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The Watchman.

THURSDAY, DEC. 31, 1891.

South Victoria.

Mr. Thos. Walters has been again nominated to oppose Mr. Fairbairn, and has accepted the nomination. Mr. Walters, it should be thoroughly understood from one end of the riding to the other, is an Ontario official in the receipt of a large yearly salary and expenses, and controlling through his position extensive labor patronage. Under the law it is necessary for Mr. Walters to resign his Ontario office, in order to qualify as a candidate for the Dominion parliament. It will be remembered that last March Mr. Walters "resigned" his office, but immediately on his defeat by Mr. Fairbairn resumed his former position with all its emoluments. His resignation, in other words, was a farce; and what is worse, an evasion of the law, countenanced by the Ontario Government, whose servant he is. As it has been decided to make another attempt to defeat Mr. Fairbairn by employing the same forces that were used last March, it will be necessary for Mr. Walters and his backers to again play fast and loose with the law by having another solemn "resignation" duly recorded. The whole performance is not only improper, it is highly discreditable. It is discreditable because it is an evasion of the law pure and simple, and receiving the sanction of the Provincial Government. It is discreditable as a violation of the principle of Provincial non-interference enunciated by the Reform party through the Hon. Edward Blake when Premier of Ontario:—"We believe that the government of this Province ought not to assume a position of either alliance or hostility towards the government of the Dominion, \* \* \* that there should exist no other attitude on the part of the Provincial government toward the government of the Dominion than one of neutrality." It may be true that this reform "principle," like we fear a good many of the old reform "principles," is now laughed at by dyed-in-the-wool section of the party and their leaders, but the people are evidently not blind to the situation. In the March election, a sheriff, a registrar and several other Ontariogovernment officials were trotted

out by Mr Mowat against Sir John Macdonald's government, but in every instance the people resented the interference, and the "official" candidates were defeated, Mr. Walters included. And it is high time the people gave expression to their resentment. Apart from the objectionable features referred to, there can be but one object in view by this use of Ontario officials as Dominion candidates, the employment of the patronage controlled by these officials and the power and patronage of the provincial government in an attempt to interfere with the liberty of a considerable section of the community in the exercise of the franchise. The methods by which this is done are quite clearly understood. Not alone have we the "official" candidate, whose "resignation" is tenderly accepted to meet the occasion, but an army of Ontario officials taking an active part in Dominion elections, each adding the "weight" of his position in affecting the result. The time of these public servants, which is paid for out of the pockets of conservatives as well as reformers, is ever at the service of the "pairty," not only during the few exciting weeks of a Dominion campaign, but even during the months of preparation of the Dominion voters lists. The public have had ample opportunities of noting this state of affairs, and it is fortunate that the public have had the courage to resent it. The element of unfairness which Mr. Fairbairn has to fight again in this contest is now clearly understood, and will be given due weight in the minds of all those who demand a fair field and no favor, whatever their political leanings may be. From every standpoint, the employment of "official" candidates should be condemned by the public.

Editorial Notes.

THE supporters of Mr. Walters endeavored to carry South Victoria last March on the barley question, which they have now dropped for the binder-twine cry. The former item was a large one, whilst the latter is a comparatively small one. The farming community will accept the "facts and figures" on the twine question of Mr. Walters' supporters with a considerable allowance of salt, in view of their absurdly false arguments on the price of barley last March. The argument then was that the high price of barley in the United States, which immediately sprung up when the McKinley bill raised the duty to 30 cents a bushel in order to keep Canadian barley out, would remain the same high price were the duty taken off again and the whole continent made one barley market. The argument was just as "thin" as would be the one if addressed to the Illinois farmer that if the Canadian government were to take off the 15 cts. a bushel on American corn, the latter which is 50 cts. in Chicago would be the 70 cts. it is in Toronto, less the freight. To such an argument the Yankee farmer would say "rats," and no mistake.

