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LINDSAY, FRIDAY, JAN. 10, 1800.

THE MUNICIPAL CONTEST.

The result of the annual election in Lindsay has some gratifying and some dissppointing features. There should have been a better choice of candidates before the ratepayers, but as it is the new counell ought to do fairly well and make a good record. There will be no one to waste valuable time by useless displays of demagogism and the repetition of groundless charges. Business can be conducted in a quiet, orderly and common sense way, and with just as much honesty and regard for the public welfare ss if there were two of three "watchdogs" around the table. Mr. Smyth will make, there is every reason to expect, a good, business-like mayor. He will no doubt devote himself to a careful and prudent administration of the town's sffairs. The funding of the debt, the supervision of the water works and the construction of the large drains will require attention. The election of Mr. Williams is gratifying under the circumtances. Mr. Fisher's experience, com mon sense and integrity will make him a valuable colleague of Mr. Williams in the county council. Mr. Lennon should be desirous of making a good record at the same place as well as at the town council board, with the view of remaining in municipal life. There must be a good sent the north ward- the stronghold of conservation. The principal object of our conservative friends seems to have been to get the strongest possible contingent to muster at Mr. Veitch's on the third Tuesday to take part in the election of a warden. That ceremony might be dispensed with if our worthy friend Veitch will simply give the name in a scaled envelepe. Or he might give three names making them good, better, best-for the benefit of the perplexed reeves. In the townships an unusual number

of elections by acclamation have taken place. Ops has given a deserved recogsition of the care and prudence of Reeve Hopkins and Dep. reeve Walker by returning them with the councillors without opposition. In Mariposa Dr. Froman stepped up to the first place-s well-carned promotion. He will make an excellent reeve and preciding officer. Mr. Blies Bowes's determination to retire will be regretted, as he was an estimable and popular representative. His long been varied or closed with the wardenship, but Mariposa has not had that honor for some years. It may fall to the lot of the benner township this year, however, and it would be a happy selection. The county council will have the benefit of the experience and ability of Mr. Robt. Adam, deputy reeve of Martpoon.

Adam will rank amongst the first coun cillors in the province in his knowledge of municipal matters and practical agaciry. Mr. Fairbairn returns from Verulam again with his excellent colleague. The other municipalities have made no changes. Their representatives were sonsidered well worthy of re-election.

"AN ENEMY TO BIS COUNTRY AND BIS GOD."

An interesting and somewhat entertaining correspondence has been going on for the past two weeks between Archbishop Cleary and Mr. W. R. Meredith, arising out of a disingenuous attempt on the part of the opposition eader to hold the archbishop responsible for some ill-advised sentiments expressed by a Kingston Roman Catholic paper to the effect that if the Roman Catholics of Ontario would combine they could hold the balance of power and dictate terms to the political parties. Mr. Meredith has made in the controversy a vigorous attempt to mount "the Protestant horse," but has been afraid to do so, and has at last somewhat ignominiously backed

lices must be most entertaining and edifying to the intelligent public who will not forget the active and prominent share he had a few years ago in the appeals to Irish Catholic electors to support the conervative opposition on the ground that they would receive better treatmentnore offices-from that party; and because reformers "were bitterly hostile" to everything Catholic and Irish. Mr. Mowat particularly was charged with hatred of Catholics. "Mr. Fraser," we were told in the Meredith-Bunting circular, "may be willing to trust the interests of his co-religionists to such a man,[that is, to Mr. Mowat], but the Catholics, and particularly the Irish Catholics of Cntario, will not. The Catholics of this province can never have confidence in Oliver Mowat. He has always been their enemy. How different the language of W. R. Meredith, the leader of the local opposition, the son of an Irish Protestant. This man comes of a liberal stock. His father bequeathed \$500 to the sisters of Mount Hope Orphan asylum, London. The son of such a man must have breathed an atmosphere of liberal opinions. W. R. Meredith in 1883 schoed similar words to those used by Sir John A. Macdonald in 1866. He said in his place in the local legislature in January of the present year: I recognize the right of the Catholics in this country to fair play. Any one who would adopt any other course was not a true Canadian. I recognize the right of the Catholic authorities to give their advice, and to make enquiry with respect to what books are used in our high schools in which the children might be taught ... Mr. Meredith would, if returned to power, take an Irish Catholic into his cabinet; Mr. Mowat wants no Irishman in his ministry."

