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GODERICH STATION

Trains leave as follows,—

Mail	7.00 a. m.
Express	10.00 " "
Mixed	12 30 p. m.
"	3.30 " "

Trains are due as follows,—

Mixed	10.00 " "
Express	2.00 p. m.
Mixed	5.20 " "
Mail	9.45 " "

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, Sept. 24, 1873.

The Royal Commission.

Little by little the truth with reference to the Pacific Scandal is leaking out. Since our last issue Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Hugh Allan have been in the witness box, and though not subjected to a proper cross-examination, have confessed enough to show that Mr. Huntington's charges are substantially correct. With the aid of Sir Hugh's little memorandum book we learn that over $350,000 of his money was spent in the election of a railway Parliament and the purchase of newspaper and other support, and that *other* $125,500 *of that sum was expended through and by Ministers personally.* It also turns out that as McMullen recently asserted, there were two letters of the 30th July. One contained no mention of money payments of any kind, and was published by Sir Hugh at an early stage, with the assertion that it was repudiated by by Sir John Macdonald and ultimately withdrawn by Sir George. The other has only now made its appearance in the hands of Sir Hugh Allan as a witness before the Commission, but strange to say the *conditions which Cartier said were written at the foot of it are missing!* The letter, minus the foot note, or postscript, is as follows:

"Private and Confidential.

"Montreal, 30th July, 1872.

"Dear Sir Hugh,—The friends of the Government will expect to be assisted with funds in the pending elections, and any amount which you or your company shall advance for that purpose, shall be recouped to you. A memorandum of immediate requirements is below.

"Very truly yours,

"(Signed,) "George E. Cartier.

"Now wanted—Sir John Macdonald, $25,000; Hon. Mr Langevin, $15,000; Sir G. E. Cartier, $20,000.

"Sir John A., additional, $10,000; Hon. M. Langevin, $10,000; Sir G. E. Cartier, additional, $30,000."

Why does Sir Hugh not produce the foot note as well as the letter from which it has evidently been separated? No doubt it would criminate him and the government, therefore it is not forthcoming.

We have not space to go into a full analysis of the evidence, but incomplete as it is, and given in such a manner as to divert attention from all the strong points against the government, no impartial critic can read it without feeling that their guilt is fairly established.

A Question of Veracity.

"The telegrams, as given by Mr. Mc Mullan, are forgeries." So says our Prog. contemporary of this town in its last issue. Does it imagine its readers are fools to believe such a statement? Let us see what its master John A., the man of clean hands says about them. Here it is;—

Q.—Do you know the entire amount Sir Hugh Allan contributed to the elections in Ontario and otherwise?

A.—I cannot speak of the others.

Q.—A certain sum of money was paid, the last ten thousand, in consequence of a telegram of yours which has been published, has it not?

A.—I would not like to swear that that is the telegram, but I have no reason to doubt that *a correct copy was published.*

Q.—It was that at the end of McMullen's letter!

A.—Yes, that was the second and last sum. I see I said it was "the last time of calling," and I suppose it must have referred to the last ten thousand; in fact, *I have no doubt it did.*

Q.—That telegram is dated the 26th August, 1872, addressed to the Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, and signed by yourself—is that the one to which you have alluded. It is in the following terms; "I must have another ten thousand. Will be the last time of calling. Do not fail me. Answer to-day." Is that the telegram?

A.—*I have no doubt it is.* I did telegraph him on that day, and I have no reason to doubt that this is a copy of the telegram, although I would not swear it is.

Q.—Was that telegram answered?

A.—I do not remember, but *I have no doubt he did answer it,* and send such a telegram to me as I represented. I drew upon him, and I would not have drawn upon him without authority.

Q.—Is there any other telegram or communication between Mr. Abbott or Sir Hugh Allan and yourself, relating to money for election purposes?

A.—I do not think so. There were no other telegrams that *I remember.* I telegraphed to Mr. Abbott occasionally in connection with the elections, but I have no remembrance of the particular time.

Which is to be believed, the denial of our contemporary or the admission of the accused when placed on oath?

A Question of Veracity.

"Read with reference to the relations between the parties and to the circumstances of the time, they constitute, as we have said before, a complete case against the Minister."

So said Goldwin Smith, a friend of the government, "in Current Events," of the documents published before the Royal Commission opened. What will he say now after perusing the evidence of Sir John and Sir Hugh?

Meeting of Parliament.

Parliament is summoned to meet for the despatch of business on the 23rd of October.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

A dispatch from Constantinople of the 16th says: "There was a violent storm on the Black Sea last week which proved very destructive to shipping. Seventy vessels were wrecked near the mouth of the Bosphorus and nearly all on board perished. At one point on the coast 265 corpses have been washed ashore."

