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Our Ticket.

For Dominion Premier,
HON. EDWARD BLAKE.

For Ontario Premier,
HON. OLIVER MOWAT.

West Huron in the Commons,
M. C. CAMERON, Q. C.

West Huron in the Legislature,
HON. A. M. ROSS.

"The Boodle Brigade Must Go."

"THE OLD CHIEF STILL LEADS."
Saturday last M. C. Cameron again received the unanimous nomination for the House of Commons for West Huron, amidst the enthusiastic cheers of his old-time supporters and many new ones. With earnest work on the part of the Reform electors of West Huron, the re-nomination of Mr Cameron practically sealed his election. During the past four years the venality, corruption and fiscal policy of the Government have alienated the sympathies of many of their former warm supporters; and today West Huron instead of being a Conservative constituency, as was originally intended by the gerrymander, is a pronounced Reform riding.

So much is this the case, that were it not to endeavor to put Mr Cameron to the test of an election in the riding, no Tory candidate would be placed in the field. West Huron was looked upon as a Reform hope by Reformers in 1882; today it is admitted by Conservatives to be a lost cause.

The nomination of M. C. Cameron inspires his friends with confidence, and fills his opponents with despair. His progress on the platform is an undoubted fact, and his success in the past is an earnest of the time to come. His ability is admittedly great, and his readiness is equal to any emergency. With his political experience of twenty years at his back, his unbroken record in the interest of stalwart Reform, the confidence of his friends and the fear of his opponents he holds a winning hand, and the coming election will prove that he has not only the confidence of West Huron, but that he holds that confidence by a stronger tenure and an increased majority.

HON. A. M. ROSS.

The re-nomination of Hon. A. M. Ross by the West Huron Reform convention on Saturday last will prove satisfactory to the Reform electors of West Huron and to many of the Conservative party who recognize worth and appreciate ability. The present member has represented the constituency in the Legislature since 1875, and during that time has worked upward and onward from the floor of the House to a seat in the Cabinet. His re-election for the constituency is an assured fact, for the electors of Huron, irrespective of politics, are proud of their member, the Treasurer of Ontario. His address of acceptance, before the convention, bristled with facts and figures which will prove useful to all who favor the principles of honest government and provincial rights.

SCOTT ACT ENFORCEMENT.—Thos. McGillicuddy, of the Goderich Signal, dropped in to see The Times last Thursday evening, while on his way to Zetland. Mr McGillicuddy has been going through Turnberry township stirring the people about the Scott Act and showing cause why a police magistrate should be appointed. On Monday of last week he held a meeting in Bluevale, on Tuesday night in Eadie's church, on Wednesday night in Gammill's church, and on Thursday night in Zetland. On each occasion he was greeted by large audiences, and great interest was manifested in the work. The addresses were excellent ones and are said to have had a good effect upon those who heard them. Mr McGillicuddy is an able speaker in general, but when it comes to talking temperance he is hard to beat. He has done good service in the interest of the cause in this county.—Wingham Times.

WHAT'S UP?

A Hard "Send-Off" to the Two-Legged Hog.

A Man Who Knows all about the Animal Gives it Away—Something that has Dynamic in it.

—This man Sam Jones, who is preaching down at Toronto, will have to be choked off, or some of the neighbors will get worked up against him. One thing is certain: if he lived in Goderich and talked as he does he would hurt some of our local gentry's feelings. An attack of *deterium tremens* would be made on him through the columns of the *Almanac*, or a resolution would be submitted to the Guelph conference asking that body to issue an injunction restraining the redoubtable Sam from personally attacking some of the yeomanry of the section. I endorse the rev. Sam in his remarks on this question, however, and as I strained myself laughing at the *Almanac's* "jim-jams" last week, I will write the balance of this week's article with a scissors from Sam Jones' Toronto discourse: It'll be easier on me, and won't hurt Sam Jones or annoy the neighbors:

