

### REFORM CIRCULAR.

Instructions to Our Political Friends.

**Mr. Blake's Letter—Good Advice from the Leader of the Opposition.**

Not long since we took occasion to publish the circular containing secret instructions to Tories which was circulated at the Convention in Toronto. In doing so we said that with the instructions in general we had little fault to find, inasmuch as any illegitimate practices contemplated were hinted at rather than advised, and the advice given was on the whole, and as it appeared on the surface, good.

The Ottawa Citizen has chosen to publish a circular letter written by Mr. Blake, and we have much pleasure in reproducing the same. There is not from the beginning to the end one word or hint of the least approach to any illegitimate practice, and the advice and knowledge conveyed is such as might with perfect propriety be given in any political assembly.

It might be mentioned in passing that no Tory journal published the circular addressed to the faithful of its party.

Mr. Blake's letter will be found below:

TORONTO, Nov. 20th, 1881.

DEAR SIR,—I take the liberty of laying before you the urgent need for immediate and effective organization by the Reformers in every riding, and of asking you to promote this work in your own locality. I am most anxious to see in active operation, not merely riding and municipal organizations, but also committees in each polling sub-division. I would beg your earnest assistance in procuring an early meeting of any existing organization, and promoting this action. Allow me to suggest that the sub-division committee, if not already formed, might have a chairman and secretary, and be composed of from five to eleven members, according to the circumstances of the division, enlisting, where practicable, the services of some of the younger men of the party; that its members might bring in friends to its meetings; and that its first duty should be to look after the next assessments, on the basis of which the election is expected to take place.

For this purpose the committee should, in December, if possible, and at least in January, go over the voters' list, discuss the changes which have taken place in the sub-division, and see whether any names should be added or omitted; and the list of changes should be handed to the assessor immediately after his appointment, and, if needful, he should be formally notified.

Make the roll right, if you can, while in the assessor's hands. The new assessment roll should, when complete, be examined with a view to make it correct for the purposes of the voters' list, and the Municipal Court of Revision may be expected to correct errors and omissions.

After the new voters' list is prepared it should be gone over, and the proper steps taken to correct it by appeal. I enclose a memo. of hints on these points for the service of the committee.

The committee should meet occasionally to discuss the political condition of the sub-division, with a view to its improvement, and should attend to the early and systematic canvass of the sub-division. Many voters may be won or lost, according as this work is done or neglected.

The committee should undertake (with the aid, if needed, of other voters of the sub-division), the bringing up to the poll of the Reform voters, each man becoming responsible for certain named voters.

By a systematic organization like this we can materially improve the condition of every sub-division, and produce surprising results.

In our Province where there are so many evenly balanced ridings, the victory depends mainly on organization.

The Conservatives are preparing to organize more thoroughly than ever before; they have warned their friends against all Reform assessments, and they propose to make the next assessment rolls the basis of a contest in every riding, and of a Conservative victory in Ontario.

They cannot do it, if we discharge our duty! Whether they are to succeed or fail depends largely on you and men like you, and I took to you and our brother Reformers in your locality to meet them with energy, determination and steady work. I am sure you will prove to me that I do not look in vain.

I shall be glad to hear from you on the subject of this letter, and to receive from the Secretary the names and addresses of the gentlemen appointed for his sub-division as officers and members (where there is no committee), the names of six influential Reformers of the sub-division, and some account of the work in the sub-division.

Your faithful servant,  
**EDWARD BLAKE,**  
Esq.

INSTRUCTIONS, ETC.

I.—While the recent improvements in the laws as to voters' lists have greatly facilitated the work of correcting them, it would be a mistake not to exercise every precaution, both in having the proper persons entered by the assessors upon the assessment rolls, and in having errors in the rolls rectified as far as possible by the Municipal Courts of Revision.

II.—The following dates are important in this connection:

- (a)—The assessor is to begin making his roll not later than the 15th February, and to complete it by the 30th April, and to return it to the clerk on 1st May.
- (b)—In cities and towns the Council may provide that the assessment may be made between the 1st July and 30th September for the following year.
- (c)—County Councils may pass by-laws for taking the assessment in towns, townships and incorporated villages between the 1st February and the 1st July.

