as the head of the Education Department of Ontario, he was satisfied that the time had come ate School supporters if they did not want it, but he supported the proposiwhen the conduct of so important a branch of public service as the superin- School electors." tending of the Education Department should be placed in the hands of a re- chief in 1883 when he was making a sponsible head—a Minister of the Crown record in the House to put himself in "To sanction by voice and vote all legislation that has for its object the responsible to the people. Hear him :

"Our system of public instruction has acquired such gigantic dimensions, and the network of its operation so pervades every municipality of the land, and is so interwoven with our municipa Act, and thereby put back the hands of interests of that ministerial responsibility, the temperance clock. We know that under Dominion officials the Scott Act policy. During the past year I have presented a report on school systems in was made a howling farce, and that other countries, with a view of improv-chaos prevailed until the Provincial authorities again obtained control. We know too that under municipal control for the same purpose. I have, therefore, know, too, that under municipal control thought this was the proper time to sug-Act there were 6,185 licenses in the the Department of Public Instruction."

Province in 1874-5, and that in 1888-9 This letter was acknowledged on Jan. the number was reduced to 2,485. We 30th, 1869. In the course of his reply,

> "I am directed by His Excellency the your suggestions, and matured a measthe Executive Council."

Mr. ROBERTS was not aware of this phase of the question when he was sort-

The last plank of Mr ROBERTS' plat-

"A thoroughly earnest and honest supdith, as enunciated by him in the city of London and throughout the Province

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believe, my friends, cover the whole cial and preferential privileges none, civil and religious liberty to

This is the plank upon which Mr Ros-ERTS delights to say he "stands with both feet," and a very narrow plank it is despite its specifications. This is in regard to the returns for the License the appeal to Race and Creed which is system not balancing to his satisfaction, the antipodes of that which was made by and stated that while the amount claimthe Conservative party in 1883, when DITH, D. CREIGHTON and the other Tory was \$470,855 50. What became of the leaders of the day. At that time MOWAT trampling under foot the Roman Catho. livery. Well, Mr ROBERTS, THE SIGNAL

"This man comes of a liberal stock. His father bequeathed \$500 to the Sisters of Mount Hope Orphan Asylum, London. The son of such a man must have breathed an atmosphere of liberal

In the same document the following "The Catholics of this Province can He has always been their enemy.

This was the opinion held by the Tories and by Mr ROBERTS in 1883. Now they are on the other tack. Then half of Mr Garrow makes the following vative candidate evidently was not the Separate School legislation was all statement with reference to the Tory right. The now obnoxious amendments candidate's action at that meeting on the had been passed in 1879, with the full Separate School question: -"Roberts SANDFIELD MACDONALD Ministry, Rev concurrence of Mr Meredith and his said he would vote for their abolition, but Dr Ryerson, the revered father of the entire following. The leader of the as long as they existed would allow them

> arate Schools in Toronto, but so far as tion to extend the ballot to the Public

That was the opinion of Mr. ROBERTS touch with "Facts for the Irish Electors." Now he has mounted the Protestant horse, thrown his record for political honesty and fair play to the winds, and strives to fan the blaze of bigotry and kindle the flame of religious intolerance.

Huron-it will not prevail in Ontario. There are too many schools in Ontario for appeals to ignorance and medieval prejudice to carry the day. The duty of the hour is to stamp this attempt to Separate Schools in Ontario is one that the Separate Schools themselves. foot. The hope of the Province is in the lature. Separate Schools, as you know, return again to power of her truest and noblest son-Oliver Mowar-and in of Confederation. the triumphant election in West Huron of his able supporter, J. T. GARROW,

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ed for Provincial revenue for the past year was \$232,511.55 and the municipal rest of this money? quoth Mr ROBERTS. and he asked the question with a sort of but a certain amount is kept in every district for current expenses, as there is have to be made in connection with the bank is a necessity. If Huron was could not make the figures connect he

Dr Sloan, of Blyth, who attended Mr Robert's meeting at Kintail on be-"He knew nothing of the state of Sep- Equal Rights association Mr. ROBERTS

Mr. Garrow on Separate Schools.

The following letter from Mr Garrow the secretary of the so-called Equal Rights Association is self-explana-

Frank Metcalf, Esq., Blyth.

DEAR SIR, -Your favor enclosing questions on behalf of the Equal Rights Association reached me on Monday last. I am, as you can understand, very indle the flame of religious intolerance. much engaged in my canvass and am out purpose of this Act." Now, I under-The scheme will not succeed in West every day. I have just returned from stand that in Lower Canada the Chris-Wingham, and happening to have a answer as I can to your questions.

> my difficulty is this: I am fully persuadcannot possibly arise in the Local Legis-Act is an Imperial Act and in my opinion it would be impossible for the Local Legislature, or even for the Dominion Legislature, to alter in the slightest degree, the status of these schools.

whistle up courage to attend a Reform have had occasion to consider this and first and chief difficulty, which lies at meeting, and there are always spare similar questions of great moment has the root of all others, is this, that Sepamen at every Tory meeting. If they not lett me the requisite leisure to study the question in all its aspects. My own fact, the result of a compact ending a men at every for all desired of drawing on them as an encouragement to extravagance."

