

The Centre Riding Conservative Association.

And so the Conservatives of the Centre Riding of Wellington have been and gone and done it. They met in solemn conclave at Anderson's Hotel, Fergus, on Thursday, adopted the constitution and by-laws of the recently formed Conservative Association for the Riding, appointed fit and proper persons as office bearers to look after its weighty interests, and took steps for arousing the interests of all true Conservatives in the Municipalities for the purpose of strengthening and widening the influence of the infant Association. All this is very commendable, and manifests an interest and concern for the welfare of the party which the Reformers in the Riding would do well to follow, as far as the interests of their party are concerned. They know, or ought to know, how much additional influence and power perfect organization gives to any party, and with the experience of the past before them, they should not rest content till they form a Reform Association as vigorous, as widely ramified, and as influential as that recently organized by the Conservatives.

After due deliberation and solemn consideration our Conservative brethren unanimously came to the conclusion that bribery and corruption was carried to such an extent as to render it a duty on the part of the Conservatives of the Riding to protest against Mr Ross taking his seat in the House of Commons, and accordingly a motion was carried that a protest should be entered. Having got off this little piece of business we hope the members of the Centre Riding Conservative Association felt relieved, and that they went home in the full belief that the country was safe. We cherish the fond hope that they will be able to raise the needful funds to go on with the protest, for we are thoroughly convinced that the Reformers in the Riding will come out of it with flying colours, and that this last desperate act of the Conservatives will tend more to unite them and strengthen their position than any other course which their opponents could adopt. We have not the slightest fear for the result; and are convinced that, should the protest be gone on with, Mr. Orton and his friends will have cause to regret their rashness and folly.

The Wood Clause Contract in the Market By-law.

Our readers in the country will be pleased to learn that in the case of the Chief Constable against Mr. John Tuck, for delivering wood sold on contract without paying the market fee of 10 cents per cord, the Police Magistrate has decided that the Corporation cannot impose a fee on wood sold by contract without the Corporation limits. The decision does not apply to contracts made within the Corporation, but we are inclined to think that if a case of that kind came before him, the Magistrate's decision would be the same as it is in the case of contracts made outside the Corporation. The Council have not yet had time to amend the By-law by altering or expunging the clause relating to contracts, but no doubt it will be done at the first meeting. Meanwhile parties delivering wood by contract in town are now in no danger of being charged with a breach of the By-law, but may deliver all wood sold by contract without molestation and without fee.

A SUFFICIENT REASON.—The Elora Times thinks he has found a sufficient reason for John A. Macdonald making Geo. A. Drew a Q. C. when he says that his (Geo. A.'s) law office is second to none in the County, and that the amount of business done there is equal to that transacted in any other office in Wellington, while it is far ahead of many. We are glad to find that the Times is so easily pleased, and is willing to modest about Mr. Drew's extraordinary legal attainments, which of course were never thought of when the appointment was made. But it is all right so long as he has a big law office and a big business. Who cares a fig for legal abilities when these two requisites are so handy and so potent?

Wm. C. G. of A. A. S. V. — The Hamilton Spectator regrets to announce the death of Mr. Wm. C. G. A. S. V. which occurred on Saturday, Dec. 29. Mr. C. G. was a very widely known and highly respected man, and there are few men in the county of Wentworth who will be more generally admired. He has long been actively associated with public movements in this neighbourhood, and was remarkable for his integrity and his sterling integrity.

We learn that the Grand Trunk, Great Western, Toronto, Grey & Bruce, and Toronto & Nipissing Railway Companies have kindly consented to carry parties coming to the Banquet from any of their stations to Toronto and back for a single fare and one-third for the double journey. The local station masters will grant return tickets on those terms on presentation of the Banquet ticket.

GUELPH BIBLE SOCIETY.—By reference to posters it will be seen that the 37th annual meeting of this society will be held in the Wesleyan Church, on Thursday evening next the 9th inst. Rev. J. C. G. of Toronto, and the minister of the town will address the meeting. The Car Factory, in Cobourg, was the scene of the yesterday morning

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New Year's Gifts for me, for you, and for Everybody!

The Lion for Ever! Long may he Reign!

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The Bankrupt Stock of Mr. A. Polson, of Galt, amounting to \$20,000, coming to Guelph, to be sold at the Golden Lion!

