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THERE WAS NO SAW-OFF.
It is announced that the petition against Mr. Porter in West Huron has been dropped by Mr. Porter paying the costs because Mr. M. C. Cameron refuses to become the Liberal candidate in the event of a vacancy not being created. It is difficult to believe that there is no saw-off here.

The foregoing is from the Toronto Mail, of Nov. 17, and as our contemporary labors under an erroneous impression, we hasten to set it right. There was no saw-off in the matter of the petition and cross-petition, and so far as the withdrawal of the petition against Mr. Porter is concerned, the facts are simply these: The protest against the return of the sitting member was initiated at a time when it was believed Mr. M. C. Cameron would be the candidate in the Reform interest should the election in West Huron be voided. Since that time Mr. Cameron, owing to business reasons and a precarious state of health, has seen fit to retire for the time being from the turmoil of political life, and publicly stated that he would not be a candidate, should a bye-election be brought on in West Huron. The Tory party signified its intention of paying all costs incurred in connection with the petition, and as the prosecution of the case would in all likelihood result in Mr. Porter being allowed to walk the course in the event of a new election, the Advisory Committee of the Reform Association deemed it best to withdraw the petition. Mr. Cameron and the Advisory Committee distinctly and emphatically declined to pair off the petitions, and the fact that the Tory party has assumed the payment of all costs in both suits is pretty positive evidence that there was no saw-off. In this connection the following is the official "throwing up of the sponge" in the suit against Mr. Cameron, and in it all costs incurred by defendant are assumed by the petitioner's solicitors:

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION.
THE DOMINION CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS ACT

Election of a Member for the House of Commons for the Electoral District of the West Riding of the County of Huron, holden on the twenty-second day of February, 1887.

DOMINION OF CANADA. Between Henry PROVINCER OF ONTARIO, Plaintiff, and Malcolm Collin Cameron, Respondent.

Take notice that the Plaintiff abandons the charges made against the Respondent in the petition herein and in the particulars thereof, and that the Respondent need not incur any further expenses in connection therewith. And further take notice that the Plaintiff is ready and willing, willing and hereby offers to come to be served at his own expense, notice of countermanding of any subpoenas served upon witness on behalf of the Respondent, and in default of the Respondent countermanding the service of the said subpoenas, the Plaintiff will claim to be reimbursed the expenses of the attendance of such witnesses at the trial of the petition.

Dated this 9th day of November, 1887.
McCarthy, Oiler, Hoskin & Creelman Solicitors and agents for Plaintiff.
To CAMERON, HOLT AND CAMERON, Solicitors and agents for Respondent.

A RECOUNT has been going on in Hal-diamond during the past few days before Judge Upper. We would like to know if the Reformers expect to benefit any by a recount before His Honor the Hal-diamond.

HIS AT IT AGAIN.

The following, from the editor of the Mitchell Advocate, will be news to the Reformers and Conservatives in this section, who know the circumstances attending the withdrawal of the protest against Robert Porter, M.P., for West Huron. It will also be news to Mr. Porter, to John Brown, and to Robert Birmingham. It fully exemplifies the adage that "one has to go away from home for home news," and it also proves that the talented liar who wrote it is endeavoring to rival Tom Pepper, that well-known truth economist, who is reputed to have been exiled from Hades because Beelzebub couldn't stand his repeated fabrications. Here is the little "goak" in full:—

Who was RIGHT?—A couple of months ago when in Toronto we were informed that a few of the Liberals of that city had approached Mr. Birmingham, Secretary of the Conservative Provincial Association, in the matter of seeing off the Brown libel suit against the Goderich Signal and the grit protest against Mr. Porter's election in West Huron. We gave the particulars as we heard them, when the self-concocted but empty-headed editor of that paper flew into one of his characteristic passions and denied in his usual vulgar and slangy style the truth of our statement, but although he was not thought of sufficient consequence to be consulted in the matter we knew that we were correct, and refused to retract one word that we had written. Late events show that in this we were fully justified. Some days ago the libel suit was taken out of court by Mr. Brown and quickly following this move the Liberals of Huron withdrew the protest against Mr. Porter. Mr. Cameron first paying the way for this step by publishing a letter in which he returned to be a candidate under any circumstances, should the Riding be thrown open! Now, who was correct?

Why, of course, the Advocate is as nearly correct as it usually is. Oh, yes; the Reform party were so exercised over the fact that a person by the name of Brown had entered an action against THE SIGNAL claiming \$10,000 damages, that the prominent members went to Bob Birmingham, a Tory hanger-on in Toronto, and with streaming eyes begged that the protest in West Huron be paired off with Brown's libel suit; and then they went to Brown, and that pink of perfection and gentlemanly demagogue at once magnanimously allowed the alleged \$10,000 smirch to continue to sully the "white rose of his blameless life," and said in broken accents, "Let there be a pair, and I'll be the ace of spades on this occasion."

