

GRAND LIBERAL MEETING.

Opening of the Dominion Campaign in York.

WASS MEETING, CITY HALL.

A PUBLIC MEETING, under the auspices of the Federation Liberal Association, will be held in the CITY HALL, Fredericton, on the evening of...

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26th, Commencing at 8 o'clock.

Addresses will be delivered by Geo. F. Gregory, Liberal candidate for York, Dr. Alward, of St. John, Hon. Attorney Gen. Blair, Hon. F. P. Thompson, Mr. Wilson, M. P. P.

And Others. J. A. S. SIMONS, ALEX. HENCO, President York Co. Liberal Association, Secretary York Co. Liberal Association.

M. McCLELLAN, Secretary York Liberal Association, Z. R. EVERETT, President York Liberal Association.

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DOMINION ELECTIONS.

Nomination, Tuesday, Feb. 15 Polling, Tuesday, Feb. 22

Our Candidate for the Dominion Parliament, GEORGE F. GREGORY.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1897.

THE BURDEN OF DEBT.

A correspondent wishes to know what part of the public debt is borne by the County of York. The public debt was \$286,000,000 last March. Now supposing it has not increased since and putting the population of the Dominion at 4,500,000, it gives a debt per head of a little over \$63. The population of York County is about 32,000, which makes the proportion of the Canadian debt resting upon the people of this county ONE MILLION NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, and upon this debt the people of York county pay interest every year, and no person helps them. They pay the whole of it. Just think of it! \$1,920,000 on this constituency alone. Why if a candidate had proposed to the people of York county eight years ago that this tremendous burden should be assumed by this county he would have been driven from the constituency. Of this vast sum \$750,000 has been added during the last eight years, that is since the Tories came in. In that time a railway subsidy of \$3,200 for 35 miles has been granted to York county. This is every dollar that has been expended here except on ordinary revenue accounts. The account stands therefore as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Dominion of Canada, To the County of York, Dr. To amount borrowed since 1878 on the credit of York County, \$376,000. Cr. By \$3,200 a mile each mile of railway 144,000. Balance borrowed on the credit of York County and spent elsewhere \$423,000. But we might go even further and ask if the trustee of the case is not that for the whole of this vast sum of \$1,920,000, which rests upon the county of York, the people of this county have nothing to say except the Northern & Western Railway and a few miles of the Fredericton Branch. And yet there are men who presume to say that the Dominion government has done wonderful things for this constituency. The people of this constituency are paying over \$80,000 of interest on the public debt of Canada. Let electors think about that for a while. The municipal councilors labor to save a dollar here and a dollar there, and keep the taxes down to some five or six thousand dollars a year. But the Dominion government collects over \$80,000 to pay interest alone in this constituency. The correctness of these figures cannot be successfully gainsaid. They may be fogged and hazy about, but they will not alter the case. Any sums received in interest on investments go into the general revenue and do not lessen the amount collected for interest.

The first business meeting of the liberal party held on Wednesday night was very well attended. Great interest was shown and the meeting heard some very encouraging news from the parishes.

The Montreal Witness gives a conservative authority for the statement that the liberals will carry forty seats in Quebec.

THE ADVENT OF TUPPER.

