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## THE LOCAL ELECTIONS.

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I will ask the reader to peruse carefully the few pages which compose this little pamphlet. The type will be found large and clear, the statements plain and interesting, and the utmost pains taken that nothing untruthful, or in any way misleading, be stated. In the first place, a few words will be said on a question which is the cause of much curiosity and astonishment, and no little disappointment, at present, namely :

### THE NATIONAL POLICY, AND WHY IT IS UNSUCCESSFUL.

Sir John Macdonald was not returned to power by Conservative voters alone. They did not, especially in Ontario, possess the numerical strength necessary to effect it. The Conservative members received a large vote from both parties on Protection and National Policy principles. It was well known that among his Protectionist supporters were men on whose honesty the country could rely, and the writings of such, largely circulated, were among the chief means by which his majorities were obtained. The country expected that he would continue to retain the assistance of these men in carrying out their policy, and that the new Government would be therefore rather a Protectionist than a Conservative one. Thus he received, undoubtedly, a very large Reform vote. I myself, having been of assistance to

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