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MR. BLAKE AT OAKWOOD AND LINDSAY.

Large audiences will no doubt welcome Hon. Mr. Blake to Oakwood this afternoon and to Lindsay this evening. The day before Christmas is not the most convenient, but Mr. Blake's engagements elsewhere would admit of no other date. Mr. Blake will arrive at Mariposa Station by the morning express from Toronto and will be met by a deputation of Mariposa farmers and escorted to Oakwood, where in the town hall at 1 30 he will give an address on the political questions of the day. Mr. Blake will reach Lindsay in good time for the meeting in the opera house at 7.30 p.m. to which the public are cordially invited. The people of all classes will be pleased to have an opportunity of hearing Mr. Blake.

PEACE AND GOOD WILL.

To-morrow and Sunday from many pulpits the old message of "Peace on earth and good will towards men" will be repeated, and everyone will exchange kindly congratulations and good wishes.

For two or three days more "the enemies of their country and their God," as Mr. Meredith aptly described most of his active political supporters, will from the platform and in the press, preach the gospel of distrust, suspicion and intolerance towards a great number of their fellow-christians upon two grounds—one of which is pronounced unreasonable by such men as Rev. Principal Caven, Rev. Principal Castle, Rev. Hugh Johnson, Rev. S. J. Hunter, Rev. E. H. Dewart, Rev. Principal Nelles, the Church of England Synod, the Hamilton Presbyterian Synod, and many others; and the other, if it does exist, ought to have been raised four years ago, but as a matter of fact it is foundationless, as any intelligent elector will perceive and admit.

The world fortunately is far better, more intelligent, enlightened and tolerant than these "enemies of their God" would have it; and we are confident the result on the 28th will confound them, and stand out as a triumph of liberal principles and ideas.

AN UNIMPEACHABLE RECORD.

It is a fact as singular in the annals of an opposition as it is creditable to the government that no substantial charge of any kind is brought against the Mowat administration in the present campaign. Their record for the past four years is unimpeachable. Some years ago there was a charge of extravagance in connection with some fence painting, and the province rang with the opposition outcry, but the people took no stock in it, and the government was triumphantly sustained. In this campaign the opposition critics do not attack the administration of public affairs, or the public expenditure, or any particular question or policy, except in a hazy, indefinite way, that practically admits that there is no ground of attack. The opposition tactics are devoted solely to questions of race and creed. Vigorous attempts have been made to stir up race and religious prejudices, and appeals have been made to long dormant passions with the hope of making political capital. Fortunately these tactics have had but very limited success; and it is not surprising that Mr. Meredith in the anguish of despair tries to hedge by denouncing the flaming "patriots" of his own party as "enemies to their country and their "God."

The point we desire to impress upon the electors of this county is that no fault is found with the general policy of the Mowat government. Mr. Mowat and his supporters are therefore entitled to a renewal of public confidence, to a renewed lease of power; and this renewal is to be given by voting at the polls for Mr. McIntyre and Mr. Bick. The main ground of opposition attack—the scripture lessons—has been satisfactorily disposed of by the several clergymen whose letters we have printed. The finishing stroke was given by Rev. Dr. Castle, Principal of the Baptist College last Saturday night at a public meeting in Toronto. His remarks are printed in another column. As for the separate school charges any elector of intelligence can see that there is nothing whatever in them. Those charges are brought up just now to eke out and give body to the "No Popery" cry.

MR. FELL AND MR. R. KENNEDY.

Mr. Fell, it is understood, denies the truthfulness of Mr. Robert Kennedy's assertion that at his Dunsford meeting Mr. Fell assured his audience that the law was different between a Protestant and Catholic tenant in so far as his school taxes are concerned. We prefer to accept Mr. Kennedy's statement, who heard Mr. Fell try to create prejudice by mis-stating the law. Mr. Fell may not have done so intentionally. His method of speaking is such as to make it difficult for him to know just what he does say; but that Mr. Kennedy is correct, no man but Mr. Fell will venture to deny.

REPUDIATED.

