The Victoria Warder

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MR. MOORE'S LETTER.

Our readers are respectfully requested to peruse Mr. Moore's letter in another column in reply to Mr. McIntyre's of last week.

Unearthing Grit Treachery in South Victoria.

Many Names of Grits Found Added Without Revising Officer Dean's Authority.

That Officer Said, "Such a Mistake is a Thing Impossible."

Therefore the Names Must Have Been Corruptly Added.

In the preparation of the February lists we found that the revising officers had both made mistakes by omitting some names. Anyone can see how often a mistake might occur. The officer for the North Riding received a number of applications which he examined, marked "correct," and laid in a drawer. These were overlooked at the time; but that officer at once declared his intention of adding them at the next court, just as if they had been on. That decision he carried out. So in the South Riding, a mistake occurred whereby several names on the lists were omitted. These were names already on the municipal rolls; and while those omitted from the North were nearly all reformers, those from the South were nearly all conservatives, from the staunch, the loyal old township of Emily. The officer of the South Riding on learning of the mistake at once gave notice that he would add at the April court all names so left off. That action in both officers was commendable. Further, we preface our subsequent statements by giving Revising Officer Dean credit for declaring his readiness to do what is fair in connection with THE GRIT NAMES NOW FOUND ADDED TO THE LISTS WITHOUT OFFICER DEAN'S AUTHORITY.

For many weeks we have known that several new names of grit voters, or men anxious to be voters, were on the preliminary lists without proper authority. Knowing that men like the Patent Combination—grit like, shouting purity in self, and corruption in opponent—needed watching, we quietly shadowed them.

EVERY NAME IN SOUTH VICTORIA WAS CHECKED OFF and compared with the municipal voters' lists and assessment rolls. The names not found in any of these of course were the new names. Then inquiry was made how many grit names were added; but the figures varied so much and were so indefinite as to decide Mr. Moore, the secretary of the liberal-conservative association, to demand an examination of the papers. This, Revising Officer Dean granted, though objection was raised by one of the Patent Combination. On the papers being produced the convictions of the conservative agents were confirmed. THERE HAD BEEN A NUMBER OF REFORM NAMES ADDED ILLEGALLY FOR WHICH THERE WERE NO PAPERS. Subsequently, however, Mr. W. Dean, clerk for his father, came to Mr. Moore with several papers that had been "MISLAID." On investigation it was found there were some added WITHOUT ANY AUTHORITY WHATEVER; while, for about a score, there were forms, but they had not been passed by Revising Officer Dean. These declarations were made chiefly before Hugh O'Leary, of Lindsay, and P. Meehan, of Emily. The question is, were these added after 10th February?

There are just a few views that may be taken of these names. The most charitable one is they were in in time; but were overlooked by Revising Officer Dean, but who said that such was a thing impossible. We can readily understand how he by mistake omitted names from the first list; but how other names COULD BE ADDED without authority is an entirely different matter. The clerk would surely detect the error if the officer did not. Then too, when one considers that the conservatives gave the exact number of their names, but the reformers various figures; and that the conservative names had to have almost every "t" crossed and "i" dotted or they were rejected—in short that Revising Officer Dean's only defence of his strict action towards the conservatives is his great accuracy, we are forced to confess we do not see our way clear to believe the "mistake" story.

Another theory is, these names were brought in after the lists were closed. If such were the case, and the whole surroundings certainly look very black, we do not so severely condemn Mr. William Dean as we do those guilty of committing or encouraging the wrong. He, of course, declares himself innocent; and there is no one to prove his guilt except those interested in proving his innocence.

Some go further than we have gone and assert that there are just grounds for supposing the forms to be false, viz., when the "game" was discovered the prime movers in the trick antedated declarations and put them in.

The above are the plain, unvarnished facts. Our remarks are far within the bounds of modesty, for we do not wish to injure Mr. William Dean. He is a young man of, we are told, good repute, but it may be he was misled in listening to the seductive voice of the tempter.

We suggest that Revising Officer Dean should publish in every south riding journal the names illegally added, with the names of the parties before whom declaration was made. More than that, he should produce the lists or sheets given to the printer and submit everything to a free public scrutiny. We feel sure he will do so; for whatever he has done in other cases, we say this for him here, he has offered to treat these names as though they were not added—about the only thing he could do in the premises.

