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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.

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

"The Boodle Brigade Must Go."

MR. CAMERON'S speech, reported at length in last week's SIGNAL has been highly spoken of by those of our readers who honestly interest themselves in politics. The Star pitches into the speech, but it is afraid to publish it, all the same.

PROF. WM. SAUNDERS, of London, has been appointed chief director of the Experimental Farm Stations. The appointment is a good one. If the Tory Government made as good appointments in the Northwest during the past seven years there would have been no rebellion.

SIR JOHN MACDONALD'S strong point, says the Springfield Republican, has been a vigorous railroad policy and appeals to a Canadian national sentiment, and his weakness is found in the brutal means and crooked policies by which these ends have been advanced. He is now in great danger of a complete overthrow, but the same need not be said of the policies he has advocated.

The Tory candidate who opposes Mr. Cameron in West Huron will have a bag of "boodles" provided by the government for his election expenses. That's the reason there is so much hunkering among the Tory wire-pullers. If the Tory candidate had to pay his own election expenses, there would be no contest. Now, however, several actually declare themselves to be willing to be defeated at the government expense.

It looks as if Mr. Thos. Farrow, M.P. for East Huron, has reached the end of his tether. What with his incapacity, his nepotism, and his hen story notoriety, the people of the East Riding have had more than enough of him. Dr. Macdonald, nominee in the Reform interest at the coming election, has developed wonderful strength in platform power and personal popularity, and the general opinion is that a solid majority awaits him at the poll when the honest yeomanry of East Huron are heard from at the next election.

The Toronto World recently showed some crooked business on the part of an insolvent firm, and the next day the head of the firm, his nephew and his bookkeeper waited for the editor with two clubs and a rawhide, and endeavored to do said editor bodily harm. Editor Maclean, like most other pressmen, is quite able to take care of himself in a crowd, and laid out the young man who wielded the rawhide in such a shape that he had to be carried into a neighboring clear shop for repairs. The pen is mightier than the sword, and the editorial strong right arm can down a bummer with a club or a dude with a rawhide any day in the week.

"Just you quit drinking without cash, resolution or promise. Simply quit. If you have a young man's weakness for beer, wine or whiskey as the engineer says, shut her off. Don't be a fanatic. Don't be a reformer. Don't be a prohibition fanatic. Just simply don't drink, and all the whiskey in America can't make you drunk if you don't drink any of it. Whiskey never hurt a man who didn't drink it."—Bob Burdette.

That appears to be sound doctrine until you examine it closely. Whiskey has hurt men, women and children who have been touched by it. They have been hurt by it through the drinker. Whiskey has driven men to murder; the victims of these murderers were hurt by the whiskey. The man who loads the whiskey doesn't bear all the sorrow. He may have the headaches; his wife and children have the heartaches. Innocent persons who never drink whiskey, we repeat, are often hurt by the stuff.

THE LONDON Free Press is exercised because Hon. E. Blake, in an address to the young liberals of London, advised them to organize, and to "go up and take the city." Now, if what Mr. Blake said on the occasion was not appropriate, will the Free Press please inform us what that honorable gentleman should have said at the gathering. It is really one of these things we'd like to know, you know.

DURING the present and coming week Sir Richard Cartwright will be engaged in visiting his constituents in South Huron. Wednesday he arrived in Seaford, accompanied by Hon. A. S. Hardy, and in the evening both gentlemen assisted at the inauguration of the Young Liberal Club, of that town, in the presence of a crowded gathering in Cardno's hall. Sir Richard has been elected hon. president of the club, and the felicitous inaugural address which he delivered proved conclusively that he fully appreciated the compliment paid him in his selection for the position by the Young Liberals of Seaford and the adjoining district. The meeting of the Young Liberals at Seaford, and the addresses delivered by Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. A. S. Hardy will not be without effect in that section.

