

Notice of Partnership.

The undersigned begs to announce that he has taken Mr. John A. Davidson into partnership, and that the style of the firm will be **Innes & Davidson**.
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JAS. INNES.
Guelph, Jan'y 1, '74.

Guelph Evening Mercury

SATURDAY EVEN'G, JAN. 17, 1874

North Wellington.

As we anticipated, Col. Higinbotham received the unanimous nomination of the Reform party at the Convention held at Mount Forest on Friday. It is now the imperative duty of the Reformers in that Riding to go to work earnestly and unitedly, and show Geo. A. Drew and his friends that they are determined to keep the Riding in the Reform interest. We have the most encouraging accounts from several places in the Riding of the favourable progress of Mr. Higinbotham's canvass, but his friends must not slacken work for an hour in his behalf till the victory is secured.

An Organized Hypocrisy.

We presume that the new Liberal-Conservative Association, like other Tory wire-pullers throughout the country, acknowledge Sir John as the leader of the party now in Opposition. If not, let them say so. Mr. Hatch, as a candidate, is too intent and purposeful to create the South Wellington Tories, and will depend on the Tory vote for his little minority. Yet so palpably do Sir John's deeds stink in the nostrils of the honest Conservative electors of the County that this noble Association, these representatives of the blue-blooded and gentlemanly party, dare not bring out their candidate openly, but try to palm him off upon the electors in the convenient but thin disguise of an "Independent." What a dignified and manly position! A party fighting under the banners of a leader they are ashamed to own publicly, and working hard in private for a candidate that in public they merely profess to tolerate for want of a better. And a candidate sailing under false colors, not daring to say anything in his address about the one question upon which this election turns, and relying for all his support upon the organization of professed supporters of charter-selling. Does not the term "organized hypocrisy" fit well here?

Coalition Government.

The *Herald* keeps harping on the "coalition" string. It tries to prove that the present Government is a coalition, and that as the Reformers have opposed coalition they are guilty of inconsistency. We deny again that the Ministry is a coalition. The *Herald* tries to prove its point by quoting a single sentence from a speech delivered in 1867 by Mr. Mackenzie, and by referring to Mr. Cartwright's speech at Lennox, in which he made a reference to the Brown-Macdonald coalition of 1865, to show that he personally could not be condemned by the Opposition. But all these endeavors to narrow down the question within the literal meaning of a sentence uttered six years ago, or a garbled quotation from a recent speech, are mere special pleading. Men of common sense know what constitutes the objectionable feature of coalitions properly so called, and the ground on which Reformers oppose them. They know that the policy of the coalition formed by Sir John had to be framed on a shifting basis of expediency to suit the opposing views of the members. They know that Mr. Mackenzie's Government has pledged itself to carry out a Reform policy, the policy advocated by the Reformers whilst in opposition. They know that any outside element taken into the Cabinet is neither numerous nor strong enough to cause the Ministry to swerve from the principles which they have publicly laid down for their guidance. It is mere quibbling to say that the Reformers have not acted up to the spirit of their past professions in this matter, even had they infringed the letter, which we deny.

We know that Mr. Mackenzie was supported by a number of disgusted Conservatives in punishing Sir John's misdeeds. We know also that has nothing to do with the composition of the Cabinet. Then look at the utter hollowness and hypocrisy of another point raised by the *Herald*. It believes that the interests of the country require public business to be carried on by thirteen Ministers—for Sir John says so. Nay, more; the *Herald* believes that more Ministers are needed—for Sir John was going to create more. Yet it abuses Reformers for not reversing the present system, and beginning *de novo* with six Ministers. For what reason? Why, because six years ago Reformers thought that number of Ministers was sufficient to govern a confederation of four Provinces. Such a proposition needs no refutation from us.

A LEFT-HANDED COMPLIMENT.—Like the coy maiden with her sweetheart the *Herald* pretends to be very shy of Mr. Hatch, and "cannot altogether approve of his position and tone as a candidate." Indeed! This little piece of sweet-faced hypocrisy won't do, however. The *Herald's* party and friends brought out Mr. Hatch, they waited on him, and begged him to consent; they are running round town and country canvassing for him; and yet the *Herald* wants us to believe he is not its candidate, nor the candidate of its party. This is scurvy treatment of Hatch, to say the least, but he is too good tempered at present to resent it, though he will flare up by and by, when this little excitement is over, and the Tories have dropped him as being too hot for their fingers. At present Dr. Herod is acting as wet nurse to the newly-fledged Tory candidate, though not very long ago they were threatening to punch each other's heads in the public street. The doctor is now taking a most effectual mode of revenging himself. He has set Mr. Hatch up as a candidate, and is laughing at him behind his back for his folly.

