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The Victoria Warder FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1884.

THE WARDENSHIP.

We take pleasure in saying that Mr. Smithson was unanimously re-elected warden of Victoria at the meeting of the county council yesterday. This will be more pleasing to his many friends owing to the means resorted to to defeat him in the first place and the unequalled and unnecessary obstruction thrown in his way of reelection. However, the matter is finally settled now and he is again warden of 1884, and it is only due to the council to say that judging by the tremendously large vote given him he can be assured of an honest and unswerving support from all.

THE TORONTO CONSPIRATORS.

During the past week herculean efforts have been put forth by the Mowat ring and its followers to bring out something startling concerning the late bribery case, yet so far with decidedly unsatisfactory results judging from their standpoint. It was confidently expected that "the arch fiend" as Mr. McIntyre politely calls Sir John would know something about it, but it appears he does not, neither can any one be found willing enough and wicked enough to criminate either the Dominion Government or even the leaders of the Conservative Opposition of Ontario.

A vast amount of evidence has been taken and much valuable time consumed in working up a case, but beyond the effort of Kirkland to buy up the Ontario Government and the extreme willingness of many Grit members to be purchased or as they delight in calling it "approached," nothing has so far been elicited in favor of the Reform party. Much, however, has been found against them, more especially in the records of McKim and D'Wing, of Henfrey, and which cannot fail to brand them as most unprincipled and corrupt men in the eyes of the province, let their friends endeavor to bolster up their reputations as they may.

What the ultimate outcome of the affair will be cannot yet be guessed, but that it will rebound very much to the discredit of the pure Reform party is little doubted by those who are supposed to know. It was made too much of by them in the first place; a mere simple business matter between an American lumber dealer and some Grit members was exaggerated into a conspiracy to buy up the whole country, and many startling developments were promised but which have never yet appeared. Now, instead of a Conservative bribery plot the public find it was a mere game of impudent Grit members to pluck an American piece, and attempted as deliberately and with as much system as though they were a band of common highwaymen laying for him in a ditch. They find even that instead of Kirkland and his associates being detained in custody it is really their associates who should be under lock and key to answer to the charge of obtaining money by fraud.

WOODVILLE INCORPORATION.

It will be doubt be a surprise to many of our readers to learn that there is a little sheet published in Woodville, an erratic little sheet and oft-times a very naughty one. Not that it causes any great trouble or anxiety to any one; but in its frequent capricious moods it generally makes a fool of itself and its readers or admirers so far as a silly newspaper can. It even goes so far sometimes as to tell little fibes and some a good spanking in many ways not necessary here to mention. Its latest exploit is to stand up and call THE WARDER names because it dare show up the little game Mr. McIntyre and his Reform friends of Woodville sought to play on the county for Mr. McIntyre's special benefit, and which if we mistake not was subsequently abandoned by pressure brought to bear upon them through our efforts rather than the better frame of mind Mr. McIntyre would have his friends believe came over him at the last moment. However, since the game was abandoned and Woodville has at last been fairly treated it makes little difference as to what was or was not Mr. McIntyre's object, the fact of his having tried the scheme and failed is quite sufficient to show what he would do if he had the power.

The "gratuitous insult to the people of Woodville," which the obscure sheet so gleats over estate only in its imagination. Unlike it we know something of the views of the majority of the Woodville people; we could see the game it and its little Grit clique sought to foist upon the village and did not hesitate to crush it. And so we will always do whenever such games are played, wherever they may be. We know perfectly well we shall bring down on our devoted heads the wrath of Grit newspapers and writers and they will call us more names than we "could shake a stick at," but conspirators must be punished even though they reside in Woodville, and the uneasy squeaks of the Advocate are heard in the distance.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The question that is agitating our mind now, is, whether Kirkland's effort to buy up the impunctious McKim, was any more disgraceful than that truly good firm Mowat & Co's effort to buy up an impunctious newspaper during the Algoma election. It is pitch and toss between them.

There are whisperings of a strike along the line of the G. T. R. if the reduction of wages proposed by the company is insisted upon. It is sincerely hoped that the difference which at present exist between the company and its employees will be amicably adjusted, as a suspension of railway traffic at this season of the year would entail incalculable loss and confusion.

The county of Haliburton has at last succeeded in getting rid of the sheriff and all executions are satisfied. The people will now get along better, and are once more in a position to "pay as they go." It has taken them a long time and caused some anxiety to rid themselves of the consequences of Peck, but happily they have succeeded at last. All that is required now is the amount due the county from this pestiferous individual.

While our Reform friends are busy sniffing out corruption would it not be as well to see what they can find out regarding friend Peck? Some account of his doings has already been asked for, but so far no inquiry has been instituted. Did they put him with the others they now have and pursue the same searching course we will guarantee they will find enough iniquity in him to do for the whole. In fact did they trace the history of this man as they are doing Kirkland he could escape with nothing short of being "sent up," if not for trial possibly for something worse.