The steamer *Ironsides*, one of the mammoth boats running between Grand Haven and Milwaukee, in connection with the Detroit & Milwaukee Railway, foundered in a gale on Monday, off Grand Haven. The passengers and crew, numbering 49 in all, left the steamer in boats when they found her sinking, but owing to the heavy sea running, one or two of the boats were swamped. Thirty-two were saved, and fourteen bodies have been recovered. The Captain and his wife are among the missing.

A very sad accident is reported in last Tuesday's Toronto papers. Four young men sailed from that place on Friday in a yacht, intending to take part in the regatta at Hamilton on Saturday. They failed to reach their destination, and no tidings were heard of them until Monday evening, when a telegram was received from Port Dalhousie, stating that a vessel which arrived at that port had picked up the yacht in the Lake. It appears while off Oakville on Friday night, the yacht capsized, throwing out two of the parties. The other two clung to the boat, but only one of them (a Mr. Ward) was alive when picked up by the vessel. The three victims of the accident were Mr Morgan, a rising barrister; Mr. Davidson, of the firm of Russell & Davidson, Jewelers; and Mr. Groves, son of a Church of England minister near Toronto. All were young men, in the prime of life, and their sad fate has awakened much sympathy.

Dr Livingstone, the celebrated explorer, who was interviewed by Mr. Stanley of the N. Y. *Herald*, last year, is reported in perfect health. Mr. Storns, an English traveller who has just returned from Central Africa, states that he left the doctor on the first of July.

The death of the Emperor of Morocco is reported.

Dispatches from Calcutta announce the loss at sea of the ship *Indus*, coolie laden. Four hundred and eighteen coolies perished.

A destructive fire took place in Chicago on Wednesday last involving the destruction of fifty houses, principally of a poor class.

An accident occurred on the Great Western Railway near Hamilton last Wednesday. An express train ran off the track killing the driver and fireman. Three cars were burned. The accident was caused by a brakesman neglecting to close the switch.

The Pacific Mail Co.'s steamship *Costa Rica* was wrecked last week while trying to enter the harbour of San Francisco in a fog. The passengers and crew were all saved except one man.

The whaling steamer *Arctic* has arrived at Dundee with the remainder of the crew of the wrecked vessel *Polaris*, who were picked up at sea.

Dr. O'Donell, a magistrate at Fort Garry, has issued warrants for the arrest of Riel and Lepine for the murder of Thos Scott. The former fled to the United States, the latter was arrested and is in jail.

The lastest reports from Spain intimate that the Carlists have been defeated twice by the Spanish Government army.

The House of Assembly of Newfoundland has been dissolved, and writs issued for a general election on the 8th November. The Local Government is going before the country with the cry of Confederation.

LOCAL NEWS

Social.—$26.70 was realized at a social held in Knox Church on Tuesday evening, towards procuring a chandelier.

Crown Business.—We learn that J. S. Sinclair, Esq. of this town has been appointed to conduct the Crown business at the Stratford, Berlin and Guelph fall assizes.

Fire Tanks.—Workmen are busily engaged this week in sinking four tanks on the Square for fire purposes. Now for a fire brigade with proper equipment.

Bayfield Harbour.—We understand the Government engineers who recently visited Port Albert also went to Bayfield to ascertain what repaired to be done for the improvement of its harbour.

Conservative Convention.—The Conservative convention met at Brucefield on Thursday last and nominated Mr. Geo. Case of Usborne as their candidate for South Huron at the approaching election.

The Red Store.—Crofts & Johnston announce that the great clearing sale at the Red Store will be continued for ten days longer and that further reductions will be made in their prices in order to clear out a lot of odds and ends.

Disabled.—An accident happened to the machinery of the tug *Swan C. Dodge* when out on the lake last Wednesday, which so far disabled her that she was unable to reach the harbour and was obliged to cast anchor, where she remained till brought in by the *Benton* on Thursday forenoon.

Upset.—On Thursday night last the Kincardine stage was upset when within ten miles of that village. Edward Fox, Jeweller, of Kincardine, had his collar bone broken but none of the other passengers were seriously injured. The night was so dark that the horses could not keep the road, hence the accident.

Stormy weather.—During last week we were visited with very stormy weather, the equinoctial gales prevailing. A considerable quantity of rain fell, accompanied with more or less thunder and lightening. The steamers running to this port now somewhat irregular and will probably continue so for the remainder of the season.

Manitoba.—Rev. R. Ure continued the narrative of his recent trip to Manitoba in Knox Church on Friday evening last. There was a good audience present though not so large as if the weather had been more favourable. At the close of what was a very interesting address a vote of thanks was tendered the Rev. gentleman, on motion of Jas. Dickson Esq., seconded by Wm. Kay, Esq.

