

## THE NOMINATION.

At noon on Monday the nomination for the Western Division took place at the Weigh House, in Victoria (Haymarket) Square. When Mr. G. H. Ryland, Registrar and Returning Officer, arrived, about six or seven hundred electors and others had assembled at the hustings, and as Mr. McGee advanced, surrounded by a number of friends, loud cheers were given for the hon. gentleman. Hon. John Young arrived shortly after, accompanied by Mr. T. Cramp alone. The Returning Officer having made the usual proclamation, the writ was read by Mr. Johnson, when the electors were required to name whom they wished to represent them.

Mr. Walter McFarlane now advanced to the front of the hustings, and in a brief speech, highly complimentary to the Hon. Mr. McGee, proposed him as a fit and proper person to represent the Western Division of Montreal in the Provincial Parliament. (Loud and continued cheers.)

Mr. P. Brennan briefly seconded the nomination.

Mr. Benj. Holmes came forward to propose Hon. John Young. He expressed his diffidence and regret at the duty he had to perform, and stated that all Mr. McGee's acts, votes and speeches since his first election to Parliament had met with his approbation and support. He denounced the conduct of the Macdonald-Cartier Administration as corrupt, unconstitutional, and so forth, and was condemning their assistance to the Grand Trunk Company, when a voice from the crowd interrupted him thus—"Who was the greatest assistance to the Grand Trunk Company but Mr. Young?" which question was loudly cheered. Mr. Holmes now brought his speech to a hurried conclusion by proposing Hon. John Young as a Candidate for the Western Division. (Hisses and Groans.)

Seconded by Mr. Jas. McDougall.

Hon. Mr. McGee was called forward amid enthusiastic cheers and spoke as follows:—

Mr. Registrar and Gentlemen,

Electors of Montreal West,

Twice I have been indebted to you within three years for an unanimous election,

and once before when I was a comparative stranger in the city, for a triumphant return, after a memorable contest. To-day we are challenged to a new contest by our old friends, who come against us at the eleventh hour with Mr. Young at their head, and we accept that challenge. (Cheers.) I accept that challenge not only for my friends in Montreal, but for all my friends throughout the Province, whom this day's proceedings may reach. (Cheers.) The new Ministerial party, not content with forcing in a manner, which I maintain to be inconsiderate, unjustifiable and unconstitutional, the retirement from office of the majority of the late Cabinet,—men of their own party, their own associates and old friends—demand that those men, so deprived of their constitutional and party rights, under the present dissolution should endorse all that has been done, and give the intriguers a bill of indemnity in advance of the election of the new Parliament. They have come to me, Mr. Young has come to me, Mr. Holmes has come to me, they have come singly and in deputations, to ask that I should endorse all that was done at Quebec during the late crisis, and that if so, I would have no opposition from them. Intimations of future arrangements, offers of lucrative office were not wanting, on the part of those who have the temporary disposal of office, if I would consent to endorse what had been done at Quebec. They received from me one invariable answer. I told them I would not depart from my position of entire independence; that I would not, however aggrieved, for the sake of *auld lang syne* move one finger, or utter one word against my old colleagues, unless in self-defence. I told them I would not attempt to influence a single vote against them, in the East or Centre, unless the individuals came to ask my opinion on the recent changes, and then that I should tell them the truth. But this has not satisfied these exacting ex-allies. *Juxta alea est*—the die is cast by them. They will insist, notwithstanding all they know of the facts, and all they don't know, that I must hoist Mr. Sanfield McDonald's and Mr. Dorion's colors, and drag the flag of my own honor humbled in the dust. They have chosen their part—they have flung their challenge in our faces—they have left myself and my friends nothing else for it, but to oppose the opposers. (Cheers.) Gentlemen, there are some explanations which public men can only properly make on the floor of Parliament, *vis à vis* with the persons implicated; but there are others which the representative owes to his constituents, and notwithstanding the provocation of this eleventh hour, this twelfth hour opposition, I shall confine myself to those proper to this occasion. Twelve months ago I went to Quebec, clothed with your suffrages, as a member of the McDonald-Blocette Cabinet, to assist in carrying on the Government of this country, on the principles then made public. I look back now with con-