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#### The Victoria Warder

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1889,

SOUTH VICTORIA.

The large and representative character of the Liberal Conservative convention hold in this town on Saturday, as well as the good feeling and harmonious on a constituency that did not desire his workings of the several candidates has expensive services but certain gentlemen put a considerable damper on the spirits in Fencion Falls, thanks to the Post's of the South Victoria Reformers. It had report, are shown to be equally traitors to been known for some time that Mr. D. J. Mointyre was not the strong candidate son's course in making himself the tool of they had fondly supposed, and his election was accordingly extremely probled a tacit manner to bring this dishonor on metical unless the Conservative candie his party is highly censurable, as also dates could be so worked up one towards that of Mr. McDonald, Mr. Keith and another that their differences could not others in assisting him. As was plainly he healed in time. Almost hoping shown by this same report the scheme had against hope they have waited and now all been arranged beforehand, and Mr. and a gentleman nominated of whom any S. C. Wood was put up solely to carry constituency might feel prend and every the convention in favor of Mr. Peck, notcandidate openly pledged to support and withstanding his notorious reputation aid him in his election in every legitic and the evident dislike of the convention. mate way. To assist in making a breach He admitted this man's dishenesty, he as much as possible great sympathy had admitted his trickery, and he admitted been expressed for "the old man" as Mr. | that the "Mail, THE WARDER and other McQuade was called, and crosodile tears local papers " would tell some ugly truths freely indulged in lest he should not get a of Peck, yet he wanted him nomin-" fair show " at the convention. It has ated and stated that it was his "impresall ended in nothing, however, and desc sion" that if they gave Peck a manimous pits their crosodile tears Mr. McQuade nomination he would run, which was acc as soon as the convention had made its cordingly done, Mr. S. C. Wood could choice came forward and asked that Mr. not have killed off so effectually and in Fairbairn's nomination be made mane such short order all other aspirants had Imous and every one in that convention | not many of the local wirepullers been in pledge himself to do everything possible collusion with him and quietly prepared to assist Mr. Fairbairn's election, as he the way. It would be interesting to then and there pledged himself to do.

In Mr. Kairbairn the Conservative party and especially the farmers of the county olique, and what recompence they are have a candidate who will be an honor and assistance to them. Mr. Fairbairn, like themselves, is a farmer and a very piring candidates, Mr. Gould and Mr. ancountry one, and for many years has Inc. A. Barron ! Like Mr. Dickson and one county council. Combined with a S. C. Wood first take a walk up the side.

them all, has always stood by them and done his best for them in every election, Not one farmer in the county we are some fident will dony Mr. Fairbairn that asalstance he has rendered each and every one of their candidates, but each man will begin new and work faithfully for his election and semuch as possible for the total annihilation of that bane of our orliamentary eyetem—the Assacherous is se neming legal politician. THE N. V. CONVENTION.

The North Victoria convention recently ciently indicrous one would suppose with- county. out picking out the most unprincipled ndividual in the riding, and spologizing for and condening his former rescality. Then, to one all, their own party journal "gives them all away " just as they think they have things fixed nicely, and besides showing up their little game in the convention says plainly that whatever Reformers may do it will not support a public defaulter and a dishonest man-

This is certainly an edifying spectacle for a Reform journal to present of its party, and is especially flattering to the Grit wirepullers of the north. Even Mr. M. C. Wood, who, on going out of politics would be supposed to have some desire to go our with the respect of his party boldly lent himself to this fraud on the intelligence of the northern people and menly condened the "little mistakes" by which Mr. S. S. Pook managed to put \$2,500 of his county's money into his own pocket and takes good care to keep it there. What do the Reformers of that riding think of their party leaders when they will atoop to such factics as these to aid in the election of what every intelligent man knows to be a defaulter, and who, had he the chance would as like as not do the same again ! When Mr. S. C. Wood and other Reformers of the county so far forget themselves as to champion this man's cause and compel the electors to nominate him whether they desire or not Reform principles must be reaching a low obb indeed, and the sconer Mr. S. C. Wood and certain members of the Lindsay tricksters are out of politics the better for the credit of the county and the better for the Reform party.

