

Address to the Electors

To the free and independent electors of the Riding of Victoria and Haliburton: Gentlemen .-

In accepting the nomination as candidate in the interests of the present Reform Government, I have no apology to offer, inasmuch as I have never sought the position, although I have been previously interviewed in regard to it on more than one occasion.

I have lived in the riding-in the village of Fenelon Falls-for 30 years, and have during that time not beer asleep as to the varius conditions of things, of the chief actors, and of the role taken by them in the political drama enacted on the stage of our fair

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If elected as your representative to the House of Commons on the 26th day of October, I pledge myself to ever stand by the principles of the confederation of the provinces-each controlling her own affairs of local government, and all united in one great Dominion of Canada as a part of the British Empire.

I premise to support any measure that I may consider to be for the benefit of the people-of the Dominion generally-or of this riding particularly.

I favor the policy of the present Government-first in the British preference, and the closer relations of Canada with the British Empire, as well as their methods of extension of trade and the reduction of the tariff with foreign nations, whatever that reduction may benefit the Canadian consumer.

I endorse the policy of the Government in the opening up of the western and the great north-western provinces by the construction of the transcontinental railway-the Grand Trunk Pacific; and their emigration policy in connection therewith.

I admire the foresight and business ability of the Government, the Department of Public Works, by the improvement of our harbors, the deepening of the canals, in the deepening of the St. Lawrence river, permitting the largest vessels to load and unload at Montreal, and diverting nearly all of the western grain trade through Canada to the markets beyond the Atlantic.

In the Post Office Department I delight to draw your attention to the great benefit it has been to the people of Canada by the re duction from 3 cents per letter to 2 cents, that has been no doubt gratefully appreciated by every citizen of our Dominion. They have not only reduced the cost of postage, but are now preparing to put in operation in some thickly populated parts the rural mail delivery, which within a few years will have become systematically established all over Canada.

In the Department of Agriculture I admire the action of the Government in opening up avenues of trade with Britain and foreign countries, in providing cold storage in warehouses and steamships for the preservation of those perishable exports as butter, cheese, eggs, fruit and fowl-dressed and undressed.

In the Militia Department I am satisfied that the Hon. Sir Frederick Borden has built, is building and will build as good a construction as the foundation built by the past governments will allow, that is, a militia of defence and protection, carefully avoiding the danger of drifting into militiarism like the nations of Europe.

Believing that I can be of benefit to the people of the riding as a member of the House of Commons, both in the matter of general legislation and in watching and caring for the interests of the people of Victoria and Haliburton, I confidently solicit your votes and your influence in the election now pending. Yours obediently,

ARCHIBALD WILSON.

Shantyman's Narrow

MISSED HIS FOOTING AND FELL DOWN BETWWEN PLATFORM AND TRAIN.

While boarding the 6.30 train for Coboconk Monday evening, a young shantyman in the employ of one of the local mills missed his footing on the car step, causing him to fall sideways underneath the car wheels, and striking his head with tremendous

sealp wound. Some gentlemen who were standing near by on the platform rushed to the unfortunate man's assistance. In raising him from the rails it was found his lead was badly cut, but after bathing and bandaging it the injured man coarded the train under the conduc-

NEW TELEPHONE MARVEL.

tunding London with demonstrations the village. of a device for sending handwriting simultaneously with the voice over an ordinary wire fo rconsiderable distances. He uses a new tension current Made an auxiliary to any telephone. lover of the national game?" great importance commercially.

WOODVILLE.

Escape From Death Moore visited friends in the village

lum spent Saturday afternoon in Can-

Miss Fanny Ross, of Port Perry, is visiting Mrs. George Daynes. Miss Tena Ferguson, of Toronto, is

visiting at her home here. Rev. Mr. McRae, of Ayr, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church on Sunday morning, and Rev. Mr. Finlay, of Cannington, on Sunday

force on the hot box, inflicting a deep evening. last. A good programme was providies were present, and were as en- out of the hands of the Canadians. ed, consisting of recitations, solos and thusiastic as their escorts in their apdress by Rev. Mr. McRae, of Ayr, and The chair was very ably occupied few cents less than the Canadian Rev. Mr. Wattano, of Woodville.

Lorneville, were the guests of Mrs. Wm. Bowens on Sunday. A German inventor has been as- Wm. Bowens on Sunday.

Mr. Ed. Dobson spent Saturday in

> Not a Lover of the Game. (Chicago News.)

"I suppose," said the fan on the of 12 volts, and his apparatus can be homeward-bound car, "that you are a

invention is expected to prove of pying the adjoining seat. "I'm one of the low class of people which come of the low class of people which class of the low class of the lo the umpires.