An incident of the liberal meeting at Quigley's school house was the decided way Mr. Fairbairn, reeve of Verulam, repudiated the Warder newspaper when driven into a corner by Mr. Barron. The latter gentleman when speaking read from the Warder of the 10th inst., its twenty-one allegations against the Catholics, and as he took up each one in turn he turned to Mr. Fairbairn and challenged him to speak out and say whether the Warder was stating what was true or not. At first Mr. Fairbairn declined to answer, but as allegation after allegation was proved by Mr. Barron from the statutes themselves to be positively false, Mr. Fairbairn finally stood up and honestly and fairly admitted that he could no longer justify the statements of the paper which he felt were untrue. The Mail repudiated. The Warder repudiated. What next.

NOT YET DENIED.

Mr. Cruess has not yet ventured to deny or satisfactorily explain the following declaration. *Toe the mark, Mr. Cruess,* and let the people know under which flag you are sailing:—

We, the undersigned electors of the riding of West Victoria, hereby certify that at a meeting of electors held at Grant's school house, in the township of Mariposa, on Saturday, the 11th day of December inst., John Cruess, a candidate for election to the legislative assembly for the province of Ontario, stated that he intended to vote with the Mowat government in the election of speaker; that he had no fault to find with the Mowat government; that he would give a general support to the Mowat government; and upon being asked if he would give a hearty support to the Mowat government, he answered that he would. He further stated that he was not nominated at a conservative convention as there were no delegates at the convention, but was composed of reformers and conservatives.

Dated this 15th December, 1886.

DONALD GRANT,
WM. CAMERON,
DONALD JACKSON,
P. McSWEYN,
JOHN McKAY, M.D.,
DONAL. CAMPBELL,
WM. McMORAN
JOHN D. SMITH,
DONALD R. McCRIMMON,
WM. D. McCRIMMON,
DOUGALD McDOUGALL.

THE ONTARIO SURPLUS.

As the reality of the Ontario surplus of over six millions claimed by the Mowat administration is disputed by the opposition speakers we subjoin a statement from the last budget speech of Mr. Ross, provincial treasurer, but omitting the odd cents. Mr. Ross's statement of assets and liabilities was not gainsayed in the house and cannot now be successfully attacked. Mr. Fell's attempt, as will be seen elsewhere, was not a success. The Little Britain people are claiming the $100 offered by Mr. Hudspeth in the meeting at that place:

Dominion bonds, worth		$550,000
Drainage debentures and drainage assessments		537,454
Dominion indebtedness to the province		2,848,289
Grammar and common school funds		1,205,970
W. C. building fund (18 sec., act 1884)		1,472,391
Land improvement fund		124,685
Ontario share of library		105,541
Other small debts due province		64,792
Balance in banks		227,894
		$7,134,966
Liability of the province owing to municipalities	$5,839	
Owing on account of school fund	363,069	
Total liabilities		$368,908
Total surplus		$6,766,058

The Rev. Hugh Johnston on the Scripture Selections.

[Continued from first page.]

and said that he was using it in family devotions. I was struck with the beauty, appropriateness, and range of the selections. But the great trouble is the book has the endorsement of Archbishop Lynch and the Roman Catholic clergy. Why don't we object to the doctrines of the Trinity, the Divinity of Christ, and the personality of the Holy Ghost because these also are endorsed by Roman Catholics? Let us have charity and fair dealing. I rejoice that two-thirds of the Roman Catholic children of Ontario are in our public schools and that they are growing up under the influence and teaching of bible truth. It is very well to champion Protestantism, but when we cry out against Roman Catholic dominancy do let us find something a little more rational than this scripture reader controversy, for in this all the churches must take their share of the odium along with the government and the minister of education. Party politics is getting pretty low when it has to trade on prejudice and religious antipathies. I never gave a vote in my life on party issues, but I do protest against the dragging of religious feuds into a question which ought to give the sincerest rejoicing to all parties—the extended reading of bible truth in all our public and high schools.

