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FRIDAY, SEP. 17th, 1886.

AND now they say Hon. Tom White did it with his little picture down in Haldimand.

1st. **Tory**—Did the Protestant horse succeed in Haldimand?
2nd. **Tory**—Noish.

The West Huron delegates to the Tory Bazaar's feast at London yesterday were nice badges. They will wear an even bluer than their badges after the next election.

There is a vacant throne in Bulgaria, and the people over there would like to have some heavy young fellow go over and sit on the crown. The king business in Europe is going abuzzing.

The Haldimand election which occurred yesterday was run solely on the Riel issue, which must be admitted by the Reformers.—*Exeter Times*.

Well, what about it? Who introduced that issue? We are content with the result. —*You f.*

The Hamilton Spectator admits that some of the boys who were put on the list by the revising barrister, "went back on their daddy" and voted Grit. And they were not bald-headed young Liberals either.

We know that we have a local man who can carry the place on the next occasion, and who would have carried Haldimand today.—*Toronto Mail*.

Give us his name, please. He should have been on exhibition at the London banquet last night to revive the drooping spirits of the Boodle party.

SATURDAY last the English yacht Galatia was beaten by the American yacht Mayflower by over two miles. This is the second race in which the Galatia has suffered a reverse. Commander Henn, of the Galatia, claims that the breeze was too light to favor the sailing powers of his yacht.

SIR JOHN MACDONALD has signified his intention of being present at the Woodstock fall show. Hon. Oliver Mowat is also expected to be there and address the agriculturists on the occasion. If the people of Oxford are to be judges, we'll be a day's pay that the "little un" gets the red ticket.

The smug editor in his old habit of slandering a man who has not the confidence of his relatives should abstain from asking for a public comparison of characters. Get down to solid argument, O thou instructor of Christian youth! and don't bring Sunday's loud profession of godliness into contempt by Friday's falsehoods and general backslidings.

The London Advertiser has a happy knack of summing up an issue in a brief paragraph. It pointedly remarks:—"If the Mail were honest in its race and religion war, it would support the unopposed return of these Reformers who voted with the Government on the Riel resolution. But instead, it merely asks Reformers to vote against those who voted against the Government."

MR. BLAKE, at West Winchester, reviewed the conduct of the Government in regard to Northwest affairs, showing that the rebellion had been caused by neglect, tyranny, delay and mismanagement, and that now the Government were claiming a renewal of public confidence on the ground that they had hanged the leader of the rebellion which they had themselves provoked.

THE Tories are saying in the matter of the Haldimand election that "the Dutch have taken Holland." It strikes us we have heard that remark somewhere before, but it wasn't used when the Reform candidate was elected in Chambly. However, Holland will always be safe so long as the Dutch have possession of it, and the people of Haldimand are to be congratulated upon having successfully withstood the powers of earth and air that were brought against it in the recent campaign.

WHAT'S UP?

Things That Are Happening Around Us.

"The Signal" Roostered the Jack-knife Poetry—The Franchise—The General Election.

—I see the news from Haldimand contained THE SIGNAL to trot out its "rooster," and as if this were not enough to rouse the adam in our Tory friends, nearly a column of jack-knife poetic headings were hurled at the intelligent readers of the journal. My Tory neighbors don't like the result of the by-election in Haldimand, but they absolutely hate THE SIGNAL's rooster, and they abominate the "jack-knife" poetry. For myself I'll forgive THE SIGNAL this time, but don't do it again—in the case of Haldimand. I see the Tory papers now admit that it always was a Grit constituency and that Sir John didn't display his usual acumen when he allowed it to be contested on the recent occasion. (It should have been opened for election on the old roll or not at all.)

—And while I'm on this question of rolls, I might say that our Lib. Grits are not so much in favor of the franchise act as they were some months since. You see, running the machine costs money, and neither Grits nor Tories have had a surplus of that commodity since the N.P. came into operation. Then, when you pay out your money, you're not sure that the results will pan out as anticipated. Take Haldimand for instance: They had a revising barrister, a clerk and a bun-buff claimed that they made a gain of over 100 on the white vote, by the aid of the agencies named. 136 of the untutored red men of the forest were also added, and it was presumed that their vote would go solidly for the Government by whom they lived and moved and had their being. The late Reform member's majority had been only 120, and it was expected the Indian vote would swamp that, and that the 100 of a Conservative gain at the revising barrister's court, and the large stampede of Protestants from the Liberal party would represent the Tory majority. The calculation was carefully made, the figures were there to work on, but how did it pan out? 74 Indians voted, all told; 51 of them Tory, and 23 voted Grit, leaving a majority of 28 in favor of the Tories. The Grit candidate got 117 of a majority, which if the Indian vote was not counted, would have made 145—an increase of 19 upon the previous record. And the revising barrister's 100 made votes must have gone up the flue. Do you see?