THE QUEBEC BUGABOO.
The raving of the Mail and the lesser lights of the Tory party on the menacing attitude of the Catholic church in Quebec is thus ridiculed by the Stratford Beacon:

It is amusing to watch the antics of the Toronto Mail and other Orange organs in regard to this election. They affirm that the Riel question brought about the defeat of the Ross government, and that it was the main, if not the only, issue. They declare they always said the Riel matter would kill the Local and Dominion governments in Quebec. While they are trying to make capital in that way in Ontario, the Quebec Tory organs come up smiling, and declare the government is not defeated at all. They say Dr. Ross has a good working majority, and will not resign unless he is ousted next March, and that this is an impossibility, as they know the Independents will support him. These two stories do not hang together.

There is a second contradiction quite as glaring. The Orange organs, especially the Mail, declare that the Catholic church is a unit in Quebec, and that it is all-powerful in Quebec politics. The church they say worked against the government. Then why in the name of common sense did not the opposition have a more sweeping victory? If the church is a unit and all powerful, controlling the whole French vote, and that the government come out about even, or a little better they say than even? These stories do not hang together. The side having the support of the church should have completely "accoped" the other, if the church be a unit, omnipotent in Quebec politics. The fact is it is nothing of the kind, as the figures clearly show.

This attempt to drag in the church is merely a trick to make more certain the Orange vote and, if possible, capture some weak Protestants. The Mail and the others riding the Protestant horse assume that their readers are idiots, or they would not try such a shallow dodge.

The Railway Extension.
The Wingham Times says:—Last Monday morning Messrs. Willson, McKenzie and Gregory, the committee recently appointed to purchase the right of way for the C. P. R. from Glenannan to Wingham, started out on their mission, and within two days they succeeded in making satisfactory arrangements with every person in Turnberry township through whose property the line is to run. No difficulty whatever was experienced, and in every instance the price was within the estimate. The committee are now engaged in buying the right of way through the town, and it is expected that they will be through by tomorrow night. This being the case, the work of building the line will probably be commenced next week, as the company have agreed to start immediately that the right of way is handed over to them. The line starts a short distance east of Glenannan and makes an easy curve through Turnberry in order to escape the Maitland river over there, and enters the town by crossing the river a short distance above the Josephine street bridge. It then skirts the river, passing between Brennan's tannery and McLean's saw mill, and under the span of the G. T. R. bridge. Continuing along the river bank, it passes through the Horticultural park and from thence in a direct line to Victoria street, which give the C. P. R. a clear outlet in case they want to go further. The location of the station has not yet been decided upon. Mr. Young, of Grey, Young & Sparring, is in town, and the agreement between that firm and the corporation has been finally signed. The location of the salt block will be decided upon at once, when the firm will commence the erection of their works. It is fully expected that both undertakings will be under course of construction before the end of next week.

WHAT'S UP?

Things That Are Happening Around Us.

M. C. Cameron's Nomination—No Show for Sir John—About the "Home Rule" Lecture—The Electric Light Fake.

—And so M. C. Cameron has been chosen by the Reformers of West Huron in convention assembled, to carry the banner onward to victory at the next general election. I'm mighty glad the selection was made at the time it was, for the *Almanac*, which is very solicitous that no evil should befall the Reform party, in West Huron especially, was beginning to grow fearful lest Mr. Cameron should step down and out, and leave no one to fit his prunellas. Now, however, that the agony is over and M. C. C. is facing the music, it will be in order for the *Almanac* man to wipe away his crocodile tears and tote along his tar-bucket for campaign purposes. The efforts to get Sir John to face Cameron in West Huron have not been successful, so far as I can find out. The Premier is as 'cute as a pet fox, and will take no chances where a 'knock-down is imminent; Hon. Thomas White (with his portrait of Riel with the rope around his neck) is unwilling to face Fighting Cameron in gerrymandered West Huron; and to hinder the riding going by default the gap will have to be filled with a local lame duck. I've got my eagle eye on this individual, and will tell you all about his chances for staying at home in a future letter.

