

THE CENTRE RIDING. Elsewhere we give the report of the doings of the Reform Convention for the Centre Riding, which met at Elora on Tuesday. We are glad to see that there was so much unanimity at the meeting, and that the nomination of Mr. Ross was made with a heatiness which cannot fail to have a most important effect on the election. Mr. Ross is no untried man. He has lived in the Riding for many years, and is most intimately identified with its interests. His honesty of purpose and straightforward conduct have never been called in question, even by his political opponents. As a man he stands very high in the estimation of all, and as a politician he has been thoroughly consistent. With such an unblemished record, he cannot fail to receive a large support in the Riding, and we confidently look forward to his election by a large majority.

The North Riding Election. We are glad to see that the Harrison Tribune has come boldly out in favour of Reform, and for the Reform candidate in the North Riding. It says:—We have the utmost confidence that the pledges he now makes as a candidate for parliamentary honors will be faithfully fulfilled, when the votes of the united Reform party of North Wellington carry him triumphantly to the head of the poll. We trust and expect that the Reformers of this section will to a man follow the example of their delegates, and falling into line with the majority show the generous and patriotic metal they are made of by leading the van in the coming struggle. There is no time to lose. The strength of our opponent Mr. G. A. Drew is not to be slighted. Indefatigable as a canvasser he is already on the alert, soliciting suffrages from door to door, and his friends are not idle. This is a fair indication that the time of preparation is short, and that the writs for the election may be issued any day. Let the organization of the Reform party of North Wellington be such, that however soon those writs may be published, they will find us ready to battle. Remember, the Riding has been mangled to meet the exigencies of the Conservative party, and Peel has been subtracted from it to aid Mr. Drew. We believe the unholy act, instead of injuring Col. Higinbotham's prospects, will act as a spur in the side of every Reformer in the Township left us, and cause him to redouble his diligence to secure than make up for the loss of Peel. Local organization is already begun and should be perfected without delay. We doubt not the conveners of the Township Associations have already called their meetings. If sub-committees were appointed in charge of each school section and each committee-man required to ascertain the sentiments of a certain definite number of electors and see that those friendly came to the polls, we are satisfied a list could be rolled up that would defeat all the efforts of our opponent. Early, perfect organization and a determined effort shoulder to shoulder would scatter opposition to the winds, and elect Col. Higinbotham as gloriously to represent us at Ottawa as Mr. McKim was elected to represent us at Toronto.

No Traitor.—The Elora Times is very angry at us because we said last week that Mr. Drew and his henchman, Mr. Jacobs, had planned things so as to get the nomination for Dr. Orton, whom they really wished to kill in the Centre, as it was one of Geo. A.'s maxims that no Tory should represent any Riding in Wellington but himself. Although the Times does this, we still cling to the same opinion. It also, with an indignant burst, exclaims that Mr. Drew never played the part of a traitor to either his party or his friends. Well, we are not of course acquainted with the Tory secrets, but we should like to know from the Times how Mr. Drew and his friends treated Mr. John Beattie during the election in 1867. If Mr. Drew and his friend Jacobs did not practice treachery then, we must have been led sadly astray. Please give us the particulars.

The North Riding.—Both Mr. Higinbotham and Mr. Drew are at present actively canvassing in Minto. Mr. Higinbotham is meeting with most encouraging success there, and it is now certain that he will have a handsome majority in that township.

The Tories of Hamilton have invited Sir John A. Macdonald to visit that city and make a speech.

July Fair. We may safely characterize this Fair as being the most inactive our bustling Town has witnessed for many years. Really first class cattle were few in number, although what were present answering to that description were good. Of buyers from a distance there was a perfect dearth, and local ones seemed averse to any but pressing transactions. Mr. Wm. Howard, from Brantford, was present with 19 head of excellent cattle but failed to meet a buyer. The dullness arises from two causes—the decline and inactivity of other markets, and the demand for lamb in a great measure superseding that for beef at this season particularly. Most of the cattle on the ground to-day were milkers, the greater portion of which were unsold. Prices of fat cattle ranged from 4 to 5 1/2, an odd one only fetching that figure; between \$4 and \$4.50 being generally the prevailing figure. A few sales only are noted. Messrs. J. & R. Miller bought 41 head at \$52 per head on an average; Gilbert Angus bought 4 head at an average of \$50 per head; Jas Taylor (Waterloo) sold 1 cow for \$40; Walter West bought 1 heifer for \$50, and sold 2 cows and calves for \$73; John West bought 1 springer for \$85; Thos Card bought a team of one bay mare, 6 years old, from Mr. Wm Howard, Brantford, for \$800, who also sold 2 yoke of working oxen for \$120 and \$125, respectively.

Our Volunteers. To the Editor of the Mercury. Sir,—I would not wish to convey by the following remarks to our soldier boys that they should expect their military education should be all sunshine, but at the same time I believe the taxpayers of Canada desire that the best should be done by the military authorities with the means placed at their disposal—means which are gradually augmenting and now foot up to a million and a half dollars. Any shortcoming that was exhibited in the organizing of camps last year was cheerfully endured, but experience should have taught the ruling powers that any repetition of such blunders or oversights would only tend to cool off the enthusiasm which has hitherto prevailed in the volunteer force.

By the newspapers we learn that in all the camps now formed there was a deficiency of tent accommodation. It is easily ascertained the strength of each military division, and the needful tents should be there whether the full complement of men is present or not. It is impossible for Colonels of Battalions to state beforehand what force they can bring into the field, as Captains are swearing in men up to the very last day of starting for the camp. Had the weather been unfavorable instead of fine and warm, what a condition the thousands of young fellows would have been in, nearly each and all of them accustomed to comfortable houses. Were the various Battalions called out for real service before an enemy, the case would be very different; not a man would hesitate to be under the open canopy of heaven if necessary. But it is certainly unwise, if not worse, while imparting a very expensive education, to run the risk of impairing the constitutions of the men, and creating a spirit of mistrust in their superiors.