—Now, right here in West Huron the revising barrister has acted in a rather square-toed fashion. In fact he has done so fairly by the Grits, I understand, that in many instances he failed to please the appellant, the clerk, and the other Tory bellies. The result is, we don't hear any howling about Tory gains. A further result is that there is a depression in the spirits of Tory aspirants for parliamentary honors, and the *Almanac* last week admitted that in sheer desperation Sir John had been implored to stand in nomination. What does all this mean? Simply that in West Huron, M. C. Cameron, by his many coils on the floor of the House, on the Riel question, Irish home rule, the rascalities of the Government, the outrageous treatment of the Indians, the corruption of the Tory members of parliament and other important subjects has strengthened himself.

—As for Sir John's candidature, I don't take much stock in it at all. I remember when he was cock-of-the-walk in Kingston, and when any one who dared oppose him in that constituency was hurried by over 500 of a majority. And yet I have lived to see him driven from Kingston, and taking refuge in Manitoba, British Columbia, and the Ontario constituencies of Lennox and Carleton. He has never been twice elected for the same riding since he was ejected from Kingston, and he has never run in a constituency where there were chances against him. For these reasons I don't think we shall have the Tory chieftain lead on the cohorts in West Huron. If he does consent to allow his name to be placed in nomination, it will only be as a second string to his bow. He will not trust his chances of entering parliament to the tender mercies of the electors of West Huron, but will take care to secure a soft seat by acclamation in some Tory

NO HUMBUGGING.

The Ontario Government Desires Scott Act Enforcement.

Unfaithful Inspectors, Magistrates and Constables to Beware—A Trench Circuit from the Provincial Treasurer.

The Liberals are the friends of temperance. All temperance legislation of any worth in Canada has been introduced by them. The whole trend of the majority at Ottawa has been to undo what the Reform Government had done in advanced temperance legislation. The Dominion Government having flung the responsibility of enforcing the Scott Act upon the shoulders of the Provincial administrations, the Ontario Government has come fairly and outrageously forward, and accepted that responsibility, in so far as it is within their jurisdiction to administer the law.

We hope that sincere temperance men who have been Conservatives will fully weigh the conduct of the Mowat administration in the stand they take in the circular we quote below. The Ontario Government is relying upon the good men and women of Ontario to support them in the bold though just and need ed stand it has taken. The action of the Liberals is in marked contrast with that of the Conservative Government at Ottawa. The circular is one that no fair-minded opponent of prohibitory legislation should object to. They, like earnest temperance men, should be anxious to see the effects of the local option law at its best. We commend the circular to the attention of all, more particularly to magistrates, commissioners, inspectors, policemen, and constables.—*PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, LICENSE BRANCH, CANADA TEMPERANCE ACT DIVISION.*

TORONTO, Sept. 11th, 1886.

To the Commissioners, License Inspectors, Chief of Police, and Constables in Ontario under the Canada Temperance Act, 1878, has been adopted:

Complaints have from time to time reached the Government through the public press and otherwise to the effect that the Canada Temperance Act, 1878, is not efficiently enforced in some localities, and inspectors have also complained that the constabulary do not in all cases render them the aid they have a right to expect in the enforcement of the law.

In a former circular inspectors were instructed that it was their duty to see that the several provisions of the Canada Temperance Act, 1878, were enforced in their districts; that they were to be specially vigilant in the prosecution of offenders for infractions of the Act, and not to wait for others to make complaint; and they were also required to perform such necessary detective service as their position would admit.

In again calling the attention of inspectors to these instructions, the undersigned begs to remind that the enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act is the single object for which they have been appointed, and if that duty is neglected, then the ground for their appointment ceases to exist.