We commend the following extract from the Toronto News, an independent paper and the principal representative of the labor party, to those who propose to support Tory candidates because of a belief in Sir John Macdonald's good luck, or great ability or whatever other quality, which renders him especially acceptable to them. The News says: "The first New Brunswick paper to point out that the election of a Tory majority at the ensuing election meant the advent of Tupper as premier. This idea has obtained a general acceptance and is strengthened by remarks which have appeared in well-informed Tory papers. In the extract given below we present for the first time that the 'independent' and 'labor' element takes the same view of the course of events and regards the result as alarming. The News says: 'There is little room for doubt that the result of the election, if favorable to the ministry, means the conferring of power for another parliamentary term, not upon Sir John, but upon Sir Tupper. Sir John Macdonald has aged rapidly of late. His physical strength is declining, and his mental powers are not what they used to be. He will be incapable of performing the actual duties of leadership, and even if there is no truth in the rumor that he is intending to resign, as soon as the immediate struggle is over, into the hands of Sir Tupper, his failing health will shortly make it absolutely necessary for him to give way to a younger and more vigorous leader. The election of the Dominion who will be exhorted to stand just once more by the old veterans, and whose sympathies and old associations will be appealed to on behalf of the victor, whose name is still a power to conjure with, should be a man best fitted to support the Dominion Ministry they are to be called upon to support. Sir John Tupper, not the former of Ontario Tories, but to a man whose name has become the synonym for corruption. Mr. Temple was about the municipal court room nearly all the time the council was in session. Why did he not come forward, man fashion and tell about the Fredericton railway subsidy business? Why when he knows the facts does he put the council to expense and trouble in ascertaining them? There can be no doubt as to the rights of the council to know what the facts are, or as to their duty to find them out. All that the committee proposed was to ascertain the facts. They should not suggest that any suit should be brought to recover the money. In five minutes Mr. Temple could have explained the whole business. Why did he not do so? And why did his friends at the council board stigmatize the proposed enquiry as 'an electioneering dodge' and insist on postponing it until after the election? The feeling against Mr. Foster is every day becoming more pronounced. His duplicity has turned many of his warmest friends against him. He has shamefully abused the trust committed to his care. He has been the ready tool of Sir John Macdonald, yet, notwithstanding that Sir John despises him. Let the people of Kings send to the commons a man whom they can trust, a man whose knowledge of public affairs would put that of Mr. Foster to shame; a man whose voice and pen have ever been used for the good of the county of Kings. Such a man they have in Mr. McCready, their liberal convention's choice. What can the workman think when he finds that the furnishing of his best room coats last by the furnishings of Sir Charles Tupper's bar in his London palace? To perpetuate this bar splendor for Mr. Temple. The Fredericton bridge stands a monument of praise to Attorney General Blair and his government. Few classes have been more benefited by it than the good farmers of York. Who exercised all their powers to put a damper on the work? The Tories of Fredericton, assisted by Mr. Temple. Now that liberal organization in York is well begun let our men seek to do his duty. Let there be no half-heartedness and let not the brightening prospects of a liberal victory in York cause our liberal friends to relax their efforts. Every effort must be put forth and victory will be sure. Who said, by his course in Parliament, that the industrial farmers and workmen of York should assist to maintain Sir Charles in his London splendor, and that if they wish for luxuries they must purchase them themselves? Mr. Temple. The people of this county are fast becoming tired of paying a large percentage of their earnings, to enable cabinet ministers to travel about in palace cars. The increase of the public debt in eight years has been \$80,140,000. The increase in the annual expenditure in the same period was \$15,673,815. Mr. Temple thus soliloquizes: 'Maine, my time and thoughts are mine and this after February, 22nd.' Let every elector in York reflect upon the debt of our Dominion—\$300,000,000, and ask himself how and by whom it was incurred. The sealing of the Dominion: 'Sir John is ripe for shaking.' Forest City School. Dear Sir—Your correspondent from this place was in error when he said that I had been engaged for 1897; as I have only hired for the first term of the year. Yours truly, N. W. Brown, Forest City, Jan. 18th, 1897. '49' is among the very best dramatic adaptations that has been in Fredericton for a long time.

THE LAST DEBENTURES.

Secretary Treasurer Wilson's Opinion on the Claim

Of the York County Agricultural Society

Against the Municipality of York on the Last Debentures.

The secretary treasurer acting in conjunction with the committee appointed to inquire into the claims of the York Agricultural Society, reported on Thursday the result of the investigation. As will be seen by reference to the report of the county council in another column, the municipality has agreed to pay over to the York Society the sum of \$1,500 to effect a settlement. The secretary treasurer's opinion on the claims is as follows: 'The county council of the municipality of York by resolution on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1886, at a special meeting called for that purpose, authorized and directed the secretary to issue debentures for the sum of \$1,500 which sum was to be appropriated to the paying of the debt due upon the exhibition palace erected by the York County Agricultural Society in the city of Fredericton which resolution is in the words following: 'Whereas, the president of the York County Agricultural Society upon submission to the council of the municipality of York of a proposition showing that the debt due upon the exhibition palace erected by the York County Agricultural Society in the city of Fredericton is in the words following: 'Whereas, the provincial government has accepted the same in their part and is ready to carry the same into effect or so soon as the county council of the municipality of York and the city council of the city of Fredericton do accept the law referred to and intend the debentures directed by the said law, then the treasurer of the York County Agricultural Society and the municipality of York in his possession and control the York County Agricultural Society will have the proof referred to in minutes of council dated the 15th day of May 1886. Therefore resolved, that the warden of the municipality of York is now directed to issue the debentures as by law directed for \$1,500 with interest. At the same session a committee was appointed to act with a committee of the city council in reference to the debt on the said exhibition palace and to examine all matters in regard thereto. During the January session of 1871 a resolution was passed and followed: 'Resolved, that the secretary treasurer give public notice that all debentures of debt by the county of the York County Agricultural Society are presented for payment immediately if not presented at once all interest to cease from this date. At the July session of 1871 the warden read a statement from Hon. J. A. Beckwith, holder of agricultural debentures Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, that he has lost the said debentures. 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