GENERAL ELECTIONS

Private Hints to Liberal-Conservatives.

Reformers Must not be Allowed to Read This.—"If the Assessor is a Grit, Watch Him."—How the Tories Propose to Fight the next Dominion Elections.—Politics to Influence Municipal Elections.

A document of a most important character, and marked *private*, has been issued by the leaders of the Tory party, for the use of the party wire-pullers in every constituency in Ontario; and a copy was also presented to each delegate attending the Tory Convention lately held in Toronto. The following is the document:

OPENING INSTRUCTIONS.

These hints are prepared solely for the use of officers of Conservative Associations in Ontario. The greatest care should be exercised in preventing them from falling into the hands of our opponents.

Those to whom they are entrusted should never allow them to pass out of their hands.

DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR LIBERAL CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATIONS.

1, Constitution of the Liberal-Conservative Association of (name of constituency).

2. The Association shall consist of all persons who are favorable to the Liberal-Conservative party, and express their willingness to become members of the Association (and pay an annual fee of ———).

3. The officers of the Association shall comprise its Executive Committee for the riding, and shall consist of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-Presidents, being one for each municipality in the electoral division, who shall be elected at the annual meeting, which shall be held at on the day of in each year, and the Chairman of the sub-divisions appointed as hereinafter mentioned.

4. Each Vice-President shall, as soon as convenient after the annual meeting in each year, call a meeting of the members of the Association in his municipality, at which there shall be appointed by the meeting a committee of such number as the meeting shall see fit for each polling sub-division (school section or other division as thought best), and one of such committee shall be appointed chairman.

5. The Vice-President residing in each such municipality, with the chairman and members of the committee so appointed, shall form the Executive Committee for such municipality.

6. It shall be the duty of each chairman:

(1) To see that in his division all Conservatives entitled to vote are on the Voters' List, and to appeal against, and have struck off, all names of opponents improperly inserted thereon.

(2) To promote the circulation of Conservative newspapers and literature.

(3) To secure as large a membership of the Association as possible.

(4) To see that his division is thoroughly canvassed, and the party vote entirely polled at elections.

(5) To report the result of his work quarterly to his Vice-President.

7. It shall be the duty of each Vice-President to have a meeting of the Executive Committee held immediately on the return of the assessment roll by the assessors to the clerk of the municipality, to prepare for appeals to the Court of Revision, and also immediately after the publication of the voters' lists in each year; and at the time of the writ of election to organize and prepare therefor.

8. At each annual meeting each Vice-President shall report in writing as to the state of political matters in his municipality, showing the strength of the Association and what actual work has been done in perfecting the voters' lists, canvassing the electors, and procuring the circulation of Conservative papers, pamphlets, etc.

9. The Association at every annual or special general meeting may pass such by-laws as may be deemed essential for carrying out the objects for which it is formed, and for prescribing the duties of its various officers.

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES.

10. It shall be the duty of the President of the Association immediately on the dissolution of Parliament, or of the Local Legislature, or on the death or resignation of the member of either House representing the constituency, or at such other time as the majority of the officers of the Association present at a meeting shall decide, to take proper steps for holding a meeting of delegates belonging to the party from each polling sub-division, to select the candidate of the party.

11. For this purpose delegates shall be selected from each polling sub-division by the Conservative electors thereof.

12. Such notice shall be given with regard to the time and place of meeting for the selection of their candidate, as the Association shall, by by-laws passed at its several meetings from time to time, direct, and the meetings in each sub-division throughout the riding for the selection of delegates shall take place on the same day, and the Convention shall meet the following day.

13. At a Convention a standing vote shall first be taken pledging the meeting to support the nominee of the Convention by all means in their power.

14. Before the name of any candidate is allow to be submitted to the meeting he must pledge himself, or if absent, his nominators must pledge themselves for him, that he will cordially support whoever may be the nominee of the Convention.

