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Reform Nominations.

SOUTH VICTORIA.

Ontario Legislature Hon. S. C. Wood
House of Commons John Connolly
Recve of Ops.

NORTH VICTORIA.

House of Commons Jas. Maclennan, Q. C., Toronto.
Ontario Legislature James Dickson, F. L. S., Fenelon Falls.

Canadian Post.

LINDSAY, FRIDAY, MAR. 22, 1878.

NORTH AND SOUTH VICTORIA.

We heartily congratulate the Reform party of North and South Victoria upon the excellent nominations at the Conventions held Tuesday and Wednesday, upon the harmonious and enthusiastic spirit manifested to work "shoulder to shoulder" to secure success at the polls, and upon the quiet determination to go on patiently and thoroughly with necessary work of organization. So far everything promises well, and it only remains to carry on the work with the same ardour and vigour to secure the desired results.

In selecting Mr. James Maclennan as their standard-bearer the Reformers of North Victoria have made a fitting acknowledgment of the gallant manner in which he twice fought and won the battle against Mr. Cameron, and he will now have an opportunity of regaining the seat which he would have occupied to-day but for the eccentric ruling of one of our Judges. The feeling at the Convention in Mr. Maclennan's favour was very strong and general, and although there were naturally enough local aspirants these at once and cordially accepted the choice of the delegates and promised Mr. Maclennan their hearty support. As a representative Mr. Maclennan held a high position in the House, which at once recognized his ability and his personal good qualities, and we are confident he will once more carry the riding.

In Mr. James Dickson, the candidate for the Local Legislature, the electors will find a man of strong, practical common sense, who has been useful in municipal matters, has always taken an active and intelligent interest in political matters and who will in every sense make a worthy representative. A Provincial Land Surveyor, resident at the Falls, he is well known, particularly in the northern townships and along the Nipissing.

The nomination of Hon. Mr. Wood was mainly a matter of form, and he will be elected without much difficulty, though probably as before he may expect bitter and unscrupulous opposition. Mr. Wood is making an excellent reputation as Treasurer, and we have no doubt, as he is yet a young man comparatively, that he will long remain identified with our provincial finances, where, as our Toronto correspondent says in a letter printed elsewhere, he is the "right man in the right place."

The Common nomination for South Victoria was naturally an event of no little interest, as our Tory friends regard the riding as a "safe preserve" for the benefit of some U. E. Club nominee, should not the local magnates demand it for themselves, as was the case about the pic-nic period last summer. The Reform candidate, chosen unanimously in one of the largest and most harmonious conventions ever held here, is well known throughout the Riding as a man of sterling integrity. He has been Reeve of his township for many years and Warden of the county, and has filled many other offices of public trust to the general satisfaction. We trust the Reformers of South Victoria will give him a handsome majority and we believe they will be able to do so, for Mr. Connolly is an exceptionally strong candidate.

TAVERN LICENSE FEES.

We observe with regret that the reduction in tavern license fees petitioned for by the hotel-keepers has obtained the approval of the special committee to whom the petition was referred. The reasons given by the Committee for the step should have no weight whatever in dealing with this question, and when these reasons are examined their weakness is apparent. It is not argued that the licensees are ruinous or extortionate; but simply that "several other places" do not charge as much. The same argument might be used for an advance, for probably "several other places" charge more, though we have no information on this point. The practice of "other places" is no criterion unless we know the varying circumstances that governed in each case. Two or three Councils in other places may have been composed largely of sympathizers with or persons interested in the liquor traffic, and they would favor a reduction in the license-fees. Their example could be pointed to by other towns, and upon this fallacious process the reductions could go on to an unlimited extent; or until the opponents of low rates become aroused to the importance of the question and commenced a counter-movement. It is an undeniable fact that with scarcely a single exception all the misery, starvation and wretchedness in each town originate in drink; and the amounts expended in consequence in charity and in other ways surpass the revenue derived from licensing the traffic. On that ground alone the largest possible amount of revenue should be secured from the licenses; and there are other arguments so familiar and so forcible that we are somewhat surprised that some of the members of the committee supported the idea of a reduction. The next step may be to increase the number of taverns. The friends of temperance, the opponents of the liquor traffic, and all who care for the reputation of the town and the well-being of the community will do well to bring all their influence to bear upon the Council to prevent the final adoption of this measure, which is fraught with no good, and may be the precursor of acts that will facilitate excessive drinking.

MR. McQUADE ON CANNED AND POTTED MEAT IMPORTS.

From the *Globe's* report of the House of Commons proceedings on Wednesday week we learn—the *Mail's* report gives merely the first paragraph and entirely ignores the able speech of the hon. member—that—

Mr. McQUADE moved for a return of the value of meat, green, dried, cured, or potted, imported into Canada from the United States, and the duty collected thereon, from the 1st of January, 1877, to the 1st of January, 1878.

