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THE SOUTH VICTORIA CAM. PAIGN.

We understand the Speaker of the Commons, having been notified of the vacancy for South Victoria by Mr. J. D. Edgar, M.P., and Mr. J. A. Barron, M.P., has issued his warrant to the clerk of the crown in c'ancery, by whom the writ is issued. The issuance of the writ by that individual will be determined by the exigencies of the tory party in the riding. It is said by some that polling may take place the first week in December, by others not until the middle or end of the month. The original intention of fushing on the contest has apparently been abandoned owing to the difficulties in the tory camp caused by the underhand action of the fandsay wire-pulling clique in the selection of a candidate. But for the clique there would have been a fair and square nomination at the first convention, and the contest would have been over by this time. But this contingency should not lead our reform friends to delay action or postpone necessary work. They should go into the campaign at once, so as to be prepared for any emergency. Delay may be dangerous.

The knock-down blow administered by the American farmers to McKinlevism. monopoly and anti-reciprocity is naturally exciting general interest among the farmers of South Victoria. No doubt a great many will feel moved thereby to consider their own interests more closely and to mark their ballots against John A. monopoly, Foster restriction, Colby antireciprocity, and Bowell retaliation. All these things combined to bring about the agricultural schedule of the McKinley bill; and it is for the farmers of South Victoria to express their opinions frankly on their bailots. If they are against reciprocity, if they prefer Fosterism, Mo-Kinleyism, retaliation and monopoly it is casy to mark their ballots for Fairbairn. On the other hand if they want reciprocity, freedom of trade and all its well known advantages it is easy to vote for

If the farmers want reciprocity they should vote for it, and in that way notify the government that they want it. Voting for Fairbairn will not help on the desired measure. The South Victoria election is the first opportunity the farmere of an Ontario constituency have had to express their opinions since the Mo-Kinley bill became of all-absorbing importance. A decided reciprocity intimation from South Victoria at this particular juncture could not fail to have considerable weight with the government. It would not materially affect their majority : but it would show the trend of public opinion. Reciprocity is easily within reach as one consequence of the grand victory for tariff reform and freedom of trade recorded in the States; but is will require similar action on the part of our farmers and artisans. If our farmers are antiched with the present state of things and do not want reciprocity they can be gratified by voting the old ticket every their own interests. That policy that conduces most to their welfare and prostheir barley when they might just as well enjoyment of that inestimable advantage. It is largely their look-out. If a farmer ming it down his throat. Let him figure it out for himself and vote

Kinley bill by our neighbors across the lineset their recent "November elections," has been farmeresweeping than was at first supposed. The republican majority in the house of representatives at Washington has been changed to a democratic majority of 150 or over, and this majority has been made by democratic gains in every state in which an election was held. No local disaffection or lethergy has caused the surprising result. It has been accomplished by a general uprising of the people gainst higher tariffs and arbitrary trade restrictions and in favor of tariff reform, freedom of trade and reciprocity. The democratic gains on this issue have been as large and significant in the West and North-west where the farmer vote is most influential, as in the New England States where the manufacturers eagerly demanded free raw materials from Canada. Not only was there effected this tremendous change in the composition of the lower house, but it is expected with confidence that the control of the senates which the republicans believed they had secured for years, will pass into the hands of the democrats in 1892, if not in March next. The democrate have carried a sufficient number of states to enable them to reduce the republican majority to two if not to a tie. The cause of tariff reform and of trade freedom as against the Mo-Kinley restriction will at any rate have a majority in the next senate, as three republican senators (from the West), it will be remembered, voted against the McKinley bill, and no doubt others will now see things more clearly. It is entertaining to peruse the reasons

for this popular uprising, as given by the high tariff organs on the other side and in Canada. The Empire says it is of no consequence. The organs of monopoly and high taxation need not hope longer to delude and mislead. The causes are plain enough to intelligent people on this side the line. "The main cause of the The Canadian 3051. "oyolone which has emptied seventy republican seats in congress," says the New York Evening Post, " is the wicked and unprincipled measure [the McKinley bill] which that party devised to pay ' the campaign debts of Quay and Wanamaker. The cash that was subscribed to elect Harrison was charged up to the 'American people in a gross, uncounted sum. It was to be collected by duties on tin plate, worsted cloth, carpet wool, pearl buttons, and a thousand other things that enter into the food and raiment of the people. Such a bill could ' never have been carried except as a tremendous majority. Will the people of cash transaction, so much for so much. writing, the republican party has lost all of New England except Maine and Vermont, It has lost New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Wisconsin, Kansas, and Nebraska, and probably Michigan, and Illinois and Montana. It has given the democrats a greater majority than has come about spontaneously, in the face of imbecility or indifference on the

