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FIGHTING HEAVY ODDS.

M. C. Cameron has carried West Huron. True, the majority is not a large one, but as the Hon. William Macdougall once remarked on a similar occasion, "It is sufficiently large for all practical purposes."

In the fight in West Huron—which has been one of the fiercest ever held in this section—Mr. Cameron's friends have had to fight "a soldier's battle."

Other things, too, besides the adverse majority had to be overcome, and not the least of these were the slanders and vilifications of the Tory riding press, which in some instances outrivalled all previous blackguardism.

But there were other obstacles to fight against. Cases have been discovered where open bribery was the order of the day on the Conservative side; dead men's votes were polled, absentees in Manitoba and Dakota were perorated at the polls; boys and young men were brought to the polling booths and swore they were duly qualified electors although their names did not appear on the voters' list.

From the above it will be seen that good work and thorough work was needed to regain West Huron. Good work and thorough work was done, however, and to-day we have the pleasure of knowing that our riding is represented by a man who will stand side by side with Hon. Edward Blake in advocating the best interests of the Dominion of Canada.

THE REASON WHY.

It seems strange, after all is said and done, that notwithstanding the facts that there was in West Huron a given majority in favour of Sir John Macdougall's party; that Mr. Robert Porter was the Demosthenes of the stump; that every meeting held throughout the riding was according to the Conservative plan; some 2 to 1 or 3 to 1 in favour of Mr. Porter; that Mr. Cameron, Col. Ross and Messrs. Garrow and McGillicuddy were as "tinkling cymbals and sounding brass" on the platform when compared with Mr. Porter; that despite all these circumstances in favour of Sir John's nominee, the riding was wrested from Mr. Porter. The reason is not far to seek.

The solid common sense of the people of West Huron revolted against the iniquitous legislation of the Government, and the vote cast was a rebuke upon the candidacy of Sir John's candidate. A good result has followed the election. The bombast has been taken out of the wire-pullers of the Tory party, and they have been taught that blackguarding their opponents has rather the tendency to alienate the respectable men who formerly lent to their side.

It has been shown that British fair play and justice is admired by honest-minded people in the conduct of elections, as in all other branches of business; and it has been fully demonstrated that the best way to gain votes at meetings is not to have a wire-pulling ward politician give forth the slogan, "When I tap you on the shoulder, yell like h—l," so that free speech be not tolerated.

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A peculiarity of the recent election has been that in most of the gerrymandered constituencies where attempt was made to legislate prominent Reformers out of political existence, the attempt has proved a failure.

JOHNSTON AND BLACKBEY.

The Tory meeting on Monday evening was a farce, pure and simple. Mr. Porter being anxious to speak on the same platform with Hon. Edward Blake, went to Dungannon, leaving the conduct of the Goderich meeting to Mr. F. W. Johnston. The latter, being a little timid of holding up the Tory end of the stick alone, secured the services of Mr. "By-actual-count" Blackbeey, of Clinton, formerly of Galt.

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SOUTH HURON.

We are pleased to state that Mr. John McMillan, the nominee for South Huron has been elected by a majority of over 600. A diligent effort was made to make the "infidel" cry against Mr. McMillan, but it entirely failed of effect. It is astonishing how plus some of the Conservative party become at election time and with what holy horror they elevate their eyes skyward and inveigh against far better men, simply because the latter do not see fit to worship at the same sanctuary. Mr. McMillan is a man of probity and worth—entirely free from religious intolerance, it is true, but none the worse for this—and the people of South Huron in electing him, have given a severe rebuff to the impious wretches who scruple not to drag religion and the worship of God into the mire of political dissension.

Mr. Porter may be the man for Galt, but Cameron is the man for West Huron.

Goderich turned a Conservative majority of 68 into a Liberal majority of 1, and that in the face of the most unscrupulous efforts to defeat Mr. Cameron in his own town. The "graveyard" politicians are badly trampled in West Huron, and the filthy scandals spread by some of the "immaculate"outers for Porter have been forced in vain.

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The personation of voters, living and dead, was one of the modes adopted by the Tories in West Huron to win the election. However, although the votes were counted, the "graveyard" candidate was defeated. It was not sufficient to "resurrect" Mr. Porter from the political grave of South Huron, but voters who died last winter were also raised to vote for him. We hope that such an example will be made of the fellows who personate absent and dead voters as will prevent such dastardly doings on the part of the Tories in the future.