Mr. HIGGINBOTHAM suggested that the hon. gentleman should amend the motion so as to embrace the export.

Mr. McQUADE refused to do so, but said the hon. gentleman could put his suggestion in the shape of an amendment if he so chose.

The motion was carried.

Some doubts have been entertained as to Mr. McQuade's usefulness as a representative but now they will be cleared away by this return and by those remarks. There have been newspapers so forgetful of what is just as even to suggest that the member for South Victoria did not make his Voice heard on the floor of the House with sufficient power and frequency to make the world at large aware of the fact that there was such a constituency, but now we are confident such journalists will acknowledge that they have wronged a capable representative and will do all in their power to show that Mr. McQuade has earned the gratitude of a suffering and depressed country and that he is entitled to the renewed confidence of his supporters—the U. E. Club to the contrary notwithstanding. The motion demonstrates Mr. McQuade's practical ideas, and will probably form the basis of not a little electioneering eloquence. We shall have to postpone further comment till the return has been made; but in the meantime we must congratulate Mr. McQuade for having refused to amend his motion so as to show what Canada has exported in the green, dried, cured or potted meat line. Mr. Higginbotham should have seen that it is what we import that the country wants to know about, and that in Mr. McQuade's opinion the exports are not a factor in the problem at all. Some foolish people will contend that they are, and that an intelligent verdict cannot be formed until the other side is heard, but this is plainly a ridiculous idea.

The complete suppression of Mr. McQuade's speech by the *Mail* is ominous, and as an act entirely unjustifiable is exceeded only by the suppression in the weekly edition of that journal of the budget speech which should always be given in full—in order to make room for Dr. Tupper's long winded criticism thereof. This course is unfair, and is unworthy the organ of a great party and a great club. As far as South Victoria is concerned the omission is partly supplied by newspapers opposing the hon. member but desirous of letting him have fair play; and if the *Hansard* report shows that Mr. McQuade has spoken at greater length than the *Globe* has reported him we shall be happy, regardless of expense to publish again his utterances in extenso. The fact that the U. E. Club organ has in this way slighted our member shows that the breezes of that institution do not blow in his favour.

LITERARY NOTES.

THE "NEW DOMINION MONTHLY." (J. R. Dougall & Co., Montreal). The March number is received. It contains among others, the following articles: "The Future of Newfoundland" (part I), by James Whitman, B. A. "The Telephone," with three illustrations, "Early Canadian Reminiscences," "The British American Fisheries," "Skating," with 15 illustrations, and much useful matter in its domestic departments.

THE CANADIAN MONTHLY. (Hunter, Rose & Co., Toronto). We have received the March number of this magazine. It has the following list of contents:—"Such a Good Man," a capital serial story, by Walter Besant and James Rice; a poem entitled "Multum in Parvo;" "The Royal Navy;" "Opium Eating;" "The Loves of Alonzo Fitz Clarence and Rosannah Ethelton," a most amusing story by Mark Twain; a sonnet, "Shine Inward;" "The Spectroscope and its Lessons;" "Love and Pride," a poem; "A Modern Prosperpine," a London story; "Prof. Tyndall's Materialism;" "Margaret Fuller Ossoli;" "Russian Serfage;" and the interesting papers written "Round the Table;" "Current Events;" "Book Reviews;" and "Annals of Canada." The publishers promise in the April number the commencement of a new serial story, called "The Monks of Thelema," by Walter Besant and James Rice, the popular joint English authors. For sale at Porter's.

—Sir John Macdonald, when speaking at Simcoe some time ago, said there was nothing in the Pacific Scandal business that he would not do over again. He says the same thing now of all his other tricks and dodges. (St. Thomas Journal

EDITORIAL NOTES.

—The venerable old ladies in the Senate at Ottawa the busily passing a divorce bill so worded that the woman divorced may be free to marry "any other person or persons."

—Nova Scotia estimates a revenue of $631,827, and an expenditure of $676,050 for the current fiscal year. The New Brunswick receipts are put down at $592,000, and the expenditure at $686,829.

—A western paper has nominated the Venerable Beaty of the *Leader* to the peerage. We presume his title would be the Duke of York-Roads. We have in this section a noble Dooke—His Grace of Emily.

—We regret to learn by an item in the *Mail's* Ottawa despatches that Mr. Hector Cameron, M.P., has been confined to his rooms for some days with a severe ulcerated sore throat. We are glad to observe, however, that he is in a fair way to recovery and trust he will soon be full restored to sound health.

—A largely attended Reform Convention at Millbrook on Wednesday unanimously tendered the House of Commons nomination for East Durham to Mr. Lewis Ross, M.P., who accepted it by telegraph from Ottawa. Mr. Ross deserved the honour and reports go to show that he will carry the riding.