Do TALK.—We should very much like to hear Mr. Hatch's opinion on the Pacific Scandal. Will he favor us?

A great Reform demonstration took place in Hamilton on Friday. Mr. Mackenzie was present and spoke amid much enthusiasm.

THE CREDIT VALLEY BY-LAW.—From the partial returns published elsewhere, there seems to be no doubt the Credit Valley By-law is carried. The returns, however, are very incomplete, Garafraza, which will give a heavy majority against it, not having been heard from.

OF COURSE NOT.—Mr. Hatch says the Tories did not exact any pledge from him when they asked him to run. Bless you, they never do that sort of thing, especially when they knew Mr. Hatch's political antecedents, and that he would oppose the Reform candidate. That was pledged enough. They were quite satisfied when they knew that Mr. Hatch, like the Irishman, "was agin the Government."

NOT LIKELY.—The *Herald* says the Reformers were terribly alarmed when they heard that Mr. Hatch was out, and telegraphed at once for Mr. Sturton, who returned post haste to face his doughty foe. Mr. Sturton knew nothing of Hatch's coming out till he arrived in Guelph on Friday forenoon, and then he smiled, which was just what everybody else in town when he heard the news that Hatch was in the field.

SOUTH GREY.—The Tories of South Grey have nominated Mr. Stephen Preble, of Normanby, to run against Mr. Landerkin. Mr. Preble is well known in Guelph, having until about two months ago worked in Messrs. Bell's Organ Factory in this town. He was also Master of the Orange Lodge here. Mr. Preble is a good fellow personally, but his politics are of the wrong stripe to take in South Grey, and he will save himself much trouble and some money if he stays at home. Dr. Landerkin will give him a terrible beating.

THROWING OUT THE BAIT.—Mr. Hatch is trying to tickle the fancy of the manufacturers by throwing out a bait about a protective tariff, which reminds us of the old lady trying to sweep back the ocean with her broom. What has the party with which Mr. Hatch is identified ever done to give special protection to the manufacturers? John A. Macdonald's Government tinkered and tinkered at the tariff till it was a thing of shreds and patches. We believe the present Government will not differently, and will legislate so as to give every reasonable and just protection to manufacturers.

THAT LETTER.—The *Stratford Beacon* understands that a strict and impartial investigation is about to be made into the alleged stealing of John A. Macdonald's famous, or rather infamous letter to his friend Pope. It says: "We have reason to believe that when all the facts are known the charter-sellers will be very willing to let the matter drop. We always believed, and still believe, and have the very best reasons for believing, that John A. Macdonald himself was at the bottom of that affair. It was simply a red herring drawn across the track to draw the public attention away from the Pacific Scandal. We hope the plot will be fully exposed before election day."

ELECTION INTELLIGENCE.

AMARANATH.—A splendid Reform meeting was held at Laurel in Amaranath on Monday last. A Reform Association was formed, being the first one ever formed in that Township. The following are the officers, viz: Joseph Banks, President; Wm. Lomas, Vice; Wm. Richardson, Secy-Treas. An Executive Committee of five, and a strong working Committee were also appointed.

VICTORIA SOUTH.—Mr. John McLellan has been unanimously nominated the Reform candidate by the South Victoria Reform Convention.

ONTARIO NORTH.—Mr. Gordon and Mr. Gibbs met for the first time at Sarnia. After a keen discussion, a motion of confidence in Mr. Gordon was carried by an overwhelming majority.

MUSKOKA.—At Parry Sound on Wednesday night Mr. Cockburn held a meeting. A vote of confidence and a pledge of future support was tendered to Mr. Cockburn, and a vote of confidence and support in favor of Mr. Mackenzie's Administration was carried without dissent. Mr. Cockburn will hold almost the entire vote, both Reformers and Conservatives in the district are supporting him unanimously.

SOUTH BRUCE.—The Reform Association have chosen Mr. Blair again. Baird has wisely decided not to try.

NORTH BRANT.—The Reformers' unanimous choice is Mr. Gavin Fleming of Glenmorris, the former representative. The rank and file of the charter-selling brigade in North Brant have not been able to pick upon any one willing to offer himself as a sacrifice at the polls, and Mr. Fleming's nomination by the united Reform Party insures his election without opposition.