Mr. Wm. Cameron of Woodville and Mr. John Cruess.

[To the Editor of THE POST.]

SIR,—It has been reported to me by several friends present at a meeting held by Mr. Cruess and his friends that Mr. Cruess charges me with having said that I would not believe a word he would say, and that if I was a candidate myself I would lie. This is a gross misrepresentation. What I said and how I said it: When Mr. Cruess said at Grant's school house that he would give the Mowat government a hearty support and that he was not brought out by a conservative convention but by a meeting of conservatives and reformers. I said there and then to Mr. Cruess I promise that I could hardly believe that. Mr. Cruess then asked me "If I would not believe him?" I replied that as John Cruess I used to believe what he would tell me on the farm, but from the conversation he had made at the meeting I could hardly believe him. He said, "If you were in my place would you lie then?" I answered: "I did not know what I would, I was not in that place to think." Then though Mr. Cruess had made a hard speech that I said I would lie if I were a candidate for parliament honors. As it is very well known that Mr. Cruess was brought out by the conservative convention in Lindsay, and is so reported in the Warder, I gave him to understand as best he can the very plain and plausible interpretation of his speech. The people can judge for themselves who is lying and who is not.

Woodville, Dec. 21, 1886. WM. CAMERON.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Vote for Bick and vote early.

Vote for McIntyre and vote early.

Place your team at the disposal of the reform committees to convey voters for Bick or McIntyre.

Remember good organization and hard work during the next few days are all important. Victory or defeat may depend upon activity and efficiency in this respect.

Rev. Dr. Castle, the principal of the Baptist college, Toronto, has condemned the scripture readings agitation and spoken in the highest terms of the selections. The Ven. Archdeacon Boddy, a conservative, has given similar testimony.

The Norquay government have adopted the Ontario Scripture selections for the use of the Manitoba schools and the Protestant school board of the province, a majority of whom are conservatives, have expressed their unanimous approval.

A number of Mr. Fell's friends have been circulating a report that Hon. Mr. Pardee is a Roman Catholic. That is not true. He is a Protestant. The unscrupulous parties who have been so busy in this matter should devote their attention to Mr. Fell's religion. Why should it make any difference anyway even if Mr. Pardee were a Catholic? Why not raise the same cry against Sir John Macdonald's colleagues?

Mr. J. E. B. McCready, editor of the St. John Daily Telegraph, the leading paper of New Brunswick, has been nominated by the liberals of Kings Co. to oppose Hon. Prof. Foster. Mr. McCready is an able journalist and an excellent speaker, and is thoroughly versed in public affairs. As Prof. Foster got in by a fluke before as an "independent," a dodge he cannot try again, he will have more than his hands full to get elected another time.

John Shields says "Meredith will carry the province; that the grits are not "enthused," they are careless as in 1878, when Mackenzie was defeated. John's opinion is evidently warped by his hope of being "recouped" from the Ontario surplus—what what a time he would have—but his notion that the reformers are careless and indifferent ought to spur up any one who can put that cap on. We do not think it is the case.

The reduction of Mr. Norquay's majority of seventeen in the old Manitoba legislature to an uncertain four or five in the new, as the result of the general elections is another indication of the popular feeling against conservative misrule and alliance offensive and defensive with Sir John at Ottawa. Norquay has been particularly obsequious to the "chieftain," and his rule cannot last much longer. The strengthened opposition will soon turn him out.

A cable item says: "Without question the largest farm in England has been thrown on its owner's hands. It is in Lincolnshire, and consists of 2,700 acres. The tenant paid $5 per acre this year. A reduction of fifty per cent was made to him, but, finding that, although an experienced and energetic farmer, even at this reduction he could not make ends meet, he has thrown up his farm. That farmer ought to come to Ontario, and in a few years he would have a 3,000-acre farm of his own.