Now that the battle at the polls has been fought, and won and lost, business will begin to assume its wonted shape. It has frequently been observed that an election is almost as bad a thing for the country as a shortness in the crop. Whether this be so or not, there is no disguising the fact that great derangement is caused in business circles by an election, and that even the most ardent political experiences relief when the "heat and burden of the day" is over. Newspaper men are no exception to the general public in this respect, and hail with joy the cessation of campaign work.

MR. ROBERT PORTER was elected for a couple of hours on Tuesday evening at the Conservative room. Some of the impulsive computers of returns in their hurry to secure his election forgot to "dot and carry one," when adding up one of the columns for Cameron; hence, Mr. Porter's election in the minds of his enthusiastic friends. It is likely to be the nearest to Parliament the Osborne orator, statesman and philosopher will ever get, and naturally enough he made the most of his opportunity and "enthused." The only drawback to the little farce is that Mr. Porter will not be able to claim his indemnity of \$1,000 a year and mileage. He will still have to go on taking the incapacity affidavit yearly, to enable him to pocket the \$123 per annum from the Teachers' Superannuation Fund of the Province of Ontario.

The nominations in Manitoba take place on Tuesday, June 27, and the polling on July 4. In Algoma the nominations took place on June 15, and the election will take place on July 5th.

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James S. Dean, a cutter in a King street Toronto clothing store, was arrested Monday for robbing his employer. When his room at the hotel was searched, nearly a cart load of goods were found.

THE ELECTIONS.

The Government Sustained by a Reduced Majority.

The following returns have been compiled from the reports so far sent in. Fuller particulars about the Huron will be given in our next. In East Huron Farrow has been returned, but Cameron has wrested the gerrymandered West from the enemy, and McMillan has a majority of over 600 in the South.

Table with columns for West Huron, East Huron, and Goderich, listing candidates and vote counts.

It is now understood that the iron bridge will be open for traffic on the 1st of July. On that day it will be formally opened by the County Council of Huron in a body.

During the day, but little interest was taken in anything beside the election. Both parties worked with a will, each anticipating a majority for their candidate. The number counted on by the Reformers of town for Mr. Cameron was 20, and the result shows that they were not over-optimistic.

Table showing vote counts for various candidates in different wards, including St. Andrew's, St. James's, St. John's, and St. George's.

This gives Mr. Cameron 28 of a majority, and two spoiled ballots, really marked for him, were thrown out. The total vote polled in this town was 334, which is very near the full available vote.

Table listing candidates and results for the Reform and Conservative parties across various Ontario constituencies.

THE GAINS AND LOSSES.

Below is given a list of the seats in which the Ministerialists and Opposition have made gains and losses:

Table comparing gains and losses for the Reform and Conservative parties in various Ontario constituencies.

CONSERVATIVE.

- List of Conservative candidates and their constituencies, including Addington, Bell, Bruce, Carleton, Cornwall, etc.

LIBERAL.

- List of Liberal candidates and their constituencies, including Perth, Peterborough, Victoria, etc.

REFORM.

- List of Reform candidates and their constituencies, including Brant, Bruce, Durham, etc.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

- List of candidates and results for the New Brunswick election.

AMERICAN.

- List of candidates and results for the American election.

A LIST OF LATE MEMBERS DEFEATED.

- List of names of late members who have been defeated in the present contest.

CONSERVATIVE LIBERAL.

- List of names of Conservative and Liberal members.

At Kingston, on Saturday evening,

four men were overtaken in the lake and two of them were drowned; the victims being John Campbell and James McKinstry, both recently from Belfast.

A cheque for \$1,180 has been received from Boston by the Mayor of Quebec, being balance of \$6,000 collected in that city by the Quebec fire in June last.

ROBBED.

Thousands of graves were actually robbed of their victims, lives prolonged, happiness deferred, by the use of the great GERMAN INVIGORATOR.

Real Estate.

HOUSE, AND LOTS NOS. 33 AND 34, corner of Victoria and East streets, in the town of Goderich, for sale cheap, or will be exchanged for farm property.

FOR SALE.

THE SUBSCRIBER, FINDING that his whole attention will be required this summer in the management of the "HURON SIGNAL," will dispose of that property known as the "WINTER BRANCH," situated on the Main Grand Road, consisting of a capital house of ten rooms, with veranda on two sides, large driving house, etc.

Shorthorn.

I will sell at reasonable prices a number of choice young shorthorn bulls and heifers. The splendid young bull "Deaconfield II" will serve cows. Charge for service, gratis.

Sheppard's Book Store.

SALE OF BERLIN WOOLS!

Well Assorted Stock.

Of Wools, the whole of which I propose to sell off at Cost, in any quantity.

G. SHEPPARD.

SCHOOL BOOK DEPOT.

Parcels sent by express or mail.

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