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AY EVENING, AUGUST 20.

ims of the Conservative Candidates.

are one or two points in con- with the present contest in ing which every sensible and g elector cannot fail to notice. hese is that the Conservative es, though known all their ncompromising and decided rs of their party, now seek their friends to repudiate ection. We believe if Mr. as conducting his canvass *in persona*, he would be far nest than his proxies. They, escanting eloquently on the d he has done to his fellow on the number and quality he has imported and sold to ers at a large profit, on the time he has been in busi- the large aggregate impor- e has made, never for a mo- de to his past life politically. well aware that so far as any interest in public affairs not lay their finger on a sin- g he ever did. But Mr. s his own opinions, never- He has held to these with a and stubborn tenacity which our respect, while we may their narrowness. They ther changed nor expanded progress of the age. What nt for the past is in his sufficient for the present. overnment are all drawn well of Toryism, and the slightest degree or modified by the ave taken place, or which we as a self-government. ntlemen to get up d proclaim them- ents of Mr. Stone's ludicrous in the ex- ing a most important onstitution to a farce, one is, the innocent and d his *quondam* friends r. Knowles for instance t of Sir Majestic, and airs and self-assurance of ious monarch, tells them William Stone, Esquire, Frederick William Stone, that. "When I ope my no dog bark." He treats mpt such flimsy obstruc- arty differences, and pro- man as *par excellence* "in- " Farther than that he Generalities sound well; nto particulars would be g, and he might in an un- nt commit himself, or *protege*. Now, the inde- n is invariably the least to on. He is always a sure temptation, and soonest e snare of the wily politi- ny man is to be distrusted if is the "independent" tive.

ain Mr. Davidson takes the political essayist. Not so Mr. Knowles, he deigns to to argument. He does his w how well qualified Mr. the position, and how *in-* e would act, were the elec- od enough to send him to But he never condescends eason for predicating with fidence on the course Mr. pursue. Neither he nor nor any member of his show us the slightest Stone himself that he ll us that Mr Stone andidate if they ut. If this is t get his views re he left?— tatement be- ectors might e conclusion ? The elec- this ques- e dictum les, or ese

all the time they are only talking of, not for, Mr. Stone. Mr. Knowles may mouth his stale truisms, Mr. Davidson may twist and turn his arguments, Mr. Cuthbert may swallow all Dr. Ryerson's pamphlets, and then let them off in crystalized apothegms, Mr. Geo Palmer may resort to his hair-splitting, but they are not speaking for Mr Stone, and were that getleman aware of all he is made responsible for, we feel perfectly sure he could not help expressing his disgust. The whole thing is simply absurd. It is a mockery on the elective franchise, for we are asked to return a gentleman to Parliament solely on the representation of his proxies. If one of these proxies could take his seat in Parliament and carry out the promises made, there might be some reason in it; but as that cannot be, the impudence of Mr. Stone's friends is amazing. The attempt to foist him on the electors in this way is insulting to every man of independent judgment. He is nothing but clay in the hands of his manipulators, who mould him to suit their own tastes. We cannot recollect of another such case in our history, where a man was put forth as a candidate, and an effort made to get him elected without even as much as a word from himself in regard to his political views, what party he will support, or what measures he will favour. Surely the intelligent electors of South Wellington will think twice before they vote for such a man.

Another feature we notice in this contest, is the way in which this same committee act towards Mr. Leslie, or rather for him. They are well aware that he is confessedly a very weak man, and therefore they have taken up the cudgels in his behalf also. He poor man, after uttering a few incoherent and ill-assorted phrases—evidently learned—and that indifferently—by rote—meekly takes his seat, and then up starts one after another of his "touters," who tells all about his good deeds, how very "independent" he will be, and what a very efficient member he will make. From our heart we pity him, for he has placed himself in a very humiliating position in being indebted to others to speak for him. We do not regard inability to make a speech as a crime. But we do regard it as a most necessary qualification in a person aspiring to the position of a representative of the people, to be able intelligently and fully to explain to the electors his views on the questions of the day, to indicate in clear language—however plain it may be—what course he will pursue, and to show that he is conversant with our past political history.—Mr. Leslie can do neither. In the sphere he now occupies the want of such qualifications is a loss only to himself. But thrust him on the electors of South Wellington, and his loss becomes theirs. They would in no sense be properly represented, and the inability of their representative would reflect back on the intelligence of his constituents. Mr. Leslie may think this is harsh language, but it is true nevertheless. The present is no time for mincing matters. Our interests have to be looked after, our rights guarded, the new machinery of government put in working order. To do this fully and efficiently we must have a man who can take his part in a debate, whose knowledge of the past can be brought to bear on the present, whose political creed is not made to order, but who thinks and acts for himself, and who will study to carry out the views of his constituents. Such a man Mr. Leslie is not, and his own friends don't even claim these qualities for him. We ask again is this the man to represent the intelligent electors of South Wellington.

