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#### NOMINATIONS YESTERDAY!

Addresses of Candidates.

## STIRTON & GOW

#### Reform yet Triumphant

On Friday last the nomination of candidates to represent the South Riding of Wellington in the House of Commons and Legislature of Ontario took place at the Court House, Guelph. A very great interest was manifested in the proceedings, as was clearly demonstrated by the large crowds of electors that came flocking into Town at an early hour. At a few minutes after one o'clock, the proceedings commenced. A platform had been erected in front of the Court House, on which were assembled the Returning Officer and his assistants, the candidates and their supporters.

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After having read the writs, the Returning Officer called upon the different
parties to make their nominations. He
thought it best, as it was likely a good
many would be nominated, that ten minutes should be allowed the proposer and
seconder, and three quarters of an hour to
each candidate, and in Mr. Stone's case
to his representative. This arrangement
appeared to give satisfaction to all.

Mr. Henry Hatch came forward and
said, that he took much pleasure in
bringing forward a candidate who was
much respected—Dr. John Howitt, and
for him he would claim a fair and impartial hearing.

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Dr. Orton, senr., seconded the nomina-tion. He thought the selection a most happy one, as a more desirable candidate, in his estimation, could not have been brought forward. This he considered a most important crisis in the history of the country. Mr. Brown had urged as one advantage that would come out of Confederation that it would do away with old political arrangements, and even to Confederation that it would not have with old political arrangements, and even to carry out his views, the speaker believed it necessary that the most competent men of both political parties should be chosen. It is the duty of loyalty and patriotism to give a generous consideration to all the give a generous consideration to all the propositions of the government. It was at first thought that there would be no at first thought that there would be no at first thought that there would be no opposition to the Reform candidates, as they had said they would give the government their support—(Mr Gow, 'never, never,')—but they had since declared themselves as willing to support a vote of non-confidence in the Ministry, even if that vote were moved before there was time for a policy to be made known. For this cause opposition was brought out.—Dr. Howitt was a man of a liberal and enlightened mind, and would not condemn without a hearing, nor deny a generous consideration to any party.

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to the street we strong to complete the street of the street we strong to complete the street of the street we street to complete the street occupied in in intimeparaty of the occurs of the candidates spoke in the order in which they had been proposed.

Dr. Howitt, on coming forward, was received with loud cheers. He began by saying that until lately he had taken scarcely any interest in political matters, or watched the course of political parties. It was not till Confederation began to engage attention that he regarded with in terest the questions now before the country. In this great measure was involved our independence as a people. The Home Government saw it, every man here felt, that unless we were united as a people, unless all were brought together by one common union, and strength and solidity and power imparted to the Confederacy, our possession of it would be precarious. Any one can see that without union we would inevitably drift into annexation. (Cries of "no no." "nonsense." This

the lear some of the speakers say or miter that if the present government to the country was doomed to destruction.—
There were others as competent to district places and carry on the business of the country. Mr. Saxon had told us there were no parties now. But Mr. M. C. Cameron a few days ago in Toronto had to day the electors that he was still a Tory, and was prout to ask their support as such. He believed a purely Conservative Government could have been formed, and be believed that there were men in the feorm ranks as capable in every will of the Conservatives always bring out their own party men? Why do they conservative sulvays bring out their own party men? Why do they conservative sulvays bring out their own party men? Why do they conservative was appointed Lieutenan was appointed to the contrast of conservative was appointed Lieutenan was appointed, who knew nothing about on a politics, and who acted on the advice of John A. Macdonald, The present government, now seven weeks in power, had not yet given one proof why they should be supported. They had not given the slightest inkling of their policy. They had it is a proper to the significant inkling of their policy. They had truth, justice and justice them their support. [Hear, hear] He into the support of the postion of the course of the support o

at our capital. He said that if Mesers. Stitron and Gow had stated they would got the government a fair tital—they would not they were bird followers of Go. Brown that opposition to them had been brought out. He then had been brought out. He then had been brought out. He then high salary the Governor General received. These were, however, mere side high salary the Governor General received. These were, however, mere side issues. The grand issue is, but they say and then the time would so forement, and the purpose of increasing the good, sould working man, who would not creat his \$600 by simply gassing. He wound up by saying that it he was good, sould working man, who would not earn his \$600 by simply gassing. He wound up by saying that it he was the capital of the had held, and though he did not a great good, sould working man, who would not earn his \$600 by simply gassing. He wound up by saying that it he was the capital of the head of the same of the