But not only was the Lindsay clique to blame for this faisting of Mr. S. S. Peck the principles of their party. Mr. Dickthe Lindsay elique and assisting them in know what prompted these gentlemen to sell their party interests to a Lindsay likely to receive therefor,

Then, again, what about the two asbeen one of the leading representatives in Mr. Niven on a former occasion, did Mr. wast fund of general information on all walk with Mr. Gould and promise him public and political matters he brings something and then come back and walk with him great knowledge of our munic Mr. Barron up the sidewalk the same way cital system and the varied interests of and promise to make him a county at-Canadian farmers, which contrasts more torney somewhere or a stipendiary magisthan favorably with the limited knowe trate of Haliburton if he would step out of ledge on any subject of his lawyer op the way of Peck's nomination ! There must panent, Mr. Melatyre. Nor has his have been some peculiar game up when public reputation been stained by the Mr. Barron was made to nominate the dirty tricks or base treachery which has man who a short time before he was been lake to the charge of Mr. McIntyre | prosecuting for the county of Hallburton by assisting personal friends to office at as a public defaulter and as a generally he expense of those who are really en- wicked person, and surely nothing short titled to it, merely because they were fare of a county attorneyship could induce sters. Mr. Fairbairn, we are proud to Mr. Barron after doing this to mournfully. say, is not ashamed of his farmer friends | cry out in the convention that Mr. Peck and will be found supporting them what- had not done anything criminally wrong. ever may be the bribes or blandishments Still more strange does it appear when upon political friends when least exoffered him by scheming and unscruput their own party journal gets huffed and in pected and without any provocation give lone politicians. Can Mr. McIntyre say a fit of spleen gives them all away and them away to the enemy. But our conrefuses any more to have anything to do temporary has always been erratic. In It is scarcely necessary for us to ask with them. Did Mr. Wood forget to fact during all the long years of Mr. the farmers of South Victoria to give all promise the Post something when he was Wood's parliamentary service one looks in their support to Mr. Fairbairn in the smoothing down the ruffled feelings of vain for meaner stabs dealt him anywhere election so soon coming on. Had we Mr. J. A. Barron, Mr. Dickson and all than are to be found in this so-called Remore farmers in our Provincial Legisla. other "politicians" as the local president form sheet, and that at a time, too, ture and less lawyers the public business modestly termed himself, or has that when he would naturally took for support would be transacted much more satisface estimable journal come to its senses at and assistance to repel somewhat the just torily and it is wellknown with much less last and renounced for all time the tac- attacks of the Conservative press. And expense. The professional politician, ties of Griticism in general and the "pre- as it has been all through so it was last too lazy to go to work like a man, the datory instincts " of Mr. S. S. Peck in week at Fenelon Falls. Because the tricky lawyer, making laws only to bene particular I At all events it is to be Lindsay clique could not carry sufficient fit himself and swindle the farmer out of hoped the electors will note these facts sway to nominate Mr. J. A. Birron then his hard-sarned money, and also the graspe and when the proper time comes see that it was resolved to "give away" the whole ing lumberman would then have to give no have clique can tempt them to return way to honest legislation and equal to Parliament a man who acknowledges rights to alle Let every man do his boat himself to be a public defaulter, an unfor Mr. Pairbairn; he is a farmer with sornpulous and dishonest representative, and a base and lying political trickster.

In consequence of the searcity of school achool inspectors of the eastern counties of Ontario at a meeting last week decided to petition the Provincial Government to lower the standard for third-class certificates. It is thought that if this were done the number of sufficiently qualified teachers would be largely increased without any great deterioration of the teaching. teachers in the back townships the

EDITORIAL NOTES.

