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THE Mowat Government will stand or fall by its motto, "Equal Rights for All."—[St. Thomas Journal.

There are really no indications that it will fall. Its enemies may make up their

THERE is much difficulty in getting men to carry the Tory colors in many Ontario constituencies. What is the matter with Mr. Rykert! He is open for an engagement now. He was a trusty helper of Mr. Meredith when in the Local House before. Why not try him again!—[Stratford Beacon.

No doubt if Mr. Rykert is available he will be negative of the One.

will be pressed into the service of the Opposition in the Legislature at an early date. Meanwhile, however, it must be remem-bered that the champion timber limit grabber is the only Tory candidate in Lincoln county.

gestive phrase of his—"the hogs should remember who shakes the nuts from the tree

In Lincoln county, Mr. Pettit, who came out as a Tory candidate, has retired from the contest for the seat rendered vacant by the forced resignation of Rykert. What seems very odd, unless he and his associ of Rykert, is the fact that Mr. Pettit abuses the only other candidate now in the field in opposition to Mr. Rykert. If Mr. not a friend of evil-doing, he should buckle on his armor and assist Mr. Pattison to win the seat. It was Mr. Pattison and his Liberal friends who first brought to light Rykert's notorious wrong-

THE Dominion Postal Guide for 1890 issued by the Postmaster-General, should be carefully studied by postmasters as well as by the general public. There are various instructions that cannot be too carefully carried out, if irritation and vexatious delays are to be avoided. We quote a few

delays are to be avoided. We quote a few of these:

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THINGS TO REMEMBER.

Spectator. Why go so far back? We are dealing with Provincial affairs just now, and in that connection it seems more ap-"Remember 1879, when the Grand Old

Man of Ontario vanquished his enemies. Remember 1883, when Oliver Mowat possible, buying power for the pliant lieutenant of John A. Macdonald and his timber-boodling hangers-on. Remember 1886, when the most dastard-

ly tactics of the Tory bosses were rebuked by the electorate, and Oliver Mowat was returned by a majority of 24.

And now remember June 5, 1890, when the staunch upholder of Ontario's rights and of a policy just to every class and creed in the Province will again be returned by a large majority, or indications and the private confessions of candid Conservatives

Yes, brethren, let us keep on remember-ing. The memories of the past are happy auguries for the future. The Province is

## EAST MIDDLESEX. Mr. T. H. Purdom, the Liberal candidate

for East Middlesex, has met with a very warm reception from the electors of the riding. The meetings addressed by him and his friends have been well attended, and the convincing arguments in favor of the Ontario Government and against the course pursued by its opponents have been listened Tooley and his friends have been on the stump, too, but it is painfully apparent that they have a poor case, as their stock-intrade seems to be misrepresentation of the Liberal platform and the fomenting of religious discord. Fortunately, the men chosen as representatives of Protestantism, which has never been menaced by Hon. Oliver Mowat, and never will be menaced by a Government of which he is the honored head, are well known in the constituency. They have not been known as paragons of excellence any more than the candidate whose cause they advo-cate. That, in itself, would make most thinking people suspicious of their protestations, even were it not

ests either in the Legislature or outside of it. They will not have to apologize for his conduct either in or outside the House Besides, he will be on the Government side of the House, and therefore in the couff-dence of those in authority, which Mr. Tooley can never hope to be. This will be distinct gain to East Middlesex, which no doubt the majority of the electors will

## CAMPAIGN FUNDS.

The London ADVERTIBER admits that Mr. Mowat has asked civil service employes to centribute to his campaign funds, and can see no harm attached to it. There would be no harm providing the salaries of these officers were not made compensatory to the amount sub-scribed.—[Exeter Times.