Prompt.—As an instance of the promptness (?) displayed in the public departments at Ottawa we may state that the Municipal Statistics of Ontario for the year 1870, contained in a blue book of 18 pages, have only just come to hand. Of what use is a return of the Municipal Census, taxes, number of dogs, &c. in each municipality in 1870, when not issued till late in 1873.

Death on Shipboard.—Another sudden death occurred on board the steamer *City of Montreal* a few days ago. A merchant named Grandwell of Bruce Mines was found dead in his berth in the morning. Deceased had been in London and Sarnia making some purchases and was on his way home when death terminated his career. An inquest was held at Sarnia and a verdict of death from natural causes returned by the jury.

Summer Hotel.—The town Council met last week to consider the question of siding in the erection of a summer hotel. There are certain difficulties in the way, but instead of meeting and overcoming them they referred the matter back to the committee, and the result will be that Mr. Kirkpatrick will carry out his original intention to convert the proposed site to his own private use and the opportunity of securing it will be lost. Why can't our city fathers show some little energy and public spirit in this matter. Their procrastinating policy is not such as will best advance the interests of the town.

Appointment.—We are pleased to learn that Mr. John Gibson, son of Rev. H. Gibson, minister of the Scotch Church in Bayfield, has been appointed Professor of Ancient Languages and History in Albert College, Belleville. Mr. Gibson graduated at the University of Toronto a little over a year ago and has since then filled the position of Head Master of the High School at Almonte, County of Lanark. He has contributed several articles to some of the leading scientific journals on this continent, and though quite young has already brought himself into favourable notice. We have no doubt he will fill his new position with credit and success. He enters upon his duties on the 1st of October.

Advertising.—Every merchant knows that he *must* keep his business prominently before the people, in some way, if he wants to succeed. What better plan can be adopted than advertising in well circulated newspapers: you thus come in direct contact with all classes, including the ladies. Advertising in directories, musical albums, and cards set up in hotels; &c., is very often money thrown away. A few business men may *happen* to see the advertisements, but in a newspaper that goes to the fireside, and is read and discussed by all parts of the family, the business announcement is *sure* of being seen. Remember, the great point is to make *your name* and business *familiar to the people.* Advertise!!

Change of Guage.—The official circular in regard to the change of guage of the Grand Trunk from Stratford to Montreal has been issued. The express trains leaving Stratford at 2.15 p.m., and Toronto at 11.15 a. m., on Friday, October 3, will be the last east and west respectively on the broad gauge. When they cross at Hamburg, the work of narrowing will be commenced, and continued without intermission until finished. The necessity of Sunday work, which has been heretofore so much deprecated in similar contingencies, will be entirely avoided. If necessary, the Goderich line will be closed for a few days, and used for storing cars. After the 22nd instant, one thousand cars will be changed at Stratford, at the rate of a hundred a day, the field adjoining the new roundhouse being completely filled with new trucks for the purpose. The Galt branch, from Berlin to Galt, will be opened for traffic as soon as practicable after the change.

Chancery Sittings.

The fall Chancery sittings were opened here on Thursday last, Chancellor Spragge presiding. There were only three cases on the docket for hearing, one of which, *Kehoe vs Johnston*, was adjourned. The following were disposed of:—

Taylor vs Richardson—Decree with costs up to hearing to be paid by defendant personally and not received by plaintiff out of the lands in question. Boyd and Moss Q. C. for Piff. Fitzgerald Q. C. and Johnston for Deft.

Dorsey vs Proctor—Decree for redemption. Moss Q. C. and Squier for Piff. Boyd and Doyle for Deft.

Hay.

Fire.—T. J. Wilson's house, Hay, was burned to the ground on Saturday evening week. The house was to have been occupied in a day or two, by his hired man. It is supposed the fire originated from a spark from the pipe of some one working therein on Saturday afternoon. No insurance.—*Times.*

Kippen.

Induction.—The Presbytery of London, Church of Scotland, met at Kippen on Tuesday, 23rd inst., for the induction of Rev. Hugh Cameron to the pastoral charge of the Kippen congregation. Rev. J. B. Taylor of Lucknow preached from II Cor. V. 14, Rev. J. Sieveright of Goderich addressed the minister, and Rev. W. T. Wilkins of Stratford the people. Rev. T. Goldsmith of Seaforth and Rev. Mark Dauby of Bayfield, Canada Presbyterian Ministers, were present and took part in the induction services. Mr. Cameron enters on his work under the most auspicious circumstances, with the unanimous and hearty call of the people. During the vacancy a commodious Brick Manse has been completed.

East Wawanosh.