—Hon. Lewis Wallbridge has been appointed Tory candidate for West Hastings.....An excellent nomination has been made by the Reformers of South Lanark in the person of Mr. William Doran.....Mr. Boultbee has been nominated by the Tories for East York in the Commons. What other Tory convention can beat this?

—We submit that the venerable Senators will have to bring before the bar of the House for censure the wicked correspondent of the Hamilton *Times*, who in this disrespectful way alludes to a member of that dignified body:—"Senator Macpherson has again put on the notice paper a motion enquiring how the Government proposes to restore the equilibrium between the income and the expenditure. If the country could only part its hair in the middle like the Senator does, the thing might be done instanter."

The telegrams of the past two days show that the relations between England and Russia are still of the most delicate character, and although the dead-lock reported on Wednesday as to the method of dealing with the terms of the treaty appears to have been to some extent got over by Russia giving way a little, the peace prospects are by no means promising. Austria and Germany seem to be favouring Russia a little, and take the view that England would not be justified in going to war.

The *Warder* copies Mr. McQuade's "potted meat" motion made the other day in the House in order to show that he "is not altogether the silent member our local cotemporary endeavors to make out he is," but suppresses entirely the spirited speech our member made on that occasion,—and which will be found elsewhere in this issue of THE POST. It is perfectly well-known, of course, that in the interest of a certain Tory aspirant for office or parliamentary honours the *Warder* would like to "suppress" Mr. McQuade; but such sinister treatment is unfair in the highest degree. We have opposed Mr. McQuade in the past and will do so in the future, but we feel bound to show up the manner in which the *Warder* and the *Mail* are trying to sit upon him, probably because he does not wear an eye-glass or does not frequent the "clubs" with sufficient frequency and liberality.

—St. Thomas *Home Journal*:—"This, then, is the Conservative 'national policy,' a net designed to catch every fish in the sea. There is no unfairness in saying that the motive which inspired the amendment had more for its object the catching of votes than the good of the country. It is a policy which appeals to the selfishness of men, and if it be only successful in deluding a sufficient number to restore the Conservative party to power it will have accomplished all that the mover cares about. * * * The only effect of the Conservative 'national policy'—even if carried to its extreme length—would be to diminish international trade; and if every dollar's worth of manufactured goods consumed in Canada were of home production it would only give employment to an additional 22,000 men. What home market would these 22,000 men give us for the $12,000,000 of breadstuffs we are annually shipping to a foreign market? Let the farmers answer."

The Ottawa correspondent of the Hamilton *Times* reports that the U. E. Club have prepared the following "rough draft" of the new Tory Cabinet that is to be, and we should say it was rather "rough" on the member for North Victoria in view of the fact that he is supposed to wear the mantle of the late Hillyard Cameron:—"Dr. Tupper, Premier and Finance Minister; Mr. Palmer, Minister of Justice; Mr. Bunster, Minister of Public Works; Mr. Little, (South Simcoe), President of the Council; Mr. Pope (P. E. I.), Minister of Marine and Fisheries; Mr. Farrow, Minister of Agriculture; Mr. McCallum, Minister of the Interior; Mr. Masson, Minister of Customs; Mr. Wallace, Receiver-General—an office that is to be revived for his sake; Mr. Plumb, Secretary of State; Mr. Kirkpatrick, Postmaster General; Mr. Caron, Minister of Inland Revenue, and Mr. Bowell, Minister of Militia and Defence." We are further told that Sir John "is to be elevated to the Senate, which is to pass a resolution patching up his tattered political character, and being armed with it he is to go to England and demand to be sworn in as a Privy Councillor."

The correspondent "Peterboro" is still entertaining the people of that quiet burg by his disquisitions on the railway problem. His latest idea is to have the Midland beg, buy or "acquire" the section of the Cobourg Railway to Mud Lake, by which it could get the Bobcaygeon business by water more advantageously it is claimed than other roads, though it would not be in so good a position as the Victoria Railway is now. But the great point is that the Midland could extend this road to Bobcaygeon, and become complete masters of the situation as the whole of the business of all that part of the country would belong to it without competition. This bright genius's present plan for raising this money is to get from Peterboro', $20,000; from the Midland Company, $40,000; from Port Hope, $30,000, and the balance of $40,000 or $50,000 from Bobcaygeon, Verulam, &c. The correspondent is sanguine as to this plan except in one point, and that is Port Hope. It seems the people of that town, "so far as taking time by the forelock is concerned, appear to be content to sit down on a bag on the sidewalk, and whittle sticks with jack-knives—letting the outside world do as it likes."

SOUTH VICTORIA.

REFORM CONVENTION AT LINDSAY.