An old brother said to me one day, "I can't get 'em to come and hear me preach. They won't come." "Well," I said, "if you had a drove of hogs and you call 'em up a few times and pour a bucket or two of water over them and send them off, why when you call 'em again they'll just say 'Bee! from some place, but if you send them a bucket of water every time you call them, they'll soon get so they'll just stay there and wait for you." Well, sir, that old fellow's mad with me to this day. He said I compared human beings with hogs. But sometimes a fellow ain't mad about what he's mad about. Did you ever notice that? Let's get truth so that we can hold it to. Now taking a practical and common-sense view of this whole business, we may say that if a man does confess his sins, that is proof he is quit to them, for a man will not confess before he is quit. I'll show you. You get

THAT RED NOSED GENTLEMAN at the back there and ask him does he drink whisky? He'll tell you "no," because he don't know one thing from another. I want to see one man drink whisky and never tell me he's about it. I'll give you a ten-dollar bill for him, but you have to get somebody to prove your veracity. I made a proposition once at a meeting that any man who drank whisky and never told his wife and I about it should stand up, and any one man jumped on me. "Old fellow, you're a bandolier, I'll lay my life," and so he was. (Laughter and applause.) Well you take that man who has been

DRINKING WHISKEY TO EXCESS, and make him quit it and give his heart to God, and then, every time he gets up and says "Brethren," I was the worst drunkard you ever saw. I drank and debauched myself till I was a disgrace to my family and to the community." He is quit now. How do you know? Because he confesses. Whenever a man goes to confessing, that's the best proof he's quit. Take that old man there. He's a gambler and a blackleg. Ask him: "Do you gamble?" He says, "I don't know one card from another." Let him get religion and then he'll say, "Brother, I was the worst gambler in Toronto. And my pants, above all things in the world, was got home with your breath stinking with beer and whiskey. Don't do that. A man who innocents children call him father, and whose wife calls him husband, goes home and sits down in the family circle, and

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH were to quit drinking you'd shut up half the bathtubs in town before Christmas. (Laughter and applause.) Now sir, what made them laugh at that? Because it was true. (Renewed laughter.) I mean all the churches of this city, for more than half the adults of this city belong to churches, and many a one of them likes the "creature" so well to this day that they never have quit drinking it. If you saw whiskey you will read drunkards. Oh, without the seed, and never scatter another. God deliver old Canada from whiskey now and forever. (Amen, and applause.) I have no special temptation to leave America, but I would like to see the wicked men back on these days when we legalized the traffic and wonder why their parents even legalized such an infernal traffic.

THE BLAKE demonstration at Wingham on Tuesday last was a magnificent success. A report of the proceedings has been crowded out this week owing to our very full account of the Convention of the West Huron Reformers.

LIBERAL CONVENTION AT GODERICH—FANATICISM—SPLendid Speeches by the Candidates—West Huron Solid for Reform and Progress.

The Convention which met in the Temperance Hall last Saturday to nominate candidates for the Commons and Legislature from West Huron in the Liberal interest was composed chiefly of intelligent and prosperous farmers. The meeting was a unit on the men chosen, and the principles advocated by the Reform party. The chair was occupied by Chas. Girvin, reeve of West Wawanosh. The convention was in every sense a most respectable gathering. Besides the leading Reformers of Goderich present we observed the following, among other delegates from outside points:—

ANGUSVILLE.—Donald McIntyre, J. G. Murdoch, Wm. McIntosh, John Gibson, Jos. Griffin, J. Murdoch, J. F. Andrews, H. Matheson, Dennis Sullivan, Morzan Dalton, John Long, R. Harrison, Jacob Crozier, Jeremiah Flynn, Wm. Mallough, Joseph Mallough.

COLBORNE.—Wm. Young, sr., A. Sands, D. McKinnon, James Stewart, A. McKinnon, John Snyder, D. Cummings, Peter Green, Alex. Glenn, T. Glehill, Thos. Morris, W. M. Mohring, Arch. Malloy, John Morris, John Buchanan, James Jenkins, Duncan McLaren, Henry Morris, Thos. Sallowa, Alex. Robertson, F. Blair, C. Young.