The Warder scores one against the Globe when it charges that paper with not yet publishing "the list of positions, ten in all, "offered us [the editor of the Warder] by "the grit government of Ontario." The Globe dassent do it! But we know now why Mowat neglected the boundary question, the streams bill, and the license question. He was hunting up offices for our cotem. and they were all refused; declined; rejected; spurned. No wonder our cotem. is a red hot tory. It would have stood the tory party well in hand if one of those offices had been accepted. It may not be too late yet! If they had only known——. But Mr. Mowat knows what's what; and knows who is doing good work for him in Victoria county.

Speaking of the appearance of the Hon. Edward Blake and Hon. Wilfred Laurier at Windsor, and the great popular demonstration in their favor at that place, the Detroit News, which must be regarded as an unprejudiced authority, says: "The speech of the evening was by the noted leader of the party, Edward Blake. His reputation as an orator and a public man drew a crowd such as is not often seen at a political meeting. Over two hundred women sat through the meeting, which lasted over three hours. The "Canadian Gladstone" was at his best, and his scathing arraignment of the Macdonald administration thrilled the audience from the moment he uttered the first sentence to the close. There were none of the claptrap arts of the ordinary stump speakers in his manner or in his speech, but every utterance showed the keen reasoning and persuasive logic of the trained lawyer, for Mr. Blake's reputation in his profession is as great as his political fame."

Referring to the letter of Mr. Geo. Graham of Mariposa in a recent issue of THE POST, the editor of the Warder professes to be in a position to prove that:—

(1.) Mr. Graham did not write or read the letter in THE POST to which his name was attached.

(2.) Or that he wrote or signed what he knew to be a plain up and down falsehood.

Mr. Graham did write, read and sign the letter in THE POST. As to whether it was a lie or not the people of Mariposa will prefer to take Mr. Graham's word before that of the editor of the Warder. Mr. Graham wanted to "toe the mark" with the Warder at the Oakwood meeting, when the latter referred to the matter, but the Warder wilted, showed the white feather, pleaded for some other time, and got out of it that way. If Mr. Graham could have had about three minutes the editor of the Warder would have felt as if he had gone through a clover mill.

Our esteemed local cotem. boasts in the Warder that he has "been offered more government situations than any two men in the province" and "refused them" as "they were not good enough to catch." In some of his speeches Mr. S. Hughes places the number of offices at seven or eight. So then all that Mowat and Archbishop Lynch have to do is to put on big enough bait and the gudgeon will catch on. That is his own admission. Mr. Mowat is perfectly entitled to have our cotem. working away in his present capacity, but we do verily believe that wily old fisherman, the Archbishop, will be disposed to put on more bait, and give him plenty more rope. It will be rare sport..... When a tory editor has had seven or eight offices offered him by the reform government it is not "a personal affair," but a great public question. The "Tem-section" appears to have been more highly favored in this respect than the "Jim-section." How or why was this? We call upon Mr. Mowat or G. W. Ross to explain!

The agony in Quebec is over. The Ross government have decided to meet the new house and a fresh defeat on the 28th Jan. next..... Will the Dominion elections be brought on at once?

Mr. Meredith at Cobourg had no difficulty in falsely charging the Globe with raising the religious cry; but when challenged on nomination day to condemn or denounce the Mail he refused point blank.

The W. C. T. U. of St. Andrew's and St. George's ward, Toronto, have decided to nominate Miss Harvie for school trustee. That is a step in the right direction. Why should not similar action be taken in Lindsay?

Rev. Hugh Johnston, one of the ablest and most eloquent Methodist ministers in Toronto, in the course of his sermon last Sunday morning, condemned the row over the scripture readings as senseless and dishonest.

The opinion is general that Europe is on the eve of a great war on the Eastern question. France is eager to attack Germany and this will no doubt encourage Russia to resort to hostilities in Bulgaria—when the spring opens.

Another victim of the fatal frog at Lennoxville on the Grand Trunk. Chas. Allen, a young switchman, caught his foot in the frog and the train backed down on him. Why does not parliament compel railways to adopt some other arrangement?