Unanimous nomination of Hon. S. C. Wood and Mr. John Connolly.

Probably the most successful and harmonious convention ever held in South Victoria took place Wednesday afternoon in the rooms of the Lindsay Reform Association, when candidates were nominated for the House of Commons and the Ontario Legislature. The attendance was large.

MR. J. F. CUNNINGS took the chair at the hour appointed, and explained the object of the convention.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Association were read and confirmed. The following delegates presented their credentials and took their seats:—

LINDSAY.—Jno. McLennan, D. J. McIntyre, E. Hopkins, J. Keith, Geo. H. Bertram, W. McBurney, H. O'Leary, W. McDonnell, jr., J. Deacon, J. Growden, P. G. Pilkie, R. Cahill.

OMEMEE.—Coplin Laidley, H. Cameron, substitute.

EMILY.—W. Best, W. S. Graham, Thos. Harrington, A. Ferdue, D. Scully.

BOBCAYGEON AND VERULAM.—Alex. Ellis, Jno. Stewart, S. McLelland, W. B. Read, Jno. Junkin, Alex. Robertson, P. N. Murdoch.

ORO.—A. Walker, I. W. Reid, Henry Mackay, James Farrell, Alex. Clarke, Thos. Ray, Jno. Connolly, W. Minty.

MARIPOSA, SOUTH.—W. King, Benjamin Foy, W. Mark, Henry Yerex, Jno. Parsons, Parsonas Allin, W. Parkinson, Jno. Mark, Jas. Mark, Thos. Broad, W. Cornish.

MARIPOSA, NORTH.—David King, D. Beacham, Harvey Rogers, Donald Campbell, Thos. Smith, Jno. Clarke, Geo. Douglass, N. McCorvie, W. Lownsbro, R. Adam.

EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE IN THE REFORM GOVERNMENTS.

Before proceeding to the nomination of candidates the following resolution was proposed by Mr. G. H. Bertram, seconded by Mr. T. Broad, and carried unanimously, the mover and seconder making brief speeches in support of the motion:—

"That this Convention beg to express its entire confidence in the manner in which the affairs of the Dominion and Province of Ontario are conducted by the Governments of the Hon. A. Mackenzie and that of the Hon. O. Mowat; and notwithstanding the Tory crisis through which the country has been and is passing, this Convention expresses its opinion that the Governments of the Dominion and Province of Ontario are conducting the public affairs with economy combined with efficiency."

AN OPINION OF THE OPPOSITION.

Mr. JOHN STEWART, of Verulam, proposed the following, which was seconded by Mr. GEORGE DOUGLASS, of Manilla, and carried:

"That this Convention would regard the return of the Conservative party to power, particularly under present circumstances, and under their present leaders as fraught with danger to the best interests of the country at large, and that the implied intention of the Conservative party to add largely to the import duties for the alleged purpose of fostering domestic manufactures already sufficiently protected by from 17½ to 30 per cent, would if carried out do serious injury to the agricultural and lumbering interests of the Dominion."

PLEDGE OF UNITED SUPPORT.

Mr. T. W. RAY moved, seconded by Mr. H. O'LEARY, that any candidate for nomination before this Convention shall pledge himself before the ballot is taken to support the nominee, and that the candidate receiving a majority of the votes of the delegates shall be declared to be the unanimous nominee, and that individually and collectively this Convention pledge themselves to use every legitimate means to secure the success of the candidates thus nominated.—Carried.

NOMINATION FOR THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

Mr. W. B. READ, Bobcaygeon, moved, seconded by Mr. W. BEST, of South Emily, that the Reformers of the South Riding of the County of Victoria view with entire satisfaction the course pursued by the Hon. S. C. Wood as their representative in the Legislative Assembly for the Province of Ontario, and take this opportunity of acknowledging the pride felt by the Reform party in having so able and honorable a representative in Parliament, and of tendering to him the nomination as the candidate of the party at the next general election for the Legislative Assembly, pledging ourselves to use all legitimate means in our power to ensure his election.

The resolution was supported in brief speeches by Messrs. Read, Best, Col. Beacon and others, and was carried unanimously and in the most enthusiastic manner.

NOMINATION FOR THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Mr. JOHN MCLENNAN moved, seconded by Mr. JOHN CLARKE, Mariposa:—

"That having confidence in John Connolly, of the Township of Ops, Esquire, as an old and trustworthy Reformer and as one who has been honorably connected for a great number of years with the municipal institutions of the County of Victoria, we take much pleasure in tendering him the nomination as the candidate in the reform interest at the next general election for the House of Commons of Canada and that we pledge ourselves to use all legitimate means in our power to ensure his election."