Another case of twiddle-dee, twiddle-dum. And it was thus demonstrated how pleasant it was for brethren to dwell in harmony. But the Advocate stops there—and it should not do so. It should show that there was a pair off in the matter of the cross-petition against M. C. Cameron. Now, as it was impossible, so far as the Advocate's knowledge of facts is concerned, to withdraw the petition against Mr. Porter without pairing it with the alleged libel suit of Brown, so also was it impossible, on the same reasoning, to withdraw the cross-petition against Mr. Cameron without pairing it with some other important case. The Advocate has omitted to state that the cross-petition against Mr. Cameron was paired with the \$10 board-bill at Bailey's hotel that Brown left town without paying. It would be as near the truth if it made that statement as it is in the assertion it has made about the withdrawal of the petition against Mr. Porter. We print the Advocate's little yarn to show the kind of rubbish the Tory papers serve up to their readers as facts.

Now let us have those Government buildings that there has been so much talk about.

The citizens' railway committee evidently means business. A meeting of the members of that body has been called for next Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock, to organize anew for the forthcoming campaign.

We understand our townsman, F. W. Johnston, is likely to receive a snug Government appointment at an early day. He has always been willing to spend and be spent in the interest of the Tory party, and if billets are going, we know of no one in this district who is more deserving of recognition at the hands of the Tory Government.

JOHN DILLON, speaking to a London audience the other evening, stated that there was not one law for Ireland and England and Scotland, as the Tory orators and newspapers contended, and pointed out that he could speak in England or Scotland on the question of Home Rule without molestation, whereas in Ireland such meetings were proclaimed, and the speakers liable to arrest.

E. E. SHEPPARD, has ceased to be proprietor of the Toronto News. He made his paper a live journal, and it will be hard to get a man to fill his place.

WHAT'S UP?

Things That Are Happening Around Us.

A Municipal Cyclone Imminent—The Cloud is as Large as the Great Electoral-Boss—Reminiscence—A Word to the Fishermen.

—It wouldn't surprise me a little bit to see a good, solid, old-fashioned, square-toed, rough-and-tumble, go-as-you-please, best-three-in-five to harness, catch-as-catch-can municipal fight at the New Year's elections. The present office holders are not blessed with a progressive record for the work of the past year, and I've been told quietly that there are plenty of good men left in town, who are ready and willing to serve the municipality next year, if the electors are anxious to effect a change. If public opinion holds as it is now to the beginning of the New Year there is going to be a number of empty municipal saddles when the next poll closes. And maybe such a result would not prove inimical to the best interests of the town, after all is said and done.

—I remember when I lived on the 9th concession out in the township, some of the councillors thought that they were sealed to the municipality so hard and fast that Death on the pale horse alone could them part. As a result, if you wanted a ditch dug or a culvert made, and applied to their highmightiness, you were snuffed out in a minute, if you made verbal application, or if you applied for redress by communication, your little document got the six months' hoist in short metre. It was no use to reason with the members of that corporate body, for they knew it all, and wisdom would cease to be when they retired from public service—at least that's what they thought. Well, life was too short for the broad electorate of the municipality to stand such monkeyshines very long, and the result was that we put our heads together—not to build a corduroy road, but to devise ways and means to remedy existing abuses—and when the next election came around there was a ticket placed in the field against the autocrats who had so long manipulated the township affairs in the village tavern, between drinks. You talk about a revolution in municipal affairs, but revolution is a mild term to use with regard to the lambasting that old township council got from the new ticket. They were licked, with a large L, they were relegated to the cold shades; they were retired, with the accent on the third, and the people were triumphant. And in the evening after the battle had been fought and won, the victorious council-elect and their supporters met in the large dining room of the hotel, and made the welkin ring with recitations of the "William Tell" order of architecture, and patriotic choruses that told that "Britons never, never-e-r shall be a-laves." In this latter regard, I might state parenthetically that they met in the dining-room of the hotel because there was no town hall at Cornersville, and not because they were anxious to enthuse after the manner of men who look upon the wine when it is red, and when it giveth its color in the cup. Honor bright, now, it was really because there was no other hall.