—Health and weather permitting, I'm going to take a front pew in Acheson's hall this evening to listen to that talented Irishman, Rev. Dr. Burns, discourse upon "Home Rule for Ireland." If I was an Irishman I'd walk twenty miles to hear a man like Dr. Burns talk upon that subject, and ancient Greek though I be, if I don't move in the procession I'll be because the hall is so crowded that I can't get in. I know the rev. lecturer, and have heard him hold forth on various topics on different occasions, and I never heard him speak upon any subject that he didn't let a flood of light in upon before he sat down. It'll be that way with the subject tonight, and although I think I know all about Home Rule, owing to the fact that Mrs. Ajax has not failed to take a firm stand in domestic affairs, I'll lend the rev. doctor the light of my countenance on the occasion. It's information I'm after, and I'll get it from Dr. Burns, or no one can give it to me.

—Last night I was down to see my old friend, Larry Mulcahy, the poet, and apropos of the lecture, I borrowed the following gem from his portfolio. It speaks for itself, and needs no apology for its appearance.

THE HOME RULE LECTURE.
Now, dressed in best texture
I'll go to the lecture,
And hear the bow'di'd discourse on
Home Rule
An' listen to rayson
Wid no word of thrayson.
From a brainy divine av the Methodist school,
In language excellin'
The organ's notes swellin'.
This great hearted patriot, so calm and so cool,
From dis-union shrinkin',
Of loyalty thinkin'.
Will show that at Ireland wants now is Home Rule.
He'll tell us the story
Of dear Ireland's glory—
How at one time she was the earth's fairest jewel—
And prove it from history,
Devoid of all myst'ry,
That she'd be so ag'in, if she'd only Home Rule.

—And the curtain is liftin'
For God's hands are sittin'
The hearts of her foes that were formerly cruel.
An', to add to our pleasure,
We'll soon have that measure
That's prized by all Erin's sons—Ireland's Home Rule.
So come wid me, naybor,
An' throw down yer sabre,
An' show that at any rate you are no fool,
Let's join hand and heart, shure,
An' listen wid rapture
To the voice of the orator praitchin' Home Rule.

—Some time ago I prognosticated that the general elections would be held this fall, and the chaps over the way said I was talking wildly. Then I repeated the statement, and the Tory touters smiled contemptuously upon me, and wanted to know where I got my information from and how? Now, I'm neither a Wiggins, nor a son of a Wiggins, and I never served an apprenticeship at the prophecy business, but

I'm willing to risk a week's salary upon my first announcement that the elections are close upon us, and will in all probability come off before sleighing is over. So, gentlemen, lead up for bear all along the line.

—The manner in which the electric light illuminates the town nightly must be a source of gratification to the gentlemen who brought that "perfected scheme" before the ratepayers last December; the water-works, too, are, of course, giving unqualified satisfaction; and the preparation of the agricultural ground, the laying of the track for speeding in the ring, the erection of the crystal palace and adjoining buildings have progressed so favorably that expressions of "Well done!" have not been heard on every side. The artisans who were to have work for skilled workmen supplied to them, and the laborers who were to get regular work at fair-paying rates, are, of course, satisfied with the progress that has been made, and at New Years the "workingman's candidates" will head the poll by large majorities. A heavy bill has been incurred by the special committee appointed to investigate the *ignis fatuus* scheme, a chance for an expensive lawsuit with one or more of the contractors has been taken advantage of, the taxes of the town have been increased to two cents on the dollar, and the only asset that can be shown for the extra cost incurred and additional risk run is a hole in the ground at the back of the old foundry lot. I suppose it's all right, and if the neighbors can stand it I can; but if any of these blather-skies come around to me at New Years and talk electric light business and town improvements, I'll tell him I won't vote for him until the frost is out of the ground, and the workmen have settled down to business. AXAX.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

Arrangements for Evening Classes for the Winter of 1886-7.

A meeting of the directors of the Mechanics' Institute was held on Friday evening last. Mr. Malcomson occupied the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A letter from D. Appleton & Co., re Cyclopaedia was read. A letter from R. Crockett was also read.

