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## Local News.

### CENTRE RIDING.

It is reported that the Conservatives intend to bring out Mr. Ferrier in opposition to the Reform candidates for the Local Legislature for this Riding. We shall have something to say on the subject in a day or two.

At a meeting of the Guelph Rifle Company, held in the Drill Shed, on Tuesday night, Capt. Bruce awarded a prize of \$5 to Corporal Trap for the best attendance at Drill, and \$2.50 to Color Sergt. Clegghorn, as being second for regularity.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FETE.**—The Fete annually given by the Venerable Archdeacon Palmer to the Children of St. George's church Sunday School takes place this afternoon at his residence, Tyrcathlen. At 2 o'clock p.m. the amusements commenced, and six refreshments will be served, and at nine, a bonfire will be kindled. A pleasant time may be anticipated.

### Local Electioneering.

"This known what shifts we make to live, Perhaps your Honors may forgive."

Yes, that is all very good, but no single individual knows half the shifts or devices of his neighbor, when his neighbor "goes round canvassing." We remember reading something about the manner in which the lion attacks the horse. Beginning at a considerable distance from him, he goes round and round in a circle, always making the diameter shorter until he has arrived within a proper distance for making a spring on the horse's back. Tactics somewhat similar were practised the other day, by a rosy, good-natured-looking gentleman of the Conservative and John Bull persuasions while out on an electioneering expedition. He singled out his man, who was standing in his kitchen-garden, and approached him slyly as follows:—

Mr. B.—"Good morning, Mr. T."  
Mr. B.—"Got good cucumbers, I see."  
Mr. T.—"Very good, indeed, sir, very good. I took great care in the raising of 'em."

Mr. B.—"Ah! so I observe; any of 'em ripe yet?"

Mr. T.—"Yes, a few."

Mr. B.—"Yes, a few, and the remainder are like the Anti-coalitionists, somewhat green!"

Mr. T.—"Can't see the joke, sir; can't see the joke."

Mr. B.—"No! I'm rather surprised at that; but did Mr. Blair call on you when he was in Town to ask your vote and influence in favor of the Union candidates?"

Mr. T.—"Mr. B. laid great stress on Union; he thought that was an irresistible word."

Mr. B.—"He did not; it would have been useless, for he has turned his coat."

Mr. B.—"I beg your pardon, sir; he has not turned his coat."

Mr. T.—"Did Mr. Blair call on you?"

Mr. B.—"He did."

Mr. T.—"Then certainly there must have been coat-turning. Blair must have turned his, or he would not have called upon you, and you must have turned yours, or you would not be going about to assist him. As for me, I never turned mine, and I never will."

Mr. B. took his departure without asking for a cucumber.

**NO EXCUSE.**—The Hamilton Times of yesterday has the following:—"Some of the Ministerial journals are endeavoring to excuse the formation of a Coalition on the ground of necessity. They tell us that the Conservative party was not strong enough to obtain a working majority in Parliament. For our own part we should not deem that a sufficient reason for forming a Coalition. If we are not able to carry on the Government, why then the only patriotic course would have been to retire and allow those to carry it on who are strong enough to do so. But even this poor lame shadow of an excuse is utterly at fault. Sir John himself has branded it as a lie."

In his speech at London, the Premier said that if they had gone to the country on a purely Conservative platform, they would have run the Reformers "neck-and-neck" in Upper Canada; would have secured 50 of the 65 in Lower Canada, 12 of the 15 in New Brunswick, and one-half of the representation of Nova Scotia. Thus, according to Sir John A. Macdonald, the Conservatives would have had a majority of 44 in the new House of Commons in a purely party struggle.

Where, then, the necessity for a Coalition? And if it cannot be justified on the grounds of necessity, on what possible ground can such a monstrous be defended? Only on the ground that the bandits of the Apennines justify their coalitions—the common love of plunder.

But there is one more view of the matter that ought not to be lost sight of. We have just recorded the Premier's opinion that the Conservatives would have obtained a majority of 44 all over the country in a purely party struggle. Now no reasonable supporter of the Government will claim such a majority for the Coalition. It is apparent that the Government will be defeated in Upper Canada. The Conservatives and Ministerial Reformers, taken together, will not number as much as the opposition. It is therefore clear that Sir John has injured himself by allying with the Radicals, has injured his own Government, whilst at the same time he has killed the Conservative party.

The dredge at work upon the Saginaw river improvement is said to be a wonderful piece of mechanism. It was built in Scotland at the cost of \$75,000, and has been service upon the Clyde. The boat is 130 feet long and 27 feet wide, and the dredging is done by 36 iron buckets attached to an endless chain, which revolves in a canal in the centre of the dredge. A continuous stream of earth is thus thrown up and carried off on lighters. The dredge is capable of excavating 700

## Hurrah for Puslinch!

Mr. Leslie beaten at his own Meeting.

Immense majority for Stirton and Gow.

CONSTERNATION IN THE TORY CAMP.

