

THE EVE OF THE ELECTION

Facts and Corrections.

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PATTULLO.

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VOTE AND WORK FOR Pattullo

DICTATORSHIP.

DOWN WITH IT.

The History of a Trick and Who is Responsible.

Many people have expressed wonder and intense indignation at the course of the Globe in its article of Saturday in reference to North Oxford. It is only proper that we should explain as succinctly as possible how it all came about.

The Globe knew all about North Oxford the evening of the nomination, but took no part in the contest for several days.

On Friday a Stratford lawyer came to Woodstock on the 4:40 train, drove to the shop of Mr. Douglas, President of the North Oxford Reform Association, and took him to the office of F. R. Ball, Q. C. The legal gentlemen fairly raved against Mr. Pattullo's candidature—on the ground that they (the people of Stratford) must keep "their people" in the Easthope together and pledged to convention. He pressed Mr. Ball to telegraph the Globe to come out for Mr. Sutherland.

Mr. Ball warmly refused to do, declaring that Mr. Pattullo should and would be elected.

Urged by the gentleman referred to, Mr. D. telephoned as President of the N. R. A. to the Globe, that Mr. Sutherland was the nominee of a regularly constituted convention, that Mr. Pattullo was out as an independent, and that there was danger of a Tory getting in.

The influential and personally interested wire-puller then used the Telegraph and urged the Globe to declare for Mr. Sutherland—H. J. Finkle, the arch-trickster, who had no doubt arranged the whole matter, meantime hanging around in the background, and accompanying his legal friend from the North to the 5:50 p.m. train, with one of his blandest smiles—at the idea of having "pulled" the Stratford men, the President of the N. R. A. and the great Globe itself.

It is noted that the President never consulted a single member of the Executive of the Reform Association; but assumed to be the self-appointed dictator of the whole party!

The Globe, not knowing the circumstances as the people of Oxford do, was misled by misrepresentations, and committed the lamentable and unpardonable plunder of assuming to dictate to the electors of North Oxford who should be their candidate.

The Globe had a right to advise the Reformers here to settle their differences and unite; but it had no right to dictate to a man who is in the right, and who has a majority of his party at his back, and demand that he should retire.

He will never do it!!!

No wonder the members of the Reform Association are enraged that they should not be consulted about any of the affairs of the party!

Official circulars are sent out, and important orders to Toronto, as the sole authority of one man—who labors under the impression that he is the Reform party of North Oxford.

Men of Oxford, will you stand it? Do you not know your own affairs best? So long as there is any fair play, honor, manliness, and justice in the Reform party no man will be crushed out by misrepresentation, trickery and outside dictatorship. The electors of North Oxford must decide on their representative—not a political cabal!!!

Vote for Mr. Pattullo, the true and tried Reform candidate, who is running independent of a fraudulent convention.

Stamp out wire-pulling, and dictatorship, and assert the reign of fair-play, honor and individual freedom!!!

LOOK OUT FOR IT.

A miserable, lying report is, we are informed, to be circulated on Tuesday, that Mr. Pattullo will retire in the interest of Mr. Towle. Let our friends be on the watch for such outrageous calumnies and tactics.

Mr. Pattullo will go to the polls—come what will. If his friends work he will win.

ANOTHER SLANDER.

The petty, unlikely and false slander that Mr. Sutherland's friends are basely circulating, to the effect that Mr. Pattullo had something to do with bringing Mr. Towle (and trying to bring Mr. McNease out) is basely and wholly false.

Both those gentlemen most indignantly deny it; and say they cannot be so approached, and never were.

Of course, such silly falsehoods will be promptly stamped out by our friends.

NAMES AND NAMES.

Mr. Sutherland is making much ado about the names upon his nomination paper—most of them obtained by misrepresentation. Scores upon scores of these same persons have come over to Mr. Pattullo, and are now working hard for him.

He has got hundreds of signatures from the best Reformers of the riding, fully endorsing his cause.

The following are a few of the leading Reformers, in the old Riding, who are not only working hard, but speaking effectively, at public meetings, in his favor:

Warren Totten, Mayor of Woodstock, who beat Mr. Sutherland, and his most powerful friend, in the last contest, in town.

Robt. Peppard, ex-Mayor, and one of the most popular men in Woodstock.

Ashton Fletcher, M. A., ex-Mayor, an able barrister, and most eloquent speaker.

Robt. Bird, Esq., Deputy Reeve, of Woodstock, and deputy Judge of the county, a professional man of good standing.

Dr. Beard, one of the most skillful physicians of western Ontario, an old and tried Reformer and a man of great influence.

Jas. White, Esq., one of the solid men of Woodstock, clerk of the county, a graceful writer and most intelligent and effective speaker.

W. C. Wilson, a leading grocer, and a member of one of the oldest and most influential families of the county.

Mr. Walbourne, one of the ablest and most representative of the skilled artisans of the town, and an excellent speaker.

