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THE ONTARIO ELECTIONS.

The writs for the general elections have been issued. The nominations are to take place on Thursday, May 24th, and the polling on Thursday, June 5th.

There are numerous indications that Mr. Mowat will be sustained by a majority as large as if not larger than the comfortable one of over twenty that he has enjoyed for the past four years.

This increase will, of course, according to Sir John Macdonald's familiar argument, come out of the pockets of the Canadian farmer. For this increase they are largely if not wholly indebted to the Ottawa government, and they should express their gratitude at the polls.

WEST VICTORIA.

The large attendance at the West Victoria reform convention last Saturday, the happy selection of a candidate, and the unanimity and enthusiasm displayed on all sides are most gratifying indications that the riding will be carried for the Mowat administration, on the 5th of June next.

Dr. McKay has been selected as the reform standard-bearer from a number of excellent candidates, and the nomination meets with general approval.

Our farmers want a telling illustration of the benefits and benefits of the policy of retaliation inaugurated and carried out with so much consistency and so much "Dutch courage" by our precious Ottawa ministers, they will find it in the subjoined list, giving an analysis of the McKinley tariff bill's agricultural schedule.

Table with columns: Existing Law, Proposed Law, Per Cent. Lists various agricultural products and their respective rates.

The reform nomination for Kingston was by a large and enthusiastic convention tendered to Mr. R. J. B. Fense, the able and energetic proprietor of the Kingston White. The honor was well deserved, and we regret that Mr. Fense's business interests, which extend outside his newspaper, prevented him from accepting the nomination.

A WORD FROM PRINCIPAL CAVEN.

Rev. Principal Caven has written a letter to the press on the "relations of the equal rights association to party" in which he comes down heavily on those intriguing Tory politicians who are endeavoring to turn the movement against the Mowat government.

The Tory tricksters have been conjuring with Principal Caven's venerated name, as well as with the equal rights movement, for the purpose of making capital against Mr. Mowat.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mr. A. F. Clarke of Essex Centre, a rising and clever barrister, is likely to be the choice of the reformers of South Essex to succeed Mr. Balfour.

Our Minden correspondent suggests Mr. Henry Hicks of Minden township as the ministerial candidate for East Victoria.

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Mr. C. H. Mackintosh, the Tory candidate, was elected for the commons in Ottawa, Saturday by a plurality of 808. The constituency is good for a ministerial majority of over a thousand.

The junior Tory organ vigorously opposes the Mowat government, but is far enough off to acknowledge the personal merits of the reform candidate for West Victoria in these terms: "Of Dr. John McKay of Woodville, the candidate chosen, the worst that can be said by his opponents is that he is the nominee of the orthodox party convention, and of the orthodox Mowat convention at that."

The Empire on Friday last in its commercial column said: "A letter was received from Washington to-day by an extensive barley operator here from what is considered good authority, the contents of which rather surprised the trade here. It was to the effect that the United States government were almost certain to adopt the recommendation of the tariff and put a duty of 30 cents per bushel on barley."

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