We have never admitted that Mr. Mowat asked civil servants to contribute to his campaign funds. We believe that he has not done so. What we have admitted, however, is that the Liberal party is like other kindred organization the sun. It needs money for legitimate campaign purposes, such as hiring halls, conveyances, secretaries, and for printing necessary documents. And we have never had any fault to find with the civil servant or ordinary citizen who has been moved to make a contribution to a campaign fund in any constituency, we care not whether he is Liberal or Tory. But the ADVERTISER has objected, and will continue to object to the utterly indefensible method of raising campaign funds pursued by Sir John Macdonald. The subscriptions to his campaign fund are not, like those to the Liberal fund, of a purely voluntary character. They are collected from men who have been granted nonopolies in trade, for whose benefit the people have been highly taxed, and who have before now been called together, and told by Sir John Macdonald, in that sug-

deliver" manner, we would just as readily condemn him as we do the Tory leader. MR. MOWAT'S COMING VICTORY

for them"-that if they want continued

favors they must provide the necessary

campaign funds. If any Liberal leader col-lected a campaign fund in that "stand and

The tide is steadily, surely and strongly setting in against Mr. William Ralph Meredith and his supporters, and the present outlook is that he will have fewer followers in the coming Legislature than he had in the last one. His "No Popery" crusade and ultra-Protestant appeals might have produced some effect had he been so fortunate as to have made no political record. But when it is remembered that fifteen years ago he made a bid for Roman Catholic support by the promise of taking two members of that faith into the Cabinet should his friends succeed in upsetting the Government of Mr. Mowat, as declared upon the affidavit of D. J. O'Donoghue, of Coronto, and that seven years ago he held out hopes of many offices and good things to Roman Catholics in the sheet of "Facts for the Irish electors," no one can believe in his sincerity or honesty in now stumping the country as a champion of Protestant rights and the uncompromising

And added to the new departure of Mr. Meredith is the changed attitude of the Equal Rights Association, as indicated in the recent manifesto of the council of that body. As long as Dr. Caven was the trusted leader of that organization a middle course between the two parties was fairly steered; but when Dalton McCarthy and Douglas Armour took the management into their own hands, and called a meeting of the council and prepared beforehand a set of resolutions for adoption without consulting Dr. Caven, the association was fated to go upon the rocks. Mr. Charlton's letter makes clear the fact that wire-pulling was practiced by certain members of the council. that Dr. Caven and himself in particular again triumphed, though attacked by a were ignored, and that the address as finally "brawling brood of bribers" bent on, if his letter to Dr. Caven giving reasons refusing to sign the address he says:

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I have given careful consideration to the address decided upon by the majority of the council of the Equal Rights Association, at a meeting held in Toronto on the afternoon of May 3, and issued yesterday by the Committee on Address appointed by the council. I have felt the greater necessity for care in its consideration because I had not been consulted as to the various resolutions, which had evidently been thoroughly considered before they were submitted to the council, and not having them before me I could not, during the desultory discussion and rapid consideration, give to be a submitted to the council, and not having them before me I could not, during the desultory discussion and rapid consideration, give to a sideration necessary to a thorough comprehension of their purport and character. I have also borne in mind that the meeting of the council was called without your knowledge: that your advice as to the resolutions presented had not been asked, and that you as they were presented to the council.

Mr. Charlton also shows by what the address asserts as well as by what it omits

address asserts as well as by what it omits that it was prepared with the evident pur-pose of injuring Mr. Mowat, whereas the purpose of the association's existence was to protest against ultramontane influence at Ottawa and in the Province of Quebec. On three other leading features of the manifesto, also, Mr. Charlton is very clearly in opposition to the members of the committee resto, also, Mr. Charton is very clearly in opposition to the members of the committee who prepared that document. He says:

That portion of the address relating to French schools in Ontario indicates as destrable a course of action which, it strikes me, has been as fully compiled with by the regulation of the Department of Education, in force since the 10th of February last, as present circumstances render possible. The address says that the council halls these regulations with satisfaction, but the expression immediately after contained, that further legislation or departmental regulations will be required "to eradicate the evil"—implying that the Government has not yet done its duty fully in the premises—is hardly warranted by the facts of the case, so far as I am able to judge.

I can hardly acquiesce in the assertion that the principle that every person must be considered to be a public school supporter unless, being a Roman Catholic, he had by proper notice declared hinself a supporter of separate schools, had, at least prior to the legislation of last session, been violated by the School Law. In 1886 the Attorney-General of Ontario emphatically denied that such was the case. The question was subsequently referred to the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice for Omario, and the decision of the court was held to sustain the opinion of the Attorney-General.

most thinking people suspicious of their protestations, even were it not know by every thinking elector that the Tory leaders of to-day are not to be trusted as religious leaders, as Rev. Mr. Milligan, the stalwart Presbyterian clergyman, has pointed out.