Accident.—Mr. Donald Robertson, of Belgrave, when working upon a school house on the 9th con. of East Wawanosh, was precipitated to the ground, the scaffolding having given way, and injured pretty badly, particularly on the face and nose. Mr. Robertson may be thankful that the accident was not of a more serious nature.—*Times.*

Council Room, Sept. 10th 1873.

A special meeting of Council was held to-day, pursuant to notice from the Reeve, object of meeting being for the purpose of deliberating in Council, the advisability of the Reeve and Treasurer signing the Debentures now asked for by the L. H. & B. R. Co. All the members present.

After considerable discussion over this important matter, it was moved by Mr. McCallum, and sec. by Mr. Potter, that the Reeve do not sign the debentures for $25,000 in aid of the L. H. & B. Co., till after the contract for building said road is let.—Carried.

Petition of John Hutchison, M. D., and 13 others to the Council, to grant some assistance be granted in aid of Mrs. Angus McDonald and family of Blyth, the same being in destitute circumstances.

Moved by Mr. McGowan, sec. by Mr. Potter, that $10 be granted them in the meantime, to be left in charge of Dr. Hutchison, to be laid out by him for their support when necessary.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

P. Porterfield, Tp Clerk.

Stephen

Council Meeting.—Council met this day (Sept. 6th 1873), all members present, and minutes confirmed.

Auditors' report examined and accepted, 100 copies to be printed.

Mr. Fulton to expend $40 on Centre Road west of 16th concession. Reeve to attend to road between McGillivray and Stephen regarding S. B. Road. Wm. Bains and S. Edber to belong to S. S. 5. Collector to be appointed at next meeting.

Inspector to see that the law regarding taverns closing at 7 p. m. Saturday, and remaining so till 8 a. m. Monday, be enforced.

Mr. Medland to attend to disputed ditch near C. Ryan's.

Council to meet again the 1st Saturday in October, at 10 a. m.

The following orders were granted:—

Treasurer, interest at Bank	$10.45
W. Lawson ditching 1st side road	1.25
T. Carey work on Mud Creek Bridge	2.00
Selecting jurors	12.00
T. Carey work on Mud Creek Bridge repairing Mud Creek Bridge	12.00
J. Bissett Culvert on 3 con	5.00
W. Fenwick chopping road out N. B.	54.00
W. Baker ditching across road at Dunsford	6.00
P. Glavin work on roads	8.00
W. Baird, Charity	8.00
Auditors	24.00
W. McDougal lumber for Culverts	13.23
Stephen share of ditching S. B.	20.37½
Expositor, printing	7.00
J. Parsons grant to aid Telegraph to Crediton	50.00

C. PROUTY, T. Clerk.

Hullett.

Sale of Thoroughbred Stock.—The auction sale of Mr. Humphrey Snell's thoroughbred stock took place on his farm, in the township of Hullett, on Thursday, Mr. Archibald Bishop, auctioneer. There was a large concourse of people present, but buyers were confined almost entirely to local men. The best animals of the fine herd were not sold. The following is a list of the animals sold and the names of the purchasers and the prices:

CATTLE

A Durham bull calf, purchased by John Jackson, of Hullett. $71; Durham cow, "Theresa," by George Moffat, Turnberry, $100; Durham cow, "July Flower," six years old, by M. Taggart, "Lady West," nine months old, by Wm. Smith, West Wawanosh, $175; Durham calf, "May Rose," four months old, by Wm. Wise, Goderich township, $105; Durham heifer, "Favorite," three years old, not in calf, M. McTaggart, Clinton, $144.

The celebrated aged Durham bull was put up, but was withdrawn; the Durham cow "Peggy," was also put up, and withdrawn at $175.

SHEEP.

The following sheep were disposed of: Two-year-old Cotswold ram, purchased by Wm. Wise, Goderich township, $41; Cotswold ram lamb, by E. Coldwell, Hullett, $20; Leicester shearling ram, Thomas Troy, West Wawanosh, $20; Leicester ram lamb, F Stiver, Hullett, $19.50; Cotswold ram lamb, Stephen Grey, Hullett, $19.25; pair Cotswold ewes, Wm. Wise, Goderich township, $24; pair of Shearling ewes, Leicester, Thomas Taylor, Hullett, $30; pair of Leicester shearling ewes, R. Cole, Hullet, $28; pair of Leicester ewe lambs, Wm. Wise; $26.

There was also a number of thoroughbred pigs disposed of at fair prices.—*Expositor.*

West Wawanosh.

