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The Liberal party. This would leave a very slim difference to be wiped out. On their own showing it is but an indication of how things are going in every quarter where the interests of the people are threatened by the policy of the Opposition.

The City of Hamilton is safe for the conservative candidates, notwithstanding the about which was raised by the Opposition press.

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THE POLITICAL ISSUE.

Influential and Enthusiastic Meeting at Victoria West, Last Night.

The Speeches.

The Candidates, Hon. J. S. Helmecken and Others Forebly Explain the Situation.

A numerously attended and representative meeting was held, last night, at Victoria West. Mr. John Russell was, on motion, called to the chair, and, in opening the meeting, said those present had been called together to determine who the best parties were to represent the people at Ottawa. To-night's meeting reminded him of the occasion when they used to meet together under the direction of Dr. Helmecken.

He had led them along in the right road, in which they proposed to continue to walk. The question was whether they should go on, or whether they should turn back. He explained in considerable detail the tariff issue and the complete surrender which the arrangement involved, the idea being to force Canada into political union with the Dominion. He said that the proposed policy would have the opportunity of putting him fully on record.

He mentioned the name of John Charlton as the non-fraternal enemy of John Laurier, and he has no confidence, is remembered by Mr. Laurier, and he does not like Ontario very well. It is said in Toronto to-night that Mr. Charlton runs a big chance of defeat in his own party who would not be sorry if he should be well beaten. Hon. Alex. Mackenzie is hard pushed in East York, although there are some symptoms of a change in the Conservative for the old gentleman. He is opposed rather on principle than otherwise.

THE FIGHT IS RAGING HOTLY.

In West Elgin Mr. Ingram is the Conservative candidate. In Halton, where Mr. Henderson is the Government candidate, the Conservative candidate, Mr. Bennett, is meeting with increasing success every day. Centre Wellington, South Grey and South Essex are also interesting constituencies. A feeling of uneasiness is abroad in the minds of how the electors of these places feel over the issue which is presented to them. In both there is a tough fight between Mr. Langford and Hon. David Mills. There are some indications that the present will, on Thursday, decide the present probability of an increased majority in Ontario for Sir John Macdonald's Government.

In Toronto the excitement is greater than the provincial election. Inhabitants can recall Last week there was no doubt expressed about the re-election of G. R. Cookburn, for the centre district, but, to-day, no one can be found who will support Cookburn. The result of the election will be a severe accident and has not had the opportunity of meeting his constituents. The manufacturers, the wholesale men, the cattle exporters and the business men generally, and the unskilled artisans of Toronto, regard unrestricted reciprocity as a policy which would kill every industry in the city and produce an almost immediate financial panic. As Toronto thinks, lately, for the Conservative, while in 15 others it is almost a toss up, with this result from Ontario, Sir John Macdonald's endorsement is unquestionable. The Empire is practically borne out in this forecast by the fact that the present, which has worked hard against the Conservatives, it relies on the farmers, and even then tacitly acknowledges that the Government will be easily returned. The Globe, also, has come from the Conservatives, and the opinions of the Liberals who are out in the field may be guessed from the opening sentences of its leading editorial, to-day, which says: The Liberals may congratulate themselves upon having secured a present, and the Conservatives, and they say they are prepared to establish the accuracy of the newspaper account from notes taken by themselves.

DIABASIS TO THE CRISIS.

Reports coming in to-night from West Durham, Mr. Blake's old stronghold, say that the Conservative candidate, George T. Blackstock, will be returned by a considerable majority. The Conservatives are jubilant about this certain capture of an important seat. A great deal of attention is centered in the border constituencies where the Opposition have been working tirelessly. The accounts are favorably regarded by the Conservatives, and they say they will not lose any votes, while they may gain a number.

J. C. Patterson is safe in North Essex, where he is gaining favor, and probably will be returned by a considerable majority. Richard Cartwright made his strongest result on this constituency, whose chief town is Windsor, situated on the opposite side of the river from Detroit, which was supposed to be most favorable to the Dominion to the doctrine of unrestricted reciprocity. The manufacturers of Windsor and Walkerville have issued a manifesto, to-day, strongly denouncing the Opposition policy. North Grey, to North Perth and London, which were, in the latter part of last week, considered very close constituencies, are admitted to be safe for the Conservatives now. Local friction and a certain amount of canvass in the Opposition interest have failed to turn the arrows aside from the great issue of the campaign. The Grit cry is the fiercest, too, is getting weaker, and the only distance to which it is safe to indulge speculation in this regard is that but few votes will be changed either way. The town and villages are, however, turning many new votes over to the conservatives. The Opposition admit that in North Waterloo alone they have lost 175 old supporters

A LESSON ON LOYALTY.

The Paramount Issue of the Day Explained to the Electors of Parson's Bridge.

Col. Prior, Mr. Earle and Hon. Dr. Helmecken Make Stirring and Patriotic Speeches.

A well attended meeting was held at Parson's Bridge, last night, which was characterized by very great enthusiasm and earnestness. Mr. Thomas Atkinson having been called to the chair, called upon Col. Prior, who explained that owing to the shortness of the time before the election it was impossible for himself and Mr. Earle to visit the electors personally. The question at issue was whether there should be a maintenance of British connection, or Canada and British Columbia be handed over to the United States (no, no). He could not believe that the farmers and others of this section would be prepared to sever their British connection. He dwelt upon the fact that under unrestricted reciprocity Canada would be a mere dependency, a mere colony, a mere appendage to the United States. He said that there would be nothing but direct taxation for the maintenance of the public service. 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