THE North Victoria liberal-conservative convention held at Cobocook last Saturday nominated the 'administrator' to again contest the riding—in the interest of the conservative party, if as will be assuredly the result, a "minority" representative can by any possibility serve that interest. When the good sense of the riding shall have been recorded at the polls, the "administrator" and his friends will be left to the enjoyment of a minority reality, in comparison with which the result of last March was a small one. It is fortunate that there is no necessity for regarding the nomination in question in any more serious light. That a convention of some 200 should have been got together to select an irrepressible political adventurer over the heads of men of such unquestioned character, standing and ability as Mr. William Mackenzie and Dr. Wood, may appear incomprehensible to those who do not reflect that these gentlemen have important business interests at stake, and cannot afford to spend months in drumming up supporters for a convention. The latter game has occupied the undivided attention of the "administrator" for the past nine months, and the latter has a nomination and they have the business, just about the size of it.

THE reform press and leaders with very few exceptions are endeavoring to shield Mr. Mercier by raising the constitutional question against Lieutenant-Governor Angers. The power to dismiss his ministers for cause is inherent in the office of Lieutenant-Governor under the constitution. The whole reform party, Mr. Mercier included, applauded Mr. Letellier for exercising this right in dismissing a tory ministry in Quebec just thirteen years ago. The charge then was that the latter had arrogated to itself powers that properly belong to the Lieutenant-Governor. The charge against Mr. Mercier and his colleagues is that they deliberately rifled the treasury for party and in some instances personal ends. This is evidently not sufficient "cause" to justify the exercise of the vice-regal power of dismissal, in the minds of those who are attacking Lieutenant-Governor Angers in the interests of Mr. Mercier. The fact that Mr. Angers has dissolved the house and appealed at once to the people sets at rest the question of danger to the constitution, about which the reform press and leaders are so much concerned. It is a question of danger to the treasury, and it is to be hoped the people of Quebec will decide the matter on the real issue.

In making comparisons between the public debt of the United States with the debt of the Dominion, it should be borne in mind that under the American system the States are entirely independent financially of the Central Government, whilst the Dominion, in addition to having assumed Provincial debts since Confederation to the amount of \$109,430,148 and paid the interest upon the debt of Canada is upwards of \$3 millions. The Provincial debts assumed by the Dominion with the interest paid thereon, and the Provincial subsidies since Confederation, for more than equal the net public debt of the Dominion. Had the American system, therefore, been adopted at Confederation, the Dominion of Canada to-day would not show a dollar of debt. The present net public debt of the Dominion is nearly 236 millions, which is about two millions less than the figures of a year ago. The net average rate of interest has also appreciably declined, the rate last year having been 3.56 per cent. ten years ago, and 4.51 the first year after Confederation. To complete the record it must be also borne in mind that the Dominion Government has spent 185 millions in railways, canals, public buildings and works, and in the acquisition and management of the North-West.

COMMUNICATIONS.

To the Editor of The Watchman.