GODERICH TOWNSHIP.—Jos. McCusker, H. Hincks, A. D. Purvis, R. Jennings, S. Wallace, R. McCullagh, W. Henderson, Geo. Cox, Peter McDougall, John Torrance, Horace Newton, W. Morcan, H. Eford, T. Match, C. McGregor, W. Morcan.

WEST WAWANOSH.—Jas. Ross, John Washington, Walter Taylor, C. Girvin, reeve.

EAST WAWANOSH.—Robt. McGowan, Jr., Wm. E. Brown, Alonzo Parker, Jas. Brown.

CLINTON.—A. McMurchie, Dr. Worthington, Jas. Smith, A. Mackenzie, A. H. Manning, W. Cuts, R. Holmes, Jos. Rowell, D. McCorvie.

BLVTH.—Dr. Sloan, J. W. Shaw, J. Morgan.

After a few words from the chairman it was

Moved by C. Seager, seconded by R. Harrison,

That this convention desires to express its emphatic condemnation of the many outrages perpetrated upon the people of Ontario by the Ottawa Government, and especially those of the Ottawa Government, and to rob the people of their rights to a free election of their opinions at the polls by means of those infamous measures, the Gerrymander Act and the so-called Franchise Act.

Mr C. Seager backed up his resolution by a vigorous denunciation of the Franchise Bill. He said that by the Gerrymander Act the rights of some of the constituencies were stifled by "hiving," and by this later Act it was sought to affect the vote of the individual voter. For two reasons the Franchise Act had failed of its purpose in West Huron:—1st, because the revising barrister had neglected to make a good name to do anything that would displace him for the benefit of Sir John A. Macdonald (applause); and 2nd, the Liberals had watched the revising barrister's clerk and the other Tory agents very closely. The Reformers had put on 481 names and knocked off 140, making a total change of 621 names. The Tories had also made some gains. The cost of the revision of the Dominion voters' lists in West Huron had been \$809 to the Reform party privately, independent of its share of the public cost of salaries, printing, etc. The act must be voted out at the first session of the new Liberal parliament. (Applause.)

Moved by Dr. Sloan, seconded by R. Holmes,

This convention of the Reformers and electors of West Huron desires to place on record its high appreciation of the good and noble service rendered to this Dominion by our beloved and able statesman and patriot, the Hon. Edward Blake, and to express its entire confidence in him and approval of his leadership.

Dr. Sloan, in speaking to the motion, referred to the Pacific Scandal, the Gerrymander and the Franchise Bill as samples of the political fruit borne by the Tory tree in Canada. He condemned Sir John A. Macdonald's action in the boundary question. He spoke in high praise of the Reform leader, Hon. Edward Blake, as an able and pure statesman. He said that Mr Cameron deserved credit for his courage in looking the Tory dealers in timber limits straight in the eyes in the House of Commons and saying "You, and you, and you," as he pointed to them, "are guilty men." (Applause.) He admired Mr Cameron's courage, and said his presence in the House was a necessity. (Applause.)

CAMERON AND ROSS.

To Again Represent West Huron at Ottawa and Toronto.

The Hon. M. C. Cameron, Q. C., in rising was greeted with cheers. He said: I thank you very cordially for this renewal of your confidence in me, and in a bright spot in any politician's life, and there are not many when he finds he retains the confidence of those he represents. I am under an obligation to the people of West Huron. Four years ago I very reluctantly accepted the nomination of the Liberal party in West Huron. It was considered a forlorn hope. But the best soldiers were generally ready for the forlorn hope. I do not claim that I am the best soldier, but the Liberals of this riding proved themselves to be the best soldiers, and we wrested the constituency from the hands of the party whose interest it had been gerrymandered. (Cheers.)

