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HURON SIGNAL.
FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1890.

HON. A. M. ROSS RESIGNATION.

Like a bolt from a clear sky, on Monday last, came word to the public that Hon. A. M. Ross had decided to retire from political life. A week previous he was in town apparently a candidate full of life and vigor, but inside of a brief seven days political inaction had set in and he had decided to resign the public position as member for West Huron which he has held for the past fifteen years.

But although the public were taken by surprise the SIGNAL was not. On Feb. 28th we gave a warning note that a convention should be called, as there was reason to believe Mr. Ross would seek retirement at the close of the present parliament, as follows:
It may be said that West Huron has practically a candidate in the field in the person of Hon. A. M. Ross, the present member, but this is no reason why chances should be taken, so far as the riding is concerned. No man is a candidate for any position until he has announced himself to be, and up to date Mr. Ross has given no sign that he will continue in public life after the expiration of the present legislature. If he has done so, the SIGNAL has certainly heard nothing of it. But we have heard, and so have many of our readers, that it is quite possible Mr. Ross will not again take upon himself the care and worries of public life, and in the absence of any definite information on the subject, or any statement to the contrary on the part of the Provincial Treasurer, we believe it is the best policy to have matters so arranged that even the voluntary retirement of the sitting member will not effect the fate of the constituency at the coming election.

Thus it will be seen that an immediate meeting of the West Huron Reform Association, and the early placing of a candidate in the field is an absolute necessity. If Hon. A. M. Ross is again to be the candidate of the Reform Party in West Huron, it is only right that his supporters should know it. If, on the other hand, he has tired of public office, or on account of physical infirmity or other causes he no longer will be a candidate for West Huron, no time should be lost in calling the Convention together and endeavoring to make the "rough places smooth for his success."

The warning passed unheeded and disregarded by the executive and Mr. Ross gave no sign.
Later on the fact that Mr. Ross' tenure of office was becoming more frail day by day, became apparent, and again, on April 4th, THE SIGNAL raised cry against the almost criminal neglect of the Reform executive in neglecting to call a convention. Speaking of the lethargy that existed in certain constituencies, the following statement appeared:
"West Huron is one of these constituencies, for up to date no notice of a convention has been given for either of the political parties has been vouchsafed. There appears to be an anxiety on the part of each of the political factions to know who the candidate of the other will be before a convention for the purpose of nominating a standard-bearer is held. Many of the Reformers up to date are calculating upon Hon. A. M. Ross being still open to candidature, notwithstanding the rumors of his retirement from public life which have been prevalent of late, but there are numbers who look at his retirement as amongst the possibilities, and it is often a source of weakness about for an eligible candidate in the event of his withdrawal. The Reform party is not lacking in good material for representatives even should the sitting member see fit to retire, and the party would not be without resource should the present incumbent decline to be a candidate at the forthcoming contest. It is quite true that the prestige that attaches to an old member, who has gone over the ground many a time and oft, necessarily gives him a status, but the fact of having a record, of one kind or other, is often a source of weakness rather than strength to the old member. Our own opinion is that nine times out of ten the fact that a man has occupied position and been subjected to the lurid glare of public criticism is often to his detriment. In the exceptional man in more ways than one. Abraham Lincoln laid down the axiom, 'Never swap horses crossing a stream,' and if we are not going to swap horses the earliest opportunity of setting aside the rumors that have arisen regarding the probable retirement of Hon. A. M. Ross should be had. This can only be done by the immediate holding of a Convention, and the personal declaration of the Provincial Treasurer. It is believed by many that the Local election will be held in the 'leafy month of June' and it is absolutely necessary that the Reform candidate should be in the field

and approved by the Convention at the earliest possible date."
And still the executive of the Reform party slumbered, and Mr. Ross, who knew the constituency was quietly resting over a political volcano, made no sign.
Now we are on the edge of an election which promises to be short and sharp. The fears of THE SIGNAL that the convention would be left so late, that in the event of attempting to "swap horses crossing the stream," complications would arise, have been verified. All is now hurry and bustle. As the constituency is looked upon as a safe one, the crop of candidates threatens to be large. Had more time been given an amicable adjustment of claims might have been had, and much bitterness of spirit saved. The old style of wirepulling is now resorted to in at least one quarter by the candidate and his friends, and there is no knowing what the outcome will be.
With a united party, and a candidate the honest choice of an honest convention, opposition in the shape of a Tory candidate would be worse than useless; but without unity of purpose and the strongest candidate, an annoying factious opposition, if nothing worse, may result.
We claim that a mistake was made in not calling the convention earlier, and giving the new Reform candidate, whoever he may be, a better chance to go over the riding. But that is a thing too late to remedy. What is wanted now is united action—not town against town or section against section. If a number of candidates go before the convention well and good, but let the rivalry be a friendly one, fair, open, and above board.

THE WIREPULLER MUST GO.