Messrs. Stone and Leslie's Committee issued bills some four or five days ago, calling a meeting of the friends of the "Union" candidates at Morrison, last (Wednesday) night. The meeting came off in the Town Hall according to notice, where a very large assemblage of the intelligent farmers of the Township were convened by eight o'clock. The Hall was crowded in every part, and those who know its capacity are confident there could not have been less than 500 present. Shortly after the proceedings commenced the sound of the bag-pipes was heard in the street, and on enquiring the cause, it was found that the "men of Badenoch" to the number of 150 were on their way to the Hall. Like stalwart and true men as they are, they marched to the Hall to the martial strains of the "Campbells are Coming," and on entering were loudly cheered. Quite a number of Messrs. Stone and Leslie's friends from Guelph were present, as also several of the friends of Messrs. Stirton and Gow. The proceedings lasted from eight o'clock until half-past eleven, and though the electors were jammed together like so many herrings in a barrel, and although many good-humoured and laughable interruptions took place, such as putting questions to the speakers, and an occasional witty remark, the business was conducted in the most orderly manner, and the best feeling prevailed. It was evident from the very first that Messrs. Stone and Leslie's friends were fearfully in the minority, and had it not been that the members of their Committee from Guelph kept up their drooping spirits somewhat, it is feared they would have lost heart altogether.

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Mr. W. S. G. Knowles then mounted the platform. On commencing to speak he was hailed with cries of "Tory," which he met by saying, "Yes, a Tory, a real Tory if you please." If you want honesty and righteousness in a nation go to a Tory. (Derisive cheers.) He came down as a supporter of Mr. Stone, as he believed he would make a proper representative of the Riding. Objection had been made to him that he was not a politician. On this very account he preferred him to Mr. Stirton. He held that Mr. Stirton was not independent. He was bound hand and foot to the G. C. (Grouns.) He was so identified with Brown and his party that it was altogether impossible for him to give a party vote. On the other hand Mr. Stone was independent and would act entirely on his own judgment. Mr. Stirton had enjoyed the privilege of being their representative for ten years, and what had he done? He had been appropriating the public money to the tune of thousands of dollars. (Groans.) He had tried his pretence hand at legislation, and the result stands on the Statute book in the shape of the Thistle Bill, which he considered an abortion. This was all he could show for ten years of pay and honor. We did not like to see men like him returned who were bound hand and foot. He then went on to speak about Reform Conventions and said he did not believe in them. He spoke of Mr. Leslie, and believed him to be an honest and straightforward man, and a faithful public servant, although he was not a public speaker. We don't want men who will speak by the hour. We want good working men, who will see that we have economical government, and not waste time with long speeches. He was intimately acquainted with Municipal matters and in every respect qualified for the position. After another thing at the late Reform Convention he concluded they would have some-thing to do to get their men in, and if they could they would try and elect their candidates.

Mr. Stirton then came forward and was received with deafening cheers. He said he was not to speak till all the members of Mr. Stone's committee were dead. Having waited a short time, and no one appearing, he proceeded. He said he had often addressed public meetings in Puslinch, but never such a large assembly as that now before him. He was glad to see so many taking an interest in public matters, as it showed how highly they valued their rights and privileges. He and his friends ought to thank Mr. Leslie and his friends for this opportunity of addressing them. It had been truly said to-night that the object for which they had met was one of the first importance. They were about to be called on to exercise the most valuable right in declaring what they thought in regard to the qualifications and abilities of the individuals now asking for their suffrages; to weigh all that may be said and decide according to the dictates of a just judgment. They had heard a good deal to-night about the danger the country was in. This was invariably the cry of the Conservatives when they were in danger of being deprived of power. They got up a cry of some kind, such as that of annexation. It was all nonsense. He believed no man in Canada was disloyal. He thought better of Mr. Howe than to believe he had the slightest leaning that way. Who lauded him more than the Conservatives when some three years ago in Detroit he manifested a patriotism and ability never equalled. Were a man to have sympathy with Mr. Howe in his opposition to Confederation, and if he came to Parliament and offered any proposition which would tend to weaken it (which he did not believe) he would frown down at the tempt. (Cheers.) Mr. Leslie, who now solicits their votes is no stranger to them. But he might be a good neighbour, a passable Reeve, a good Division Court Clerk and a fair merchant, and yet when he tells you he is no politician what will you think of him. He never before heard this advanced as a reason why a man should be elected. Were a man to come to any of you and asked to be hired, and were he to say that he knew nothing of farming, what would you think of him? (Hear, hear.) If this holds good in every other calling or profession, why not in politics? A man who would make such a confession is not fit for the position to which he aspires.—(Cheers.) It was an insult to the electors. Mr. Leslie said the government should get a fair trial. The cry was got up that they (the Reformers) were going to condemn them unheard. He explained at length how this was impossible. (See Mr. Stirton's speech at Aberfoyle.) It was charged against him that he had said he would vote want of confidence in the Government if a fool brought up such a motion. He said he had always opposed the bringing up of these motions, but an imprudent or foolish person might do so. Still it was the resolution itself, and not the individual, that he had to consider.—(Hear, hear.) They had heard Mr. Leslie make his debut in public life to-night, and after the exhibition he had made they were quite able to judge whether he was competent to fill the seat without saying a word more on the point. He had never taken the slightest interest in politics, and the same statement applied to Mr. Stone. In fact he never took an interest in anything unless it was for his personal interest. (Cheers.) In regard to what Mr. Davidson had said about Mr. Brown's reply to Mr. McGivern, he could only say that he was surprised that Mr. Davidson could so misrepresent the matter. During the debate on the Quebec Resolutions Mr. McGivern asked Mr. Brown a question about the Intercolonial Railroad in the North West, &c. He never stated that he would remain in the Government till these measures were carried out. They

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