The chances are that the "game" would never have been discovered had not Mr. Moore checked off every name in South Victoria—a labor undertaken, we venture to say, in no other riding in Canada. In concluding, we quietly leave it to the public to judge and to answer in their own minds the question, "What treatment have the Liberal Conservatives of South Victoria received in the preparation of the Voters' Lists?" Civil wars have been caused by less provocation than they have had.

HOME RULE IN IRELAND.

Mr. Gladstone is, it is understood, about to greatly modify his Irish Home Rule measure. That shows how an ignorant or a prejudiced public may be led astray. In Canada many journals posing as liberal and sensible, were blatant in their praise of the bill at first. Now when Mr. Gladstone himself admits it was a weak, wrongful act, what do these "freshy" Canadians think of themselves?

We are a true friend of Ireland, or of any other land anxious to advance in civilization; but we are opposed to Gladstone's bill as first presented. Our ideas of Home Rule have twice before been expressed in these columns. We again state them. Let the British Isles be divided into districts or provinces, say Ireland three or four; England and Wales four or five; and Scotland two. Each province should have authority over matters affecting public education, the transfer and sale of land, charitable institutions, prisons, hospitals, municipal institutions, administration of justice, licensing of taverns, etc. Each should be subdivided into counties, having councils to regulate municipal matters, with township or parish boards for minor yet similar purposes.

All affairs connected with imperial interests, trade and navigation, postal service, militia, army, navy, currency and coinage, banking, weights and measures, criminal law, marriage and divorce, appointing of judges, foreign relations, etc., should come under the authority of an imperial parliament.

Our idea is that were that accomplished a federal union of the English speaking world could readily be brought about. North America would require little change beyond our having reciprocal relations; with a continental congress or board of say say two from each province or state, to inquire into and regulate interprovincial matters of trade, commerce, railway and telegraph, criminal laws, difficulties between labor and capital in mines, railroads or other large national industries, etc.

Then imperial federation might readily be brought about by having a body of representatives, say one from each province, or group of provinces, for every million inhabitants. The function of that body would be chiefly connected with international questions of trade relations, army and navy, currency and coinage, banking, weights and measures, marriage and divorce and postal service.

Such we think will yet be brought about. But action such as Gladstone's bill will bring about, would DISMEMBER not federate the empire. Few people know any difference in the degree of Home Rule demanded or sought to be granted. Many conceive Home Rule to mean absolute separation. That would be the effect of Gladstone's bill. Others, more anxious for the maintenance of the empire, mean simply constitutional control of local affairs. The latter class has our sympathy and support. All other grades are rejected.

BREAK UP OF THE PATENT COMBINATION.

The Post and a few of the jesuitical satellites and hangers-on of the Patent Combination in Lindsay are shedding tears, big briny drops, over the harm done the Liberal-Conservative Party by THE WARDER'S defence of the rights of members of the Liberal-Conservative Party. We like such a "defection," a very strange one indeed, consisting as it does of the accession to our lists of dozens of new names—conservatives and reformers too, on the head of our "manly stand." There are in every community men who play a game peculiarly like the Patent Combination. They come to THE WARDER and tell us how tickled they are to see the lathering we give the Post, etc.; and then embrace the first chance to tell the Post how glad they are to see that WARDER fellow getting salted. Well, unlike friend Post, THE WARDER does not believe all he hears. Some are sincere, but lots of people merely want to please. We always let such go off with the idea they have done so. But dollars and cents, and black and white letters from Victoria's best citizens rise above equivocation, and are living, tangible evidence, even stronger than "mere information" of the sincerity of the person. We can show over a dozen letters from most prominent citizens of Victoria—some of whom never took THE WARDER before—thanking us for the "manly stand" taken by THE WARDER re the voters' lists—those words occur in several. Break up the Conservative Party! We have saved it.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE GRIT PATENT COMBINATION.