PETERSORO Review :- Mr. Charles held at Fencion Falls, according to the Fairbairn, reeve of Verniam, and at one Post's report, was one of the most strange time a resident of Smith, has received farces that a party of same men would be and accepted the Conservative nomination thought likely to take part in. To call for South Victoria. Mr. Fairbairn is one together a body of the electors for the of Victoria's most enterprising farmers, purpose of nominating a candidate who has been reeve of Verulam for a number had already received and accepted it from of years, and has occupied the chair with the wirepullers of the party was suffic credit to himself and satisfaction to the

Mr. Wood at Fenelon Falls in speaking of Peck's defalcation said :-

"We all make mistakes. He himself had made mistakes, many of them, in fact. He had made a celebrated trip that had cost \$5,000, but it would have been a cruel and unlikely thing if people had turned and voted against him on that

But Mr. Wood took good care not to try the vote of the people on this "celebrated trip."

So it appears Mr. Wm. Brokenshire is the only Reformer at the late north convention who had the manliness to state plainly his disapprobation at the turn affairs had taken, and the insult offered the electors in asking them to vote for the election of a man they all knew to be a public defaulter. The Reform convention, it is plain to see, cannot pull the wool over his eyes, or compel him to do what he knows to be a wrong to the

SAYS the Peterboro Review :- Mr. S. C. Wood, at the North Victoria convention, "urged the delegates not to be drawn away from the strict path of duty in supporting Mr. Peck by any allusions charges about any mistake he had made," What a difference it does make with some people whose ox is gored. Mr Peck's little transactions are of no consequence because he supports Mr. Mowat, while Mr. Hooper's were crimes because he supported Sir John McDonald. Such is Grit consistency.

THE Mail :- Mr. S. S. Peck has accepted the Reform nomination for North Victoria. One of the Reform papers says " he is a strong and popular candidate, and the Reformers are confident of redeeming the constituency." Another Reform paper, the Lindsay Post, states that there is an unfortunate hitch in Mr. Peck's accounts with the county of Haliburton, of which he was treasurer. Of course, the Reformers know what makes a "strong" and "popular" Neform can-

MR. Woop at Fenelon Falls :-

"When they heard the charges against Mr. Peck they could answer them partly in this way :- did they ever have a better representative ? "

This all depends on the way things are looked at. If Mr. Wood meant a representative who could get away with the largest amount of public money in a given time then we must confess Peck can take the cake. But perhaps Mr. Wood, thinking of a certain statute, meant a representative of something else; if so we again confess to Peck, especially if the county of Haliburton looks after him

Will some kind friend please assist Mr. MoIntyre to find out what he is a candidate for and what he is to reform provided he gets himself elected? And any one who can write a speech or give him an idea what he had better say will he suitably rewarded. Mr. McIntyre it is claimed, is and has always been a great friend to Mr. O. McKibbon, perhaps that gentleman would not mind giving Mr. MoIntyre a little assistance in the speech making line. For instance, the farmers of Ope and Mariposa might like to hear something regarding certain welves in sheep's clothing and a local division court appointment and how nearly the hungry pack gobbled it up when Mr. S. C. Wood stepped in at the very last moment and saved it for the proper parties. This would take well for in the country and the town to for that matter, during the long winter evenings nothing is so thrile ling as a good and absolutely true wolf

We do not know that it is any of our business if the Post sees fit to abuse or ridicule old politicial friends and supporters in its peculiar periodical fits, but we doubt if in all the many vagaries of Reform newspapers anything could be found more amusing or that places the Reform party in such a ridiculous light as its issue of last week. One would think a Reform journal would be inclined to render aid to its party rather than turn convention and the decision arrived at that if one of their own kidney could not get the nomination then no one else should have the seat. While it is to be sincerely hoped Peck may be defeated in the interests of honesty and morality it cannot be said that the Post and its clique are actuated by any worthy motive in

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