—I merely give this little reminiscence to let you know that no body of men under the blue empress, own the earth and the fullness thereof, and when you see anybody rushing around between now and New Year's telling you, "We did this, and we did that; and nobody else could have done it," you can bet your life that he depends upon straight-lying for re-election. The best men in any municipality rarely seek public honors, but are satisfied to let the honors seek them; and I will venture the prediction that were it not for the button-holing that will be resorted to by the parties who now hold seats at the council board, not three out of the whole box-and-dice would ever again grace the chamber in a municipal capacity.

—I observe our fishermen have returned from their toil, and I rejoice to learn that the season has proved to be fairly remunerative; and I would like to have a word or two with the lads, who compose the crews of our fishing fleet. You have just finished your harvest, so to speak, and a long and severe winter is probably before you. On previous occasions some of you have no sooner landed than you began to "blow in" your hard-earned wages over the bars of some

TORONTO LETTER.

A Glimpse at Matters and Men in the Queen City.

The Majority—The "Empire"—Personal—The Central Bank Failure—Hon. T. B. Pardee's Health—Charles Dickens the Younger—Mrs. Scott-Siddons.

It looks at present as if the majority contest will be confined to E. F. Clarke, M.P.P., and Elias Rogers, at present an alderman. Mr. Clarke is a practical printer, who has owned and edited the *Orange Sentinel* for some years past, and who headed the poll at the recent elections in this city, where each elector could vote for two out of four candidates. He is personally very popular, as he has a big heart and a kind word for everybody. He is a young man, perhaps 37 years of age. Mr. Rogers is a coal dealer, and has been most successful in business. He is a Quaker, and has been one of the pillars (commercial) of Pickering college. He is a progressive man, has made an excellent councillor, and has a big grasp of municipal affairs. Some believe he is just the man to solve the waterworks problem. As between the two, Clarke has the call among those who profess to know how the majority will go. He holds his first meeting on Thursday, November 24th.

The *Empire*, the new Conservative organ, will appear in about three weeks—"on or about the 15th of December" is the official declaration. David Creighton, M.P.P., will be the manager. He is a respectable man, but whether he has the ability to manage a great party newspaper is to be decided. Livingstone, a well-known New Brunswick journalist, a man, by-the-way, who once panted for gubernatorial honors and sulked and kicked because he didn't get empaneled in Government house at Fredericton, has left the *Montreal Herald* and will be one of the leader writers of the new Conservative organ. John Lumsden, the well-known Toronto printer, will be foreman of the printing department. The new paper will be kept up to the mark for a few years, but newspaper men do not believe that there will be any money in the venture for the stockholders. The name is two heavy ones for a daily newspaper to carry.

The shorthand classes at the Y. M. C. A. will be in charge of Mr. Thos. McGillouddy, formerly of THE SIGNAL. Owing to the new building being opened late in the year there will be but a single course of lessons this winter.

There has been a panicky feeling in financial circles all week, on account of the suspension of the Central Bank. The bank is said to have done a good business, but it traded too much on a small capital. It will not resume, but those who hold bills are not likely to lose. There were rumors of other bank failures during the week, but so far no other suspension has been officially recorded. It has been a week of trial and suspense (if not suspension) for the weak concerns.

Fears were at one time entertained that Hon. T. B. Pardee would never return to public life. I am pleased to say that a lengthened sojourn at his old home in Sarnia has had a recuperative effect, and that he is steadily gaining strength. He will soon be able to return to his quarters with his energies revived and his capacity for work increased.

Charles Dickens, son of the novelist, gave readings from his father's works in Association Hall on Monday night. Mrs. Scott Siddons, the great elocutionist, will read here on Friday and Saturday.

COMMUNICATIONS.
Where is Our Street Inspector.

To the Editor of the Huron Signal.

DEAR SIR.—Can you or any of your readers inform me why Mr. Bingham, chairman of the Public Works Committee, has been allowed to erect, as he has done, a large wooden building in rear of his hotel. The building is not only within the fire limits, but is only a few feet from the Square, and in the midst of the worst rookery of wooden shanties in town, and that, too, but a few yards from the central portion, where all the principal offices are situated. This has been all done under the very nose of street inspector Gordon. Mayor Seager should have the building removed, or bricked up at once, as others have been compelled to do at great expense, although in some instances they have been at the extreme outside of the fire limits. The chairman of Public Works can hardly plead ignorance of the by-law.

Yours truly,
J. W. J. J.

Dairyman's Association of Western Ontario.
The annual convention of the above association will be held in the town of Listowel on the 11th, 12th and 13th days of January next. Dairyman, are urged to attend. Parties attending the convention are advised to purchase return tickets, as the committee have heretofore failed to make any satisfactory arrangements with the railway companies for a reduction of fares.

