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EXPLANATORY. Owing to the printing of THE WARDER on Wednesday evening, in order to allow our employees leisure to enjoy Thanksgiving day, Thursday, coupled with the notice of sale in this issue, our readers will excuse the crowding out of a large amount of local and district news.

Ontario Elections.

Supreme Announcement of Their Coming. Dec. 20th the Fatal Day.

The Ontario public were astounded on Tuesday by the announcement in the Globe that the Ontario elections were sprung on the people right in the holiday season. Nominations are on the 22nd and elections on the 29th Dec.

For weeks the Globe has been shouting that Sir John was going to spring the Dominion elections on the country; that he dared not face another session; that he was going to violate parliamentary practice, &c., &c. Now it appears what the fuss was about; and reader, just notice how short a turn, genuine right about, the Grit sheets will now take on the question of bringing on an early election.

Though it is generally supposed the Grits have been quietly preparing for the Ontario elections, under cover of pretended fear of Dominion elections, yet they will return to the Ontario Assembly next January badly shattered; and in all probability, despite their outrageous gerrymander, defeated.

Let every lover of freedom, every hater of oppression by romanism, every believer in equal laws and equal liberties for all citizens, every advocate of the enforcement of existing laws, buckle on the armor and help send a splendid following for Mr. Meredith. Let Victoria send two.

THE PRESBYTERIANS AND THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT.

Our readers will remember the Massey Central Prison investigation, which was brought about by the roman catholic clergy, on account of Mr. Massey's refusal to yield to their demands that he should prevent roman catholic prisoners from attending protestant services. Mr. Massey, as warden of the prison, very promptly and properly declined to obey Rome's insolent demands. Thereafter he was "spotted." It is understood that he was again asked by government authority to resign. It will be remembered he was once before ordered to resign by one of Mr. Mowat's ministers in something like the following terms:—"Why in hell don't you resign?" But Mr. Massey is a stiff-backed, firm minded Scotch Presbyterian, and he would not budge for either Mr. Mowat or Archbishop Lynch.

The next step was to open an attack on him in the press. The private secretary of Archbishop Lynch brought letters to the Mail, which were given space; but editorially the Mail stated they should be received with caution. The upshot of the whole affair was that a commission composed of two was appointed to investigate. Then Archbishop Lynch personally called on Mr. Mowat once or twice and asked to have a third one, a roman catholic, appointed on the commission. Of course the roman catholic would not dare to refuse his premier. The commission brought in a report commending Mr. Massey but by order Mr. Mowat appointed a clerk, a roman catholic, to act nominally as secretary to, but really as a spy on Mr. Massey. This was very properly taken by Mr. Massey as an insult, and he demanded the removal of the spy. His loyal blood was up and he, a staunch Presbyterian, would not buckle to Rome. But the spy was not removed; and we believe still dogs Mr. Massey.

The next phase in the affair was the Globe's unmanly action in making out that Archbishop Lynch had nothing to do with the matter. The Post and some of the archbishop's satellites in this town also glossed the affair over to show that there was nothing to prove the archbishop knew there was such a place as the Central Prison. A Grit civil servant in Toronto also wrote an article to the Montreal Witness to prove that the whole affair was a Tory conspiracy. And the Grits and their allies the roman catholics that demand special privileges, were jubilant at having made such great gains over the Conservatives on the head of the investigation. However Rev. Mr. McLeod, a

Presbyterian minister of Toronto, answered the Grit civil servant's letter in the Witness, in an article, a copy of which appeared in THE WARDER. This article completely exposed the jesuitical intrigues that had been going on against Mr. Massey. But the Globe in the most contemptible style, instead of answering manfully Mr. McLeod's letter, poured editorial abuse on the gentleman. Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, pastor of new St. Andrew's church, Toronto, and a gentleman esteemed for his many sterling qualities by all classes in Ontario, then replied to the Globe's charges, in such a manner as left that antediluvian journal no hope of replying, except by abusing that reverend gentleman also. The following extract from Rev. Mr. Macdonnell's letter contains the case in a nutshell:—"The state of the case, as I gather from the public discussion of it during the past few weeks, is this:—It is a fact which will hardly be disputed that the charges which were made against Mr. Massey were made at the instigation, and in the supposed interest of roman catholics. It is a fact that upon investigation the charges were proven baseless and Mr. Massey was triumphantly vindicated. It is a fact that at the close of the investigation a roman catholic was appointed to assist Mr. Massey in his duties in spite of Mr. Massey's objection. It is a fact—not disputed by those who have the best sources of information—that Mr. Massey a short time ago requested the government to remove Mr. Korman, the said roman catholic official."