In our planks for his platform, or he have a cause worth advocating why individual opinion always has been and long strife, upon the which compact, it have a cause worth advocating why individual opinion always has been and long strife, upon the which compact, it is, that the State should supply an appears to me, upon the ordinary shool, purely secular, to grounds of the integrity of contracts as ingressions. which all children might resort, and that in commercial matters, it seems impossible to imagine any Government would IF Mr Roberts be the Equal Rights in so far as that class of education is concandidate why is he drynursed this elec- cerned. But I am bound to say that, instance of one party to the compact, tion by Robert Porter, M.P., who words for the Jesuit Bill, and H. E. CLARKE, of Toronto, who is trying to detect the power of recall; and dealand as I am persuaded they must remain, if the Confederation compact is to stand, it is now the duty of the Legisla ture to make such ashed as a stand. feat the regular nomines of the Equal ing with matters as we find them Mr. Roberts tried to spring a little ture to make such schools as efficient for Haldimand and at other places cannot pend upon such a warped and water- principles contained in that platform I mine on the electors at the nomination the purposes for which they were intend-

ed as possible, if Equal Rights are to pre With reference to question 2 and its

With reference to questions sub-questions, there are also legal propositions, which, as a lawyer, I am regard. As you are aware, the Confederation Act does not merely declare and fix permanently the Separate Schools both of this Province and of the neighboring Province of Quebec in the in but it also declares that they shall enjoy "Echo answers, 'What!" style of de- all the rights and privileges which at Confederation they enjoyed. It is true that by law the Separate Schools are can tell you. The full sums collected subject to regulation and inspection by are never paid over to the Government, the local authorities, but my opinion is that neither the power to regulate nor inspect referred to can in any way detract from the rights and privileges re-ferred to as they existed at Confederation. Now here comes, in addition to the legal prosecutions, and a running account in question, one of fact. What were the rights and privileges enjoyed by the Separate Schools at the time of Confederation the only county where Mr Roberts at the time of Confederation in this respect? Now I do not know what books were then in use, and I am, theremight have something to talk about, but fore, at a loss to answer sub-question (A) the same apparent deficiency exists in satisfactorily. If it is a matter within every riding, and is caused by the circle and the power of the Provincial Legislature I can see no objection to the same class cumstances stated. Ask us a harder of books being used in both classes of schools for the purpose offimparting purely secular instruction. But it must be renembered that these schools are sectarian schools, were intended to be sectarian schools and as such the education there imparted is not purely secular. With reference to the education not strictly secular, it appears to me that the only competent judges must necessarily be the Roman Catholics themselves, for whose benefit in this Province these schools

With reference to sub-section (B) Ican ing to the inspectors clause for the inspection of the Separate Schools. They are inspected by co London was concerned he believed they were well-conducted. He did not favor ferent key. At Smith's Hill he changed tors, are appointed by the Government, were well-conducted. He did not favor forcing the ballot system upon the Separfore, strictly amenable to the people by their representatives in Parliament

With reference to question (C), I have to point out to you again that a legal difficulty is distinctly involved. The qualification of teachers in Separate Schools is prescribed by section 13, of the Separate Schools Act of 1863, afterward confirmed by the Confederation Act, and that section declares "that persons qualified by law as teachers, either in Upper or Lower Canada, shall be considered qualified teachers for the tian Brothers and other of the religious spare moment of leisure will make such Orders were then duly qualified as teach-

This being the case my opinion is With reference to your first question that there is no power in the Local Legislature to change that, any more than there is to abolish or limit in any way

With reference to sub-question (D), I am not sure that a legal question is not were established as part of the compact involved in this question, also. It may of Confederation. The Confederation be said that the right to elect Separate School trustees by open vote is a right or privilege granted them by the Confederation Act. If it is not a right or orivilege, and if it is a matter which can I, of lawfully be dealt with by the Local Leg-LOOK out for Tory roorbacks this but what I state is my firm conviction, week. Already old BILL McCabe and others of his ilk are around talking spinions of the best lawyers in the Province, including Mr Meredith. It is impossible, therefore, in my view, to treat recently made to force upon the Separate GARROW'S reply to the so-called Equal Rights Association's questions will be called upon to deal. Upon the Separate value of the so-called will be called upon to deal. Upon the case of the public merits and apart from the strictly legal schools, the option of adopting the ballot,

the establishment of these schools, and questions I am obliged to speak so much I am not aware that Liberal opinion from the professional standpoint. It has changed. I must candidly tell you, has an appearance of a desire to escape How is it that no Tory speakers can however, that the short period—a period from the consideration of these very important questions upon their merits. My

Yours very truly, J. T. GARROW.

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