That is very good for Mr. Meredith. He is now playing a different tune. After waiting timidly for the West Lambton verdict to see how equal rights or anti-Catholic appeals would take with the electorate he has simulated a certain amount of bravery in a fruitless effort to excite Protestant feeling and to create a general alarm at the dangers of Roman Catholic aggression. Mr. Meredith's emphatic declaration at Cobourg three years ago is still fresh in the public memory. He there declared that any one who tried to stir up race and religious passions and prejudices was "an enemy to his country and his God!" Judged by his own standard of three years ago Mr. Meredith must now be an "enemy to his country

The archbishop in his last letter proves more than a match for the opposition leader, especially on the question of his grace's responsibility for "the sentences of some unknown writer in a local newspaper," of which Mr. Meredith had insisted the archbishop in virtue of his episcopal jurisdiction should express his approval or disapproval. The archbishop shows that as a lawyer Mr. Meredith's case is "trebly lost;" and referring to the manner in which Mr. Meredith had publicly identified himself with Mr. Sol. White, one of his western tory lieutenants, calls upon the opposition leader to "purge himself and his many colored party from the suspicion of complicity" with Mr. Sol. White's late annexation manifesto. The archbishop in reply to Mr. Meredith's demand for a withdrawal approval of the Kingston Catholic paper's article or a modification of it, asks, Could a politician speak or write more distictly in favor of episcopal interference with the liberty of the press." The archbishop continues :-

and many more are under enevellance.

The Poronto and London presbyteries have nominated Rev. Dr. Lates of Dunder, for madesular at the next general assemble madesular at the next general assemble.

Mr. E. F. Clarke has been re-elected mayor of Toronto by a majority of 1,905. It was a very keen contest, and Mr. Clarke's majority was much larger than it vas expected to be.

another batch of Q.C's. The list is headed by Alfred Boultbee, the rejected of the East York tories. Several of Mr. Mowat's Q. C's are included, for which they will not be thankful. Mr. J. Bruce Smith of Calgary, late of Lindsay, Mr. D. Chisholm of P. rt Hope and Mr. John Burnham of Peter boro figure in the list.

The Ottawa Free Press says:-"Sir John Thompson and Sir John Macdonald stump ed Ontario in the interest of Mr. Meredith at the last provincial election. They trav. elled all over the province in the palace car Jamaica, appealing for votes for Sir Jehn's "lieutenant," and Sir Hector Langevin spoke in his favor in Ottawa. Do the federal ministers mean to take an equally active part in the approaching election for the Ontario assembly? Or has it been arranged that the Dominion ministers are to repudiate Mr. Meredith without being repudiated by that gentleman and his admirers? Have the tory leaders a no-Popery policy for Ontario and a pro Popery policy in Dominion polities." in Dominion politics."

The Brantford Expositor:-The Rev. Mr. Mr. Meredith's present attitude and his efforts to stir up anti-Catholic prejuers who reported on the French schools in Ontario, in a very moderate but outspoken paper in the last number of the Knox College Monthly, on the French schools, says: "The idea that the French are invading the province in overwhelming numbers in the east, west and north, and are taking possession of our schools and dispossessing the English, seems to be quite unwarranted by the facts of the case." He contradicts the statement which has been made that the priests discourage the teaching of English. On the contrary he says that they are anxious that the children should be taught English. He also gives it as his opinion that French immigration into Ontarionas about reached its

> The editor of the Whitby Chronicle seems to be ignorant of the well-known principle of law that in an action for criminal libel the burden of proving publication rests wholly with the complainant, and that the defendant is not only not called upon, but would not be allowed to give evidence. The law is very strict in criminal actions as to proof of publication, and very properly so. No person having due regard for an oath could swear positively that a paper of the 20th of May last was, for instance, the Toronto Mail, published by the Mail Printing Co., unless there was writing or other marks of identification on the particular copy so purchased. No person could honestly give the strict evidence required by law. Any person testifying in such a reckless way as the editor of the Chronicle indicates, should go to the Chicago courts and there he could ply a lucrative avocation. The Chronicle is not correct in stating that employees of THE Post refused to acknowledge the copies of THE Post produced in the police court. tively that a paper of the 20th of May last

Some paragraphs in the senior tory organ

convey the impression that Mr. James collector of statistics by the Mowat govern-McIntyre. No such appointment has been made by the government, nor has Mr. Mc. Intyre, or any other local reformer, kind. There is no question of "patronage" in connection with the matter, nor did local reformers know anything about it until some one "stuffed" the Warder. We understand some statistics have for some years been collected in response to a resolution of the Ontario trades congress, Great Loss of Profit is sure to follow. and in many cases persons connected with labor organizations or recommended by matter of little consequence if Mr. Smith has done his work well. If not the labor organizations and the press from the London Times to the senior tory organ can look after Mr. Smith.

OBITUARY.

Noison Moneily, Roove of Bexley. It is with deep serrow we have to re

cord the sudden death on Saturday last, of Nelson Heaslip, reeve of Bexley. Mr. Heaelip had been in poor health for two or three years, but he had been improving until about two weeks ago, when a cold stated. Mr. Heaelip was in the prime of and in the ordinary course of evente could fulness. Mr. Heastip came to Bexley from the Niegara district, and from his early took a prominent place in the affairs the death of the late Joseph Staples, M.P., he became reeve of the township, which piece he has filled ever since. He had the esteem and confidence of his fellow-members in a high degree and was twice eland conscientious in the discharge of his generally esteemed that he was frequently talked of as a candidate for parliamentary honors. The sunounc early death was received with protound regret, and the flags on public buildings and children the deepest sympathy will be feit. The funeral on Tuesday was one the largest ever seen in the county. It J. H. Harvey of Cobcook writes:

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