Moved by Mr. Colborne, seconded by Mr. Humber, that an order be drawn on the treasurer for \$64.47, payment in full for American Cyclopaedia. Carried.

A communication from the Minister of Agriculture was read. A letter from R. Crockett was also read.

Moved by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Sharman, that Mr. W. R. Robertson be engaged to teach a class on book-keeping and commercial forms, on the same terms as last year. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Morton, seconded by Mr. Sharman, that the secretary write Mr. Crockett, offering him one-third of the Government grant, being \$33.33, and the pupils' fees, for the teaching of a drawing class. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Sharman, seconded by Mr. Murney, that the Librarian give out volumes of the American Cyclopaedia from 9 p.m. to 2 p.m. the following day, when they must be returned, otherwise the member will forfeit the privilege of getting them again. Carried.

Geo. Stevens, secretary.
Mr. Thos. McGillicuddy, and Miss Clime, stenographer of the Surrogate Court here, are prepared to open an evening class for ladies and gentlemen for instruction in shorthand. There will not be another town in Ontario with two teachers for its shorthand class. For terms, etc., see either of the instructors.

TRICKY TAYLOR.

A Nice Young Man who Uttered Forged Cheques.

J. W. Taylor Arrested by Constable Yule for Forgery—Good Detective Work.

On Saturday, Oct. 16th, a young man of suave manner and glib tongue purchased a \$90 gold watch and chain in W. Ashall's jewelry store, Toronto, and tendered a cheque payable to J. W. Taylor or bearer, for \$100 on the National Bank of Aurora, Ill. The cheque was marked good by Sherman Thompson, cashier, and Mr. Ashall was so well satisfied with it that he handed the young man, who gave his name as J. W. Taylor, ten dollars in change, and bowed his excellent customer out. When Mr. Ashall endeavored to realize on his \$100 cheque the bank authorities told him it was a forgery. The jeweler was astonished, and told his loss to the police and the reporters, and the reporters and a constable got him back his watch, as the sequel will show.

On Monday last week a young man, 23 years of age, who made a desperate effort to put on airs, appeared on our streets. He was deeply smitten with one of our pretty Goderich girls, and spoke of his wealth and his prospects in a way that led those who didn't take him for an empty blow to believe he was a millionaire. On Tuesday he visited the jewelry shop of W. T. Welsh, and ordered a diamond ring for the young lady, and a gold watch and chain. When the sample rings arrived on Wednesday he was so pleased with the scintillations of the diamonds that he ordered two rings and returned the watch. He presented in payment a cheque for \$300, made in favor of J. W. Taylor, payable at the Aurora National Bank, Ill. Mr. Welsh was out of change, and he thought there was a possibility of his being out of his diamond rings, too. However, the young lady to whom Taylor was paying attention had confidence in him as a respectable young man, and the jeweler risked the rings, and was accordingly allowed to keep the cheque for a day as security. Taylor was to present the ring to his young lady friend at a party that evening. The party came off, but the presentation was adjourned. We understand that the young lady had no idea that the ring had been purchased for her.

On Thursday morning when Mr. Taylor sauntered into the jewelry shop to get his change, Mr. Yule, a friend in East Saginaw, will show—
"We thank you very much for the interest you have manifested, and for the assistance you have so kindly rendered in behalf of poor Charlie Bates. The tramps have had their preliminary trial, and have all been remanded to jail to await trial at the next term of court, to begin Oct. 11th. I have been endeavoring to induce Mr. Cooper, who is a near relative, to exonerate this young man from any participation in the dreadful affair, but he wants them all to have an impartial trial. We cannot tell how it will end. We have learned the "Vigilantes" at their meeting held soon after the attempted murder, passed resolutions to take the matter into their own hands if the court does not give a satisfactory punishment. Mr. Cooper has partially recovered, and will perhaps be able to attend the trial. We ardently wish and believe this young man will be released, though our laws, as the laws elsewhere, do not always give justice either to the innocent or guilty."
A letter from Charlie's mother, dated October 4th, says: "I had the boy Bates in my office on Saturday, and had a long talk with him. It seems he got into the car at Parasau, Kansas, and went to sleep, and slept till he was awakened at Oswego, and taken in charge by the officers, together with seven others charged with the robbery of Cooper. He says he knows nothing about it, and he impresses me with the truth of his statements."
The letter went on to say that Cooper, the victim, was determined to press the charge against Bates as well as the rest, and the fact that the jury has cleared Bates while convicting the others, shows that the lad's innocence must have been clearly proven.
Mr. Bates, father of the boy, while he had every confidence in his son's innocence, is of course, greatly pleased with the result of the trial. He desires to thank especially Messrs. Simonton and Goselein, of East Saginaw, and the ladies of Oswego who interested themselves in the case of Charlie.
The prisoners who were convicted will get as severe sentences as the law will permit.