In reply to the Globe's contemptuous treatment of two such gentlemen as Revs. Messrs. Macdonnell and McLeod, Rev. G. M. Milligan, the able pastor of Old St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Toronto, addressed a temperate letter to the Globe, which refused its insertion. It was afterwards published in the Mail. Thereupon the Globe gave Rev. Mr. Milligan the customary abuse.

Next the public were surprised, nay verily astounded, at the appearance in the Globe of a rambling nine and a half column letter from Mr. Mowat defending his actions towards roman catholics. In that letter he loudly admits all charged against him; but shows that he has acted on the advice of his ministers—Messrs. Lynch, Pardee, Fraser, Hardy and Ross. He admits that Archbishop Lynch called on him a couple of times; that in obedience to the Archbishop's request (order) he appointed a roman catholic commissioner on the inquiry; and the expenses of the case were paid by him. A band of roman catholic and fanatical conspirators engineered the attack, and altogether it was a palpable romanish conspiracy.

But Mr. Mowat steps in a pitfall when he goes on to charge that the whole attack was a "Tory" affair because the letters appeared in the Mail, and one of them had been presented by a priest who, Mr. Mowat says, was conservative—as though priests had political principles—the charge is trumped up that it was a "Tory attack on Mr. Massey." Unfortunately for Mr. Mowat, the Mail always has shot left in the locker for such charges. At the time the letters were published the Mail editorially cautioned the public against believing the charges against Mr. Massey; and since Mr. Mowat's letter was published, it completely overthrows the "Tory" charge by unveiling the name of the letter writer Rev. Father McCabe at the time the private secretary of Archbishop Lynch.

The scandal mongering crew finding themselves completely exposed, and being unable to offer any defence, now seek by devices practised only by the most debased minds, to injure, to scandalize the liberal conservatives by wholesale lying and misrepresentation in connection with the public affairs of the nation. Truly a terrible spectacle for a country pretending to be civilized to present.

A GENUINE GRIT TRICK.

One of the many disreputable Grit dodges, in recent elections, is to cause the arrest of some canvasser a day or two before polling-day. They then circulate all over the country that the "Tories were caught in red-handed bribery." But once the election is over and the "briber" brought to trial, there is "no evidence against the prisoner." This trick is now so general that there is strong reason to suspect it is a put up job. There are plenty of Grits who would constitute themselves Liberal-Conservative bribers for the purpose of being arrested; provided they receive compensation according to the service performed. The Grits are up to every low dodge going. "GOOD LORD! ARRIVING TO DECEIVE THE PEOPLE AND WIN THE ELECTION" is their motto.

THE RIEL QUESTION.

The Rielite candidates and hectors in Ontario are busy deprecating the introduction into this province of the Riel question. They say it is not an issue here. Well, were we in their shoes we might be brought to say so too; but we "kind of reckon" we would leave that party and find a better one. They cannot dodge the question. They, themselves, raised it. The Montreal Witness, the oldest reform journal in Canada, distinctly says the issue in Quebec was the Riel question, and it has left that party now. So have the English reformers of Quebec. Moreover, Mr. Mowat has shown his part in the affair by his action last winter in the house, and by his congratulatory telegram recently to the rebels. The Riel question is the grit plank in Quebec, and they must stand on it here too. They shall not be allowed to use rebellion, romanism and run without plainly facing the issue.

NOVEMBER 16th.

Mr. Mowat commences the anniversary of the hanging of Riel by announcing to the country the dissolution.