We are accused of attacking Revising Officer Dean; when the truth is we have shielded that gentleman much more than we think the circumstances deserved. Let anyone contrast our treatment of the South Victoria officer with the Globe's villainous, lying and libellous attacks on Conservative judges, and he will see we have been gentle. Moreover we had facts; the Globe had not, as Reform papers admit. Had the Grits of Victoria been in our place and had the weapons, the facts we have, need we ask what would their course have been? But we do not model after the Grits, not even after the "bould McIntyre." We have never once shown the utter wrong and impropriety of the family part of the South Victoria revising officer's case. What a howl the Grits would have made had the circumstances been altered; had the revising officer been a Conservative; had the revising office been in his lawyer son's office; had another son been revising clerk; and still another son an agent collecting Grit names through South Victoria. But we did not make any attack, though such was the state of affairs here. Indeed one of that family contritely acknowledged to us that he did not believe the Patent Combination would have been half as tolerant as we were had the case been reversed; nor need we remind the author of last week's letter nor its supervisor what the action of the present revising officer for South Victoria was a few years ago in reference to a case in Peterboro county, having some points of similarity to the present. Yet an effort is now being made—the last effort of a defeated, a conquered, a guilty opponent—to excite sympathy against THE WARDER. We quietly warn every one of the Grit combination that we can be patient; but sometimes "patience ceases to be a virtue," and they may receive an admonition in terms appropriate to their offence. While we may not possess the bland grin, the wily glance, the jesuitical leer, or the bilious face of the Combination we feel, nevertheless, that, short experience in the editorial chair and all, we would be "very small potatoes" indeed, if we were not more than a match for the whole patent concern. Still they do well considering the weapons they use. We succeed because truth is mighty. The combination will find, they have found, that neither boycotting, nor backbiting, mixed with slander and anti-sympathy, can budge us. We stand firmer and stronger.

It is as ancient as well as a modern fact that "an old fool is the worst of all fools." Now had the insatiate desire of the Patent Combination to work in a few shots at THE WARDER not been pandered to in the Post they might have saved themselves some exposures; because, sure that the acts against us are chronic, the disease being in the bone, we were inclined to let matters rest. But the foolish Post, knowing how the Liberal Conservatives had been used, what trouble and expense they had been involved in, began crowing. It speedily left its perch. Then all might have gone quietly, but for the "bould McIntyre's" appearance. He comes out with a letter accusing us of attacking Judge Dean's honesty, but leaving himself and the revising officer both terribly open. We believe that letter was submitted to or was seen by that officer, before it appeared in print. But not being fully convinced, we will merely say regarding Mr. McIntyre's concluding remarks, attempting to belittle us by upholding the judge, that he writes in that letter what he knows to be untrue. He knows that complaints have time and again been made, and demands made to present politicos, by Reform lawyers, about matters which, if his letter be true, could never have been complained of. He does not know that there are fewer successful appeals from that gentleman's decision than from any other's. Foolish. He forces us to say in self-defence things that we would rather leave unsaid; but the Combination must remember their day is numbered. The Reformers of Victoria will no longer be misled. They will support measures, not faction. They have learned to consider the old Grit cry, "What, support John A.?" at its true value, and will certainly support him in preference to "Blake, Riel and Co." The Combination may just as well learn, too, that we enjoy the pastime of defeating them in argument. THE VICTORIA WARDER.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Queen opened the Colonial Exhibition on Tuesday in London. There was a very large attendance.

President Cleveland is to be married to a Miss Folsom in August. Miss Folsom's grandfather was a Canadian lumberman.

The Grit Ontario sheets claim a Reform victory in New Brunswick for the local legislature. The facts are that less than half the ministry are Reformers. Lines in local New Brunswick do not run on Dominion politics as they have done in Ontario. Next election, too, the Mowat government will find the old hackneyed war cry of the Grits, "WHAT, GIVE UP MOWAT AND BLAKE FOR JOHN A.? NEVER!" will be played out. Even South Victoria Reformers not members of or directly ruled by the Patent Combination are finding out how they have been played on by their political leaders. They find—and as proof read any Grit sheet—that Reform argument is slander; Reform politics, corruption; Reform tactics, equivocation, letter stealing and bribery; Reform platform, Riel's scaffold. Despite the Patent Combination of South Victoria and the larger "patent-elliptical-high aff-and buffum-double-go m p ounded-presser-and-squeezer" in the Globe office, Toronto, the thinking Reformers of Victoria are largely finding out that the party is reform in name only.

Bethany.

Standing of the pupils of Bethany public school for the month of April:—

Fourth senior.—Fred Strike, Thos. Stinson, Sarah McMullin, Harry Ryley.

Fourth junior—Alice Morton, Harriet Graham, Edna Parker, Eliz Smith.

Third.—Jos. Morrison, John Courtice, Alf. Fowler, Herb Reynolds.

Second.—Robert Morton, Polly Bigelow, John Smith, Clara Reynolds.

May 5th, 1886.

BRAVERTON.

Special to The Warder.

IMPROVEMENTS.—Our village is growing rapidly. Several contracts for new buildings have already been let for the coming season.

