WEST HURON.

The First Reform Gun Fired in the Campaign.

Meeting at Benmiller on Wednesday Evening—Large Attendance—Excellent Speeches From Hon. A. M. Ross and M. C. Cameron, M.P.—Colborne Safe for Reform and Honesty.

The first meeting of the campaign in West Huron, in the interest of Hon. A. M. Ross, was held on Wednesday evening in the temperance hall, Benmiller. There was a good attendance, and the utmost enthusiasm prevailed

Mr John Kernighan was called to the chair, and made a clever address in introducing the speakers of the evening.

Hon. A. M. Ross on coming forward thanked the electors of Colborne for their generous support of him in former elections, and hoped that during his past term he had done nothing to lessen their confidence in him. (Hear, hear) He then dealt with the duties of his offices in connection with the Government of Ontario, and showed that during his incumbency he had been enabled to introduce reforms in the interests of the people of the entire Province. He had strenuously endeavored to make the management of the Agricultural College of a strictly non-partisan nature. Twenty-seven counties out of the entire forty two had thus far taken advantage of the Government's offer to educate one student from each county free of charge, such student to be selected by the council of each county. Since he had assumed charge of the Agricultural Department a non-partisan Advisory Board, had been chosen from the most practical agriculturists of the Province, whose duty it was to lend their aid in making the institution a benefit to all parties. He had advocated the formation of farmer's institutes throughout the province, and already the scheme had been adopted in many sections, and had proved a popular and useful disseminator of practical intelligence on agricultural and other topics. The question of the boundary award next came up for discussion, and the "right about-face" conduct of Mr Meredith was averred upon and severely criticised. "Gentlemen," said the speaker at this point, "if you send a reeve to the county council you expect that his first duty will be to attend to the wants of the township, and in any case where the interests of the township and the county clash, the township shall have his best attention. So when Sir John Macdonald was working inimical to the interests of Ontario, Mr Meredith should have been with his Province first, last and all the time. (Loud applause.) Instead of that he first supported the measure by voice and vote, and afterward, at the beck of the Ottawa Government he and his followers turned aside from the path of duty and forsook Ontario." (Hear, hear.) There was another question upon which he would like to say a word or two. It was now claimed by the Tory party that Mr Mowat was averse to having the question referred to the Privy Council. This was not the case. As a matter of fact Mr Mowat had asked Sir John in 1881 to have the entire question submitted to the Privy Council, and the latter had refused to accede to the request. (Hear, hear.) On the school book controversy the hon. gentleman also shed considerable light. He showed that the Government had the actual control of only three sets of books—the Readers, one Grammar, and one Geography. All other works used in the schools were placed there by the local trustees with the sanction of the inspector. The set of readers now in use cost the people $1.35, are of good letter press, printed on fine paper, are well bound, and are cheaper than any set ever befere used; and even cheaper than any similar works in Great Britain or the United States. (Hear, hear.) So much for the alleged school book monopoly—a monopoly by the way, where the people get the profits. (Laughter and cheers.) After dealing with the escheats case, the license question, the streams bill and other important questions, he made a telling appeal to the electors setting forth the fact that his past experience, his position in the Government, his past record, his knowledge of the wants of the people, enabled him much better to represent the electors of Huron than his opponent. He closed his speech amidst loud and prolonged cheers and applause.

At the close of the Provincial Treasurer's address the chairman called for the opposition candidate or any of his supporters to take the platform. There being no response, the audience immediately called for