MONTREAL, Jan. 15.—Political matters are getting interesting. The Opposition in the West Division tried to induce Mr. Wm. Rodden to run against Mr. Fred Mackenzie, but at a public meeting to-night he declined to be a candidate. No avowed supporter of John A. would have the slightest chance in that Division, and Charter-Sellers would be content to support a candidate like Mr. Rodden, who, though a Conservative repudiates Sir John. The attempt to defeat the Reform candidate by this means will, however, not succeed. Mr. Mackenzie's election is certain. Mr. Devlin is progressing well with his canvass in the Centre Division.

WEST ELGIN.—The Conservatives of West Elgin held a Convention at Walkerton on Wednesday, but finding that there was not the faintest hope of carrying the Riding, they wisely decided not to oppose Mr. Casey's re-election.

Ontario Legislature.

Friday, Jan. 16.
Hon. Mr. Mowat moved that a Select Committee, to revise the Rules, Orders, and Regulations of the House, be appointed. The motion was carried.

Hon. Mr. Mowat brought forward the subject of the adjournment of the House during the Dominion elections. After careful enquiry in respect to members on both sides of the House, the Government had come to the conclusion that the business of the House could not be effectively carried on during the excitement of the elections. His proposal, therefore, that after the House rose to-day (Friday) it should stand adjourned till Tuesday, 23rd February, by which time the Government would have the estimates ready and all the Government Bills printed so that the House could proceed with all desirable expedition with the public business. The motion was carried.

The House was then constituted a Committee of Supply, Mr. Hodgins in the Chair, and voted a few items without discussion.

Hon. Mr. Mowat moved the second reading of the Bill to amend the law respecting Escheats, and made a few observations explanatory of its provisions. Read a second time.

Mr. Bethune, on behalf of the Hon. Mr. Currie, submitted a motion for an Order of the House to produce an authenticated statement of the expenditure of the Province for 1873. He was confident that the statement would show that Mr. Laurier was of fault in some of the representations he had made.

Mr. Laurier made a few remarks explanatory of his state of mind, and again charged the Government with extravagant expenditure.

Hon. Mr. Fraser showed that where there was increase of salaries of Government officials it was warranted by the increased cost of living now compared with what it was when Mr. John Sandfield Macdonald arranged his salaries in 1867. He also compared the expenditure of Quebec Province with that of Ontario. In detail he stated the amount of the salaries of the various officials of the two Provinces, and summed up by showing that Quebec was paying \$35,000 for salaries as against the small amount comparatively paid by Ontario of a little over \$9,000.

Mr. Sinclair said that whilst the Reform party advocated economy in public expenditure, it was no part of their policy to reduce the salaries of officials to starvation point.

The motion was carried and the House adjourned, to meet again on Tuesday, 23rd February.

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I do not offer myself as the nominee of any party exacting pledges, but as an Independent candidate.

I will support the present Government in all useful measures, and will not at any time offer a factious opposition. I am in favor of a Protective Tariff, and will give a hearty support to any measure introduced for the protection and encouragement of "Home Industry," manufacturing and agricultural.

The Pacific Railway is a matter of grave importance. My opinion is that the Dominion Parliament is pledged to the construction of the Road through Canadian Territory, in order to keep faith with British Columbia. I shall, however, be guided to some extent by the opinions of practical engineers, and having always a regard to the maintenance of the Road as a thoroughly British and Canadian enterprise, and to the exclusion of undue American influence.

I am in favor of Legislative measures for the encouragement of Immigration. I am opposed to the expenditure of money in elections, from whatever source it may be obtained.

I am in favor of a stringent Election Law.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
HENRY HATCH.
Guelph, Jan. 16, '74. d&wtf.

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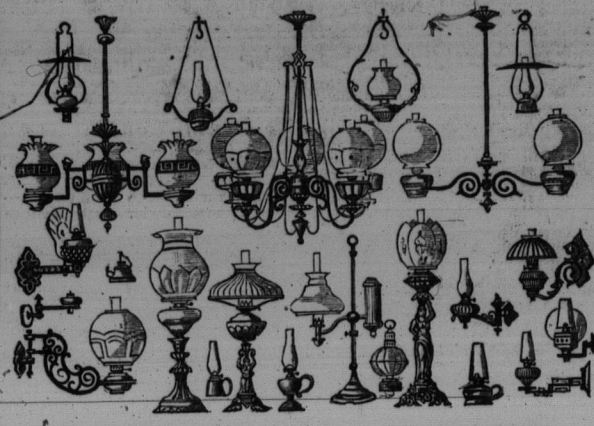
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