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## NORTH OXFORD

Strikingly indicative of the spirit that pervades the forces that find common cause against the Ross Government was the campaign inaugurated in North Oxford on Saturday last. That constituency may well be termed the historic stronghold of Liberalism in Ontario. The past record of no other riding justifies so emphatically its claims to being a safe seat for the government. If North Oxford could be depended upon to give a decisive verdict in favor of Mr. Ross not a single seat on the Government side is safe. Yet, so strong is the wave of popular indignation running against the Ontario ministers that many confidently look for the redemption of North Oxford.

Hopeful it indeed is to note the enthusiasm with which old-time Liberals in North Oxford have joined hands with Conservatives and Independents in an earnest effort to end the period of distress and disgrace through which our province is now passing. The meeting in Woodstock on Saturday was the most successful ever held in the riding. A spirit of hope, almost of confidence, was displayed on all sides. A strong, clean candidate was selected in Mr. Butler, and he was given the encouraging assurances of the support of many old-time Liberals. It is too much to hope for the success of the Conservative candidate in North Oxford, but it is not too much to look to the men of North Oxford to further stagger the Ross Government by a substantial reduction in the Liberal majority there.

## THE CASE OF NORTH OXFORD

The independent Toronto News recently had an ably written and pungent article on "The Duty of Oxford Liberals." It says: "The contest in North Oxford for the vacant seat in the legislature will greatly test the spirit and quality of the old Liberal element of the population. Ever since the settler's axe rang in the western forests the soil of Oxford has bred the flower of Canadian Liberalism. Loyal to the best traditions of civil and religious liberty, with a touch of puritanism and a genuine public spirit, the men of Oxford have stood staunchly by the higher Liberal principles, and many a time have set aside local interests and ambitions in order to provide a refuge for those upon whose shoulders rested the heavy tasks of leadership and government."

The News briefly reviews the political history of Oxford since the days of Hinks and Brown and Macdougall, Mowat, Cartwright and Hope Mackenzie, and says: "The Liberals of Oxford are the descendants of that sturdy stock which stood with Mackenzie and Papineau against the arrogance of the Family Compact, and the tyranny of Downing Street, which battled with Baldwin and Lafontaine for responsible government, which stood with Brown and Dorion for religious equality and equal representation. They are the type of men who have a genuine love for the serious performance of public duty, and can know no real satisfaction in the arts and stratagems, the sordid intrigue and the corrupt devices which aim only at the maintenance of party ascendancy."

A contrast is made of the cases of North Renfrew and North Oxford, and aathing rebuke is administered to the government for keeping North Renfrew vacant for a year and a half while the late member for North Oxford was scarcely cold in the grave before the writ was issued and the election ordered. The article says:

"All considerations of fair play and of constitutional obligation were set aside. The best traditions of Liberalism were dishonored, intrigue and cowardice dominated the councils of the government. No device, however contemptible, was neglected, which promised to embarrass the Opposition or to enable Ministers to cling to office. The powers reposed in the cabinet for the protection of the constitution and the high purposes of government were boldly prostituted in order to serve the exigencies of a desperate party organization."

The News recalls the shameful attempt to rob Mr. Donald Sutherland of the seat for South Oxford and the appointment in the old country, of Lawyer Jackson, of Ingersoll, the principal instrument of the machine; and refers also to the West Elgin rascalities in severe terms.

The writer says:

"This is perhaps an old story, but it has to be remembered that the conspiracy was plotted by some central organization, that the ring-

leaders were maintained by party contributions, and that they have neither been exposed nor punished. More, the element in West Elgin which co-operated with the expert corruptionists from outside have since controlled the local administration of patronage and dictated appointments to Ministers at Toronto, while the timely destruction of the ballots saved from prosecutions for forgery and from the Central Prison the scoundrels who forged upon every ballot the initials and signed to the official statements of the polling the names of the deputies whose places they had usurped. Whatever may be the responsibility of Ministers for this infamy their deference to the corrupt element in Elgin has an ominous significance, and even more ominous is the retention in the confidential employ of some of the chief instruments in that and other notorious election rascalities. It would be a saving shock to the country if North Oxford would join South Oxford in condemnation of these grave scandals and irregularities and thus go far towards redeeming the Liberal party from the bad repute into which it has fallen in this Province."

