

The Contest Deepening.
The Herald is getting frantic over the bright prospects of Messrs Howard, Raymond and McLagan. Unable to bear calmly the news that they are succeeding so well in their canvass, and getting the promise of support from so many intelligent and independent electors, it vents its fury on these gentlemen individually, and endeavours to throw ridicule on their life-long convictions. Of argument there is none. Of objections to their candidature we cannot find one which is at all tenable; but in their place we find superabundance of bombast, a weak attempt at burlesque, and an implied admission that the Herald's case and the Herald's candidate is in a very bad plight. If our contemporary adhered to the truth in these weak attempts at a little fun, we should say nothing, but allow it to indulge in its pastime as long as it liked. But when it makes such wild assertions as we daily see in its columns, we must administer a wholesome check, and brand its statements as untrue.

It has more than once in effect, if not directly, asserted that the candidature of the three gentlemen named above is the result of a conspiracy—the doings of a ring—and that they have some sinister design in asking the ratepayers for their suffrages. We ask, have not these gentlemen as good a right to be candidates as Mr. Chadwick, or anybody else, and have not the ratepayers who asked them to be so good a right to prefer their request as those—if there were any—who asked Mr. Chadwick to stand? Has the nominee of the Herald a prescriptive or divine right to be a candidate whenever he chooses, or for whatever office he chooses? It would seem so, according to the Herald, but we fancy no sane man will swallow such an outrageous doctrine. It is one of the traditions of the party to which Mr. Chadwick belongs that the people were only made to be dictated to and governed by their betters, but such a doctrine went out of existence with the Family Compact; though a few who still cherish the ideas of that defunct faction try occasionally to galvanize it into life, and parade its ghost about election time. We can understand why a candidate should be judged on his merits, and his qualification for office duly considered, but we cannot conceive any reason why he should be objected to on the ground of his coming out, especially if he does so at the request of a large body of his fellow electors. We pass by, as unworthy of notice, the ridicule that the Herald seeks to cast upon Messrs. Howard, Raymond and McLagan on account of their views on the liquor traffic. We can safely leave that matter in the hands of the ratepayers, who are the best judges whether these gentlemen are sincere or not in their efforts to put down a great evil and foster sobriety. It does not, however, stop here, but merely seeks to gain a little advantage over them by insinuating that they are also leagued together in the endeavor to reduce the workingmen's wages. The letter which we published in another column from Mr. McLagan is a sufficient and satisfactory explanation on this subject. Attempts were being made to make some capital out of this story, but the timely explanation given will dispel all false and erroneous impressions, and put the matter in its true and proper light before the community. This does not, however, relieve the Herald of the charge of impudent intermeddling with private business transactions in order to damage, if possible, the parties concerned in the eyes of the working men. We fancy the mechanics of this town know who are their friends, without going to the Herald for information, and we mistake them very much if they give the slightest heed to the copious doses of "soft sawder" which the Herald is at present inflicting on them, in the hope that it may win some votes for that high-strung gentleman, Mr. Chadwick.

The Provincial Farm.
The acts of the Ontario Government in appointing an Honorary Commission in reference to the Agricultural College and Model Farm is a wise and judicious one. In matters of this kind, it is essential to commence operations with a well understood basis of operations—to have all preliminary cobwebs cleared away, and to know just what is to be done. The Commission will deal with the "conditions on which the pupils shall be admitted; the extent of literary and scientific instruction to be given; the number and character of the officials to be employed; and numerous other questions deeply affecting the future success of the enterprise." It will, in short, put things in shape for a good beginning—which some wise men has told us is half the battle. The names of the gentlemen on the commission are assurance enough that their work will be well and efficiently done. We hope they will be organized at once, so that their report may be laid before the Legislature in good time, and enable everything to be in working trim by spring.

The time of appointing the commission is an especially opportune one, in view of the unfortunate delays and vexatious difficulties of the past year, which have prevented matters at the college from being dealt with satisfactorily either to the Government or the public. Now that these troubles are past, the appointment of such a body will tend to give the public increased confidence in the College. It is a guarantee that the Government is in earnest, and affords good ground for believing that the work of agricultural education will be commenced and con-

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A curious result of the late thaw is reported from Montreal, being nothing less than the discovery of a theft. A man named Thompson, with two accomplices, stole three and a half tons of pig iron from the Richelieu Company's Wharf, and hid it in a snow bank. As for Thompson! A great thaw came; slowly but surely the stolen "pig" was disclosed to the view of an inquisitive police; and the three men are now in gaol lamenting the failure of their neat attempt at "pig jobbery."

Claims for extras to the extent of \$2,000,000, have been put in by the Intercolonial Railway contractors. It is possible the Ministry will not accept the resignation of any of the Commissioners till these little difficulties are cleared up in a satisfactory manner. So says the Ottawa correspondent of the Hamilton Times.

The statement published of the death of Senator Blake is contradicted by a telegram from that gentleman to the Secretary of State. Mr. Blake, however, is very low, and his recovery is doubtful.

The reserve fund, \$44,000,000, of the U. S. Treasury is being steadily decreased, and a further issue of greenbacks is apparently in prospect. The New York Tribune is complaining of this "shameful and alarming inflation."

The members of the Government, with numbers of leading Reformers, will attend the Huntington banquet at Montreal on the 23rd inst.

ACTON.—A number of the villagers of Acton, were treated to the rare sight, last evening about 9 o'clock, of witnessing the fall to the ground of a brilliant meteor. It fell right in the centre of the town, and struck on the platform of Secord Bros. hardware store, to the somewhat surprise and alarm of those gentlemen.—*Huron Herald.*

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