15. The Convention may pass such rules as may be necessary for the conduct of business before it.

HINTS FOR THE FORMATION AND WORKING OF ASSOCIATIONS.

In forming an Association the chief thing to guard against is its remaining one simply on paper. To avoid this the greatest care must be used to select good officers. Only active and energetic men should be chosen. Filling the offices with mere figureheads destroys the efficiency of many Associations. It does not by any means follow merely because a man is popular and a zealous Conservative that he would make a good President or Vice-President. While such men are useful they should not be selected unless they are also men of active business habits, with strong wills, and who will insist upon the work being done.

In canvassing persons to join the Association every exertion should be taken to bring in all the young men and lads possible, whether of age and having votes or not. They all have their associations and connections, and when enlisted their energy will be found invaluable in the work of the Association. It should be their especial duty to see that Conservative Income Franchise voters and farmers' sons are on the roll and vote.

Attention is called to the necessity of having the assessors do their duty when they are preparing the rolls.

If the Assessor is a Grit, watch him. Their party invariably appoint the most energetic and unscrupulous partizans as assessors. After the assessment is completed (30th April), the rolls should be revised by the chairman and committee.

In the event of an appeal to the County Judge in respect to the voters' lists, it will be found the best plan to submit the management of the appeals in the whole municipality to one man responsible for the work. This, however, only refers to seeing that notice is properly given, and managing the cases before the Judge. It is the duty of the chairman of each sub-division to see that his committee ascertain every friendly name omitted, and every vote improperly on, and give every assistance and instruction to the person entrusted with the management of the appeals.

Special care should be taken by each chairman to ascertain those persons in his division who take no newspapers, and to at once endeavor or get them to subscribe for a Conservative paper. Every effort should be made to substitute a Conservative for a Reform paper.

Each Vice-President should see that the chairman of each sub-division is provided with voters' list.

The chairmen and their committees should work up their respective divisions at though they were an association by themselves.

The Vice-Presidents should be particular in requiring reports from the chairmen of the divisions, as that will be found to result in the more careful performance of work in such divisions.

It will be found useful for each chairman to have meetings occasionally of the members of the Association resident in his section, to discuss matters of interest and to see what is being done.

It is a mistake to give the nomination to a person who will not accept it. It should always be ascertained before a man is placed in nomination that he will stand if nominated. If he declines, it frequently deters others from accepting and places the eventual candidate in a false position.

Copies of the Voter's Lists should constantly be kept on hand, revised and annotated.

When a new resident comes into the division his views should at once be ascertained and every effort made to get him to join the Association, or pledged to the party.

The Association should never give the nomination to a man unles it is definately known that he will accept and fight it out to the bitter end.

If the party is weak in a constituency the only way to increase its strength is to determin to win it; to keep this object steadily in view, and to fight every election. No Grit should ever be allowed to be returned by acclamation. The Reform majority in Glengarry in 1872, and for thirty years previous, was over 1,200, but by dint of work it was turned into a Conservative majority of 62 in 1878.

It should be the duty of the chairman of every Convention for the nomination of candidates to impress upon the delegates the nature and responsibility of their duties. The question before them is, Who is the strongest and most available man of the party? They should approach this question in a judicial spirit. Personal likes and dislikes should be abandoned and sectional jealousies should not be entertained. A man may be strong and popular in his own township and vicinity, but unknown and perhaps unpopular in others. Each delegate should ask himself the question, who is the strongest available man to contest this constituency? and for that man it is his bounden duty to vote, even if he does not know or dislikes him personally. Upon the impartila decision of the delegates must in almost every instance depend the success of the party.

HINTS TO LIBERAL-CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATIONS AND ELECTORS

The attention of the Conservative electors throughout the Province is called to the following points:—

It is probable that the next general election for the House of Commons will take place on the voters' list of 1882, which will will be prepared from the assessment rolls to be made during the course of the coming winter and early spring, and possibly the election for the Legislative Assembly may take place on the lists.