Council Meeting.—Council met this day (30th Aug., 1873,) pursuant to adjournment. All members present, Reeve in chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Order on Prov. Treasurer for $5,000, Railway debentures was read and signed by Reeve. Correspondence from *Star* office read and ordered to be paid. Letter from A. D. Campbell, read and laid over till next meeting. By-Law No. 7, read a third time and passed. Moved by E. Gaunt, seconded by C. Durnin, that this council petition the W. G. & B. R. Co. to place the Siding on 30th Sideline of Kinloss and not on 35th, as it would be more central for Kinloss and W. Wawanosh, who had given bonus to said Railway.—Carried. Moved by Wm. Kinahan, seconded by D. McIlwain, that the Reeve be instructed to insert a notice in the *Ontario Gazette*, and one of the local papers, that application will be made at the next session of the Ontario Parliament to reunite the Township of W. Wawanosh to the South Riding of the County of Huron for registration purposes, and that the Reeve be instructed to correspond and co-operate with the Reeves of Ashfield and Colborne for that purpose, and that the Township of W. Wawanosh will defray share of necessary expense.—Carried. Moved by E. Gaunt, seconded by D. McIlwain—and carried, that the Reeve sign the following cheques:—E. Racey, for cutting hill on 4th and 5th cons., $15,00; *Star* office, printing, $2 00; Wm. Kinahan, Gravel, $4.35; D. Donovan, Bridge on 8th and 9th cons., $19.00; Geo. Howston, turnpiking and culvert 1st con., $28.75. Moved by D. McIlwain, seconded by E. Gaunt, that this council now adjourn till Monday, 29th September.

R. MURRAY, Tp Clerk.

Seaforth.

Improvements.—Messrs. Davidson & Campbell have erected a neat portico over the front hall door of their hotel, which, when completed, will add much to the appearance of their handsome hotel building.—Business at the Seaforth Planing Mill is increasing so rapidly that Mr. Broadfoot is compelled to enlarge his borders and strengthen his power He has now got working a new and very powerful steam boiler, which was manufactured by the Goderich Foundry Company, and is building a large addition to the rear of his planing mill.— Dr. Campbell has now in course of completion a neat and commodious building in front of his residence, which he intends to use as an office and surgery.

Death among Children.—It seems that a dangerous epidemic of Diphtheria has broken out in Egmondville, three deaths having already occurred and others are not expected to live, while it seems that the same disease has broken out in McKillop. Three children of Mr. Frank Morrison of the 9th con. have been attacked with it, one of whom as died while others are not expected to live. The public should be warned that it is a most contagious disease and may be carried from house to house in the meshes of woolen garments and in various ways.

Monroe & Hogan.—This firm of plough makers it appears has came off with flying colors at the Guelph Fair, having carried off the first prize for Iron ploughs, first for Iron beam and wooden handles, and first for double mould board plough. This is decidedly good for our village.

A Big Fight.—A general row took place in front of Knox's Hotel on Saturday night last about half past nine o'clock. It seems that the quarrel was between a family of the name of Fox from Irishtown and a lot of our coopers who happened to be on the spree. The blood ran freely and sore noses and broken heads were the order of the night. However, several detachments having arrived to aid the coopers, the Foxes were finally routed, or we might say, so disabled that they were unable to offer any more resistance. Such scenes as this is certainly not very creditable to our usually quiet village and we are inclined to believe if it had not been for the whiskey imbibed by the coopers the disgraceful scene would not have been enacted. We hope however that it may not be repeated.

The Reform Convention.

NOMINATION OF ALEXANDER BISHOP, ESQ.

We append a full report of the Reform Convention held at Seaforth on Tuesday, 16th inst., the result of which we announced in our last issue.

The Convention was organized by calling J. S. Sinclair, Esq., President of the Reform Association of the Riding to the Chair, and appointing W. R. Squier, Esq., to act as Secretary. The Chairman briefly explained the object of the convention, after which the following were announced as the duly authorized delegates from the various municipalities:—

Exeter.—Mr Johns, Dr. Browning.

Goderich Town.—W. G. Smith, W. R. Squier, J Wynn, A. Smith, John Kay, J. S. Sinclair, Capt. Dancy, J. Wilkinson, D. C. Strachan.

Goderich Township.—Jas. Torrance, John McDonald, W. Hall, G. H. Parsons.

Hay.—H. Love, Sen., R. Ferguson, M. Zollar, R. Brown, J. B. Geigher, W. Buchanan, A. Shantz.

Stanley.—J. Bailey, J. Esson, E. Westlake, D. McDermott, H. Gilmour, Jas. Baird, Jas. Wanless, Geo. Anderson.

Stephen.—P. Phillips, W. Lewis, G. Eberhardt, J. Hogarth, S. Press, C. Brown, J. Mathison.

Seaforth.—M. Y. McLean, B. Shantz.

Tuckersmith.—G. Walker, J. Dallas, W. McHaffie, C. Dale, Jas. Lang, N. Cousins.

Usborne.—A. Duncan, A. Bishop, R. Monteith, C. Perkins, D. McInnes, T. Pollard, J. Routley.