Jas. Miller and John Overholst, able and well-known farmers of Blandford.

Jacob Harrington, Esq., of East Zorra, with powerful family connections and great ability, and a representative farmer.

Geo. Gordon, Esq., of West Zorra, Treasurer of the township, a man of marked ability, and at one time generally spoken of as the coming member for North Oxford.

Thos. Robinson, Esq., of East Nissouri, ex-Warden of the county, and a good speaker.

The list of such speakers for right and truth has been daily on the increase.

In contrast to this, Mr. Sutherland has two or three known Reformers and what a few describes, as a few "brats of boys" (not our language)—alluding to two or three cheeky young lads from Mr. Finkle's law office, in town.

Let the electors now judge!

SHARKS AND MONOPOLIES.

H. J. Finkle boasts of being the Duke of Manchester's great aristocratic land company, and he wants his shaving and speculative partner Mr. Sutherland to go to Ottawa to secure influence with the contract brokers, land sharks and monopolists of the capital. Mr. Finkle by birth and feeling is a Tory of the Tories, but having no political opinions so far as anyone knows. His moral and political creed is Money.

Whenever he gave a Reform vote it was because the Reformers were in the majority and his personal objects would be served by so doing.

He is the legal Jew, the political Shylock of North Oxford.

He assumes to become the political dictator of both parties in the riding; but the free voice of the people will wipe him out of political existence, and relegate him to the region of not shaving and mischievous trickery.

Let every honest man ponder upon this, and say if we are not only outspoken but right!

THOSE MISLEADING NAMES.

We have already shown that most of the names on Mr. Sutherland's nomination paper were procured by misrepresentations and through misunderstanding. For instance, the name of James Matheson, Esq., Reeve of West Zorra, has been dishonestly used as a supporter of Mr. Sutherland. As the case of "King" Matheson is exactly similar to scores of other good and true Reformers, the following telegram will explain itself. It was written in answer to an inquiry from the north, and needs no explanation. It is as follows:—"To A. Matheson, Beacon office, Stratford: I signed Sutherland's nomination paper, supposing no other candidate would be in the field. I am supporting Mr. Pattullo and warmly endorse the course he has taken.—James Matheson, Reeve of West Zorra."

North Oxford Election.

VOTE FOR G. R. PATTULLO & AGAINST

Dictation from any Quarter

INSIDE OR OUTSIDE OF THE RIDING.

A Grossly Unfair Attempt to Injure Mr. Pattullo's Candidature.

On Saturday morning last, an editorial paragraph appeared in the Toronto *Globe*, advising the Reformers of North Oxford to support the nominees of the so-called Reform Convention, recently held in Woodstock. This paragraph was inspired by interested parties, inside and outside the riding, and was doubtless dictated in the hope that Mr. Pattullo from the field as a Reform candidate. In this case the *Globe* has been imposed upon, for, unless there had been a gross misrepresentation of facts, by the interested parties referred to, some of whom abused the authority of their official position, it is so doing, the *Globe* never would have made the statement, with respect to that so-called Reform Convention, held in Woodstock, which are known to be absolutely untrue by hundreds of its readers and best friends in the County of Oxford. Under these circumstances, this paragraph should have no influence whatever with the Reformers of North Oxford, prejudicial to Mr. Pattullo.

A PALPABLE JOB.

To prove that the *Globe's* article was a "put up job" by wire-pullers here who supplied the false and misleading information that inspired it, it is only necessary to show that 4,000 copies came to the Riding by first express; and that slips containing the article were circulated in the Easthope before the papers themselves arrived.

Down with such bulldozing!

If North Oxford were paved with Globes it would not crush out Mr. Pattullo, so long as right and truth are upon his side.

The electors will walk over dictatorship in this contest.

WATCH!

Let our friends look out for election traps now and on polling day. Be on the watch at the polling places!

Watch and Work!

The President of N.O. Reform Association and the Executive.

Mr. W. Knight is one of the most active and prominent Reformers of Woodstock, a man of high character and standing in the church, as a Vice-President for Woodstock, he addressed the following letter to the President:

Woodstock, June 14th, 1882.
John Douglas, Esq., President Reform Association, N. E. Co. of Oxford:

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of your circular of the 13th inst., informing me that "Mr. S. Towle, a Conservative, and Mr. G. R. Pattullo have been nominated to oppose Mr. Sutherland, the nominee of the late Reform Convention."

In reply I have to say that after the most careful enquiry, I am fully convinced that the convention referred to was not a fair representation of the Reformers of the Riding, but was packed by delegates whose election had been secured in many instances by Conservative votes, and in the most disreputable and dishonorable manner.

This being the case, Mr. G. R. Pattullo has my hearty endorsement and approval in ignoring the decision of such an irregularly constituted convention, and I shall feel myself bound in the true interest of the Reform party to do all in my power to secure his election at the polls on the 20th instant.