(d)—Notice of appeal from assessment roll to the Court of Revision must be given to the Clerk within fourteen days after the return of the roll.

(e)—The Court of Revision to sit only after ten days' notice has been given, and to be finished by the 1st July each year; except in cities, towns or villages, where the court shall be closed in six weeks from the time of returning the assessment roll.

(f)—An appeal may be had to the county judge from any decision of the Court of Revision.

(g)—Within thirty days after the final revision of the assessment roll the clerk shall make up from it, and print and post up and distribute, the voters' lists.

(h)—Notice in writing of objections to voters' lists shall be served on the assessor before the lists are posted up of the lists in his office.

III.—A committee, or branch Reform Association, for each polling sub-division shall have in charge the looking after the assessment rolls, as well as the subsequent correction of the voters' lists, and should first meet in good time to consider what new names can be properly handed in to the assessors, and to arrange for that being done.

IV.—The qualifications necessary to entitle a person to be entered upon the voters' lists are briefly as follows:—

- (a)—To be of the full age of 21 years.
- (b)—To be the bona-fide owner, tenant, or occupant of real property assessed, in cities, for \$400; in towns, for \$300; in villages and townships, for \$200.
- (c)—A joint rating must be double these amounts to give either party a vote.
- (d)—An income, farm, trade, calling or profession, of \$400 per annum.
- (e)—Farmers' sons resident on their fathers' or mothers' farm where the assessment is sufficient to allow votes.

V.—A copy of the assessment roll for each polling sub-division should be procured, and the voters' list shall be carefully gone over, name by name, by the committee, at a meeting thereof, to which as many reliable workers as possible should be invited to attend by the president and secretary of each municipal association.

VI.—Two or more persons who know the sub-division should be selected for each, and they should ascertain from the list the following:—

- (a)—Whether the Christian and surnames of friendly voters are correct.
- (b)—What persons on the list have ceased to be the owners or occupants of the property in respect of which their names are on the voters' lists, and whether they still reside or not in the electoral district.
- (c)—What persons have, since the time of revision of the assessment roll, become residents in the district, whose names may be inserted, and the former owner or occupant's name struck off the list.
- (d)—Ascertain and remove from list all persons who are under the age of twenty-one years, or are aliens, or are disqualified by law, such as all Judges, Customs and Excise Officers, Clerks of the Peace, County Attorneys, Registrars, Sheriffs, Deputy Sheriffs, Deputy Clerks of the Crown, Crown Lands Agents, Postmasters in cities and towns.
- (e)—Ascertain what friendly persons, especially farmers' sons, entitled to vote, have been omitted from the list, as the assessment is not conclusive as to the value of the property or income, in respect of which they may be entitled to vote, and the Judge can determine their value, on proper evidence offered.
- (f)—Ascertain and have struck off all doubtful persons whose names have been entered on the list, and are not entitled to vote.

PROCEDURE.  
After due examination of the voters' list, and it has been ascertained that proper notices of each objection must be given to the clerk of the municipality, or left at his office or residence before the 30 days limited for this purpose. The notices should be given in the name of a person entitled to vote in the electoral district.

The forms requisite for each kind of objection are sent herewith, with only such blanks as are required for names, etc.

The Judge of the County Court will appoint a day for hearing the objections, which the committee and a legal adviser should attend, with witnesses and evidence to sustain their notices.

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Haverhill, Mass., March 17, 1881.  
Gentlemen,—Thirteen years ago I was troubled with rheumatism of the blood. My blood was in such poor condition that when I retired my arms would become so paralyzed that I could not move the clothes to cover me. I used various remedies, and tried rubbing, but nothing seemed to help me. At last PERUVIAN SYRUP was recommended, and on taking two small bottles I was completely restored to health, and had no occasion to use it again for ten years. About three years ago I was taken with kidney complaint, and had dreadful pains in my back and side. At times, when in the street, I would have such severe attacks that I would be obliged to sit down on a door step, and I would cry like a child. After suffering for some time I remembered what the PERUVIAN SYRUP had formerly done for me, and the use of one large bottle entirely cured me. A few years since my sister's health was completely broken down. She consulted Dr. Burke, Roxbury, who recommended PERUVIAN SYRUP. He said it was just the remedy to meet her case, and the only he knew of. The result proved the correctness of his opinion, for the use of one bottle completely cured her.