The Chairman announced that there was a deputation present from the Temperance Convention, who wished to be heard. A resolution having been passed that they be heard, the following members were admitted:—Jas. Thomson, J. Wynn, Jas. McKenzie, A. Monteith, J. Beattie, A. Govenlock, W. Campbell, J. Williams, R. Brett.

Mr. Thomson, Chairman of the Committee, read the following document containing the views of the deputation:

"*To the Chairman of the Reform Convention:*

"The delegates from the Prohibition Convention, held in Seaforth, on Friday, the 12th inst., beg to lay before your Convention the following facts:

"That we believe, were there no other question and no party politics laid before the people of the South Riding of Huron than that of Prohibition, that there is a majority in favor of such an act, and believing this, we respectfully ask that the man who may be nominated at your Convention be one who may pledge himself to the principle, and also to restrictive measures on the liquor trade in the Local House.

"Therefore, at said Convention it was resolved that a man should be brought before the electors representing these views, who should be submitted to this Convention for their consideration, and we have accordingly selected a gentleman who, we are sure, will do us credit and be an honor to the South Riding of Huron. Dr. Worthington, of the village of Clinton, is our choice, and he has accepted the nomination.

"We have no desire to disturb the relations of the political parties of the Riding. We simply seek recognition, and should that recognition be accorded us in a satisfactory manner, then we will be greatly pleased.

Yours, respectfully,

Jas. Thomson, Chairman."

In support of the above Mr. Thomson said that at the last session of the Local Legislature of this Province, that body recognized the correctness of the principle of total prohibition, and as they had not the power to enforce the principle themselves, had strongly petitioned the Dominion Parliament, which had the power, to do so. Now, he asked, would it be right for South Huron to oppose the almost unanimous representation of the Province, on this point? Those for whom he now spoke had no desire to disturb the relations of the political parties of the Riding, but they did desire to get from the Reform party a recognition of the principles of which they contend, and they further desired, if possible, to enforce upon this convention, the desirability of making these principles a prominent plank in their political platform, and, if possible, to induce it to select a candidate who was in practice as well as profession, a temperance man.

Moved by Mr. Geo. Walker, of Tuckersmith, seconded by Mr. Wm. Hall, of Goderich Township, that this Convention, recognizing the principle of prohibition, pledge its nominee to support the temperance cause in whatever shape it may be presented to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario—Carried unanimously.

A Committee composed of one delegate from each municipality, was appointed to confer with the temperance deputation, in order, if possible, to make a satisfactory arrangement with them, and report to the Convention the result. The Convention adjourned for twenty minutes to allow the Committee and the temperance deputation to consult. Upon re-assembling the following report from the Committee was read and unanimously adopted:

"The Committee beg to report that having consulted with, and heard the views of the temperance deputation, the Convention be requested to submit the claims of their candidate, Dr. Worthington, to the Convention, and obtain a vote upon his claim as temperance candidate.

Alex. Duncan, Chairman."

It was decided that the selection of a candidate should be made by open vote.

The following nominations were then made:—

A. Bishop, by W. R. Squier and Mr. Johns.

J. S. Sinclair, by Geo. Walker and A. Govinlock.

Dr. Worthington, by J. Wilkinson and A Smith.

Robt. Brown, by A. Shantz and R. Ferguson.

Mr. Bishop was the first called on to address the Convention. He thanked his mover and seconder for the honour they had done him. He made no pretensions but was a plain farmer like most of the electors. If he received the nomination of the Convention freely and fairly he would accept it. He did not seek it, but was willing to forego his own feelings in deference to the wishes of his friends and the interests of his party. He trusted the Convention would be unanimous in its choice and that all would work together to secure the return of their candidate, of which there was no doubt, by a large majority, as it would go to show the Dominion government what was thought of them in South Huron. If elected he would support the Reform government and the principles for which he had always contended.

Mr. Sinclair said that perhaps he had some claims on the Reform party, as he had been in a position to do them some service in the past. He might be entitled to some consideration for his service, but he thought it would be better in the interests of the party to nominate some one else. It was probable that before another general election there would be a reconstruction of the county and that his place of residence would not be in the South Riding. He would then be a non-resident, as their member in the Dominion House now is, and that would be a great objection. There was also a prejudice against a representative of his profession, and further it was felt that Goderich should not have the entire representation, but that the Southern part of the county should be considered. He did not sympathise with these prejudices and feelings but nevertheless they existed, and should he be selected they would be intensified. There was another difficulty in the way. He was surely for a government officer and therefore disqualified. He might be released from this position, but perhaps not in time to take the field. Under these circumstances he wished his mover and seconder to withdraw his name. He trusted Mr. Bishop would be selected, and he was prepared to do all he could to secure his election, of which there was no doubt if the Reform party worked together. He had done all he could for the party in the past and was prepared to do so again.