Sir John Macdonald boasted at Chatham the other day that he had voted for the Scott act, and if he had'nt voted for it "or had held up his little finger against it there would have been no Scott act counties to-day." This boast shows what Sir John thinks of the servility of his supporters. But if he had held up his little finger to the senate they would have passed the Scott act amendments and made the act more efficient and more respected.

The Blake-Laurier demonstration in Peterboro last Friday was a grand success. Eloquent addresses were made by Mr. Blake, Mr. Laurier and others to the largest and most enthusiastic gathering ever seen in the burg..... Mr. Stratton's prospects of carrying the riding are of the brightest. A great many conservatives admit that Mr. Carnegie's chances are slim. West Peterboro will, it is expected with confidence, count in Mr. Mowat's increased majority. So, too, will East Victoria, if our friends work with confidence and vigor, and we are glad to learn that they are doing so everywhere.

The Ottawa Free Press says: Ottawa conservatives have entered upon the Ontario general election campaign in a most commendable frame of mind. Several of them, with an eye to the main chance, have shrewdly made bets that the general majority of the Mowat administration will be increased. A Sparks street conservative merchant of a most pronounced stripe boasting that he made a large sum of money in 1883, by betting that Mr. Mowat's general majority would *be decreased*, says that he intends to make an equally large sum at this election. When asked "How?" he promptly replied, "By betting that Mr. Mowat's general majority will *be increased.*"

Rev. S. J. Hunter, the well-known and eloquent Methodist minister, now residing in Hamilton, writes to the Globe to correct the statement to the effect that he attended Mr. J. L. Hughes' meeting in that city for the purpose of replying to him. Rev. Dr. Hunter adds: "I do not mix myself up with party politics. Mr. Hughes touched upon many points with which I am not familiar. I am, however, entirely opposed to him on the question of the 'scripture readings for schools.' I know the history of the book. I have used it in my family ever since it was published, and use it still. For devotional purposes it is one of the best—if not best—book of selections with which I am acquainted. We ought to feel profoundly grateful to the minister of education for the part he has taken in this matter. Let the 'scripture readings' be kept in the schools by all means. The idea of it is the outcome of wise Protestant thought."

Ministers of the Church of England who have, like Revrs. Langtry, Dumoulin, Carry and others, joined in the cry against the scripture selections, have been routed and smitten hip and thigh by Hon. S. H. Blake, who in a speech at the liberal rally in Toronto on Saturday night, read from a report of the committee of the Synod of 1885 on religious instruction in public schools wherein the scripture selections were spoken of in the highest terms and the courtesy of the minister of education gratefully acknowledged. The committee was composed of thirty-nine members, and they report "with deep thankfulness to Almighty God "that a great onward step has been taken "in this matter by the government of the "province" by "the authorization of the "new volumes of scripture readings for "the high and public schools of Ontario." The following clauses are especially noteworthy:—"During the summer months your committee, in conjunction with the members of similar committees appointed by the Methodist and Presbyterian bodies met the minister of education at his request that opportunity might be given for a free discussion as to the best way of dealing with the matter. The meeting was singularly unanimous in its views. And your committee pressed for some relaxation of the regulations relegating all religious instruction by the clergy to some time beyond the ordinary school hours, and for the use by the teacher and pupils in each school of a carefully revised selection of scripture readings.

"Two members of the committee consented to aid in the final revision of the book of scripture readings, a task in which they were engaged for some days with representatives of other Christian bodies. Your committee desire to place on record the harmony and unity of feeling which marked throughout this labor of love, and they confidently commend to the church the volume now authorized, as a gratifying proof of the unity of action which has thus been shown to be possible in this matter, and which they trust may ever continue among Christians in this province with regard to this important and vital question."

No wonder that Mr. S. H. Blake was greeted with cheers and applause and excited laughter as he read and commented on this report.

—The barn of O. B. Spencer in the township of Hinchinbrook was destroyed by fire on Wednesday, with all its contents, including a team of horses. Loss heavy, partially covered by insurance.

John Dobson.

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JOHN DOBSON.

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JOHN KENNEDY.

Lindsay, Nov. 25, 1886.—23.