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### The Canadian Lost.

LINDSAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 1887. NO DOUBT AS TO HIS QUAL-IFICATION.

Those who vote for Mr. Needler next Wednesday can do so with the full confidence that their votes will not be thrown away. There is no doubt whatever as to Mr. Needler's qualification. He has not been hanging on to offices with remarkable tenacity, and rendering his parliamentary position doubtful. It needs no extensive quotations from the franchise act or elaborate arguments from the independence of parliament act to prove that Mr. Needler is not disqualified. He stands before the electors as a plain, common-sense, practical and highly respected citizen, in every respect worthy the confidence of his fellow citizens. We desire to say nothing against Mr. Hudspeth as a citizen, but as a lawyer, politician, candidate for parliament, and conservative office-holder his course has been inexcusable. As a lawyer actively engaged in politics he should be laughed out of court. The jury should-and we have no doubt will-find a verdict against him. A second election is made necessary by his blundering. The kindest thing that can be done under the circumstances is to leave Mr. Hudspeth at home. It would not be safe to trust him with the making of our laws. "There are too many lawyers there already." That is Mr. Hudspeth's own argument in the local contest; it is coming back to him as a fatal boomerang.

Send Mr. Needler to Ottawa, and this can be done if his friends and supporters show sufficient energy and activity.

Vote for Needler and honest Government. Vote for Needler and reduction

of the Railway Debt. "THERE AIN'T NUTHIN' TO IT.

Mr. Hudspeth's platform defence or explanation of his present awkward predicament is very lame. "There ain't nuthin' to it." to use Mr. Pope's famous expres sion. His appeals for sympathy are ridi culous and childish. Mr. Hudspeth knew, what nobobody else knew, that he had received money for his services as revisingofficer; he knew or ought to have known the letter as well as the spirit of the clause in the Independence of Parliament act determining his case, and when the point was raised he should have retired from the

Some tories are advancing the notion that the seat should have been claimed for Mr. Lownsbrough, and then the latter would have had it. That is all moonshins. Mr. Lownsbrough would never have been allowed into the house not this first session anyway; and not at all if by any fraud is the worst kind of fraud; equalled means it could have been helped.

Some conservatives say Mr. Hudspeth should be allowed to go in by acclamation. If Mr. Lownsbrough by any possibility had made a similar mistake would our conservatives friends have allowed him to go in. unopposed? Not much. To oppose Mr. Hudspeth on the present occasion is a public duty, more pressing than it was in the first instance; a duty to the country. to Mr. Blake, to the reform party and to the riding. It is poculiarly a duty to the riding more pressing than it was in the first instance, for Mr. Hadepoth has given a sition of conspicuous un for the position of representative and leg-islater. A lewmaker should know more of the laws, especially the law as to his own personal qualification.

THE MORTH VICTORIA PRO-

A protest has at length been entered blunder and enforced resignation. Proin the north would not be made if Mr. Hudspeth were allowed to go in by acclamation; but such offers were promptly and indignantly rejected.

There is no ground whatever for the won by hard work, by thorough organization, and by an able and vigorous discussion of the questions of the day, including Mr. Hector Cameron's position of M.P. and his particular claims on the riding.

made on Mr. Hudspeth it must not be forgotten that Mr. Barron is to be harassed serves another, and if Mr. Barron is to be harassed in the north, Mr. Hudspeth may as well be left at home in the south.

GOING TO PIECES.

The Norquay government is about wrecked by this time. That finishes the last of the local administrations subservient to Sir John Macdonald.

Nothing remains but the tory citadel at Ottawa. It is rapidly crumbling to pieces. The camp-followers are looking out for good offices. A great number have been quietly provided since the late contest; and many more will secure comfortable places within the next week or two.

The Mail's modest claim of 28 majority for the government is surpassed by more enthusiastic organs, but it is more than events will soon demonstrate. If it had not been for the dozen seats out of which the reformers were openly defrauded their big tory majority would have turned out a good deal like the big majority claimed for the Ross-Taillon ministry in Quebec, which grew small by degrees and beautifully less until the first division proved the soundness of Mr. Mercier's position. The Ottawa majority but for these frauds would not have been more than one figure, and a very small one at that; and even as it now stands the life of the government 'hangs by a thread" of the weakest kind. The factions that make up its forces cannot longer hold together; and the morning of a brighter day is soon to dawn on Canada when an honest and capable gov- the same authority, will have to pay for ernment will replace the present corrupt it. That is what we have for years con-20th go down on a reform victory in South