I felt reluctance in entering the contest in 1882, I feel almost more reluctance now. I had about made up my mind to cease my connection with active political affairs. I have been in parliamentary life for 15 years, many of them in the shades of opposition, battling for the welfare of the country. But as time was beginning to silver my hair, I thought it was right that younger men should enter the ranks of our fighting men, and bear the standard for the Liberal party in this constituency. I had communicated this intention to others, among them the honored leader of the Reform party. That great statesman replied that he was the leader of the Reform party largely through my instrumentality, and that he relied upon my aid in the contest near at hand. In response to this I said that in reading his letter, and having stood side by side with him for years, I would not now desert him in this supreme moment, when victory was at hand. (Cheers.)

Today I received the following telegram from our beloved leader:

ONTARIO, Oct. 16, 1886.

M. C. Cameron, Q. C., M. P.

Warmest thanks for your consent. My congratulations to you.

EDWARD BLAKE.

After the applause with which the reading of this telegram was greeted had subsided, Mr Cameron continued: Every man in this hall is acquainted with the frauds, the corruption, the speculations and the robbery of the Tory party of Canada. If this were a mixed audience, or an audience of Tories, or, as they call them, Liberal Conservatives, I might expose the maladministration of the Dominion Government more fully than I have need to do today. It is almost a waste of time to address a Reform Convention on these questions, yet it would perhaps be well to point out the reasons why the Liberals in the House of Commons had taken the firm stand they have shown against the Administration at Ottawa for the past seven years. Canada today stands in such a position that it becomes the plain duty of every man as a Canadian and a lover of his country to take a bold and determined stand upon the question of honesty and justice in the administration of the Government of the land. (Loud applause.)

If the affairs of the country are managed for another term of years as they have been in the past seven years by this corrupt and imbecile Government, the national debt is to be increased as it has been of late, this Canada of ours will be unworthy of any patriot. (Hear, hear.)

Let me glance briefly at this question of the national debt. In 1868, the first year of confederation, Canada's debt was \$33,000,000. After six years of Tory misrule it was in 1874 \$141,000,000, an increase of \$108,000,000. The Reformers came into power with the debt as last named, and left office after a term of five years with an increase of \$33,000,000; but \$30,000,000 of this were obligations left as a legacy by their predecessors. When the Tories returned to power in 1878-9, the debt was \$174,000,000. Today that debt reaches the enormous amount of \$255,000,000,

THE SITUATION IN QUEBEC.

At the time of writing, it looks as if the Tory government of Quebec has been defeated. Mr Mercier appears to have a clear majority of votes, independent of any "doubtfuls." If the defeat of the Ross-Tailon government means anything, it means a rout for the Tory party in Quebec at the next election. The *Hamilton Spectator* (Tory), had the following in an editorial the day before the election:

"If the Ross government be defeated, the Conservatives will be still further injuriously affected by the defeat: we may expect that fewer Conservatives will be elected to the Dominion Parliament than to the Legislature. If, on the other hand, the Ross government be sustained, we may anticipate that Conservative prospects will be improved by the fact."

On Monday the *Spectator*, which appears to be the only Tory newspaper which has not lost its head as well as its heart, in an article on the situation in Quebec, said:

"It is not yet possible to say with any degree of certainty whether the Ross-Tailon government will have been defeated. Our impression is that that has—that, without waiting for the result in the single constituency yet to be heard from, the Riel-Rouge party has elected 33 of the 65 members composing the Assembly, with a probability that one of the independent members will swing the Rouges. No good will come from misrepresenting the matter. The fact will not be changed by asserting now that this man or that man will support or will oppose the present government. All we can do is to state the truth so far as it can be known, and to await the meeting of the Legislature to verify the result. The *Toronto Globe* makes up quite a majority for the Riel-Rouge party by including among its supporters the Bleu who opposed the Ross government on the Riel question and the Rouges who supported it on that question. There are several men who cannot be placed with any degree of certainty; and it is just possible that at the present moment some of these gentlemen are not quite sure how they will range themselves."

The parties stand in Quebec at present as follows:

Liberals..... 35
Conservatives..... 25
Independent..... 4
To be elected..... 1

Total..... 65

Hon. Mr Mercier at last accounts claims that he has at least 38 solid supporters, or a majority of 11.