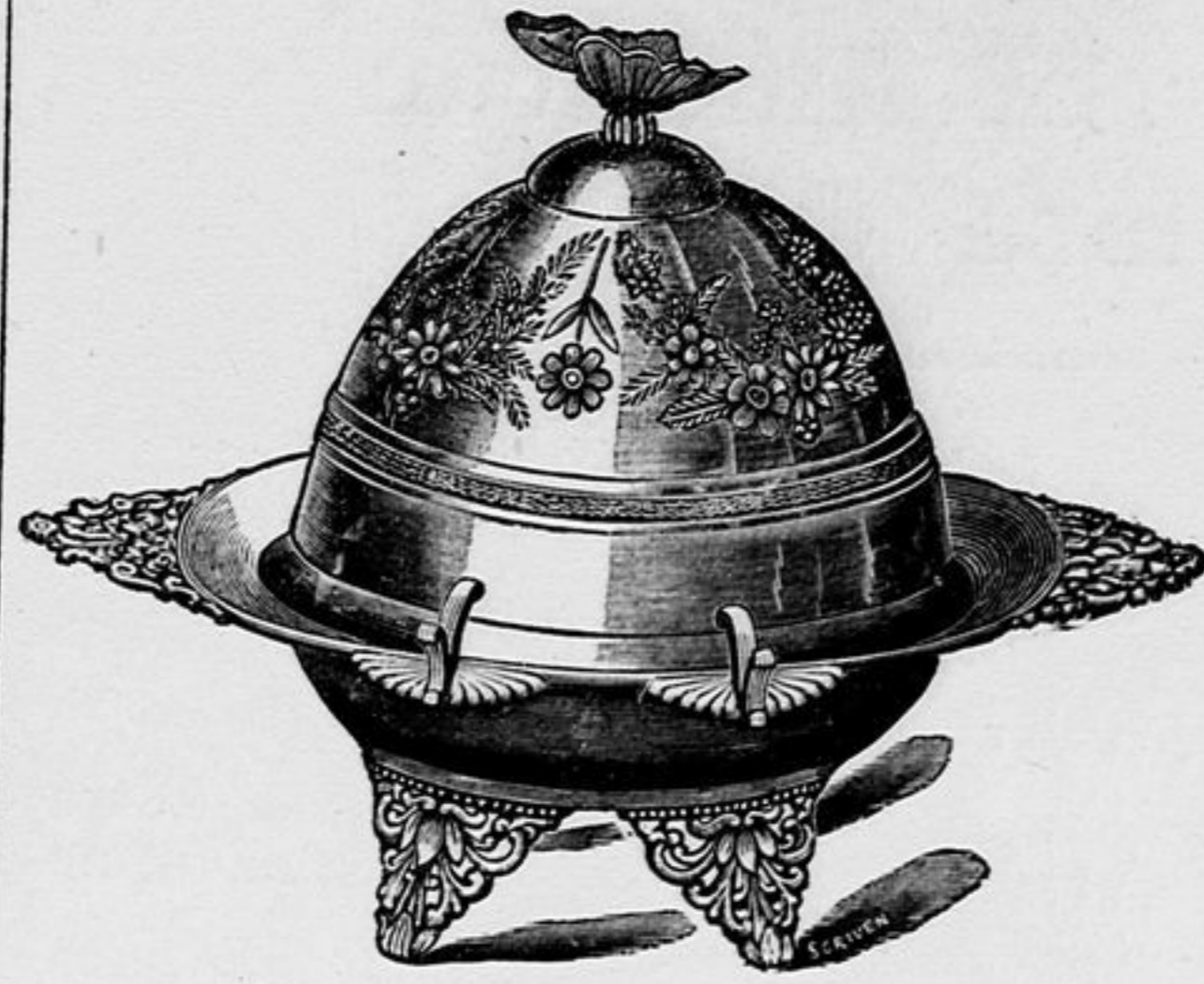
DEAR SIR,—I notice that in the contest for first reeve an effort is being made to remove a good and useful member of the council in the person of Mr. Kylie. I have taken some interest in municipal matters during the past five years, and I noticed with satisfaction that Mr. Kylie was one of the very best men we had, and if the first and second reeve were retiring Mr. Kylie and second deputy had the first claim on the reeve ship, and I contend that it was Mr. Wallace's duty to ask Mr. Kylie if that was his intention, and if he did ask him then he is doing wrong in opposing him, and if he did not ask he is wrong again. I have it from no less an authority than Mr. J. Fell that Mr. Kylie is one of the very best representatives that the Town of Lindsay ever sent to the County Council. The question of a water works system must be settled the coming year and Mr. Kylie on account of his position as chairman of that committee, and his experience in going over the different agreements that the Council have been trying to make during the last five years, is well qualified to deal with that matter. The principle of putting out a good man just at a time when he is becoming useful to the municipality is wrong. We notice for instance the municipality of Ops, and we know of none in Canada where the business is so satisfactorily done. Old and tried men are kept at the head of office year after year, and I contend that the tax payers will consult their own interest by voting for Mr. Kylie.

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