As you mentioned in your article on the Militia estimates, the amount is yearly increasing, but it is not caused by any increased pay or inducements, and must be swallowed up by the staff of the Militia Department in some way. It is certainly most desirable that all the Battalions of each Brigade camp should assemble on their respective grounds simultaneously, so that they may have their full 16 days drill in sight of each other, cementing that esprit de corps so essential to the success of the organization, and if the falling to do this is caused by the difficulty of transport, it speaks very badly for our railways. The London, Brighton & South Coast Railway in England conveys to Brighton on the Easter Monday Review from 20,000 to 25,000 in about six hours, beginning at two o'clock Saturday afternoon, the troops remaining in Brighton on Sunday and return Monday evening in the same time. What a moral influence it would exercise on our neighbors if they could see the Dominion authorities place the respective camps on their drilling grounds, so near their borders, with precision as to time and accommodation. But it took from twenty minutes past two on Wednesday last till five a.m. next morning to carry the 20th Battalion (some 5,000 men) from Guelph to Windsor. Part of the military education is punctuality. Now the several Companies around Guelph were ordered to the station at a certain hour, when the train should have been ready to start. Instead, the men were kept hanging round, with all kinds of temptations, on a boiling hot day. It speaks highly for the morale of the men that they started at the late hour in such fine condition.

The County Council of Wellington and the Town Council of Guelph nobly put their shoulders to the wheel to render the men as comfortable as they could, and it is not unnatural to expect that the authorities at Ottawa should do likewise. Guelph, June 29. A TAXPAYER.

BIRTHS. ALLAN—In Garafaxa, on the 23rd ult., the wife of Mr. George Allan, farmer, of a son. MUNRO—In Ferguson, on the 23rd ult., the wife of Mr. L. C. Munro, druggist, of a son. ANDERSON—In Erinross, on the 23rd ult., the wife of Mr. Isaac Anderson, farmer, of a daughter. MEAGHER—In Nichol, on the 25th ult., the wife of Mr. Michael Meagher, of a son. DUNSTON—In Ferguson, on the 25th ult., the wife of Mr. Robert Dunstone, of a daughter. BLACK—In Garafaxa, on the 27th ult., the wife of Mr. John Black, of a daughter. STRACHAN—In Ferguson, on the 27th ult., the wife of Mr. Joseph Strachan, plasterer, of a son. ROSS—In Pilkington, on the 28th ult., the wife of Mr. James Ross, of a son. MACDONALD—At Elora, on the 24th ult., the wife of Mr. J. Macdonald, of a daughter. BOVILL—At Hamilton, on the 12th ult., the wife of Mr. T. W. Bovill, of a son. MENZIES—In Nassagaweya, on the 24th ult., the wife of Mr. Wm. Menzies, of a son. WELLS—In Hamilton, on the 22nd ult., the wife of Mr. J. Wells, of a son. BRITT—On the 23rd ult., the wife of Mr. W. Britt, 14th con. Maryboro, of a son.

MARRIED. HURCHISON—SCALES—At Guelph, on the 17th ult., by the Rev. W. S. B.H., Mr. John Hurchison, of Nichol, to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. W. Scales, of West Garafaxa. AWLEY—BALDWIN—On the 7th ult., by the Rev. H. Reid, at his own residence, Mr. Robt. Awley to Miss Sarah J. Baldwin, both of Erin. MCCULLOCH—HAMILTON—On the 26th ult., by the same, at the same time and place, Mr. James McCulloch, of Erin, to Mrs. Rebecca Hamilton, of Streetsville. WILSON—MCCARTHY—On the 1st ult., by the same, at the same time and place, Mr. William Wilson, of Caledon, to Miss Margaret McCarthy, of Erin.

DIED. RICE—On the 27th ult., after a long illness, Eliza, the wife of Mr. John Rice, 4th con. of Peel, aged 59 years. CAUSTON—On the 24th ult., the wife of John Causton, 13th con. Peel. TYNER—At Peel, on the 21st ult., William, son of Mr. Michael Tyner, aged 20 years. COUSINS—At Peel, on the 19th ult., Martha, wife of Mr. Samuel Cousins, aged 70.

AT THE LARGE No. 1. 100 Grenadine Dresses, BEAUTIFUL GOODS, To be sold at cost price; 200 Muslin Dresses, A BARGAIN. WM. GALLOWAY. Guelph, July 7, 1872

SOUTH RIDING OF WELLINGTON. MEETING OF REFORMERS. A meeting of the members of the Reform Party of the South Riding of the County of Wellington, will be held at the TOWN HALL, GUELPH, On Tuesday, 9th day of July, at 2 o'clock, p. m., to take into consideration, in the interest of the Party, the question of the representation of the Riding in next Dominion Parliament.

GEORGE ELLIOTT, President of the Reform Association of South Wellington. Guelph, June 26, 1872.

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TENDERS. Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock on SATURDAY, the 6TH OF JULY for the erection of additional buildings on the Exhibition Grounds. Plans and Specifications can be seen at Mr. Boulton's office. All materials found. GEO. MURTON, Secretary Central Exhibition. Guelph, June 29, 1872.

New Advertisements. CO-OPERATIVE STORE. The Twenty-fifth Quarterly Dividend of 3 per cent. for the quarter, will now be paid on presenting Pass-Books.

Any Retail purchaser can have a Pass-Book on application. Persons receiving a Pass-Book now will be entitled to a share in the next dividend, payable on the 1st of October, next.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co. Guelph, July 2nd, 1872

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