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The Canadian Post. LINDSAY, FRIDAY, OCT 19 1888.

DOMINION ELECTIONS IM-PENDING.

A rumor is current to the effect that Sir John Macdonald intends to spring a general election on the country before Christmas. If President Cleveland is re-elected there is good reason to expect that reciprocity would be offered; and Sir John does not want to face that issue squarely. It would surprise no one if an attempt were to be made this fall to get a snap-verdict. A good many conservative farmers would vote for restriction and lower prices for what they sell with higher prices for all they consume or use.

THE SCHOOL TRUSTEES DIS-QUALIFIED.

It is a somewhat entertaining spectacle that of nearly half the Lindsay school board unwittingly disqualifying themselves and thereby vacating their seats. Fortunately there has been no case of abuse of official position; nothing discreditable to the trustees has occurred; the transactions were all of a trifling importance, and the public have lost nothing. But there was in each case a clear violation of the statute, and there was no alternative, as is clearly and ably pointed out in Mr. Hopkins' opinion given to the board and printed on another page. A public service has been done, even though the movers have cut a much wider swath than they expected. Messrs. Cornell and Taylor, insurance agents, were aimed at by a rival agent; but Mr. Taylor had some time before sent in his resignation as there had been some doubt regarding an informality in his election. The amounts involved as benefiting Mr. Taylor or Mr. Cornell were trifling in importance, as was the case with the other members; but the principle is the same whether the amount is one dollar or one thousand dollars. The general enlightenment as to the strict provisions of the statute limiting the relations of trustees to the board will have a wholesome effect. The board and the interested trustees having promptly taken the proper action in the premises it is to be presumed, as no public interests have suffered, that the seats vacated will be filled by the re-election or re-appointment of the old trustees. We have heard it stated that an attempt may be made to defeat Mr. Cornell, but that feeling is, we believe, confined to a few parties, and if attempted on the present occasion it should not be successful. Re-election and re-appoint-

ment by acclamation would be reasonable under the circumstances, and would result to a considerable saving to the ratepayers. But if there is a public or general feeling that any or all of the trustees should be opposed by all means let the issue be decided at the polls.

We may state that the insurance were effected on the new building by the board at the request of Mr. McNeely, one of the contractors, as it was felt it could be done by the board more advantageously. The committee selected the best and one of the strongest companies. One of the "magnificent companies" spoken of by a rival agent is not an institution in which the board would be justified in placing an insurance. It may be added that further consideration shows that Mr. Taylor was not disqualified. He had not received premiums since his election. But he had sent in his resignation for another reason before the cases were raised.

THE ANNEXATION QUESTION.

Mr. Sol. White's bold declaration for annexation is naturally exciting great interest in the western part of the province, owing to his prominence as a tory politician and as a minister-expected in Mr. Meredith's "cabinet." Mr. White's annexation sentiments would not stand in his way to the treasury benches were Mr. Meredith to carry a vote of non-confidence in the house. On the contrary he would stand a better chance of becoming the titled member of the cabinet, judging from the experience of several illustrious tory knights. We think, however, Mr. White is sincere in his present bold and earnest advocacy of annexation, and that he is not building for a knighthood in the not distant future.

"Canadians do not want annexation—not as a body," remarks the Hamilton Times, "when an individual Canadian feels the spirit moving him, he buys a railway ticket and annexes himself." But suppose Canada were annexed to the United States, what would be the effect (1) upon Canadians, (2) upon the United States (3) upon Great Britain? The Times answers these questions in a fair and candid spirit; and concludes, "No, no; Canada does not want annexation, but if she had it, Britain, the United States and Canada would be all the better off for the change." Mr. White and the Times will have to be sent to Van Dieman's Land.

The New York Independent puts the case nicely and with more shrewdness than one would expect from a religious weekly. It says "Annexation is not the world. The United States can never annex Canada any more than Canada can annex the United States. . . . When the United States and Canada unite into one nation, it will be a consolidation of equal States under a government of the whole, and not a purchase of territory as in the case of Louisiana, Florida and Alaska, to remain long in territorial tutelage. These were cases of annexation; this will be one of union."