One more feature of this contest we will allude to. Although the *Advertiser* worked hard to get Messrs. Stone and Leslie out, it has never beyond a few faint words of praise about their personal character, said a syllable in their favour. Day after day it has come out with some abusive paragraph about the Reformers; day after day it has parrot-like taken up the cry of the *Leader* about disunion and such like clap-trap, but not a solitary line has appeared in support of its candidates. Is not this most strong and convincing proof of their inability and weakness? Surely it could have found some slight ground on which to base a paragraph in their favour. They must be poor candidates indeed for whom one cannot plead some merit. But if there is such in Messrs. Stone and Leslie's case, the ingenuity of the *Advertiser* has not yet detected it. Their very weakness it might have urged as a plea for gently handling them. But it does not even accord them that favour.—Having hoisted them out of the rank and file of the Conservatives, where they were content to manage their own business in such a way as to win the respect of their neigbours, having elevated them to a place they a few weeks ago never dreamt of occupying, it now like an ingrate leaves them to fight their own battles without so much as a word of encouragement, or even a certificate of character.

The Nova Scotia elections are expected to take place about the end of September.

OFF THE TRACK AGAIN.

There is a certain extent to which forbearance may be carried and bear with it the name of a virtue, but after that boundary has been reached the quality must assume the aspect of either culpability or cowardice. Yesterday, for the second time the *Advertiser* wandered so far from its proper sphere—and indeed it is questionable if it has ever known its true position under its present proprietor—as to make an attack on the "Local" of the *Mercury*, for, as it says, going about in the character of a spy. So infuriated has the Editor of that sink of deceit and falsehood lately become at the ill success of his tactics, so maddened at the contempt to which his base and unmanly shifting and dodging, for the unadulterated love of lucre, has subjected him, that he would seem, like the Irishman in the fair, resolved to hit a head when he sees it. Fortunately for the human race in general, and for the people of Guelph in particular, he is not a heavy man, either physically or intellectually and therefore one of the least likely men in the world to injure any person either in body or in mind. The "Local" of the *Mercury* is not aware of having given occasion for the attack senseless as it is, of the semi-lunatic who steers the *Advertiser*. It is true he was present at one Tory meeting. This meeting was understood to be public, but because he chanced to be present it was made strictly private, he was taken aside, and requested to leave, and lo! the next day we had in the *Advertiser* a full report of the *private* meeting. At the same time that he was asked politely to retire, he would venture to assert that his presence was as acceptable to the majority of the gentlemen there present as was that of the man who is now seeking the favours and the crumbs that may fall from a conservative table. But it was the meeting on Saturday night last that gave immediate occasion for the weak, though envenomed shaft that was aimed. The person whose character is thus impugned by the *Advertiser* went on business strictly private to the Hotel where the meeting was being held. He did not so much as look into the room to admire the handsome, and pleasant countenance of the Editor, (who was no doubt master of ceremonies) asked no questions about what was going on, but transacted his own business in a remote apartment, and left the house in ten minutes after he had entered it. As to the threatened violence, he really does dread *that*, for the *Advertiser* man is notorious for his valour, and his pistols, and as he would do the pummelling, or shooting the unfortunate might be badly wounded. Now, the "Local" of the *Mercury* has just a few words to say to the Editor of the *Advertiser* and he then hopes to have done with him forever. His childish malignity is unbecoming any person who has attained to mature years. But it is the nature of that thing, that struts and wears a coat, aspires to the designation of man, and delights in calling itself the Editor of the *Advertiser* to seek far and near for a pretence to attack any person against whom it has conceived a petty malignity. The "Local" of the *Mercury* is well aware that it is impossible to fight with a sweep without being soiled with soot, and therefore hopes that he will not again be forced into a quarrel from which he can expect to derive neither advantage nor glory.

☞ The letter of our correspondent descriptive of the Leslie-Stone fizzle at the Plains on Friday night is unavoidably crowded out, but will appear to-morrow. Surely our Tory friends must have little faith in the honest farmers, when obliged to import half their meetings from town, and supply from the same place the mover and seconder of their resolutions. Go it gentlemen, you will need it all. The ship is leaky and needs plenty of pilots.

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MITCHELL—In Nassagaweya, on the 14th instant, the wife Mr Andrew Mitchell, of a son.

SCOTT—At Mount Forest, on the 10th instant, the wife of Mr Robert Scott, of a daughter.

SMITH—In Egremont, on the 10th inst., the wife of Mr Alfred Smith, of a son.

DEATHS.

ROSS—t Nassagaweya, on Sunday, the 18th inst. Mary, the beloved wife of Andrew Ross, and eldest daughter of Daniel Kribs, of this town, aged 27 years and 7 months. Deeply and deservedly regretted by all who knew her.

BOYD—In Peel, on the 13th inst., Mr John Boyd, senr., after a short illness, aged 65 years.

SMITH—In Elora, on the 14th inst., Sydney Herbert, youngest son of Mr R. J. Smith, aged 5 months.

KERR—In Nichol, at the residence of S. Broadfoot, Esq., Frederick W. B. Kerr, aged 5 years and 2 months.

FITZGERALD—At Glenallan, on the 3rd inst., the infant child of Mr John Fitzgerald, aged five weeks.

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