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THE interesting intelligence is telegraphed from Regina, N. W. T., that water has been struck five miles south of that town. To some of the distinguished residents of Pile o' Bones, the telegram would have been more welcome if it had chronicled the discovery of a whisky spring.

Nor a Tory leader has raised his voice against the re-election of Mr. Rykert in Lincoln county, and D'Alton McCarthy keeps as far away from the county as possible. The only inference which can be taken from this silent indorsation of Rykert is that the Tory leaders, no matter to what wing of the party they belong, would rather aid in electing the man guilty of scandalous, dishonorable and corrupt conduct than send an honest and upright Liberal to Parliament. Could venality go much

THE Toronto World is very anxious to see one of the candidates in North Perth Leod adduces the strongest proof that his elected. It says that "at a meeting the charges are well-founded. Here is how he other night he said he could not make a speech, but he could sing and dance, and he favored the audience with a ballad. A song and dance on the floor of the House would be a refreshing novelty." In South Essex, C. G. Fox cannot make a speech, cannot dance, cannot sing. But he takes Dr. King, collector of customs at Kingsville, along. He is pronounced an excellent long-winded

If the opponents of the Mowat Government had a good case they would not mis-represent those who are in favor of givthe! Administration fair play. The subsidized Toronto Empire, for example, published the following ugly insinuation against Dr. Caven, president of the Equal Rights Association of the Province:

It is stated that Dr. Caven, in writing to friends in different parts of the country, has taken a much stronger position against the Mowat Government than in any of his published utterances.

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Dr. Caven, having read the statement, expressed himself in these strong terms:

There is no truth in it. I have written a number of letters of one kind or another during the present election contest, but in none of them have I expressed views different from those published. In effect, the Empire says I have not been telling the truth. I cannot understand where it could have found the slightest ground for its statement.

ns to be anything to defeat Mowat, just as in 1886, but the people are not

THE chances of Mr. David Creighton's election in North Grey are commented upon by the Tara Leader, a staunch Conservative

No wonder that David has been shouting

to Mr. Meredith to go over and help him. Ten days ago he was telegraphing to his paper that he had been "wiping the earth" with Hon. G. W. Ross, who spoke in Owen

A Toronto journal which is not particu larly friendly towards the Ontario Oppo-sition ventures to come to the defense of certain Toronto fledgling politicians who have been held up to successful ridicule by Hon. Arthur Hardy. It is stated by this journal that Mr. Hardy has spoken of Maclean, Sheppard, et al., as "toughs," and thereupon it learnedly quotes Addison to show the bad taste of calling a reptile a reptile. It would be so much nicer to speak of it as a cold-blooded vertebrate which moves on its belly, and this would have the added merit of being a scientific description. But we can excuse a Toronto journal in defending even Toronto "toughs" when they start out into the country to seek Parliamentary honors. It is just like Toronto; but we rather think that gentry of the stripe of Maclean, Sheppard, Creighton and Holmes will find that the country does not need their services. Does anybody suppose that these "toughs" are oved by any high regard for the interests of rural constituencies when they make so bold as to ask the electors to entrust them with the honor of a seat in Parliament? Nothing of the kind. They are at the best a set of boodle politicians, and if the farm r's dog has not lost his old instinct we undertake to say that some choice bits of cloth will be missing before the campaign is ended. A gentleman who is supporting Maclean in Wentworth at a rate of \$10 per night is reported as saying that Mr Hardy used the right word, "for they are toughs," and we would prefer his testimonial to any which an interested Toronto journal may supply.

REV. D. D. M'LEOD INDIGNANTLY PROTESTS.
Rev. D. D. McLeod, of Barrie, a leading

Presbyterian clergyman, who was one of the Royal Commissioners appointed to inquire into the condition of the schools in the French-speaking townships in Eastern Ontario, takes up the deliverance of the Tory members of the Equal Rights Association, and handles their unfair assumptions in an able manner. He asserts that the document is misleading and unfair, and says he cannot see how "its authors could expect its statements to be accepted as impartial by any intelligent and fair-minded reader. That is pretty strong, but Rev. Mr. Mc

charges are well-founded. Here is how he puts it:

Of the three resolutions which are quoted from the convention, the second is on the French schools, and in it they urge that the Government senses of instruction in all public schools in Ontario," and this the Government has made provision for; (b) "that every teacher in a public school shall be able to use the English language efficiently in imparting instruction;" this also the Government has made provision for; (c) "that no text books shall be used except those authorized by the Department of Education." This also the Government has provided for, and in my judgment the Government has provided for, and in my judgment the Government has provided for, and in my judgment the Government has provided for these measures much more effectively than in the method that is proposed by the Opposition. This being the case, would it not have been candid and just in these gentlemen to have acknowledged this? They do "hall with satisfaction the changes initiated"—butthey couple this expression of satisfaction with the singular statement: "And now that this must remain, as it is, an emphatically English-speaking Province." Now, ist not rather absurd to demand from any quarter an assertion of this kind, in view of the fact that of the 493,823 pupils in the public schools, only some 15,003 fare French-speaking, and nearly that there is a danger of these few French children absorbing the English-speaking people of the Province and blotting out the English language! Why do they not publish to the people the real facts of the case? They add instead, "Whatever further legislation or department are gulations may be found necessary, the next Assembly will be ready to enact and enforce." That is, although the Government has done all and more than they asked for, the next Assembly will be ready to enact and enforce. "That is, although the Government has done all and more than they asked to be done in this particular? In an impartial document the truth might be stated more candidly.

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But the Tory members of the Equal Rights Committee stated further that: by the Tara Leader, a staunch Conservative
paper:

So far as we can gather from people living in
Derby, which is in North Grey, Mr. Creighton's
chances of re-election are very slim. As
manager of the Empire, he indorsed and surface the surface of the divided the school system and teachings of

> Rev. Mr. McLeod, as one of the Com missioners, who investigated the whole subject, asserts that no such discovery wa made: that there was no conspiracy; that the charges in the paragraph are entirely baseless; that in fact they rest on the imagination alone. Here are the facts, plain and unvarnished, as stated by this unprejudiced clergyman, who had ample means to

paper that he had been "wiping the earth" with Hon. G. W. Ross, who spoke in Owen Sound. Now it appears that David's constituents are "wiping the earth" with him. Mr. Cleland is likely to be the choice of North Grey, and a right good member he will make.

The Hamilton Spectator wishes us to name a life-long Conservative who is now supporting Mr. Mowat. There are many such, but Dr. Chanonhouse, reeve of Wilberiorce, who is now supporting the Liberal candidate in North Renfrew, is probably a fair specimen of the men who have determined to frown down the dastardly tactics of the Fory managers. Dr. Chanonhouse, who announces himself to have been a life-long Conservative, thus sets forth the reasons for his adhesion to the policy of Oliver Mowat:

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who cannot accept their deliverance on this and other points as fair or as an accurate statement of the situation. Nor is there any ground for believing that if these gentlemen were in power to-morrow they could do any more than is now being done to secure for every citizen his rights. These gentlemen must know that to object they have in view will take some time to accomplish. They must know that if their cause is just the pending election cannot affect it, can neither hasten nor hinder it; and while they are on one hand making a few converts, they are on the other allenating men by the unfairness of their statements—so that there are many who believe that the present danger of our Protestantism lies rather in its alliance with bigotry and sectionalism and in its being made the stakking-horse of designing politicians.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

The Canadian Illustrated (Montreal) aintains a high degree of excellence both in pictorial and literary features. The sue of last week gives some fine views of the Longue Pointe Asylum, before and after the great conflagration.

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