Mr. Sinclair's name was then withdrawn.

Dr. Worthington said he had no special claims on the Reform party. He occupied a peculiar position. He was a strong temperance man and would be glad if the temperance and Reform interests could be united. To a great extent this has been accomplished today and he had now no desire to receive the nomination. He had always been a Reformer and always intended to be.

Mr. Brown said he did not come before the convention as a candidate. He did not desire the position and wished his name withdrawn.

Mr. Ferguson of Hay stated that the delegates from that township were instructed to support Mr. Brown and he felt that they would not be carrying out their instructions if they allowed his name to be withdrawn. Mr. Buchanan made a similar statement and Mr. Brown's name was therefore allowed to go before the convention.

Mr. W. G. Smith asked what Mr. Bishop's views on the temperance question were.

Mr. Bishop replied that he would be a strange man who could oppose the resolution adopted by the convention. He would be glad to do what he could to assist in limiting the liquor traffic, and he thought prohibition the only way to strike at the root of the evil.

After a few remarks by the Chairman and Mr. Thomson the vote was taken as follows, Bishop 28, Brown 9, Worthington 7. The nomination of Mr. Bishop was then made unanimous and that gentleman thanked the convention in a few words for the honour conferred upon him. He would serve them, if elected, to the best of his ability, and trusted that when he appeared before them two years hence the course would meet with their approval.

The Chairman suggested that it would be well now that so many Reformers were together to make arrangements for holding a mass meeting as was being done in other counties, to protest against the conduct of the Dominion Government with reference to the Pacific Railway charter. Some of the prominent members of the Reform party would be present and address the meeting if it was arranged for. The suggestion met with hearty approval, and the Chairman and Secretary, together with the County Representatives, were requested to make the necessary arrangements.

The convention was then brought to a close with the usual votes of thanks.

Goderich Horticultural Society.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION.

The Annual Exhibition of the Goderich Horticultural Society took place at the Drill Shed in this town on Thursday last, 18th inst. The early part of the day was fine, but in the evening a terrific blow, with rain, thunder and lightening came on, and deterred many visitors from turning out who would otherwise have been present. The attendance was very good however during part of the afternoon and the early part of the evening. The brass band was present in the evening and gave some selections of music. The show itself was hardly equal in some respects to that of previous years. The dry weather told against vegetables, so that in quality and quantity they were not so good as usual. The show of fruit was really splendid. We question if it can be surpassed, except in quantity, at the Provincial Exhibition. The apples exhibited by Messrs Cox, Hunter, Stewart and others were very fine. Mr. Cox's collection of twenty varieties, which took the first prize, was much admired. The show of pears was very good. Messrs Ross, Hunter and Stewart were the principal exhibitors. There were very few peaches shown. Mr. Henry Horton had a very fine sample which took the first prize, Mr. Ross taking the second. There were some very fine plums shown, though it is rather late in the season for that fruit. In open air grapes Mr. Ross was as usual the principal exhibitor. He had some really magnificent specimens which carried off first prizes, and which have been sent to the Provincial Exhibition where we trust they will be equally successful. Mr. John Goodall, gardener for M. C. Cameron, M. P., exhibited some good specimens grown under glass. In vegetables E. Bingham was the principal exhibitor. A snake cucumber of great length was an object of considerable interest. Though perhaps not so large as in ordinary seasons the vegetables were very good in quality. In flowers John Goodall, gardener for M. C. Cameron, Andrew Goodall, gardener for R. Hawley, and Alexander Watson were the principal exhibitors. The show of geraniums was particularly good. There were also a few good zinnias, balsams, verbenas, &c. M. C. Cameron showed a large banana in a pot. The show of fancy work was not very large. Miss Mossley was the principal exhibitor. Mrs. Dr. McLean showed some excellent work, several articles of which, not included in the prize list, were recommended for extra prizes. Mrs. Austin showed a very beautiful specimen of Berlin wool work, also a very pretty water colour painting. Mr. Thos Stanton showed a patch work quilt of his ownmake which contained several thousand pieces. Mr. Barry, cabinet maker, showed a neat work-table. Though no prizes were offered for live stock there was one specimen exhibited, namely an alligator which Mr. Cameron brought from Florida last winter. It attracted a great deal of attention particularly from the boys. The following is the

PRIZE LIST:

APPLES.