The Peterboro Review is speaking of the Grit conspiracy for obtaining money says:—Amidst all the conflicting accounts of the Mowat conspiracy to invite bribery, there seems to be a very general agreement upon one point, namely, that Mr. McKim was the leading spirit in all the corrupt proceeding. By his own confession he took a bribe to sell his vote and signed a paper for the double purpose of binding the bargain and setting as a decoy for other members as well as himself. By the confession of his following conspirators it was he who induced them to apply for bribes and acted as the master of the ceremony. Mr. Kirkland avers that Mr. McKim constantly reported his progress in inducing Reform members to join them and persistently demanded payment for his services. Mr. Meek shows that it was McKim who ordered a bond to confirm the bargain, and as in his custom is still in debt for it. Mr. Bunting shows how Mr. McKim came to him and solicited a bribe from him. However much these accounts differ in other respects they all agree in portraying Mr. McKim as the foremost in selling his vote, as the foremost in corrupting other members, and as the foremost in carrying out the plot of Mr. Mowat and his colleagues to involve Conservatives into some complicity that might be used politically. And this man it must be remembered is bankrupt both in purse and reputation, is disgraced even from sitting as a township councillor or appointing pathmaster. Even the wages

of his season have been impounded by defrauded creditors. And this man is a member of our Legislature and is Mr. Mowat's instrument in this disgraceful conspiracy. Probably we will next hear of him as being appointed stipendiary magistrate by Attorney-General Mowat.

Mr. McKim says in his evidence that as long as 1869 an attempt was made to bribe him with the registration of Wellington. The Government of that day was a coalition one composed of three Reformers and three Conservatives. It is evident, therefore, that attempts to bribe with registrations are not peculiar to either party in politics.

Now that the Lindsay law students composing the Liberal Association have settled so decidedly the conspiracy question perhaps they would favor us with their opinion on the McKim garnishee business. Is the money received by McKim for bribery his property or does it belong to the creditors who garnished him? And what is their opinion as to the probability of the Hamilton creditors receiving the sum due them in any case? Lastly, does Mr. McKim ever pay anything? The nation—we might say the world—awaits in breathless silence their answer.

The Scott Act has been a good thing for the druggists in Halton. They do a thriving business in prescriptions of which whiskey is the sole ingredient. The returns required by the law of all liquor sold by the druggists, in Oakville alone, cover over thirty five pages of foolscap, and if we may judge from the quantity of liquor for which physicians' orders were given Halton must be one of the unhealthiest counties on earth. Some of the orders are perpetual; that is, the prescriptions are to be made up until the order is recalled. Liquor is sometimes used for medicinal purposes, but there must be dreadful diseases in Halton to require so much as is used.

Mr. D. J. McIntyre in giving his valued opinion of the Kirkland conspiracy is reported to have said that "while execrating the members of the Opposition of the charge which might exist in the minds of some, he must hold that men who are cognizant of the manner of canvassing in Muskoka and North Victoria must share the responsibility." This is grand superb, as the Frenchman would say, but why did he not include South Victoria? Surely he would not countenance such rascality as buying up the whole country, or rather trying to do so, by railway tickets? Or is it this a little too near home, especially when he knows this was the only thing that elected him?

The severe snow storms that have so frequently occurred this winter militated greatly against the taking out of lumber in the shanties on the upper Ottawa. The storms have been almost unprecedented in their severity. All communication between the isolated parts up north and the settlements and villages has been for long periods altogether cut off. Jobbers and others have experienced the greatest difficulty in forwarding supplies to the scene of operations. One or two shanties have been broken up. The total output will not be, it is generally estimated, as large as last season. Danger is apprehended from the high water that will likely follow the thawing season.

The Hamilton Spectator says:—The Ontario Government endeavors in every possible way to keep information respecting the public accounts from the Opposition and the people. The necessities of their position require concealment. Nevertheless scraps of information come to light occasionally, much to their discomfort. A scandalous fact was revealed on Friday. The Government is just now trying to make a little cheap capital by pretending to be opposed to immigration. A writer was employed to prepare a pamphlet inviting people to Canada, but it was undesirable to let the people know that anything of the sort had been done; and the sum paid for the service was fraudulently charged to another account.

The attorney-general was waited upon last week by a deputation from the Women's christian association of Belleville, who asked for a Government grant of \$6,000 for the purpose of aiding in the erection of a general hospital in that city. The sum of \$17,000 was required for the purpose mentioned, and this could be collected if the Government would grant \$6,000, as they had \$2,000 on hand, a promise of \$2,000 from the G. T. R., and a legacy of \$1,000, promises from the county and city of \$2,000 each, and \$3,000 could be raised by subscription. Mr. Mowat favored the project, saying that he looked upon the hospital as a necessity, but there were difficulties in the way. He would, however, lay the matter before his colleagues.