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#### "Puffing" at Auction Sales.

An interesting case, Burgess vs. Burgess, of the question of "puffing" at auction sales came up before his Honor Judge Kingsmill, at Walkerton, on Thursday and Friday week. The particulars of the case briefly as follows:—The plaintiff, a farmer residing in the township of Glenelg, claimed from the defendants, who are also farmers residing in the same township, damages for non-performance of an agreement to purchase certain land, alleging that the defendants had bought at auction sale in June last a certain parcel of land and had signed an agreement for the purchase of the same, which agreement they refused to carry out. The defendants admitted having bought the land at auction sale, and of having signed an agreement for the purchase of the same, but contended that the sale was a void sale under R. S. O., chapter 93, as the land was offered for sale subject only to a reserve bid, and that plaintiff instead of confining himself to his reserve bid, employed persons commonly called "puffers" to bid at said sale, and that such "puffers" did attend said sale and bid against defendants. His Honor after hearing the evidence—which was very conflicting—and argument, reserved judgment until Monday last, when he gave same in favor of defendants, holding that there was sufficient evidence to show that one "puffer" had been employed by plaintiff, and therefore the auction sale was void.

#### Percheron Horses

Harper's Monthly for February has a lengthy and exhaustive article on this subject, from which we make the following extracts:  
The Percheron horse is undoubtedly the most symmetrical and powerful for his size, and possesses the finest action and greatest endurance of all the large breeds in Europe. His general type is also the most ancient of any of which we have record or tradition, and this is the principal reason why he is more prepotent than others in transmitting his superior qualities to his offspring.

Tradition asserts that the first great improvement in refining the large horses was made by Barb stallions captured from the Moors. In 731 thousands of these fine Barb stallions were captured (for the Moors ride such only, and never mares) and distributed among the French soldiers, who, on returning to their farms, bred them to their own large native mares. The best and most uniform of this produce were then selected and coupled among themselves, the result of which, together with other well-made crosses from time to time since that period, gives us the improved Percherons of the present day, described as follows:

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Three American capitalists are en route for Emerson and Winnipeg with \$3,000,000 to invest in these towns and the North-west. Three Canadians, the Mayor of Listowel, and Mr. Cameron of Goderich, being two, are taking some \$300,000 to the same points for speculative purposes. The boom in Emerson is caused by a confirmation of the reported intention of the Syndicate to construct a branch from Emerson immediately to connect with their Winnipeg and Pembina Mountain Branch.

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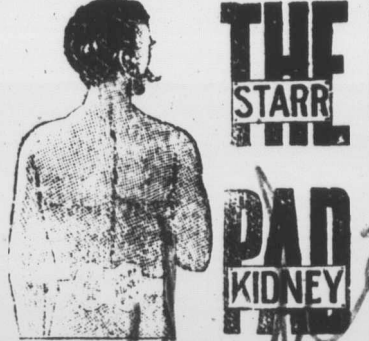
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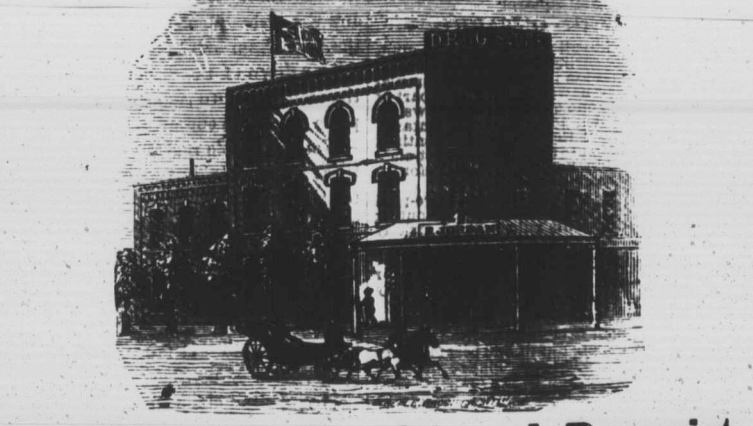
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