Mr. MCLENNAN in supporting the resolution which it gave him great pleasure to propose said there were two or three reasons why he had offered the motion to the convention. Mr. Connolly had fired in the manner in which he had discharged his representative duties, the confidence of the people of his own township and of Lindsay, and all felt that if elected he would do no discredit to the South Riding of Victoria. (Applause). There was another reason that gave him much pleasure in nominating Mr. Connolly and that was that he could say with confidence that they would be able to elect him. (Cheers.) That was an assertion which he would perhaps be somewhat diffident in making of any other man in the country with the exception of our long-tried member for the Local House. (Applause.) There was another reason why he nominated Mr. Connolly with pleasure, and that was that it would relieve him (Mr. McLennan) of a certain amount of "diplomatic" correspondence and labour (laughter) which he had had to carry on for some years past. He thought that if the Reformers of the riding sank their personal and local feelings and perhaps their denominational feelings—if there were any of those feelings—and to use a Scotch expression, stood shoulder to shoulder, they could undoubtedly with a "strong pull and a long pull" elect Mr. Connolly by a handsome majority. (Cheers).

Mr. JOHN CLARKE said he had seconded the nomination because he believed Mr. Connolly to be an honest, upright, honorable and liberal man. (Applause.) He had been acquainted with Mr. Connolly for a quarter of a century; he had sat with him in the County Council nearly twenty years, and during all that time he had always found Mr. Connolly to be a man who always did do the right thing. (Applause.) Judging from what he had seen of Mr. Connolly in the past he was quite willing to trust him in the future for he would undoubtedly be in the future what he had been in the past, and if so he was worthy the confidence of every elector in this House and in this riding. (Cheers.) It was true Mr. Connolly was a new man as far as Dominion Parliamentary affairs were concerned, but he was not a new man in our little Parliament that is held in Lindsay, and where he proved himself to be an honest and honorable man, and one who was thoroughly acquainted with municipal affairs, and who always did his work faithfully and well. (Applause.) He (Mr. Clarke) had given the matter of the nomination very serious consideration and he believed if there was not a more honest and upright man than Mr. Connolly, and therefore he had great pleasure in seconding the nomination. (Cheers.)

Mr. G. H. BERTRAM briefly expressed his gratification at the nomination, and his confidence that Mr. Connolly would be elected.

Mr. I. W. REID in a few remarks expressive of his pleasure at the nomination, said Mr. Connolly was one of those men who would not do a wrong thing to oblige a political friend or to oppose a political enemy. (Applause.)

Mr. D. J. MCINTYRE regarded the nomination with great satisfaction and urged the importance of every Reformer in the Riding voting for Mr. Connolly so as to give him not merely a majority, but a handsome majority. He should have heartily, undivided and enthusiastic Reform support, and he was confident this would be the case. (Cheers.)

Mr. H. O'LEARY added his testimony to all that had been said concerning Mr. Connolly, and felt confident as to his election.

Mr. W. BEST expressed his satisfaction at the hearty and enthusiastic manner in which Mr. Connolly had been chosen. He did not notice that there was any other candidate in opposition to him. He had heard Mr. Connolly's name before but had not had the pleasure of being acquainted with him. He now felt, however, that he was a man whom they could place the strongest confidence, and he hoped Mr. Connolly would be successful. (Applause.) The next thing was to set shoulder to shoulder in his support and see that the unanimous choice of such a convention as this should come out at the polls first best and not second best. (Cheers.)

The PRESIDENT, Mr. J. F. CUNNINGS, in putting the motion, expressed the high regard for Mr. Connolly and said he would do all in his power to put him elected. He felt he would not be doing his duty if he omitted taking every step he could to secure the election of the unanimous choice of this Convention. (Cheers.)

The motion was then adopted in the heartiest manner, and the candidates were called upon to address the Convention.

Hon. Mr. WOOD was received with cheers and delivered an effective address of some length. He expressed his gratitude for the honor that had been done him, and then enlarged upon the importance of united effort and thorough organization, and expressed his confidence in carrying both seats if the friends and supporters of the two candidates worked heartily and zealously together, as he had no doubt they would do. He alluded to the importance of carrying every constituency for the Commons, and pointed out the desperate efforts the Conservatives would make to secure again the reins of power.

Mr. CONNOLLY in a brief speech expressed his sense of the unexpected honour that had been conferred upon him and for which he was unprepared. He would, however, accept the trust imposed in him, and do his best to discharge the duties it required of him. He fully believed without boasting that if his friends and Mr. Woods' friends and the members of the Reform party worked heartily together, supporting each other, there would be no great difficulty in carrying the riding. He would say to his own friends—vote for Mr. Wood in preference to himself, for if he were to run and be defeated he could accept the result, but if through any negligence on the part of his (Mr. Connolly's) friends Mr. Wood were to be defeated he could not face the Reform party at any other time, if it could be thrown in his face that it was through his friends that S. C. Wood had been defeated. (Cheers).