Regretting exceedingly that for the reason named, I am compelled to take such an attitude with reference to the convention, I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

R. W. KNIGHT.

Scores of other members of the Executive (and none of whom have ever been consulted) feel the same way and bitterly resent Dictatorship. A large majority of the members of the Executive, throughout the whole Riding, are now working hard for Mr. Pattullo.

The circumstances speak for themselves!

WHAT THE PRESS SAY OF

MR. PATTULLO

As a Reform Candidate.

The real opinion entertained of Mr. Pattullo by the *Globe* and other leading Reform papers may be found in the following extracts written without any inspiration or dictation upon the part of unscrupulous political bosses:

(From the *Globe*)

Mr. G. R. Pattullo has announced himself as a candidate for the Reform interest in the room of the lamented Mr. Thomas Oliver. Mr. G. R. Pattullo is a sound, able, and faithful politician and an effective speaker, and if the Reformers of North Oxford select him as their candidate we think we may venture to assure them of the cordial sympathy of outsiders, who valuing highly his services to the good cause, would like to see them rewarded.

(Stratford Beacon)

We learn with pleasure that Mr. G. R. Pattullo is a candidate for the representation of North Oxford in the Commons to fill the vacancy caused by the lamented death of Mr. Thos. Oliver. Mr. Pattullo is an effective speaker and possesses wide and accurate knowledge of political affairs. He would make an excellent representative and would add considerably to the debating and practical talents of the opposition. He has given valuable service to the Liberal party for many years and we look to a cordial recognition of his services and of his acknowledged ability by the Liberals of the riding.

(From the *Toronto Tribune*)

Among the gentlemen who are spoken of as a probable or actual candidates, Mr. G. R. Pattullo, of the Woodstock *Sentinel-Review*, is the one whose election would give the most general satisfaction to the Province at large, whatever may be the local feeling regarding him. Newspaper men, in the honest performance of their journalistic duties, sometimes give offence to local magnates on questions that have no public interest, and so it happens that some antipathetic occasionally crop up to interfere with their advancement in public life, even when their abilities are above the average, and their record unimpeachable. We do not know how it may be with Mr. Pattullo, in this particular, but we do know that no other man in the country has so high a standing in the Province, and no other has in times past rendered such effective service to the Liberal party. The Riding will therefore be honoring itself by placing its representation in his hands. He is a fluent speaker, thoroughly acquainted with all the public questions, as well as all the public men of the day, and were he elected to a seat in the House of Commons, could at once take a position befitting the successor of the late member, (Mr. Oliver) both in point of ability and usefulness.

Reformers of North Oxford, be not advised to prefer his opponent simply because he is the nominee of a bogus, fraudulent and gerrymandered Reform Convention. If the above is the opinion of the *Globe* and of the leading Reform papers of Mr. Pattullo's qualifications and claims as a candidate for the House of Commons, why should they not vote for Mr. Pattullo, the true Reform Candidate?

WHY MR. SUTHERLAND SHOULD NOT BE ELECTED.

Because, while a member, he never discussed the burning questions of the day, before the electors.

Because he sold the county when its interests were at stake in railway legislation.

Because his position, as American Express Agent, and agent of the G. W. R. (through his brother-in-law) conflicts with his independence in Railway matters.

Because he represents a fraudulent convention, packed and bulldozed by himself.

Because he is trying to win this election by deceit, misrepresentation and dictatorship.

Because he does not appeal to the people on his own merits, character and qualifications for the position to which he aspires.

Because he is the head and centre of a small Woodstock clique of municipal and political "bosses" and wire-pullers.

Can true Reformers vote for Mr. Sutherland?

They can't do it!

No paper outside of Oxford or leader in the party, should have a word to say in this contest.

They know nothing of the circumstances and may be "pulled" and misled by false information.

The electors of Oxford know their own affairs and will act for themselves.

Freedom and no Dictatorship is their watchword!

North Oxford Election.

WHAT THE PRESS SAY OF

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As a Reform Candidate.

To my Friends and Neighbors in North Easthope:

The present political contest differs from any other in which the Reformers of North and South Easthope have heretofore been engaged, because of the fact that there are two Reform candidates in the field. Both are personally strangers to me and to the rest of you. We are therefore obliged to judge them by their records. Having done so myself, I have come to the following conclusions and take the liberty of presenting them for your consideration before casting your ballots on Tuesday.

Mr. Sutherland is the nominee of the convention lately held in Woodstock which has been clearly shown to have been irregularly if not dishonorably manipulated.

Mr. Sutherland has the advantage of being in Parliament two sessions.

His record there is, to say the least, a very indifferent or doubtful one.

He has never spoken on the floor of the House but once during that time and he has been conveniently absent from some important votes, and his conduct with respect to one or two important matters before Parliament has been successfully challenged in this contest.

I went to hear him give an account of his stewardship at the meeting held in this part of the Riding since his nomination and was greatly disappointed that he failed to discuss the public questions of the day, but dealt almost wholly with little personal explanations