There is a happier solution of the problem than either Sherman or the Independent has proposed. We beg to submit it herewith and have it patented. It will settle the fisheries difficulty, the fish-can and peach-basket problems, the boundary and shipping in bond disputes, and enable the two countries to live ever after on terms of the warmest friendship.

Next session let some M.P. at Ottawa propose a resolution calling on the United States to cede back the original French Canada. The justice and reasonableness of this proposition will at once strike the democrats, who will no doubt be in power at Washington, if our plenipotentiary points out that Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota are all solid republican, while Indiana as a "doubtful" state could go with the lot. This would give the democrats a sure and solid lease of power for generations, and they could even afford to lose New York when the boys prove troublesome. They could also throw in Maine to round off things, provided they kept Blaine, whom we do not want and whose permanent presence on Canadian soil even the poor tail-twisted British lion might resent. This would be the biggest "gerrymander" on record; it would beat Sir John's exploit all hollow. Not only would the democrats get a solid hold of office; but with Ohio out of the union they could make rapid progress in civil service reform and the other states would have some show for the good things going. Unlimited reciprocity would of course prevail; and the two nations could work out side by side their two systems of government. We need not go further into details. The plan suggested is quite feasible. To show that we are in earnest we propose to send marked copies of this paper with this article to Cleveland, Bayard, Salisbury, Bismarck, Gladstone and Blaine.

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A CHANGE OF TUNE.

The tory organs who a few months ago were declaring war on the United States and asserting that Canada would never under any consideration baseely give the hated Yankees the privilege of shipping their fish in bond over our railway lines have apparently received orders from Ottawa to change their tune. The London Free Press leads off in this refreshing style: "Yet what has taken place may be made useful to us in Canada in this way: that it may cause us to inquire whether it is really worth our while to continue to contend that no American fishing vessel shall be permitted to come into a Canadian port so as to be able to ship the fish that its crew may have caught in the open waters, by means of the Canadian railways? Would it not be well that Canada should consent to waive that right under the treaty of 1818, and be willing under the altered conditions of things in respect of carriage by rail, to permit the American fishermen the privilege of making use of our lines for the purpose of forwarding their legitimate catch to the general market? We frankly confess that we would be in favor of such a concession. That it would be the evidence of that which we profess—that of being true friends as well as close neighbors to the American people. It is true that such a concession might be abused, and that under pretence of coming into our waters for the purpose of transmitting the fish to the general market some of the 'skippers' might, probably would, take the opportunity of poaching within the three-mile limit. True that might be the case. But at the same time it should be borne in mind that that contingency has been already taken into account in the fact that the offer has been made to waive that treaty-right if the U.S. government will consent to admit Canadian-caught fish into their markets free of duty. No doubt it would be a convenience if that were to be done. But, after all, seeing that the importation of fish caught in our waters is but in part only for local consumption and that the greater portion of it is re-exported, is the duty a matter of so much consequence to us to make it worth while to stand out for the full treaty-rights of 1818, when it is felt that such a position is very distasteful to our neighbors? No doubt the time has come to review the whole matter with the view of seeing whether we are not standing in our own light by continuing contentions which are more sentimental than practical in their character." Those reform journals which suggested the wisdom of keeping cool and settling the difficulty in time in a common sense way were branded as "diabloyal." They can now take their innings; and enjoy the confusion of the organs. In all probability the imperial government have instructed the premier at Ottawa to put a stopper on his "flippant jingoistic juniors" who were going to bombard New York with British iron-clads, at England's expense of course.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

In East Elgin Mr. Daunce, the reform candidate, was elected by 184. It is not safe to say that he led the opposition a pretty dance. He doubled the reform majority.

In Frontenac, a conservative stronghold with majorities running away up in the hundreds, the tory majority on Thursday died away to 45. Next time it will disappear altogether and be replaced by a handsome reform majority.

In the East Northumberland local contest last Thursday Dr. Willoughby was reported elected by sixteen. An error was made in a sub-division of Wooler, which instead of giving Willoughby nine gave Mallory seven; resulting in a tie. The returning officer gave the casting vote to Mr. Mallory, the reform candidate, who was accordingly declared elected. A recount may change the result or increase the majority.