M. C. Cameron, M.P., for West Huron, who on coming forward was enthusiastically received. He commenced by informing the audience that they had just heard a speech from an honorable gentleman who was the least abused man in the province of Ontario; now they were about to hear remarks from one who, for one reason or another, was the most abused man in Canada. (Laughter and applause.) Mr Ross was not personally abused, owing to the fact that he was a member of a Government that has been fourteen years in power in Ontario, and has a record for honesty, economy, good government and wise legislation superior to any other in ancient or modern times. (Cheers.) The parliament at Ottawa, of which he was a member had the doubtful honor of having at its head the most corrupt Government that had existed from the time of Walpole. The reason for the personal abuse showered upon him was not far to seek. He had unearthed on the floor of Parliament a number of the iniquities which the Government and its supporters had been committing for years past, and they were now trying to squeeze him out of existence by issuing a pamphlet under the authority of the Indian Department, published in the Hamilton *Spectator* office, at "confidential rates," and prepared by a hireling scribe connected with that Tory sheet, and who was paid from the public chest for maligning and slandering him. He then referred to the manner in which Sir John Macdonald, with two of his colleagues and the leader of the Local Opposition, had come to West Huron, and in the most cowardly way had blackguarded, abused, maligned and slandered him, without inviting him to be present and defend himself. They contended that he had acted in a cowardly fashion when he made his charges on the floor of parliament, but he had made the charges before the ministers of the crown and over one hundred of their followers, and such action on his part did not necessarily show cowardice. He contended that the Ministers who were dumb at Ottawa when he faced them, and were valiant at their own meetings behind his back were real cowards. (Hear, hear.) And Sir John's evasion of his challenge to meet him in any central point of West Huron showed that the chieftain's valor was at a low ebb. (Laughter and cheers.) He then produced the pamphlet and the Blue Book on Indian affairs, and scored point after point against the Tory pamphlet amid the hearty applause of the crowd.

The meeting was brought to a close by cheers for the Reform candidates.

Auburn.

Our much-esteemed pastor, Rev. Jas. Pritchard, and his family took their departure from our midst on Wednesday of last week. The rev. gentleman has been called to labor in the Forest district, and his many friends in this section wish him every prosperity in his work in his new sphere. A few evenings before they left, the congregation gathered at the manse and spent a most enjoyable time. They were presented with a full set of silverware, and even the little boy was not forgotten, he having been made the recipient of a handsome silver mug. The Smith's Hill congregation also presented Mrs Pritchard with a beautiful purse containing $55 in gold, and they, too, remembered the little boy, and presented him with a purse of money also. The following are the addresses from the two congregations:—

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard.

Season after season, year after year, pleasant association after association with you have found places among the things of the past, and as we now witness the termination of those happy associations in the close of your connection with Manchester congregation, we cannot but feel how unstable the things of time are, how insufficient to promote rest, but yet suited to teach the great lessons of eternity! Therefore, dear pastor and lady, we, your people in this congregation, desire to spend an evening with you while you are yet in our midst; and when we think that it may be the last opportunity that will be afforded us, the occasion bears with it no little amount of richness, no common degree of sympathy, both in the present moment and when it becomes ranked with the things of the past. And we wish you to accept these few articles as a token of respect, which we hope will prove both useful and complimentary to you, both to seal our attachment to you and to aid in bringing happy memories of days gone by around you—days whose sunshine was not wholly free from dark shadows of trouble, of disunion where your labors and happiness were somewhat annoyed, but this closing scene, as well as many others, is sufficient to show that you hold the confidence and esteem of this congregation. But you are about to depart to labor in another portion of the vineyard. The causes which have effected that removal and the results arising from it we are not in a position here to examine, but we trust in that "Divinity which shapes our ends, rough hew them as we may," knowing that He doeth all things well, and is a rewarder of them that uprightly doth live. In parting we bear testimony of your devoted, diligent and Christian endeavors in the great and good work here, and when you are not with us we shall be glad at all times to hear of your welfare, of the work progressing in your hand, and when the time is come for each and all of us to pass "beyond the vale" may we all meet in that new Jerusalem, and join the anthems of the redeemed: Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace and good will to men! Amen.

Signed on behalf of the members and adherents of the Presbyterian congregation.

JOHN SYMINGTON, A. L. BUDGE,
WM. KING, GEORGE KING,
JOSEPH DOBIE, WM. E. BROWN.

To Mrs. Pritchard.

We wish at this time, when you are leaving us for your new home in Forest, to express the very high esteem in which you and Mr Pritchard are held by us. We ask you to accept this purse, and with it to buy what you think best, as a reminder of the days and friends of "Auld Lang Syne." You will long be remembered by us as valued and respected friends. We wish you all success in your new home, and hope that there you may find true, warm-hearted friends ready and willing to help in every good work.

Signed in behalf of the congregation of Smith's Hill.

MISS EDWARD,
LIZZIE STIRLING.

Mr Pritchard, on behalf of himself and family, made an appropriate and feeling reply.

