

A Few Reasons why the Electors of Should Vote for Mr. John St Reject Mr. Wallace

✓ The prosperity of the South Riding of Norfolk has hitherto been much rewarded by the want of railway accommodation. The farmers of other districts, enjoying railway facilities, get better prices for their produce, besides having innumerable other advantages. If ever the farmers in the centre and front parts of the Riding are to have a railway, they can look nowhere else for it than to an extension of the Hamilton & Lake Erie Line. There is now every prospect that that road will be completed at an early date through to Port Dover. Mr. Stuart is one of the leading Directors of that road; and since his election in January last has not been idle in trying to extend the line. A few weeks after his return from Parliament, he was delegated by the Boards of the Hamilton & Lake Erie and the Hamilton & North-Western Railway Companies, (he being President of the latter,) to go to England to make financial arrangements for both lines. As the result of his negotiations a Bill is now before the Local Legislature to amalgamate both companies, so as to make one Trunk Line from the Georgian Bay to the waters of Lake Erie. This will present a scheme to English capitalists which they will more readily take hold of than if the lines were kept separate. The position of the amalgamated company will be this: With about thirty miles of road built, and already earning enough to pay the interest on its bonds, it has also, for the completion of the road from Hamilton northwards, nearly a Million Dollars in Municipal and Government grants. This is a sound financial basis to begin with, and then it is a fact that both North and South it

porary object recklessly makes promises which there may be little hope or intention of fulfilling. The reason why his fellow directors have on so many occasions entrusted him with such important commissions is, because they have implicit confidence in the shrewdness of his foresight and soundness of his judgment. To these same qualities in the management of his own private business does Mr. Stuart owe it to-day that he can now afford to devote his entire time to public matters. If, then, the electors see in Mr. Stuart one whose every interest is identical with theirs, and one who can wield an influence both in the Legislature and out of it, is he not infinitely a better man to represent them than Mr. Wallace. As a citizen of Simcoe, the people of South Norfolk know Mr. Wallace well. It cannot be said that he has ever displayed any ability to manage either private affairs or public business in a way to reflect credit on himself. He seems to be one of those unfortunate mortals born under an unlucky planet, in whose hands everything becomes an utter failure. With his private affairs it is not our province to deal; but as a public man, asking again to represent the people of Norfolk in the Legislature, we have a right to discuss his public record, both past and present. We remember that an attempt was made some years ago to carry a by-law for \$200,000 IN NORFOLK, FOR A NARROW-GAUGE RAILWAY from Brantford to Dover, by way of SIMCOE, than which there never was a more infamous scheme attempted to be palmed off on an unsuspecting community. The Controlling Spirits

prietorship of a second or third newspaper published in the Norfolk county town; and living there his interest to draw all the trade can to that place, and consequently to prevent the extension of the Milton road, which would detract to a better and a larger market. If Mr. Wallace would promote your interests he would necessarily sacrifice his own, and you know from the past that with your interests and his are in scales, he has always tried to make yours kick the beam. Not that he show this in the Norfolk but he did it when as a member of the County Council some years ago he proposed to levy \$16,000 on the county to improve the market and build a mechanics' hall in the town of Simcoe. As for Mr. William Wallace, his qualification for a seat in Parliament as member for South Norfolk is cotemporary, the *Evening Times* in a couple of editorials lately has thrown some light on Mr. Wallace at Ottawa. It appears that John A. Macdonald was very mindful of the thick support the member for South Norfolk gave him in the House. Wallace was employed two years on the Intercolonial staff. He was a while under Government on the *Ottawa Times*, and got a nice little crib in the editorial of the Pacific Survey. From the *Times* that his accounts for the latter office are in a terrible state. He left the berth some two or three years ago, and the *Times* says "since then, though he and his accountants have been