The acme of disloyalty is reached by the Kingston News when it urges the people of that place to "cultivate in themselves" "a little of that restless American energy" which refuses to be shut up to one line of action. This is bad enough, but the treasonable design of the News is to get to people to grind more flour for shipment to England, thereby ruining the English miller. Base ingratitude as well as high treason, for the News wants the ruined English miller to plunge into a costly war with the Yankees about "a few Canadian cod."

The cable reports the London Spectator as observing that "the moment England discovers she is liable to perpetual war at the will of colonies which she cannot command she will let the colonies go. She will fight for honor, not for Canadian cod." This is simply saying bluntly what Mr. Smith, the government leader in the commons, said the other day in a more diplomatic way. It describes British diplomacy at Washington, and the Americans know it, and act accordingly.

The Hamilton Times notices favorably the essay of Mr. John Adams of Amble, side on sheep raising, and says Mr. Adams "could have strengthened his position by turning to the Dominion trade returns for the year ending 30th June, 1887—the last returns published. There he would have discovered that, even with the United States duties acting as a discouragement to the trade, the Dominion sheep raisers sent into the United States in that twelve months no fewer than 303,040 sheep, at a value of \$74,422. Of these animals, 272,428, valued at \$720,977, were sent to the Province of Ontario. With such a record, one is not astonished to find a shrewd farmer like Mr. Adams anxious to secure for himself and his fellow agriculturists the benefits of unrestricted trade with the United States—the freedom to buy as well as to sell where the best bargains can be obtained."

CREDIT SALES.

THURSDAY, Nov. 8.—By George McHugh, auctioneer, the valuable farm stock and implements of Mr. Theo. Ray, lot 15 in the 5th con. of Ops. Sale at 12 o'clock and without reserve.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 24.—By George McHugh, auctioneer, the valuable farm stock, implements and household furniture of Mr. W. D. Ope. Sale at 12 o'clock, and without reserve.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 7.—By Elias Bowen, auctioneer, the valuable farm stock, implements and household furniture of Mr. W. D. Ope. Sale at 12 o'clock, and without reserve.

TUESDAY, Oct. 23.—By John Anderson, 21 loty in the village of St. Catharines, splendid chance for investment. Sale to commence at one o'clock.

WILLIAMS.—On Sunday, 13th inst., the wife of R. Williams, V.S., Sunderland, of a son. At Lindsay, on the 10th inst., the wife of Mr. Alex. Macdonell, grain merchant, of a son.

MARRIED. KING—NEAL.—In the Manse, Cannington, by the Rev. J. E. MacLennan, on Oct. 13th, Mr. Wm. A. King of Mariposa, to Miss Jennie Neal of Lindsay.

DAVIS—CARLEY.—At the Baptist parsonage, Fenelon Falls, Oct. 10th, by the Rev. J. W. Kelly, Mr. Albert H. Davis, of Somerville to Miss Marion Carter of Ops.

WHEELER—MOSGROVE.—At the residence of the bride's brother, Kirkfield, October 10th, by Rev. L. Ferris, B.A., Miss S. Mosgrove (teacher) to Mr. Louis Wheeler of Kirkfield.

LAMB—WALKER.—At Bury's Green, on Wednesday, Oct. 17th, by Rev. Wm. Lechard, Mr. Wilson Lamb of Yorkville to Miss Bernice M. Walker, daughter of the late James Walker of Somerville.

DOWN—ENGLISH.—On the 18th inst., at the residence of the bride, by the Rev. Wm. Johnston, the Rev. Samuel Down, Methodist minister of Stouffville, Algoma, to Mrs. Catherine English of Onemace.

CAMPBELL—MCCUAIG.—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 17th inst., by Rev. Alex. Ross, M.A., Mr. Wm. H. Campbell, to Catherine, eldest daughter of Mr. Donald McCuaig, A. of the 7th con. of Eldon.

HALL—GREAVES.—On Wednesday, 10th Oct. inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. J. McDonald, Adam Hall, eldest son of William Hall of Fenelon, to Emma H., eldest daughter of Thomas Greaves, Rev. of Eldon.

DIED. McALPINE.—On Friday, 8th inst., in the township of Kirkfield, Malcolm McAlpine, father of Dr. McAlpine of Lindsay, aged 86 years.

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