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Have pleasure in announcing to their friends and customers that they have bought the stock of Mr. A. Polson, of Galt, at half the cost price, and in order to give their numerous customers, one and all, New Year's gifts, will on January 4th offer to the public, in addition to this Bankrupt Stock, their whole stock of DRY GOODS amounting to over \$100,000 at the actual cash price. Remember, at the actual cost, sterling, in the old country.

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Your choice of Bankrupt Stock; also your choice of the whole store from the fourth flat to cellar, embracing all the novelties in Fancy Goods, also the best Staple Goods ever imported to Canada.

The Sale will commence on Saturday, January 4th, 1873.

No Reserve! Everything at Cost for One Month!

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Collision on the Great Western Railway. Special to Evening Mercury. Hamilton, Jan. 1.—A collision occurred on the Great Western Railway last evening, between a freight train bound west and an eastern freight train, a little over a mile west of Paris, doing some damage to the engine. The line was blocked up until this morning in consequence of the engine being off the track, a point where auxiliary gangs could not work advantageously. Damage to freight and cars. Nobody hurt. It appears that the conductor of the west bound train neglected his orders, and should not have left Paris until the east bound train arrived.

The Elections. HESPELER.—Geo. Hespeler Reeve by acclamation; Councillors, John Zryd, G. Guenther, and W. Jardine, Adam Shaw. PARLINGTON.—Reeve, Hugh Roberts; Deputy Reeve, J. Brohman; Councillors, J. Burnett, J. Keleher, and J. Swan. PATMORE are ties. ALBION VILLAGE.—For Reeve, Alex. Fraser; Councillors, J. Draper, J. Hollinger, and B. Ballentine. ELORA VILLAGE.—For Reeve, Hugh Hamilton; Councillors, John Godfrey, R. Dally, John McDonald, and John Bain. FERRIS.—Henry Michie, Reeve; C. Downey, D. Ramore, John Moffatt, and Robert John, Councillors. MOUNT FOREST.—Robert Kilgour, Reeve; Councillors, J. M. Crawford, Dr. Beckroyd, H. H. Stovel, and John Ross. WATERLOO.—For Reeve, Moses Springer, M. P.; Councillors, Wm. Snider, Benjamin Dewitt, Geo. Eiler, and Fred. Schlote. AMARANT.—Geo. Jolly, Reeve; James Golding, Deputy Reeve; Councillors, Broadou, Jenkins and Bennett. WEST GARAFAXA.—Reeve, Wm. Gibson; Deputy Reeve, John Mitchell; Councillors, A. Richardson, John Maclelland, and D. J. Black, all by acclamation. LANARNS.—Reeve, A. Mielke, John, by acclamation; Councillors, G. Preston, S. Welte, L. Brisbin, B. Mitchell. MIXTO.—Reeve, John Prain; Deputy Reeve, T. B. Paterson; Councillors, J. Leonard, J. Falls, M. Bateman. ERIN.—Reeve, D. McMillan; Deputy Reeve, John Berry; Councillors, Robert Reid, Lechin Currie, Robert Barbour. NICTON.—Reeve, John Mann, by acclamation; Deputy Reeve, John Broadfoot; Councillors, J. Wisler, McDonald and Wilson. ARTHUR TOWNSHIP.—Reeve, Robert Stevenson, by acclamation; Deputy Reeve, T. Flahiff, by acclamation; Councillors, A. Allan, C. O'Donnell and D. Brown. PEEN.—Reeve, W. S. Sutherland, by acclamation; Deputies, McManus and McGowan; Councillors, B. Radd and T. White. MARYBOROUGH.—Reeve, James Robt. Deputy, W. H. Ogden; Councillors, Maxwell, Turner, and Long. BRANTFORD.—Reeve, John Lea, 267, John Duffield, 98; Deputy, Reeve, William Duffield, 232, John McKelvie, 123; Councillors, John H. Harris, 270, Henry Dunbar, 227, David Lea, Jr., 219, Joan Dickie, on 140, Wm. Taylor, snr., 110, Messrs. Alex. McQueen and Lazarus Parkinson, with the consent of their proposers and seconders, withdrew from the contest before the poll opened.

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