Dealing with the Gamey episode, the News is severe:

"It is likewise incumbent upon the Liberals of North Oxford, whether or not Mr. Gamey goes into the riding, to consider seriously the charges laid against the Provincial Secretary and the evidence adduced before the Royal Commission. They should first recall the desperate measures taken to open South Oxford, and the vital need to increase the Liberal majority in the Legislature. Then they should ask themselves if the organization, which was ready to buy evidence in order to unseat one Conservative member, would hesitate at direct purchase of another? They should recall the men who menaced Gamey with an election protest, who met him for confidential discussion of a 'stock speculation,' who introduced him in Queen's Park, and kept track of all his movements. What were their relations with the Government, and the Central Liberal Organization? Why was the protest withdrawn and the patronage vested in Mr. Gamey? What was there for Mr. Hammond to forget? Was there ever before an interview obtained under such extraordinary circumstances as that in the Globe in the name of Gamey? Let the Liberals of Oxford honestly examine all the facts and circumstances in these tortuous negotiations, and, admitting Gamey's pitiful dimensions as a popular hero, ask themselves if this chapter of provincial history does not constitute a discreditable story and call for such wholesome condemnation of their leaders in Queen's Park as the Conservatives of Canada pronounced upon Sir John Macdonald in 1874 and as the Liberals of Quebec pronounced upon Mr. Mercier in 1892. In other days it was the proud boast of the Liberal party that their leaders were the guardians of public morals in Canada, and when the leaders fail, it becomes the duty of the masses of the party to maintain the record in all its force and integrity."

The News article closes with this: "At the worst, there cannot be many days of life for the Administration which came so ignominiously out of the Gamey disclosures; which resorted to the rascally methods that were practiced in Sault Ste. Marie; which was beaten in Muskoka and routed in North Renfrew; which is in a popular minority of thousands in the Province; which escapes the judgment of the election courts by the constitutional trick of calling the Legislature, and which has outlived its power to give the Province efficient and progressive government, or to maintain the high standards which must forever be consonant with the aims and traditions of the Liberal party."

## THE WHIP FOR VILLAINS.

Dundas Banner.

It is time we wiped out the villainy that is abroad in the land, for every footpad or burglar is when hard pressed a murderer. Let the laws be changed so that the lash may be applied in all such cases. Then unprovoked people may walk abroad in safety after dark and, if they wish, retire at night with unlocked doors.

## NORTH OXFORD.

Ottawa Free Press (Liberal). "The Ontario Government," a dispatch says, "will make a determined effort to win North Oxford." Such courage will doubtless succeed. Last year the vote was:

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| Pattullo, Liberal    | 2,254 |
| Ross, Prohibitionist | 1,150 |
| Muma, Conservative   | 1,054 |

In the previous election, 1898, the candidates and voting were as follows:

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| Pattullo, Liberal | 2,338 |
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Kauffman, Independent.....1,815  
Montague, Conservative..... 604  
Previous to that, the elections in the county used to go Liberal either by acclamation or by majorities in the neighborhood of a thousand.

So the Ross government has some reason for courage in North Oxford.

Yet, who can tell? South Oxford, the adjoining constituency, was long a Liberal hive, with a Liberal majority in 1898 of 700, yet in 1902 it went Conservative by 125. Who can tell what North Oxford may do? If as many votes were to change this time in North Oxford as changed in North Renfrew last month the Liberal candidate in North Oxford will have a close call.

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## TALE OF...

—THE—

...KINDLY SEA

Dozens of barrels of wine, from the wreck of the steamer Vesper off Ushant have lately been washed ashore on the adjacent islands, and in spite of coast guards, the peasants from Cape St. Mathieu to Roscoff are salving the welcome wrecking and enjoying themselves to the utmost. Drunken scenes are taking place in every village and hamlet, and men women and children are everywhere to be seen under the influence of liquor. At Plouguerneau a cask was found wedged so securely in the rocks that it could not be dislodged, and thirty fishermen lay hopelessly drunk. In another village, another man who notified the authorities of what was happening, was bound fast to a barrel while the villagers drank the contents before him, and was left tied fast until the revelers had slept themselves sober.

A young girl who was leaning over a barrel to drink the wine, fell in and was only rescued in time to save her life. Her companions then finished the wine. Some Kerlous fishermen who found a barrel, broached it, and took off their sabots, which they used as drinking vessels.