It is the duty of police and constables to aid in the enforcement of law, not only by rendering necessary assistance to the officers charged with enforcing a particular law, but also by themselves prosecuting where an offence is brought to their knowledge.

In many places the inspectors complain that the constables refuse to serve summonses, or execute warrants in cases of violation of the Canada Temperance Act. The undersigned desires to impress upon all constables that by the obligation of their office, they are in duty bound to act in all cases when called upon by the constituted authorities to that end.

I again urgently call the attention of the commissioners and inspectors to the desirability of impressing upon the mind of the Justices in Sessions the importance of appointing in each municipality one or more constables in sympathy with the Act and its due enforcement. This will be found to be a most efficacious mode of securing the observance of the law, or its enforcement against those who violate it.

The refusal of magistrates to act in cases arising under the Act is a source of embarrassment in some districts. Inspectors will please notify the Department promptly when magistrates refuse to act, or when those willing to act cannot be found.

I have the honor to be Your obedient servant, ARTHUR S. HARDY, Provincial Secretary.

J. W. Menning, Chief Office C. T. A. Division License Branch.

Miss Cleveland's novel furnishes this admirable addition to the number of mixed metaphors. "He felt the magnetism of his conjugal passion at his side, and many wavellets of emotion played upon him as they walked."

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CAMPAIGN ECHOES.

Comments After the Smoke has Cleared Away.

The Drift of Opinion on the Liberal Victory in Haldimand.

Haldimand election kept back unreasonably, and Chambly hurried on—and both lost to the Tory Boss!—(Stratford Beacon).

The Mail complains that Mr. Merritt was "overborne by the weight of numbers." How profound a deliverance! It does not take the Mail long to discern the underlying cause of a defeat.—(Globe).

The Hamilton Spectator says that fifty-one of the Indians voted for Merritt and twenty-three for Colter. "Only two Indians spoiled their ballots," not counting the fellows who voted the other way. The Spectator adds that its hope of redeeming the county has been "apparently disappointed." It certainly looks like it to the man on the fence. Apparently is a good word. The Spectator ought to have it stuffed for future reference.—(Toronto World).

The Tory defeat in Haldimand is an assurance to our French-speaking brethren in Quebec that Tory bigotry is powerless against the broad liberalism that prevails in Ontario on religious as well as on political questions. It shows too that the Liberals of Ontario refuse to be divided for political purposes on denominational lines; and that the wicked efforts of the Tory press and leaders to stir up sectarian hatred and strife and create a Protestant crusade in their own favor has lamentably failed.—(Sarnia Observer).

Under the circumstances it proves that not even the spymaster, the news franchise, the anti-Riel platform, nor its "priceless services" are likely to stem the growing tide of popular disfavor, which threatens to sweep the present Government from power. It may read the handwriting on the wall in yesterday's vote in an unmistakable manner. Ontario has fired its first gun at the administration, and the utmost effort the latter could put forth was baffled.—(Montreal Post).

TORY ANTICIPATIONS.—"The news from Haldimand is full of encouragement. Our friends are sanguine of success. The Conservative organization is perfect; Conservatives are earnest and enthusiastic. This election will have vast and far-reaching consequences. The effect will be greater than that of any election held in Canada since 1878. We have good reason to anticipate a victory, which will cheer every loyal heart in Canada."—(Hamilton Spectator, Sept. 2).

OTTAWA, Sept. 8th, 1886.

The Irish Catholic Liberals of the Capital congratulate the Liberal Protestants of Haldimand for nobly rebuking Thomas White, Minister of the Interior, for his brutal insult in exposing the portrait of Riel, at a public meeting, as "the last new saint of the Roman Catholic Church."—(Signed) C. NEVILLE.

The Liberal was elected with a majority which figures alone contain that Ontario was safe. Now bring on your general election, says the Liberal cry. "The Boodle Gang is burs," was another joyous exclamation, "Ontario jona Quebec in turning the rascal out," said another. "That breaks the back of Toryism," declared another. And so it went round. This morning the general verdict was that the days of the Government are numbered. The Protestant horse is hamstringing! It has the blind stag, is bad with glanders, blind in both eyes, its back is broken. It will be a sorry when the general election puts a bullet in its watery brain and it is dragged away, amid the laughing and execrations of the spectators, to the knacker's yard of dead political hacks.—(Montreal Post).

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