TELEGRAM FROM THE PREMIER.

As soon as the nomination took place a telegram was sent to the Premier and the following reply was received:—

"PARLIAMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA, March 20, 1878.

"John F. Cunnings, President S. V. Reform Association.

"I congratulate you on your nominations for the House of Commons and Local Assembly. A continuance of today's harmony will no doubt secure the election of Connolly and Wood. Our prospects everywhere are all that could be desired.

"A. MACKENZIE."

BUSINESS MATTERS.

Mr. G. R. PATTULLO delivered an effective address, and several delegates spoke as to matters of organization, and after transacting business matters the Convention was brought to a close with hearty cheers for the Queen, for the two Premiers and for the candidates.

NORTH VICTORIA.

REFORM CONVENTION AT FENELON FALLS.

Nomination of Mr. James Maclennan, Q.C., for the Commons, and Mr. James Dickson for the Local House.

In accordance with public notice, as arranged at a previous meeting, a Reform Convention of delegates from the different municipalities was held in Scully's Hall, Fenelon Falls, on Tuesday last, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the House of Commons and Ontario Assembly. The attendance was large, there being an excellent representation, though a few were absent owing to the very bad state of the roads. The following delegates reported:

ELDON—Messrs. John Gunn, President, J. C. Gilchrist, W. Cameron, J. Jamieson, Donald Jackson. Not present—J. W. Falliott, R. Armstrong and Colin McMillan.

FENELON—M. Smitherim, W. Isaac, Jas. Walker, Joseph Eyres, R. Oxby, A. McArthur.

BEXLEY—E. Lytle, C. McInnis.

SOMERVILLE—Thos. Howie, W. Davey, W. S. Dowson.

FENELON FALLS—A. A. Macdonald, George Martin and Havilah Davis.

LUTTERWORTH, ANSON AND HINDEN—W. Hartle and Austin Hillyar.

MINDEN—D. McLarty, Jos. A. Young and Levi Munn.

DYSART—A. Niven and J. Young.

CARDIFF—S. Ritchie.

SNOWDEN—R. C. Garratt.

In the absence of Messrs. J. Belfry and J. Welch, delegates for Carden, through the bad roads, Messrs. C. McInnis and E. Lytle were allowed to represent Carden and Dalton; R. C. Garratt and A. Niven for Snowdon and Glanmorgan; John A. Barron for Laxton.

It was then resolved to proceed with the organization of an association for North Victoria, and on motion of Mr. E. LYTLE, seconded by R. C. GARRATT, Mr. Jas. Dickson was elected President. Mr. W. Fielding was appointed Secretary, and Mr. H. W. Green, Treasurer.

Nominations were then received as follows:—

For the House of Commons.

JAMES MACLENNAN, Q. C., by J. C. Gilchrist, Woodville, seconded by Thos. Howie, Somerville.

JOHN D. NAYLOR, by W. Isaac, seconded by M. Smitherim.

JAMES DICKSON, by W. Hartle, seconded by A. Hillyar.

For the Ontario Assembly.

JAMES DICKSON, of Fenelon Falls, by E. Lytle, seconded by J. Jamieson.

JAMES MACLENNAN, Q. C., by A. Niven, seconded by R. C. Garratt.

JOHN D. NAYLOR, by Jas. Walker, seconded by W. Isaac.

Mr. WALKER moved, seconded by Mr. Howie, that the candidate for either House receiving a majority of the votes of the delegates, be declared the nominee of this Convention and that his nomination be thereafter made unanimous, and that this convention individually and collectively pledge themselves to use every legitimate means to secure his election.—Carried.

Messrs. Naylor and Dickson, briefly addressed the convention. Mr. Maclennan was not present.

The balloting was proceeded with, Messrs. G. R. Pattullo and Chas. D. Bart being appointed scrutineers. The first ballot gave Mr. Maclennan 21 out of 27, and the nomination was at once made unanimous amidst the hearty applause of the Convention.

Ballots were then taken for the Local Legislature, and upon the first ballot Mr. Dickson got 29 out of 35, the vote of Haliburton delegates not in the Commons electoral division going to increase the number. The nomination of Mr. Dickson was at once made unanimous the delegates cheering him as he briefly made acknowledgments.

Mr. Dickson necessarily vacating his position as Chairman, Mr. John A. Barron was elected President of the Association, and briefly acknowledged the honour.

Some matters of organization were then discussed, and Mr. Pattullo addressed the Convention at some length in a very effective manner. The proceedings closed with votes of thanks and cheers for the Queen, Mr. Mackenzie and the nominees.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

—Typhus is reported to be raging in nearly all European Russia.