## DAYS OF AULD LANG SYNE

Interesting Events of Ye Olden Times Gathered from The Planet's Issues of Half a Century Ago.

From Planet files, Aug. 10th, 1857, to Aug. 26th, 1857.

Birth—Mrs. James Lutes, of Gee's Ferry, of twin boys, on the 18th inst.

An international cricket match was played between Canada and the United States, at Toronto. The following were the teams:—U. S.—Sharp, Hyman, Barker, Crossley, Wilby, Lang, Wright, Comery, Bury, Barlow and Senior. Canada—Heyward, Parsons, Pickering, Hardinge, Phillips, Phillips, Head, Heare, Dykes, Sutton, Bradbury.

Victoria College was opened in October, 1857. The first professors were Hon. John Ralph, M. D., M. R., G. S.; Walter Gekie, M. D.; John Reid, M. D.; Chas. V. Berryman, M. D.; E. A. Ogden, M. D.; and Prof. Croft.

We observe gazetted in the last Canada Gazette, the following militia appointments for the Second Battalion Kent, viz.:

To be Captain—Lieutenant Roderick N. Peck.

To be Lieutenants—Ensign John DeClute and Ensign William Henry Pardo.

To be Ensigns—Miles Miller, gentleman, and Ninian Holmes, gentleman.

Our townsmen and countrymen, too, will be glad to learn that one of our oldest citizens is re-established in business once more. Mr. Slagg has just completed his new and fine brewery, and as soon as he can procure a sufficient quantity of new barley will once more commence the manufacture of his splendid ales and other drinks. We trust that Mr. Slagg will meet with that encouragement which his abilities and perseverance merit.

It gives us pleasure to announce to our townsmen and countrymen that Messrs. D. R. Van Allen & Co. have made arrangements for greatly increasing their variety of merchandise and otherwise improving their facilities for trading, and that in about one month they will be in receipt of one of the largest and best stocks of dry goods, groceries, hardware, etc., ever brought to this market. The Messrs. D. R. Van Allen & Co. have always, we believe, had the reputation of dealing fairly with those patronizing them, and by invariably adhering to the rule of "one price only" have uniformly given the greatest satisfaction to their many customers.

## Married—

On the 20th ultimo, by Rev. A. Campbell, Alfred Gracey to Milla Walker, both of the town of Chatham.

On the 5th inst., by the same, Wm. G. Betts to Mary Annie, third daughter of R. K. Payne, Esq., of this town.

On the 5th inst., by the same, Daniel Wilson to Roxannah Williams, both of Chatham.

On the 7th inst., by the same, Henry Joseph Matzen, of the village of Morpeth, to Margaret McCarty, of this town.

On the 7th inst., by the same David Braerton, of Harwich, to Jomina Bagnell, of Dover East.

## NEW CRICKET CLUB.

The members of the new cricket club met for the election of officers on Tuesday evening last, when the following gentlemen were chosen, viz.:

President—R. J. Earl.  
Vice-Pres.—W. A. Lillie.  
Secretary—Rufus Stephenson.  
Treasurer—Henry Duck.  
Business Committee—Little, Duck, and Stanton.  
Ground Committee—McGregor.

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Regular practice was set down for every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at three o'clock. Meetings for despatch of business, on the first Wednesday in every month during season.

Good Length—On Wednesday last Mr. J. P. Flood, land agent, placed in our sanctum for exhibition a cucumber measuring one foot six inches in length. Some cucumber that.

On Aug. 24th, 1857, appears an account of a cricket match between teams composed of the officials and professional men of the town, and the non-professional men. It resulted in a victory for the non-professional men. The following were the players:—  
Non-Professionals—Hall, R. Purcer, M. Purcer, Goodyear, A. Purcer, F. Read, J. Reeves, Fletcher, J. Smith,

G. Purcer, J. Oldershaw and Hobbs. Officials—Malcolm Monck, Fletcher, Jos. Eberts, Goodyear, Atkinson, Captain Glendenning, Reeves, W. B. Wells, Edwin Lawell, Hunt, G. Williams and Walter McCrae.

The whole playing was admirable. The bowling on both sides was exceptionally good and the hitting of R. Purcer, B. Monck, G. Purcer, Jos. Eberts, Fletcher and M. Purcer was praised. The scorers were William Mayhew and Thomas Russell, and the umpires were Joshua Biles and Mr. Purcer, Sr.

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