#### MR. FOSTER SPEAKS

Mr. Foster, the minister of marine and isheries, assisted at the opening of the campaign for Mr. Hudspeth last Thursday evening. Mr. Foster has had many vears training and experience in public speaking, and made an exceedingly adroit and plausible address. He professed a desire to be most fair and unpartisan; and vet was most unfair and partisan. He tried the device of maintaining that there was no practical difference between parties now-a-days. Forty years ago he admitted there was a difference between tory and a reformer. But he did not dwell on the noble struggles of reformers for the liberties we now enjoy; on the sacrifices of William Lyon Mackenzie, on the labors of Baldwin, on the hardshipsendured by Gourlay, on the work of the elder Blake and of George Brown; nor on the bitter opposition of the tory aligarchy of the day, on their tyranny and greed, on their zeal for coercion like their namesakes n England to-day. Reformers to-day under Edward Blake's leadership are engaged in a struggle not less momentous for the cause of popular freedom and na tional welfare: and they are sure to tri-

The effect of Mr. Foster's speech would have more than transient if he had not indulged in a few remarkable whoppers that shewed he had no regard for the intelligence of his audience or for his own reputation, and that he was bound to complete with Sir Charles Tupper for the honor of being the "great Canadian stretcher." When, for instance, in counting up the "assets" of the Dominion, putting down the canals and the Intercolonial railway at so many millions, he included the C.P.R. at sixty millions, in order to show a slight surplus over the public indebtedness he sank at once in the opinion of his audience to the place of reckless partisenship occupied by Mr. Thos. to whitewash him but that he preferred to White, whose doctrine of "political exigencies" in defence of lying has gained him an unenviable notoriety. The pious ful, would not prevent the exposures sure you to the best of my ability, irres only by the temperance fraud. Mr. Fester fills the bill in both cases where he is well-known, -as witness his course in con- suyway. The best plan is for the nection with the Scott act; but he was not so well-known in Lindsay but that he could have made a temporarily favorable impression if his true cha ed atterances. The electors quickly perceived Mr. Foster's sophistries and the few of making the electors view with deserved of 181. In no other rid

uding questions of the da

MR. BLAKE AND THE OPPOSI-

One of the tory speakers at the meeti against Mr. Barron in North Victoria. It last Thursday night resorted to the rather has been undertaken no deubt as a kind stale figment about Mr. Blake retiring of set-off for Mr. Hudspeth's singular from the leadership of the opposition in disgust. Many of the tory organs have posals were repeatedly made that a protest | abandoned the story, except when they wish to work off a venerable "chestnut." Mr. Blake, it is hardly necessary to state, is still a representative of the people; and the reform members will again undoubtedly elect him their leader, and leader of protest. Mr. Barron's large majority was the party. As a matter of fact that has already been done. It is quite safe to say that not a vote will be lost to Mr. Needler from any apprehension regarding the leadership; but not a few will be gained as a result of the special attention drawn While appeals for sympathy are being to the question by the tory sneers and insinuations. No party leader ever stood higher in the regard of his supporters and and harried in the north riding, and though of the people. Despite the gerrymander, the effort to deprive him of his well-earn- the John A. franchise iniquity and the eled honor will no doubt ignominiously fail ection frauds the power of Edward Blake his friends in the south riding—and they has been steadily increasing. "The floware many-should redouble their exertions | ing tide" is again with him in Canada, as to elect Mr. Needler. One good turn de- it is with Gladstone in the old country, though coercion bills may be passed and the Ottawa cabal may for a short time control the house. Vote for Edward Blake and William Needler on the 20th

Vote for Meedler and vote early. Vote for Needler, his noming. tion papers are correct.

The Toronto World says Mr. Hector Cameron is in Ottawa "looking stately

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mr. Cargill's majority in East Bruce was only 123. If the reformers had had only four days more they would have changed that majority into a minority nearly as

If Sir Charles Tupper has lost the Toconto Mail he has evidently secured the Toronto World which is now booming him with great industry and extraordinary superlatives.

The Warder says the public has learned by this time that it "is generally on the line in its statements." The intelligent compositor improved the italicised words. The editor wrote "on the lyin," not generally but always. That is the way the public look at it.

"Chapleauism," says the Toronto Mail 'isa mixture of chauvinism and boodleism.' and the Ontario taxpayer, according to cure all that is to turn out Chapleau and all his belongings. Vote for Needler and by one diminish the ministry's narrow and fraudulent majority.