Signor Bosco.

A crowd greeted Signor Bosco, the renowned magician, at Town Hall, last evening. It is nearly twelve years ago that Bosco, who has always been a favorite, first appeared here, and again seven years ago, he once more visited us, and drew immense audiences on each occasion, since which he has travelled in thirty-six States and territories, meeting with universal success, and is now on his third tour in Canada, having recently returned from California. The audience were delighted with his skill in performing feats of illusion that bordered on the marvellous. He was loudly applauded by the large audience as soon as they recovered sufficiently from their astonishment at the startling result produced to express their approbation. At the conclusion 100 gifts were distributed. Many of the gifts were costly, and it was a matter of surprise how the Signor could afford to distribute a larger sum in gifts than the entertainment footed up to. Among the principal presents received were Mrs Aletter, 2 vases; Miss Edith Sherer, silver butter dish; Miss Kimple, silver castor; J. Sharlacy, bag of flour; H. Hymen, silver cup; Miss Messer, a large album; Mr Balser, a half dozen silver spoons; Casper Rentchler, accordeon, &c. The gifts this evening will be more numerous and costly than those of the opening night. Among the number are enclosed a full jewelled, gold case lady's watch, articles of silver ware, albums, jewellry, &c. There is no doubt Bosco will have big crowded houses while he remains.—Berlin Daily News, Nov. 27, 1886.

Signor Bosco will exhibit at the Grand Opera House, Goderich, Friday, Saturday and Monday, the 3rd, 4th and 6th. Tickets on sale at Fraser & Porter's book store.

Colborne.

John Snyder, of Maitland con., has purchased a chopper and elevators all complete, and with Levi Snyder as engineer, intends hurrying out good work every Wednesday. This is a long felt want, and will be duly appreciated by those who have to take their grain to Clinton or Benmiller to get it chopped.

Lecburn.

The first hop of the season was held at the house of Jas. Horton on the 23rd inst. Alex. McLeod was floor manager.

Several owls were shot last week by Messrs W. D. McManus and John Horton.

BORN.

In Galt, on Nov. 20th, the wife of Mr. J. T Havill, of the *Reporter*, of a son.

The Mayoralty.

C. SEAGER, Esq., Barrister, Goderich.

DEAR SIR,—Understanding that Mayor Horton does not intend to seek re-election, we the undersigned ratepayers of the Town of Goderich, request that you will allow yourself to be put in nomination as Mayor for the year 1887. Believing, as we do, that you will bring to the discharge of the duties of that office, energy, capability and impartiality, we pledge ourselves to give you our earnest support in your candidature.

Goderich, 20th November, 1886.

(Signed) JOHN THOMAS NAFTEL, and over 40 others.

To JOHN T. NAFTEL, Esq., J.P., and others.

GENTLEMEN,—I deeply appreciate your very kind and flattering requisition, signed by so many of my fellow citizens of all parties and opinions.

I exceedingly regret that at this juncture in the affairs of our town, there is to be any change in the Mayoralty. I believe that it would have been best had our present Mayor, who has served you so many years, and who is so thoroughly conversant with the Town affairs, been induced to continue to serve us for the coming very important year. Since it is not to be the case, I have much pleasure in acceding to your request, and can assure you that, if elected, my best energies shall be devoted to the promotion of the progress of our town.

Yours respectfully,
C. SEAGER.

Goderich, 24th Nov., 1886.

To the Municipal Electors of the Town of Goderich.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—In response to a requisition signed by a large number of leading citizens of all parties and opinions, I am a candidate for the Mayoralty for the year 1887.

As I am known to all of you after a residence amongst you of nearly 17 years, and having already served you at the Council Board, it is scarcely needful for me to make any statement of my views and opinions upon municipal matters.

I may say, however, that I am strongly in favor of making greater efforts than have heretofore been made towards promoting the progress of our town.

I believe in, and shall, if elected, support and promote a feasible water works scheme. I have for years held and expressed my views in favor of such a scheme.