The friends of the Mowat Government have every reason for aiding in securing the return of an honorable, upright, able gepresentative, who can be relied upon to the formulation of the Attorney. As to the statement made that the council does not deem it expedient to express any solitive opinion as to whether the amendments of the school law made last session are or are not sufficient to attain the desired end. I cannot give my assent. The statement implies a doubt when, in my belief, unqualified approval is fully deserved, and I am prepared to express a positive opinion that the act to amend the Public and Separate Schools Act, which received the royal assent on the 7th of Alast. does remove all ambiguity and doubt as to the question.

Tate schools are guaranteed by the British North America Act, and that this provision has been declared against by the council of the association. While I am, upon principle, opposed to separate denominational schools receiving State aid, and while I consider the separate school system of Ontario an evil, it would I think be proper, for the full information of the Ontario elector, to state in any address upon the subject that the same guarantee which secures Catholic separate schools in Ontario secures valued educational rights and separate public schools to the Protestant minority of Quebec, and that the constitutional guarantee and settlement if withdrawn from one is also withdrawn from the other, as it applies jointly to both Provinces. This being the status of the case in both Ontario and Quebec, the question is a very deletate one, and it is a matter worthy of serious consideration as to what extent action should be taken in the premises without the interests of the Protestants of Quebec being considered, and their approval and cooperation secured.

Then in addition to Mr. Chariton's letter

Then in addition to Mr. Chariton's letter we have a second one from Dr. Caven himself, which affords further proof that he too is not in accord with the framers of the address. But of course it will be replied in his case that his name was attached to the address. This is true, and in view of the statements of his letter some curiosity is felt as to the manner in which he was prevailed upon to sign against his better judgment. No doubt he was strongly pressed by the two lawyers, whose pro fessional skill would readily find reasons, foremost of which would be the specious one that it is the duty of the chairman of a council or committee to put his name to any document which may be approved by a majority of the members. It would be said that a reeve or mayor is bound to attach his name officially to any eport or minute carried by a majority of the councilors, and that in so doing he does not necessarily give his personal concur ence, and that the rule which applies in this way to a reeve or mayor applies also to a chairman. We can readily understand how an argument of this sort, cunningly arged, might impress a guileless man like Dr. Caven, especially if, as is not unlikely, t was also pressed by some of his more imoulsive brethren in the ministry. However that may be, his letter shows conclusively that he was not upon all points in agreenent with the terms of the address.

But there are many other signs of strong and healthy action against the dishonest tactics of Mr. Mcredith and Mr. McCarthy. The withdrawal of Rev. Mr. Lyle from the ociation in Hamilton, the resignation of the president of the Conservative Association in Peel, and his expressed intention to vote for Mr. Chisholm against Inspector Hughes, are perhaps extreme cases; but there are numerous instances coming to us rom all over the Province of men who have peen Conservatives all their lives avowing themselves as supporters of Mr. Mowat in this contest. There are thousands of patriotic men throughout the country who are as one with Dr. Caven when he says "that all attempts to make party capital out of the separate school question are either ignorant or dishonest, and will be discountenanced by every fair-minded man who knows a little of Canadian history," and because this sentiment prevails, and is growing in force every day as the cam-paign goes on, Mr. Meredith runs the risk of being buried out of sight on the 5th of

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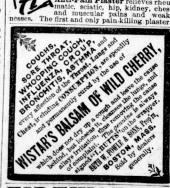
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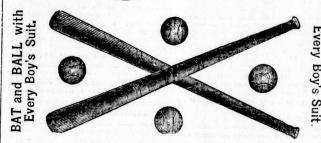
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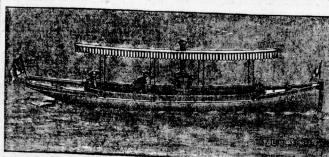
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