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SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Oct. 23—The barge Eureka, reported as having broken loose from her tow, foundered in Lake Superior on Oct. 20, ten miles above Whitefish Point, and five miles from shore, in seven fathoms of water, and is absent of life-saving station No. 9. Had any of the crew been rescued information would, without doubt, have been received at this place. Several steamers have passed the wreck and would have brought the survivors down either from the wreck or Whitefish Point had there been any. The vessel's fore mast and main mast are above the water. She was ore laden from Marquette, and in tow of the steam barge Prentice.

CHAS. BATES ACQUITTED.

A Goderich Boy Vindicated from a Serious Charge.

George F. Bates, cooper, of Goderich, and a most respectable citizen, was delighted to receive recently the following despatch:

Oswego, Kansas, Oct. 18th, 1886.
"Charles Bates acquitted this morning. The other defendants convicted. JESS. BROCKWAY."

There is an interesting story in connection with that short telegram. About six weeks ago the Michigan press contained the following despatch from East Saginaw:

"Word has been received in this city that an East Saginaw boy is in trouble in Oswego, Kansas. Charles Bates is well known here, having been employed as assistant night clerk at the Everett House for a long time previous to August 15. His parents live at Goderich, Ont., and his roving disposition, which brought him here when quite young, would not allow him to be contented, so he started for Colorado. Having but a limited amount of money he stole his transportation in empty freight cars, and while riding in one at Oswego he was aroused by the hurried entrance of several tramps covered with blood. They were followed closely by officers who arrested them and Bates for the murder of William Cooper, a prominent citizen. In a short time the town was enraged, and it was only by quietly removing the tramps to unknown places that their summary execution by Judge Lynch was prevented. Young Bates told his story in a straightforward manner, and enlisted the help of some benevolently inclined ladies there in his behalf. He carried a recommendation of character, signed by Fred. H. Simonton, chief clerk at the Everett, and he is in receipt of a letter from one of these ladies asking of Bates' character. Petitions were at once started by Mr. Simonton and S. Goselein, Michigan Central R.R., testifying to Bates' good character. He was well liked here and his innocence is firmly believed in. He has a brother and uncle residing here."
The victim of the terrible assault recovered, and was not killed, as at first reported. The case, however, excited great attention at the scene of the crime, as the following letter from a lady residing in Oswego, Kansas, to a friend in East Saginaw, will show—

"We thank you very much for the interest you have manifested, and for the assistance you have so kindly rendered in behalf of poor Charlie Bates. The tramps have had their preliminary trial, and have all been remanded to jail to await trial at the next term of court, to begin Oct. 11th. I have been endeavoring to induce Mr. Cooper, who is a near relative, to exonerate this young man from any participation in the dreadful affair, but he wants them all to have an impartial trial. We cannot tell how it will end. We have learned the "Vigilantes" at their meeting held soon after the attempted murder, passed resolutions to take the matter into their own hands if the court does not give a satisfactory punishment. Mr. Cooper has partially recovered, and will perhaps be able to attend the trial. We ardently wish and believe this young man will be released, though our laws, as the laws elsewhere, do not always give justice either to the innocent or guilty."
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