—It is rumoured in London that Dr. Newman is to be made a Cardinal.

—The East Indian budget shows a deficit of eleven millions sterling.

—Bishop Oxenden has announced his intention of resuming shortly his position as Metropolitan.

—The East Lancashire cotton manufacturers have given notice of a ten per cent. reduction in wages.

—Rev. T. V. Roy, the converted Brahmin priest, has been committed for trial at Hamilton on a charge of larceny.

—Gen. Sir William O'Grady Haley, Commander-in-Chief of the Forces, died at Halifax Tuesday evening of gout in the stomach.

—In addition to the butter factory to be established at Hagersville, a second one is to be erected in Dundee, and a third one in St. Jacobs.

—The St. Thomas *Journal* says: If the Hessian fly don't interfere, our next wheat crop promises to be the most abundant ever harvested in Canada.

—The men employed in the iron trade in the north of England are expected to agree to a reduction of seven and a half per cent., of which the masters have given notice.

—A Rome special says the Pope is preparing to occupy the Papal summer residence at Castel Gandolfo, a thirteen miles from Rome. This will put an end to the conventional captivity of the Pontiff. It is stated that Cardinal Franchi assured a distinguished foreigner the Pope wished for a "strong and united Italy. He only required the firm assurance of the complete freedom of the Holy See. Temporal power was not a dogma.

—The Tory sugar protection policy is a very simple one. It means that the people instead of getting ten or twelve pounds of sugar for a dollar shall be content with eight pounds for a dollar, in order that two or three sugar refiners in Halifax and Montreal may put fifty thousand dollars a year each in their pockets. That's what the Tories call legislating for the masses. There may be a way of encouraging sugar refining in Canada other than this, but the Tories have not discovered it.—(Hamilton Times.

ECHOES FROM THE CAPITAL.

AN EXCELLENT MEASURE.

The County of Perth is fortunate in having three out of its best members elected, suitable, practical legislators able to the waste of the country and enthusiastic in advancing needed improvements. Mr. Trow, one of the Commons members, has introduced a capital bill that will be appreciated by all railway travellers as well as by the public generally. The measure provides that all railway tickets shall be good until they are used, that to unlit the full trip paid for has been had; that no passenger on a railway shall be called upon to pay extra fare provided with a seat; that extra fare shall not be charged because of the failure of a passenger to purchase a ticket before entering the car; that passenger trains stopping at any station shall remain there for not less than three minutes; that to protect brakesmen from accident there shall be a railing around the top of each car, not less than a foot high, and bridges passing over railways shall be at least seven feet above the top of the cars; that any express company may require any railway to furnish proper facilities and accommodation for the transportation of goods in charge of such express company on trains, and such other facilities as may be required for the transaction of an express business on such railway, upon payment of reasonable rates of remuneration therefor, to be fixed by the railway company and approved of by the Governor-in-Council.

A GOOD JOKE ON MR. PALMER.

Some amusement has been caused by Mr. Palmer spending several hours reading the scriptures in the library before he spoke on the budget. It is said that Mr. Charlton having declared that even the teachings of the Divine Word were in favor of a free interchange of products between countries, Mr. Palmer referred to that Book to see if he could contradict the member for South Norfolk.

THE DIVISION ON SIR JOHN'S AMENDMENT.

YEAS.—Baby, Benoit, Blanchet, Bolduc, Beaubien, Bowell, Brooks, Brown, Bunster, Cameron, Caron, Cimon, Colby, Costigan, Coupal, Currier, Cuthbert, Daoust, DeCosmos, Desjardins, Dwedney, Donville, Donahue, Dugas, Farrow, Ferguson, Flesher, Fraser, Gibbs, (Ontario North), Gibbs (Ontario South), Gill, Haggart, Harwood, Hurteau, Jones (Leeds), Kirkpatrick, Langevin, Lauthier, Little, Macdonald (Cornwall), Macdonald (Kingston), McDonald (Cape Breton), McDougall (Three Rivers), McKay (Colchester), MacMillan, McCallum, McCarthy, McQuade, Masson, Methot, Monteith, Montplaisier, Mousseau, Orton, Ouimet, Palmer, Pinsonneault, Platt, Plumb, Pope (Compton), Pope (Queens, P.E.I.), Robillard, Robinson, Robtaille, Rochester, Roleau, Roy, Ryan, Schultz, Short, Stephenson, Thompson (Caribou), Tupper, Wade, Wallace (Norfolk), Wright (Ottawa), Wright (Pontiac).—77.