By order,
C. E. CHADWICK, Sec'y,
Secretary's Office,
Ingersoll, Dec. 1, 1887.

THE EDITOR'S TABLE.

A Word or Two About New Publications That Have Come to Hand.

HARPER'S BAZAR, published November 18th, contains an illustrated Thanksgiving story "Whether or No," by Mrs. Rose Terry Cooke, and two pages of illustrations from the exhibition at the rooms of the Associated Artists.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE—It is a peculiarly good magazine for December that it contains no continued stories. It is a volume complete in itself. The short stories and sketches are exceptionally good, however. "Inja" is an almost painfully realistic tale by Amelia Rives. "Annie Laurie" is a pleasing bit of fiction by Elizabeth Stewart Phelps, with four illustrations by Rainhart. "Captain Santa Claus" is by Captain King; "Craddock's Heiress" is by Frances Courtenay Boyler; and a delightful sketch of "His 'Day in Court'" is by Charles Egbert Craddock.

LITTLE'S LIVING AGE FOR 1888.—This standard weekly magazine soon enters upon its forty-fifth year. It is the only satisfactorily fresh and complete compilation of the best periodical literature of the world, and hence its long continued success. The multiplicity of periodicals it is well nigh indispensable to the American reader; as it alone enables him, with a small outlay of time and money, to keep pace with the best literature of the day, and abreast with the work of the most eminent living writers. Its prospectus for 1888 is well worth attention in selecting one's reading matter for the new year. Reduced subscription rates with other periodicals are given, and to new subscribers remitting now for the year 1888 the intervening numbers are sent gratis. Little & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

"THE FROZEN PIRATE."—We have received from the publisher, W. Bryce Toronto, a copy of W. Clark Russell's latest novel, entitled, "The Frozen Pirate." The story is of a castaway in the antarctic regions, and is full of thrilling interest from beginning to end.

GREY'S COMIC ALMANAC—For 1888 has been received, and is certainly a credit to the publishers. The six calendar pages are from designs by J. W. Bengough, and the whole series are about the best specimens of caricature drawing that we have yet seen from the pen of this clever artist. A. H. Howarth, W. Bengough and other artists contribute sketches—a series of pictures illustrating the House that Haah Built; being particularly good, while the reading matter throughout is even better than has appeared in previous years. The price is only 10 cents a copy, and you can get it at the bookstores or send direct to Grip Office, Toronto.

AUBURN.
A Xmas tree in connection with the Methodist church S. S. is in contemplation.

Tom King, of Beach Hill, two miles east of here, cut his foot very badly one day last week.

We are sorry to state that Mr. Budge, school teacher, is laid up with measles. We hope to see him around soon.

The newly organized choir in connection with the Presbyterian church, of this place, under the leadership of Mr. Budge, is progressing favorably.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES.—Thanksgiving services were conducted at Auburn and Smith's Hill on Thursday of last week in the Presbyterian churches by the pastor, Rev. Alex. McMillan. There was a good attendance at each service.

Samuel Scott, of West Wawanosh, has rented his farm for a term of three years. Sam intends going into business with his brother, Charlie, of Wingham, and his mother and sister will reside in Auburn, "sweet Auburn, the loveliest village of the plain."

We are sorry to state that Monday morning of last week, J. P. Brown, of this place while feeding his horse oats, was kicked twice by the animal in his right side, breaking one of his ribs. His suffering for a time was very severe. He is able to move around carefully again.

A tea meeting will be held in connection with the Presbyterian church here on Friday, Dec. 2nd, at which addresses are expected from Rev. A. McLean, Blyth, Rev. Mr. Ramsay, Londonboro, Rev. D. G. Cameron, Dunganon, Rev. H. Irvine, Nile, and Rev. T. Gee, Auburn. Tea from 5 to 7.30 p.m.

INCREASED MEMBERSHIP.—Rev. Alex. McMillan, the new pastor of the Presbyterian church, has been quite successful thus far in adding to the church membership here and at Smith's Hill. The increase has been as follows: Auburn church, 3 for first time, and 5 by certificate; Smith's Hill, 3 for first time and 1 by certificate; thus making a combined additional membership to the two churches of 24 at the last communion service, which was held on November 6th.

MATLAMP TEMPLE 304. I. O. O. F. Last Monday evening a debate on the question, "Resolved that Canada would be the better of annexation" with the United States, took up the greater part of the evening, and was decided in favor of the affirmative by the chairman, T. Cassidy, Messrs. Munro, Weddell, J. E. Cassidy, and McKenlie contended for the affirmative, and Messrs. Watson, Young, Murdoch, and Clark for the negative.

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