

# THE BEE

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## THE CAMPAIGN.

### Notes by the Way.

The announcement of Mr. Blake's retirement from the political arena will not surprise those who have observed his course during the late Parliament. His aversion to current politics has been evidently growing for some time past, and his proposed retirement now is no more than was expected by his friends. Yet Mr. Blake is one of those men whose presence in Parliament is always desirable. The country wants its best men, whatever may be their politics, where their abilities and experience will be available in the public service. Great as his loss will be to his party in the House of Commons, it will be less than the loss to Parliament and the country.

It is said at Ottawa that Mr. Rykert, of Lincoln, has been promised a judgeship on condition that he withdraws from the contest in Lincoln.

It is more than probable that the Manitoba Legislature, which meets on the 26th inst., will adjourn until after the Dominion elections after its formal opening.

The Liberals appear to be undecided whether to oppose Sir Donald Smith or not. A prominent Liberal says: "The Liberals are not much inclined to oppose Sir Donald, as he is an Independent member. He is also an admirer of Hon. Alexander Mackenzie."

New York Sun: "Mr. Blaine probably speaks the sentiment of a majority of the American people as far as they have formed one. They would favor a proposition to admit Canada into the Union, at her request, and as that would involve unrestricted exchange of commodities with her, they would probably agree to make that arrangement first, as a preliminary step. But they are very well satisfied with the present arrangement, and a proposition for reciprocity in certain lines would antagonize so many interests which would claim to be discriminated against that it is not likely to be popular."

The writ for the provincial election in North Bruce has been issued. March 3rd is the date.

The Monetary Times says:—"For free trade with one nation, the chance of freer trade with all other countries is laid aside."

Mr. Jamieson, ex-M. P. for North Lanark says the report that he declines to run again is incorrect and that he will run again.

A mass meeting of the South Brant Liberals was held Saturday afternoon. Wm. Patterson received the unanimous choice of the meeting as the candidate for this constituency.

Joseph Lavergne, who represented Drummond and Arthabaska in the last Parliament, has again appealed to the electorate of that constituency as the advocate of Unrestricted Reciprocity.

The regular session of Toronto City Council No. 2 Royal Templars of Temperance was held in their rooms in Temperance Hall last Friday, and passed a resolution nominating ex-Mayor Howland and the Hon. Samuel Blake as candidates for East and Centre Toronto, respectively, at the election to be held March 5.

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Sir Richard Cartwright addressed a meeting in the Music Hall, Oshawa, last Tuesday evening. He delivered his Chatham speech. At the conclusion, C. W. Scott asked a question, which was: "Does Sir Richard Cartwright propose as a part of his policy to discriminate against Great Britain, that is, does he propose to tax the manufacturers of Great Britain while those of the United States are admitted free?" Sir Richard Cartwright answered: "Yes."

Canada's total foreign trade last year was \$218,007,390.

Arthur Mowat, son of the Premier and Attorney-General of Ontario, is spoken of as a candidate for West Toronto.

With the exception of three constituencies, Algoma, Cariboo and Gaspe, polling will be simultaneous throughout Canada.

In Selkirk, Manitoba, Premier Greenway's name is spoken of as the Liberal candidate.

Geo. T. Blackstock, who defended Birchall, will, since Edward Blake has retired, probably be nominated in West Durham.

It is reported that Sir Hector Langevin will contest Three Rivers and one of his constituencies, either Nicolet or Richelieu.

London Advertiser: How best to bring about a new era in Canadian national life is thus the problem before the people. Surely not by continuing the present system, which has done so much to cripple legitimate industry and impoverish the people. Surely not by trusting to the trickery of baffled politicians who bring up at the eleventh hour a bogus policy of one-sided reciprocity that they know can never be consummated, rushing to the country at a few day's notice, and hoping thereby to deceive the electors. Honest men do not so act. The Liberal policy has been open and above board. It has been before the country for many months. It is supported by united Liberalism and endorsed by many men who have hitherto been Conservatives, but who are now determined to stand for Canadian interests first. "Canada first! The combines never."

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