> It would be superficial and unjust to scribe the political revolution of Tuesday week solely to the McKinley bill. No unimportant part in the democratic campaign was taken by Grover Cleveland in courageously leading his party forward to the battle ground on which it was destined to win a signal victory. His tariff reform message and his subsequent utterances forced the issue; and the McKinley-Reed-Quay high protection republicans supplied the fuel in their ill-fated measure. Mr. Cleveland may well express profound satisfaction at the result. He stands to-day the acknowledged leader of his party, and the probabilities of his being the democratic candidate for the presidency in 1802 have greatly increased. The main obstacle seems to be the enmity of Tammany. whose treachery lost him the presidency

part of the national democratic com-

The election is of surprising interest to Canada in that the terrible defeat of the republicans is a distinct condemnation of trade restriction. The American verdict to be complete must be supplemented by a popular declaration in Canada against trade restriction. The condemnation of high tariffs, monopolies, red parlorism, and tariff retaliation must be continental in its character. The farmers and artisans of the Dominion should follow the example of the farmers and artisans of the United States. The latter have learned by long and painful experience that the vaunted blessings of protection did not reach them; or, that if they enjoy any protection, ten cents worth of it costs them a dollar in purchasing what surprising that the American people rebelled, when to their heavy load was added the exacting Mckinley burthens. The farmers and artisans of this country have

taken by the editor of the Warder to cover the humiliation of the defeat and condem against Dr. Clarke ("Swipes") and in the other cases settled by apologies and pay-ment of costs. Instead of admitting in a manly way that his course in printing the "Swipes" letters was wrong and indefen-sible he declares that he would have won but for the blunders of his solicitor in preparing the case. He has been taught that to slander the living is expensive: but he feels he can slander the dead with impunity. The Warder's attack on the Hudepeth is, we are assured, as unjust as it is base and cowardly. The pleadings were no doubt drawn up from the inetruc tions of Mr. Hughes, and these, like the Warder editorials, were full of quibbles, falsehoods and innender Even if there hem. But nothing was done for the imple reason that the defendants had no ase whatever other than to hope for the inability of the complainant to establish he identity of Dr. Clark and "Swipes," This was done in a way that satisfied everybody. When the sworn testimony of Mr. Hughes as to the identity of "Swipes" is contrasted with the admissions in the Warder article on this point a painful impression must be created. It was not our intention to refer to this

matter again, but we cannot allow the Warder's baseness in slandering the dead to go uncondemned. The unrepentant and vindictive Warder in a cunning way avers that the "Swipes" slanders for which that writer was severely punished, were true and could have been proven true. This is base and cowardly but the party slandered is well able to defend himself, and the Warder ought to be taken into court again and compelled once more to apologize and pay costs.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Why are not the writs for South Victoria issued? The delay is unnecessary. Let the documents be issued and let us have a fair and square contest of a month or so.

The Fenelon Falls Gazette in an article on the South Victoria candidate says: "Not a soul that we have heard discussing the political probabilities doubts that Mr. Lownsbrough will be elected." That's about the size of it.

If the Canadian liberals watch the United States republicans these days they will be able to appreciate how they them-selves look to others after a Canadian government appeals to the country. [Montreal Gazetie.]

The Gazette is astray in its comparison. The United States republicans went in for a higher tariff, trade restriction, retaliation, anti-reciprocity and a force bill similar to the John A. franchise bill. The people everywhere on the first opportunity after the passing of the McKinley bill rose up in condemnation and gave the democrats a Canada do as much for themselves and tory restrictionists? If the farmers and artisans of Canada are alive to their own Jindsay. June 28th. 1898.-07

'nterests, they will give the tary restriction and high tariff policy as fatal a blow as the American farmers and artisans have given the republican high tarif anti-reciprocity

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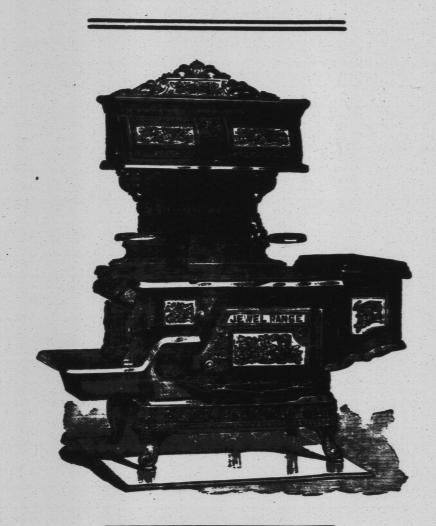
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