Best 20 varieties 5 of each, Geo. Cox, 2d John Stewart, 3rd Jno Hunter; 10 varieties 5 of each, G. Cox, 2d Jas Torrance, 3rd John Hunter; 6 varieties 5 of each, J. Torrance, 2d John Stewart, 3rd G. Cox; 9 Northern Spy, Peter Robertson, 2nd R. Gibbons; 9 Snow, John Hunter, 2d P. Robertson; 9 Rhode Island Greenings, G. Cox, 2d W. Hayden; 9 Baldwin, J. Hunter; 2d A. McRoss; 9 St. Lawrence, J. Stewart, 2d A. Watson; 9 Duchess of Oldenburg, Robt Walker, 2d W. Hick; 9 Gravenstein, J. Stewart, 2d R. Walker; 9 Spitzenburg, J. Stewart, 2d J. Hunter; 9 King of Tompkins County, R. Gibbons, 2d John Hunter; 9 Roxbury Russet, Henry Horton; 9 20 oz. Pippin, J. Hunter, 2d J. Torrance; 9 Ribston Pippin, J. Hunter, 2d G Cox; 9 Hawthordean, Jas Thomson, 2d J. Stewart; 9 Cubbardsons Nonsuch, J. Stewart; 9 Pomme Grise, John Hunter, 2d J. Stewart; Plate Crab, R. Walker, 2d G. Cox.

PEARS.

Best 6 varieties, named 5 of each, J. Hunter, 2d A. M. Ross, 3rd A. Watson; 3 varieties, named 5 of each, A. M. Ross, 2d John Hunter; 6 Bartlett, J. Hunter, 2d A. M. Ross; 6 Flemish Beauty, G. Cox, 2d J. Hunter; 6 Vicar of Winkfield, W. Hick, 2d J. Hunter; 6 Duchess D'Angoulême, J. Hunter, 2d J. Stewart; 6 Belle Lucrative, J. Stewart. 2d A. Watson; 6 Louis Bonne de Jersey, J. Hunter, 2d A. M. Ross; 6 Beurre D'Anjou, A. M. Ross; 6 White Doyenne, J. Stewart, 2d J. Hunter; 6 Onondago, A. M. Ross; 6 Seckel, J. Hunter; 6 Any other variety, J. Hunter.

PLUMS.

Best 10 varieties named 12 of each, A. M. Ross, 2d J. Stewart; 6 varieties named 12 of each, A. M. Ross, 2d A. Watson, 3rd J. Stewart; 12 Washington, G. Cox, 2d A. Goodall; 12 Bradshaw, G. Cox, 2d W. Hick; 12 Ponds Seedling, A. Watson, 2d J. Russell; 12 Victoria, J. Watson, 2d A. M. Ross; 12 Hulings Superb, A. M. Ross; 12 Smith's Orleans, A. M. Ross, 2d J. Moseley; 12 Yellow Magnum Bonum, E. Bingham; 12 Duane's Purple, Henry Horton; 12 Lombard, W. Harrison, 2d A. M. Ross; 12 Reine Claude de Beavy, A. M. Ross, 2d A. Watson; 12 Jefferson, A. M. Ross, 2d A. Watson; 12 Imperial Gage, J. Stewart; 12 Coes Golden Drop, A. Watson.

PEACHES.

Best 9 Peaches named, Henry Horton, 2d A. M. Ross; 9 Quinces, A. M. Ross; 9 Nectarines, Henry Horton.

GRAPES.

Best 4 varieties named, one cluster of each grown under glass, J. Goodall; best and heaviest 2 clusters any variety grown under glass, J. Goodall; best and largest col. grown in open air one cluster of each named, A. M. Ross; 3 varieties named one cluster of each, A. M. Ross; 3 bunches Delaware, A. M. Ross, 2d J. Goodall; 3 bunches Concord, A. M. Ross; 3 bunches Hartford, A. M. Ross, 2d W. Hick; 3 bunches Eumelan, A. M. Ross, 2d J. Goodall; 3 bunches Iona, A. M. Ross; 3 bunches Creveling, A. M. Ross, 2d J. Goodall.

FLOWERS.

Best 6 Pompone Dahlias one bloom of each, A. Goodall; 12 Verbenas named one bloom of each, J. Goodall, 2d A. Goodall; 6 Verbenas named one bloom, J. Goodall, 2d A. Watson; Collection Roses blooms 4 varieties one bloom of each, J. Goodall; Col. Perennial Piloxes not less than 4 varieties one spike of each, A. Goodall, 2d J. Goodall; Coll. Phloxes, annual, C. E. Humber, 2d A. Goodall; Coll. Gladiolus named not less than 8 varieties, J. Goodall, 2d E. Bingham; do 4 varieties, J. Goodall; Collection Asters, John Goodall, 2d A. Watson; Coll. Panzies, A. M. Ross; Coll. Stocks spikes, J. Goodall, 2d A. Goodall; Coll. Petunias single, J. Goodall, 2d A. Petunias double, J. Goodall; 6 Bals