Nov. 16th, 1886, the Riel dissolution took place.

Nov. 16th, 1886, the Mowat dissolution occurred.

Dec. 20th, 1886, the Archbishop Lynch baneful influences will, we hope, be dissolved.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Winter is coming on and the root crops are all housed. The boys and girls kept home to work are resuming their attendance at school. In very many cases they find the books used last year are superseded, and new ones have to be purchased. One parent assured us this week that he had eleven books purchased the last three years that are useless this year. Still the Nelson-Mowat monopoly must grind the poor man.

A GLOBE INSINUATION NAILED.

The Globe of 16th inst. insinuates that James L. Hughes, Inspector of Toronto Public Schools, was once an applicant for the position of model school inspector. The Globe simply lies. We are fully conversant with the facts of the case. The position was offered to Mr. Hughes, and strong influence brought to bear to induce him to accept; but acting on his own judgment and, among others, on our advice, he point blank refused the offer. Subsequent proposals were made to him in the same line; but his conditions of acceptance were too independent for the Ontario combination.

PROHIBITION.

The Post is whistling on the fence, on the temperance question. Last week it tries hard to show the Mail to be merely playing a part in its vigorous advocacy of the temperance cause. But then the Post and the Grits generally have so little confidence in humanity that they believe everyone corrupt. Their action reminds us of the man who, on hearing of a bank robbery, at once expressed his belief in the cashier's guilt; but who, on being assured that that official had died at his post, in defence of the company's property, replied, "Ah, the villain; likely he refused to share the booty according to agreement with the robbers." The facts of the Mail's temperance action are that it admits some years ago having doubts of the success of prohibition; but is now convinced not only of the possibility, but also of the necessity of prohibitory legislation. And whether or not the Post and other Grit straddle-the-fence journals like it or not, prohibition is a plank in the Liberal-Conservative platform to-day, and of the future. And the next few years will witness the education of the people in that line.

MINORITY REPRESENTATION.

The Globe has commenced to boom the fourth clause of the agreement between Messrs. Blake and Mowat on one hand, and the roman catholic bishops on the other. Already the clauses (1) Irish home rule support; (2) condemnation by Mr. Blake of the Dominion government for allowing the law to take its course in regard to Riel; and (3) condemnation by Mr. Mowat for the same; already, we say, these have been fulfilled. Now the Grit journals, led by the Globe, begin the boom of MINORITY REPRESENTATION. That will of course give a chance for gerrymandering the constituencies by grouping them to allow every roman catholic in Ontario to have his man in parliament. In Toronto, for the local, Mr. Mowat has already given them minority representation, and the roman catholics are to elect Mr. Peter Ryan. Let the farmers of Victoria county open their eyes to the kind of narrow the Reform leaders are making. It strikes us the name "Demagogue" or "Communist" would be more suitable for the party led by Messrs. Blake, Mowat, Lynch & Co., than "Reform" or "Liberal."

THE GRITS AND WHISKY.

The Globe, last week, rejoices that the distillers and brewers did not call on Sir John A. Macdonald on the occasion of his recent visit to Toronto. Only one or two were interviewed, so it appears from the Globe again. The inference is that that class is not on friendly terms with Sir John. This incident, coupled with the recent report that the licensed victuallers had obtained, or were about to obtain a controlling interest in the Globe stock; and also with Mr. Blake's "wisky-wisky" remarks last week advising young men not to drink to excess,—everything tends to the conclusion that not only have the Grits captured the rebel French, and the roman catholic votes, but they also have the bulk of the liquor vote. The ingredients making up the present Grit party are truly wonderful. They may be summarized as follows:—(1) Rebels in the North-west; (2) annexationists in Manitoba; (3) roman catholics, demagogues, and a few hard-headed honest men in Ontario; (4) French and Irish roman catholic rebels and nationalists in Quebec; and (5) annexationists in the maritime provinces.

CORNERED.