The Warder makes a very broad insinuation when it charges the coroner in the recent fire inquest with failing to "enquire into the value of the building and to compare it with the insurance." Why not say in plain words that the owner of the block hired some one to apply the match? That would be more manly than to insinuate it as the Warder has done in a cow-

The Toronto World, now a gushing Tupper organ, depicts Sir Charles as not nerely "cutting down the estimates" with the pruning-knife but as slashing away at them with a broad-axe. Sir Charles going in for economy will be a rare spectacle. Can the leopard change his spots or the Ethiop his skin? What will become of the ten or twelve millions promised to the Nova Scotians?

The Warder says the "great constitutional lawyers" "are not yet all clear on 'the point" as to whether Mr. Hudspeth's eat was so doubtful. Then Mr. Hudspeth is still in a very doubtful position. and the best way is not to bother shout voting for him. Even if elected, which is very doubtful, he is very likely to have to resign again for no one can tell but what he will be again disqualified.

The Young Men's Reform Association of Lindsay is one of the largest and most successful in the province and from its nembership have come several of the best speakersand most active workers in the campaigns of the past winter. Their energy and public spirit are worthy cordial praise. The principles of the liberal party still retain their old attraction for young men, and draw many, as of yore, from the

Mr. Hudspeth's speakers say he could and that the Dominion government offered resign. "Whitewashing." if the new house would allow it. which is extremely doubtto some from an election trial-which of party. It is a mused-up and muddled-up affair

not be shown that by the Ontario redis-

ardly person who employs this wretched subterfuge to excuse his continued adher-ence to the Macdonald combination."

The Toronto Mail says: "There are altogether sixty-three lawyers in the new house of commons, a large increase over previous sessions. Merchants come next, with thirty-six representatives, farmers following with thirty-three. Six journalists have secured seats." Would it not be a good idea not to elect any more lawyers.

There is one singular point in the Warder's statements about the stolen ballots. When it was found that the ballots were not in Mr. McCweyn's box, the returning officer went to the Warder office where there was "a large quantity of ballots al-"ready printed." That was a very singular admission, and a very suspicious circumstance. Why should the Warder have a large supply of ballots already printed?
Was there a plot to stuff the ballot boxes if need be? This looks like it.

There is a good deal of sound common sense in the subjoined comments from the Montreal Star :- "The Mail is pursuing a crooked course, and one that cannot be conducive to the good of the Dominion. To keep on persistently sowing the seeds of jealousy, dislike and distrust among the people of Canada, can be productive of nothing but mischief. French Canadians and Anglo-Saxons must live together in this country. Nothing that the Mail may say or do can prevent that. It is evidently the interest of both races to live in peace and concord. They are, and, if the country is to prosper, must continue to be, mutually helpful. No possible good, but a great deal of harm, can come of their disliking and distrusting one another. Their only rivalry in every part of the Dominion, east, centre and west, is a rivalry in the arts of peace. We will not insult the English-speaking inhabi-tants of the Dominion by taking it for granted, as the Mail evidently does, that they fear their competitors, and that something is to be gained—it is hard to tell what—by traducing and disparaging them. English-speaking men have the best reason for feeling self-confident in the race of progress, and it is un-British as well as unmanly to treat a competitor with discourtesy. Besides, it should be the object of all patriotic Canadians to attach as little importance as possible to any distinctions of race and creed that may exist among them, and they should take an honest pride in the progress of every part of their country, and in the achievements of their countrymen, whatever may be their origin or their creed.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Alleged Stelen Ballots, [To the Editor of THE POST.] SIR,-The Warder last week, under the heading of Mr. McSweyn's letter, says that the returning efficer came to the Warder ballots in his office. Why did he print more than the returning officer required in the first place? How many more did he print and what occame of them? Rise and explain, Mr. Warder. OBSERVER.

A Query About the Jesuit Editor.

To the Editor of The Post. Str.,-It is generally believed the editor of one tory paper in Unterio is a Jesuit. Is the editor of the Lindsay tory organ also a Jesuit? He charges, in his last paper, that a Jesuit"laid the train" and "his creatures set the match." Now there is a pretty strong opinion as to who poured out the coal-oil and who laid the train! The peint is: Is the editor of the Warder a Jesuit of the kind he describes or is he simply "one of his creatures," meaning one of the Jesuit's creatures?

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