The friends of Mr. S. S. Peck at Minden a few days ago presented him with a new phat as an acknowledgment as they pretend of his valued services while treasurer of the county. He certainly did his best for the county if getting away with all superfluous cash belonging to it can be called assistance, thereby saving much anxiety and vexation in its endeavor to invest it easily. But to give him a phat for such "valued services" as this looks very much as though a defauling treasurer were rather a position to be proud of in this country, and our old-fashioned ideas of honesty and uprightness were fast fading away. It will now be in order for the county of Haliburton to "garnish" this phat for the unpaid judgment of Judge Dean in their favor after the manner of Mr. McKim's \$1,000 so recently placed in the hands of the Speaker.

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It is now stated that a judge of one of the superior courts and two county court judges, will be appointed a commission to enquire in the case of attempted bribery of members of the Legislature.

Messrs. Kirkland and Wilkinson, charged with attempting to bribe members of the Ontario Legislature, were released on bail on Saturday. Goldwin Smith generously came to the relief of the American.

The subject of the superannuation of teachers has been up for discussion in the Legislature. The opinion which seems to be gaining ground is that it would be wiser to pay teachers better salaries and do away with the necessity of maintaining a superannuation fund.

The charge of conspiracy has been withdrawn in the Toronto cases against Messrs. Kirkland, Wilkinson, Meek and Bunting, and that of offering and giving bribes to the members of the Legislature stands against them. Are not Fraser and Pardee liable to be arranged as assessors as they boast that they urged McKim and Balfour to accept the bribe?

The Ontario Legislature has progressed. It would have saved the country considerable expense had they never met for all the legislation they have enacted. We also heard a few months ago of the "great reforms" to be introduced by Mr. McIntyre; but beyond the little gerrymander scheme in the Woodville business, and which by the way he was not able to carry through successfully, not a move has been made in any one of them. But at all events Mr. McIntyre instructed us in something about the "arch fiend of Ontario," and this should be sufficient for one session. So it is from such as he.

ILL-GOTTEN wealth soon goes is a common saying. It appears to be the case with Mr. McKim. No sooner did it become known that Mr. McKim had accepted \$1,000 as a bribe to defeat the Ontario Legislature and in a fit of virtue subsequently handed it to the Speaker of the House than a Hamilton grocery firm "garnished" it to satisfy a judgment against him and which had been returned "no goods." This is an exhibition certainly for the Speaker to be established in open Parliament for the private debts of a member of the House and which he has not the honor to pay although willing enough to accept a bribe. McKim must be a twin brother to Peck as seen by the light of recent events.

FLEETWOOD.

LARGE DEER. Master William Staples is the owner of a young Durham bull calf that turns the scale at 1,000 lbs. It is the largest in this part of the country for the age. He will be a great improvement to the stock in this part of the country. He has a first class pedigree.

ROADS.—The roads here now are impassable; roads full of snow and the fields bare. Pathmasters should shovel the roads to make them passable.

HALIBURTON.

UNDER the able care of Dr. Spilbury Mr. Casson is recovering from the very severe injuries which he received from his bull. The doctor's father has bought the residence and grounds of Mr. Wastell, who has gone to Brantford where he intends to make his new home. Mr. Wastell has resided at Haliburton for about 16 years and for 4 years previously on a farm in Dysart. He has won the respect and good will of the whole community, and he and his wife and family will be greatly missed.

THREE charges of killing deer out of season were disposed of to-day by J. P. Young and Dover. Trumbull, Roberts and Murdoch were each fined \$4.10, though the offence of the last named was having venison in his possession, another man having shot the deer and brought it into camp. Trumbull brought the charge against the other men, but was fined himself on a counter charge. Informers get the money. The municipality gets nothing for the destruction of its wild stock, but on the contrary pays its share of further business of \$4.10 each paid by the county. The law as it stands seems to favor informers at the expense of the municipality. Slaughtering deer out of season should be stopped, but one does not like to see a man trying to stop it in others while guilty of the offence himself, and actuated by a love of money, not sport.

BEAVERTON.

WINTER RACES.—The annual winter race of the Beaverton trotting association took place on the ice here on Monday. The weather was delightful, and there was a large crowd present. The track was somewhat heavy owing to recent open weather; however, very good time was made, and the race was highly satisfactory. Mayflower won the 2:30 race easily, the previous was hotly contested. The second and last day was attended by a much larger crowd. The first event was the unfinished green race postponed from Monday, and was won by Mr. Langstaff's Sweetheart, with Dr. J. McKay's Frederickian second and Mr. T. McKay's Noddy third.

BELLEILLE.

THE MISSING BANK CLERK.—It now appears that Frank Taylor, the missing ex-clerk of the Merchants' bank, stole a registered letter containing \$1,255 in money and cheques for \$278. There is no clue to his whereabouts.

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Lindsay, January 17th, 1884.