I am in favor especially of making very strenuous efforts to bring in a competing line of railway, without which the town can never progress as it ought, from its natural advantages to do; and I have the best of reasons for believing that if such efforts are made they will be successful. For a considerable time past the Citizens Railway Committee, of which I am one, has been in active communication with the G. P. R. authorities on the subject. Influenced, I believe, by the facts and figures with which we have unceasingly plied them, shewing the feasibility and advantage to that Company of extending a branch of its road to Goderich, I have reason to believe the railway authorities are now entertaining favorably the question of such extension, and have in contemplation the question of the construction of a loop line running from Woodstock by way of St. Marys to Goderich, and thence to Wingham. The G. P. R. main line is now completed; the Company is in possession of ample resources; the time is now ripe; and the opportunity for Goderich has come. If that opportunity is now taken advantage of vigorously and intelligently, I have reason to believe that the time is not distant when we shall have achieved success.

I can assure you that so far as my best energies and humble abilities go, they shall, if I am elected, be exerted to the utmost in furtherance of these most important matters; and that I will endeavor to discharge the duties of the office faithfully and impartially.

Respectfully soliciting your support, I am
Your obedient servant,
C. SEAGER.

Goderich, 25th Nov., 1886.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF GODERICH.

Having been requested by a number of ratepayers of the town to offer myself at the coming municipal election as a candidate for the honorable position of mayor, I have decided to do so. During my residence of over twenty years in Goderich, I have watched with great interest it's progress, or I might say it's nonprogress, and I am most desirous for it's future. I believe that I understand its wants and necessities, and feel myself competent to deal with and overcome them. If elected, I pledge myself to use every legitimate means in my power to advance the prosperity especially the commercial interests of the town, without unduly increasing the burden of taxation. RICH'D RADCLIFFE. 1075

Legal Notices.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.

CHANCERY DIVISION.

Pursuant to an order of the Chancery Division of this Court, made in the matter of the estate of JOSEPH HERR, and in a cause HERR against CAMPION, the creditors of JOSEPH HERR, late of the Town of Goderich, in the County of Huron, who died on or about the month of December, 1885, are on or before

The 14th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1886,

to send by post, prepaid, to F. W. JOHNSTON, Esq., of the Town of Goderich, the Solicitor of the Defendants the executors of the deceased, their Christian and surnames, addresses and description, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said order. Every creditor holding any security is to produce the same before me at my Chambers, at the Court House, in the Town of Goderich, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, on the 23rd day of December, 1886, being the time appointed for adjudication on the claims.

Dated this 26th day of November, 1886.

S. MALCOMSON,
Master at Goderich.

CAMERON, HOLT & CAMERON,
2076-2t Plaintiff's Solicitors.

IN THE MATTER OF JESSE HOCKIN, of the Village of Hensall, in the County of Huron, shoemaker.

Notice is hereby given that the above named JESSE HOCKIN has made an assignment to me of all his estate and effects, for the general benefit of his creditors, in pursuance of Chap. 26, 48 Vic., Ontario.

A meeting of the Creditors of the said JESSE HOCKIN, for the appointment of Inspectors, and the giving of directions for the disposal of the estate, will be held at my Office, in the Court House, in the Town of Goderich, on Monday, the 13th day of December, next, at 12 o'clock noon.

Creditors are requested to file their claims, verified by affidavit.

ROBERT GIBBONS,
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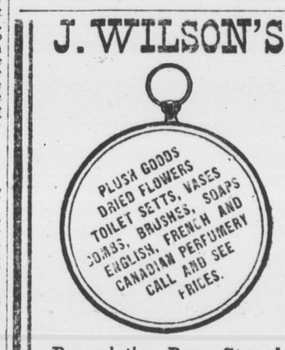

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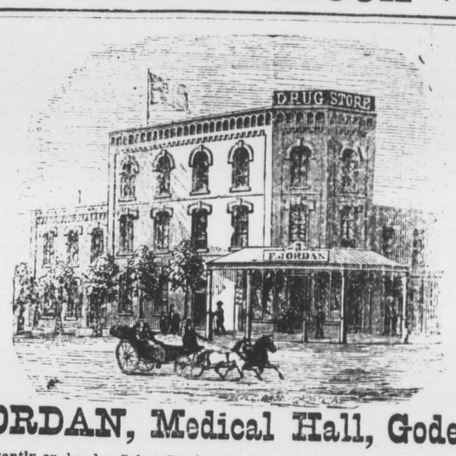

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