NAYS.—Appleby, Archibald, Aylmer, Bain, Barthe, Bechard, Bernier, Bertram, Biggar, Blain, Borden, Borron, Bourassa, Bowman, Boyer, Brouse, Buell Burk, Burpee (St. John), Burpee (Sunbury), Carmichael, Cartwright, Casey, Casgrain, Charlton, Cheval, Christie, Church, Cockburn, Coffin, Cook, Davies, Dawson, De St. Georges, DeVeber, Dymond, Ferris, Fleet, Fleming, Flynn, Forbes, Frechette, Galbraith, Geoffrion, Gibson, Gillies, Gillmor, Goudge, Greenway, Guthrie, Haddow, Ragar, Hall, Higginbotham, Holton, Horton, Huntington, Irving, Jette, Jones (Halifax), Kerr, Killam, Kirk, Laflamme, Lajole, Landerkin, Langlois, Laurier, Macdonald (Toronto), Macdonnell (Inverness), McDougall (Elgin), McDougall (Renfrew), MacKay (Cape Breton), McKenzie, McCraney, McGregor, McIntyre, McIsaac, McNab, Malouin, Metcalfe, Mills, Norris, Oliver, Paterson, Perry, Petite, Pickard, Pouliot, Power, Ray, Richard, Rocoe, Ross (Durham), Ross (Middlesex), Ross (Prince E. I.), Rymal, Scathered, Scriver, Shibley, Sinclair, Skinner, Smith, (Peel), Smith (Westmoreland), Snider, St. Jean, Taschereau, Thompson (Haldemand), Thompson (Welland), Trow, Wallace (Albert), Wood, Yeo, Young.—114.

The following is an analysis of the vote:—

Province.	For	Against.	Absent or Paired.
Ontario	29	36	3
Quebec	35	29	4
B. Columbia	3	1	2
P. E. Island	1	5	0
New Brunswick	3	10	3
Nova Scotia	4	16	1
Manitoba	2	0	2
Totals	77	114	15

The Speaker is counted as among the absentees, as he was in the chair.

THE OPPOSITION LEADERSHIP.

The well informed correspondent of the Stratford *Beacon* says the movement to secure a change of leaders of the Opposition has received a considerable impetus by the recent prolonged absence of Sir John A. Macdonald in the west. The object of this movement is to bring to the front, if possible, Mr. Tilley and Sir Alexander T. Galt, and to drop both Sir John A. Macdonald and Dr. Tupper. It is not professed that success in the attempt to bring this change, and to substitute for the present leaders, men of at least good personal character and public probity, would at the next general election secure the triumph of the Tory party. Those who favor the deposition of Sir John and Dr. Tupper, look rather to the results of a later period, and possible defections from the Liberal standard. They have no hope of returning to power with their present leaders, and they are fully alive to the fact that defeat at the next general election grimly means the dismemberment of the party, unless some such arrangement as they suggest is made. With Sir Alexander Galt they hope to win over a commercial vote which neither Dr. Tupper nor Sir John A. Macdonald can command, and Mr. Tilley, they think, would split up the temperance vote, which the personal habits of Sir John A. Macdonald, are doing as much as anything else to concentrate upon the other side. Now, it is tolerably well known that Sir Alexander Galt will never again enter any Government with Sir John A. Macdonald, and it is doubtful if Mr. Tilley could be induced to join his old colleagues either in opposition or in power. But those who are bent upon securing these men, even at the sacrifice of the Chieftain, are I think bound inevitably to succumb to the greater influence of the U. E. Club and the other similar influences which Sir John's convivial habits have secured him, and the Tory party will almost certainly face the electors on its present leader.

"CASUAL ADVANTAGES."

The other night Mr. Dymond raised a terrible breeze, remarks the Hamilton *Times'* correspondent, when he brought up the matter of Sir John permitting his brother-in-law, Col. Bernard, Deputy Minister of Justice—paid by the people to guard their interests—to take fees from private parties who had selfish legislation of their own before Parliament, and to revise and promote their Bills. He took a fee in 1868 of $500 from the Northern Railway to promote a bill which robbed of its priority a Government claim of one hundred thousand pounds sterling against the road and placed it in such a position that it has been entirely lost; yet Sir John with unblushing effrontery defended the act as a thoroughly proper one. As the sum of $500 is fearfully disproportionate to the service Col. Bernard rendered in recasting various clauses in the Bill, it may be assumed that the balance was a *quid pro quo* for something that even Tories are ashamed to put in writing or enter as items in the accounts. That Sir John himself was ashamed to give any details is proved by the fact that when in 1872 a return was asked for the Opposition it was not brought down until last year when Mr. Blake was in office. The year 1868, when the aforesaid Bill was passed, was the one when Mr. Angus Morrison, M. P., and John Beverly Robinson, M. P., squandered thousands of dollars of the Northern Railway Company's money here in giving champagne lunches, wine suppers, and in otherwise bribing and seducing members to sacrifice the interests of the country. Mr. Dymond made a r