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THE ANNUAL EXPENDITURE OF THE DOMINION IS ALSO AN EXHIBITION OF TORY MISMANAGEMENT AND EXTRAVAGANCE.

In 1868 the tariff was 17½ per cent, now it reaches 35 per cent; yet last year in spite of the high tariff there was a deficit of \$2,357,000. This year the deficit is unknown, although there will likely be one. There is an interesting exhibit of Tory financial management. We were assured in 1878, when the Tories returned to power, that everything would be prosperous and flourishing. They actually claimed that the price of wheat would be increased for the farmer. Well, wheat then commanded \$1.25; to day it is 72c, a bushel. If the Tories are satisfied with that change in price, well and good. (Laughter and applause.) It is not hard to satisfy some of them. (Renewed laughter.)

Under the Tory Government at Ottawa there has been a most systematic and gigantic fraud in the management of our affairs from the Atlantic to the Pacific. There has been a regular and wholesale stealing from the public purse by that Government and its supporters, in the way of favoritism in contracts, timber limits, and the peddling of railway charters. I was dared in the press to make these charges on the floor of the House; but I did so, and up to the present hour no full and satisfactory contradiction has been made by the guilty members of Parliament, simply because they could not do so. (Cheers.)

I have repeatedly every charge in the House of Commons, and have given the page in the Blue books for each of the recipients of timber limits. The most powerful defence some of them could set up was to question the accuracy of their own blue books. (Laughter and applause.)

Not only have they been guilty of public speculation and private stealing, but the Tory members have contrived to get into snug Government berths every degree of family relation, from a brother or cousin, or brother-in-law, down even to a forty-second Scotch cousin. (Loud laughter.) The nepotism of the Tory party is notorious.

Right at home there is Mr Farrow, with a brother in the customs, and two sons in Government positions as mail clerks; and any son under age will be given a Government place, if the Tory Administration is not defeated before he attains his majority. (Laughter.)

Sir John A. Macdonald is not free from nepotism. He has a brother-in-law superannuated, and he has in office a nephew, and the nephew of his wife. His son Hugh Macdonald, and young Tompkins were appointed collectors of the C. P. R. land department, with a salary of \$5,000 a year each, simply because they were their fathers' sons. Lady Macdonald had also been presented with a diamond necklace by the C. P. R. Syndicate.

Hon. Mackenzie Bowell has given public positions and money to a son, the son's father-in-law, two brothers-in-law, and a brother.

Hon. Mr Chapleau has three brothers, besides other relatives, feeding at the public crib.

Sir Hector Langevin has looked after the interest of every Langevin and every relative of a Langevin in need of a position.

Hon. John Costigan's relatives, like Hon. Mr McLellan's, are faring well at the public expense.

Sir Leonard Tilley has not less than sixteen relatives at the crib. (Laughter.) Amidst considerable merriment Mr Cameron read the list of the ex-Finance Minister's relatives. When the list of relatives runs out, said the speaker, the wife's relatives are taken up, and so the shameful nepotism goes on extending until it reaches a degree that is disgusting to contemplate.

But this is merely a part of the extravagance and of the waste. The public offices at Ottawa are crammed with civil servants, for many of whom offices have been specially created. You cannot live long in Ottawa without jostling against some of these personages. We are compelled to pay large sums yearly for extra clerks. In 1878, when Hon. A. Mackenzie quitted office, there were 493 Government employees in Ottawa. In 1885 there were 812. Salaries had increased from \$5,613 to \$723,487.

During the last year \$200,000 have been paid toward the support of the Conservative press, from the *Montreal Gazette* to the *Goderich Star*. Among some of the papers getting an extra share of pay the following deserve to be quoted:—

Montreal Gazette..... \$15,000
Toronto Mail..... 11,000
Hamilton Spectator..... 7,000
London Free Press..... 6,500
Prescott Messenger..... 6,222

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