That "champion liar and equivocator," Cameron of Huron, having prepared Mr. Blake's extracts on the Indian question, and that gentleman having repudiated responsibility for their genuineness, Mr. Cameron tries to evade the issue by further garbling and lying. The Mail, having exposed the customary Grit trickery, Cameron of Huron; and challenges him and his leader, Mr. Blake, to submit the whole matter to any three ministers of the gospel in Toronto. If Cameron is not proven guilty of the most diabolical garbling, then the Mail says it will apologize. The truth is the Grit leaders' speeches were made up of the most barefaced extracts.

COUNTY POLICE MAGISTRATES.

It is now generally conceded that Victoria's county council did well in not recommending the appointment of a county police magistrate. Once appointed he would be "thar" until the government or "old age" would remove him. What should have been done is,—Mr. Mowat should have enacted a law requiring county councils to appoint, or municipalities to elect the magistrates, say two for every one thousand persons; and for cases under the Canada Temperance Act, to clothe two or three of them with all the powers of a police magistrate. We firmly believe in what may be termed lay magistrates, such as are now found in communities; but we think the system of appointing to be defective. Now, the people annually elect a magistrate, in the person of the reeve. Why not extend the system and elect all magistrates for say three or four years, so many in each municipality to retire annually. Or at all events the government should confirm the appointment of no person not recommended by the electors of his municipality. That would spoil Mowat's game of saddling the country with a hundred salaried officials.

THE PLATFORM AGAINST MR. MOWAT.

The Mail of Nov. 17th lays down the platform for the Liberal-Conservatives in the present struggle against Mr. Mowat and Archbishop Lynch. Our readers will remember we outlined a nearly similar one a few weeks ago. This is official:—

- (1.) Religious equality before the law. No ecclesiastical interference with the executive.
(2.) Enforcement of Scott act where it is law by the Ontario government—the recognized legal authority.
(3.) Reform of the Education Department. A return to a chief superintendent. Abolition of the Nelson and other book monopolies. Free competition in school books.
(4.) Repeal of recent coercive amendments to Separate school law. Protestant property owners not to be forced tax-payers to roman catholic schools. Ballot in school elections. Restoration of the whole Bible in the schools.
(5.) Decentralization. Municipalities which pay to have right to appoint. License and Scott act inspectors and magistrates to be appointed and paid by the Ontario government to secure uniform execution of law.
(6.) Manhood suffrage.
(7.) A more economical administration of the finances of the Crown domain, that direct taxation for provincial purposes may be warded off as long as possible.
Electors of Victoria! do you endorse the above? If you do you oppose the Mowat candidate. Then do so by your votes on Dec. 29th.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

We congratulate our contemporary the Cannington Gleaner on its second birthday. Under the present management the Gleaner is a spicy, well-managed paper.

Citizens! The Mowat government fears the reaction against their subservience to Roman influence would overwhelm them next season. Therefore are the elections sprung on now.

The reason Mr. Barron and Sir Richard Cartwright's Kirkfield meeting was not largely attended is that Capt. Corson, of Corson's Siding, was that day erecting a monster barn, and four Grits were in the crowd at the raising.

The Globe also claims that the "contractors and other bootlers" did not turn out with their usual alacrity to greet Sir John in Toronto. The inference is of course that they are also in with the Grits along with the liquor men.

As an instance of Grit fair play we may mention that the Post last week published the Posters market report so as to show barley 57c. per bushel there. The report sent our contemporary reed that one load brought 57c. How naturally the Grit sheets follow their leaders in garbling reports.

We congratulate our friend Capt. Evans, of Ottawa, adjutant 43rd Cavalry, on his acquiring a first-class cavalry school certificate. Capt. Evans, it will be remembered, was attached to one of the East Durham Militaries as an officer in the Northwest, and endeavored himself to all by his kind but firm adherence to duty.

We are pleased to notice that the grand jury at the recent session brought in a presentment, under the chairmanship of Charles Fairbairn, Esq., in favor of prohibitory legislation. Though Mr. Fairbairn, like many other friends of temperance, was opposed to the Scott act, still he favors prohibition if brought about by property.

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JOHN DOBSON.

October 28, 1886.

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