Otr friends are therefore earnestly requested to attend carefully to the matter of their own assessment, and to notify those voters whom they know to be friendly, in order that they also may see that the assessor places on the roll all such names as are entitled by law to be on.

We have, unfortunately, too much reason to believe that in townships where assessors, partizans of the Reform party, are appointed, grave and deliberate injustice is done to our Conservative friends, and even where the assessors are Conservative our friends should give their personal attention to the matter, as the assessors may be unwilling to attend to what the voter himself neglects. It is of often Grit policy to use Conservative township officers by supporting them for the purpose of preventing appeals, etc.

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Mr. J. A. Proctor is one of those who supported Sir. John A. Macdonald in 1878, but who are at present opposing him. Mr. Proctor gives the following among his reasons for refusing to follow the Premier's lead any longer:

"What I voted for and what was promised in 1878 was a readjustment and not an increase of the tariff, yet today we find taxes unnecessarily increased heavy duties being placed on articles we cannot by any means manufacture. The duties have been raised where they might have been reduced, and all this that the Finance Minister may wring out of the people four million more dollars than he needs. I consider him just as great a blunderer as the financier who takes too little, and even to a greater degree. The coal tax is wrong, and instead of being a part of our design in 1878 is opposed to it. Sir John, when he was returned to power snapped his fingers at the projectors and supporters of a real National Policy, and called around him the old Tory Pacific Scandal squad, who have since done as they pleased. I disapprove also of the contract with the Syndicate, and regret to see our great North-west, just when its its value is becoming apparent, given over to the Syndicate. I do not like the way the Government has acted towards Ontario, which has been unjustly dealt with in the matter of the Boundary Award. Neither does it strike me as a proper thing to have disallowed the Streams Bill when that was a Provincial affair and within the jurisdiction of Ontario. The Dominion Government had no right to deal with it. Another reason why I became an opponent of the present Government was because of their unfair treatment of Lieutenant-Governor Letellier shortly after they assumed office. They used a compliant majority from Ontario to cater to a clique in Quebec.

"On the Hip."

This rather elegant expression, used popularly to indicate that condition of things in which one person holds another securely by some circumstance, word or act, finds literal exemplification in the following narrative by the Mr. John Rourk, of Ottawa, Canada. Mr. Rourk says: I have been subject to hip disease for 8 or 9 nine years, and have tried all kinds of remedies, but found nothing to give me any relief until a friend advised me to try St. Jacobs Oil. I tried it, and after using 1½ bottles I am entirely relieved of pain, and have not been troubled since, now nearly six months. This is what people would call getting his disease "on the hip."

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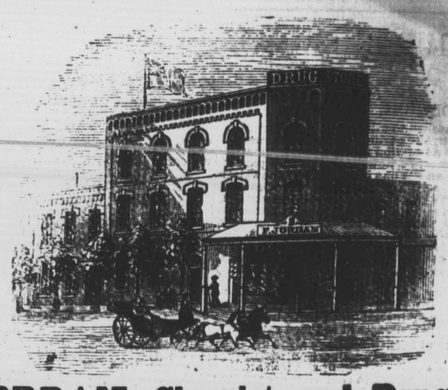

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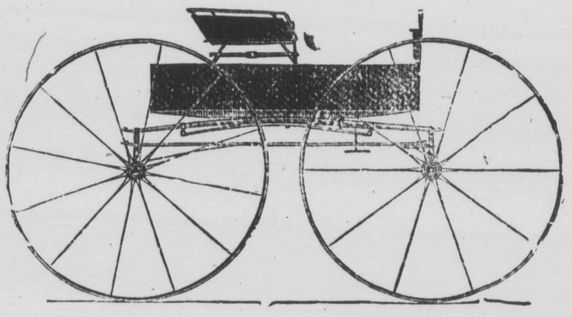

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