REPORTS from all parts promise exceptionally rich crops for 1886. May our "great expectations" be realized.

THE SCOTT ACT.—This act came into force on May 1st in the county of Ontario. The hotel-keepers and liquor merchants of our village, with the good sense that has always characterized them, submitted to the inevitable with hearty good will; and at the stroke of twelve o'clock on Friday last had removed from their shelves all traces of the old Crooks regime, issuing the proclamation at the same time that soda water, sarsaparilla and lime juice must henceforth slake the thirst of the citizens of Beaverton and suburbs. The success of the new order of things will be watched with considerable interest. Owing to the utter failure to enforce the act in the neighboring county of Simcoe and the reports of a similar state of matters in Halton and other places, both the late supporters and opponents of the measure regard its successful operation as extremely doubtful, and incline to the opinion that a return to a modified Crooks act is merely a question of time, of not a very far distant date. What shall the end be?

PERSONAL.—We are glad to hear that Mr. Angus Watson, now ill at Queen's college, Kingston, is improving, and there are good hopes of his recovery..... Mr. John Grant, of Toronto school of medicine, is at present on a visit to his brother, Dr. A. Grant, of this place..... John D. McMurchy, Esq., inspector of the Standard Life, was in town last week for a day. John D. is assuming "aldermanic proportions," and must carry "weight" wherever he goes.

HYMENEAL.—We most cordially congratulate Mr. Geo. Ross, C. E., late of Thorah, and now of Welland, on the happy event in his life which took place on the 28th ult., and which must take place in the lives of all properly constituted young men. On that day Mr Ross led to the altar Miss Mann Williams, of Orillia, and daughter of Rev. Mr. Williams, formerly pastor of the Methodist church, Beaverton. During her stay in Beaverton the late Miss Williams was one of the village favorites. A large circle of friends join with us in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Ross long life, happiness and prosperity.

ONE of our most prominent, and certainly most popular, young bachelors will have joined the noble army of benedicts ere your next issue sees the light.

NORTH VERULAM.

Special to The Warder.

MR. John Feil, M. P. P., will now devote his attention to his little flock in Somerville, without which we believe they would be like a brood without a mother. It is pleasing to state that his efforts to manage the affairs of the township are not undervalued by the ratepayers.

Marriages.

BATES—LYONS.—At Winnipeg, on Wednesday, May 5th, Miss Lizzie Lyons and Mr. John Bates, both of Lindsay.

Deaths.

MARSHALL.—At Lindsay, on Friday, April 30th, 1886, William Marshall, in the 67th year of his age.

SCOTT.—At Lindsay, on Sunday, 2nd May, 1886, Alfred Scott, aged 2 years, 3 months and 10 days.

Now muslins in white cream and coffee colors, also printed and spot muslins all over, and flouncing embroideries, at closest prices at S. F. Hitchins'.—19-2.

A Special Week for the Ladies

BRADBURN AND CO'Y

Will make next week of special interest to the Ladies of Lindsay and surrounding country.

Goods for female wear will be marked at a price below all competition.

Attentive Clerks will show the following Goods with pleasure:

Dress Goods, Cashmeres, Prints, Ginghams, Silks, Satins, Laces, Trimmings, Hosiery, Collars, Cuffs, Ties, etc.

And all Goods belonging to Ladies' wear

Will be marked so cheap that you cannot help but buy.

HOUSE CLEANING time will come next week, and old CARPETS, CURTAINS, etc., in many cases will have to be replaced by new ones. We will

Sell House Furnishing Goods so Cheap

that it won't pay you to use the old goods.

Carpets, Curtains, Cretonnes, Tickings, Table Linens, Towels, Sheetings, Steamlooms, etc. Counterpanes, Table Covers and Table Napkins. Floor and Table Oilcloths.

This next week will be a Bonanza for Ladies at

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April 15, 1886. Sign, the Colored Emblem, Kent Street East.

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9 Carloads!
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1 Car American COAL OIL.
1 Car SUGAR.
1 Car SYRUPS.
1 Car General GROCERIES
1 Car PLASTER.
4 Cars SALT.

We are bound to meet the hard times with Low Prices, in so doing we purchase in large quantities for cash to get the cash discount, and sell at the lowest possible living profits.

A carload of Crockery arrived this week.

ARCH. CAMPBELL,

Wholesale and Retail Grocer, Kent St., Lindsay

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