The representation of a constituency is a public trust, and should be controlled by no individual or clique. The electorate at large, through its chosen representatives, should alone have the power to select the candidate, and confer the honor. In a riding like West Huron, where a Liberal nomination means certain election, any attempt on the part of an aspiring candidate to tamper with possible delegates should be sedulously frowned down. Every delegate to a political convention should go unpledged, and be governed in his selection by the strength and worth of the candidates who are presented to the convention. These thoughts are brought to our mind by the fact that too often in conventions there is a system of pipe-laying and wirepulling indulged in by some of the candidates, the result being that the most skillful wirepuller or the most barefaced canvasser will secure the nomination regardless of merit, and of just claims.
West Huron may be no exception to the rule, and for this reason we throw out this note of warning so that delegates to the Reform convention at Goderich on May 5th may come unpledged and prepared to judge honestly and justly as to the claims of candidates. We understand that already the ward-heeler and touter are afoot canvassing towards packing the convention, but we hope the efforts of such persons will be frowned down.
Up to the present several names have been mentioned, and we give them with-out comment, so that our readers may be prepared to make choice when the time arrives:
J. T. GARROW, Q. C., Goderich.
M. G. CAMERON, barrister, Goderich.
A. H. MANNING, solicitor, Clinton.
PHILIP HOLT, barrister, Goderich.
D. MCGILLICUDDY, editor, Goderich.

Every one of the gentlemen named is well-known to the electors of Huron, and their public services to the party are also on record. Any one of them is competent to represent the Riding, and we leave to the delegates of the convention the task of selecting. The man who can carry the largest majority in the event of a contest should become the choice of the convention whether it suits the wirepullers or not.
Packed conventions will not be submitted to by the intelligent electors. The representation of the county is in the hands of no individual as a vested interest. Dictation, canvassing or solicitation on the part of any aspirant should not be tolerated. Let there be a fair field and no favor.

The wirepuller must go.

BELGRAVE SPRING SHOW.
The East Wawanosh spring show was held here on Thursday of last week. The attendance was not so large as on former years, but there was a good show of horses and bulls. The following is THE PRIZE LIST:
HORSES—Heavy draught—1st, Wm. Wellwood, "Edmond"; 2nd, Webster & Gobie, "Opsey"; 3rd, years old and under—1st, Thos. McLaughlin, "Pot-teath"; 2nd, Allen Spears, "Earl of Breadalbane"; 3rd, Allen Spears, "Cadi"; Road and carriage—1st, Wm. Leary, "Melbourne"; 2nd, L. Kennedy, "Like Groff"; 3rd, J. Gufson, "The Staff"; Best horse, any age or class—Thos. McLaughlin, "Potteath"; Diploma.
BULLS—Thoroughbred, two years and over—1st, John Webster, "President"; 2nd, R. Curley, "Lord Eicho"; 3rd, T. H. Taylor, Dalmore; Under two years old—1st, Geo. Swales, "Douglass"; 2nd, J. H. Taylor, "Lord of Acha"; Best bull, any age or class—diploma, John Webster, "President."

Mr Henry Breneman, Zurich, moved to his former home near New Hamburg on Wednesday of last week.
Dr Brown, of Wroxteter, performed a very successful operation on Mr. Wm. Moffat's eye Saturday, 12th inst.
Mr Richard Reddaway, Glenora, sold a span of horses recently to Mr. B. Higgins, of Exeter, for the sum of \$250.
The many friends of Rev. T. G. Thompson, formerly of Brucefield, will be pleased to learn that he is again located in Ontario. He has accepted a call from Waterdown Presbyterian congregation, Wentworth county, and was inducted in that charge on Monday of last week. The Waterdown congregation have made a good choice and will have a clever, energetic and worthy pastor.

THE EDITOR'S TABLE.

A word or two about New Publications That Have Come to Hand.
THE COSMOPOLITAN FOR MAY.
The latest number of The Cosmopolitan, which commences the ninth volume of the magazine, has a good list of articles at reasonable rates. Every thing in the line can be done on the premises from an illuminated poster to a visiting card.
All communications must be addressed to:
D. MCGILLICUDDY,
Editor of THE SIGNAL,
Telephone Cal. No. 30. Goderich Ont.

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THE MARKETS.

Table with columns: Commodity, Price. Rows include Wheat Standard, Flour, Oats, Potatoes, Apples, etc.

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Strayed Animals.
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A. J. NAUGTON,
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LEGAL NOTICES.
IN THE MATTER OF SUSAN SMITH & CO. PARTNERS, of the Town of Goderich, in the County of Huron, trading under the style of R. H. Smith & Co.
The insolvents have made an assignment of their estate to the undersigned, in pursuance of an Act respecting Assignments for the benefit of creditors, Chapter 121, R. S. O. 1887, and amending Acts, and creditors are hereby notified to meet at the office of Henry Barber & Co., by affidavit, with vouchers, if any, pursuant to the said Act, on or before the date of the said meeting. And the undersigned is authorized to receive and discharge all claims of the creditors of the said debtor, and to distribute the assets thereof, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall have been given, and which will not be liable for the assets or any part of the same until the date of the said meeting, and until the date of the said meeting, unless they have had notice.

AMUSEMENTS.
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