Bobcaygeon's Annual Fair Better Than Ever Before RACING AT MONTREAL COM-

THE PARADE WAS, AS USUAL, AN ATTRACTIVE FEATURE-MAGNI-FICENT SHOWING OF HORSES AND REGISTERED CAT-TLE-FALLING OFF IN LADIES' WORK.

(Free Press Correspondence.) ed with the success of the Fair held mens of these popular strains. on Wednesday last at the Agricultu- Jerseys, Mr. W. H. Hamilton's milkral park. The weather, though cool ers carried the prizes. number along the way. At noon a good animals appeared. large crowd, accompanied by the Syl- Interest in sheep and swine seems north on the Esturion.

feature of the Fair, attracted much Farm were a notable lot. attention. It started from the mar-Union Jacks, etc. Several of the varieties were shown. carriages were very tastefully decortogether the procession was good.

ported and home-bred animals of ex- interest in nature study. cellent type. The bunch of Double the breeds mentioned above, there was well executed.

were Shorthorns, Durhams and Jer-Bobcaygeon, Oct. 5th.—The direc- seys. Of the two first-named breeds, 2.35 pace in straight heats. tors of the Verulam Agricultural So- Mr. Heaslip had his usual good exciety have good reason to feel pleas- hibit, which included excellent speci-

and threatening in the afternoon, was The draught horses shown were exnot unpleasant enough to interefere ceptionally good and more numerous with any of the arrangements for the than usual. Shires, Clydesdales, day, and the attendance was large. Percherons and Suffolk Punches were The special train from Lindsay, which well represented, and the heavy horsgot in about 11, started out with six- es were much admired. In the drivty-five passengers, and picked up a ers and carriage horse class some

vester band, arrived, and about 150 to be increasing, for the pens allotted came from Buckhorn and Bridge- to these animals were well filled with a creditable collection. In hogs, the The parade, which was the main White Yorkshires from Locust Hill

The showing of poultry was fair. ket square about one o'clock, and _ The exhibits of roots and vegetables proceeded to the grounds. The Syl- were surprisingly good, and would vester band headed the line, which seem to indicate that these crops are comprised saddle horses, decorated very far from being the failure that carriages, oxen, clowns, dogs in har- the long spell of drought made it ness, draught horses driven four-in- seem so likely they would be. The hand, single drivers, and outfits, a exhibit of apples was a noteworthy column of school children carrying feature. Fine samples of numerous

Of ladies' fancy work comparatively ated, and Mr. Parker's team of oxen, few articles were exhibited. The with their plodding gait, were inter- number of exhibits in this departesting reminders of pioneer days. Al- ment was in striking contrast to the number shown last year, when a very The exhibit of live stock was prob- fine showing was made. A most inably the best ever seen here. The teresting exhibit in this section was a four herds of Herefords and Polled collection of mounted wild flowers, Angus cattle made a great showing | which attracted a great deal of atboth as regards numbers and qual- tention and admiration. Such dis- Fox, M.P.P., went out to South Veruity. The White-Faces included im- plays do a good service in arousing lam on Thursday with an engineer.

PANKER SERVER SE

Harry K. of Lindsay Won First Money

OF \$400 FOR LOCAL MAN.

Montreal, Oct. 5 .- (Special.) -Only one race was decided at Delorimier Park in the opening of the last trotting meet of the season, Harry K., a Lindsay, Ont., horse, winning the

The 2.17 pace furnished four close and exciting finishes,- but was no concluded owing to darkness. Sum-

2.35 class, pace; purse \$400-Harry K., Cowan, Lindsay, Ont. 111 Lady Simon, Crevier, Mont-Winnie Pointer, Sears, Ogdensburg 5 4 Generalissmo, Leonard, Malone, N.Y. 7 3 Patchen Swing, Boutheiler & Lefebvre, Montreal 6 7 Forest Pointer, Arnold, Toronto 4 5 dr Roy Roy, Brossard Bros., Mon treal 8 dr Time, 2.21¼, 2.19¼, 2.23.

2.17 pace, purse, \$400 (unfinished)-King Brino, Labelle, Montreal 6 7 dr Walter S., Wallin, Toronto. 7555 Mikado, W. Nolan, Vergennes, Vermont 1 2 4 2 Nettie Wright, Sears, Ogdensburg, N.Y. 212 Sam Lee, Vandelac, Montreal 885 Buchanan, Boutelier, Halifax 3 4 3 Rex, Jones, Middleboro 431 Eddy, Hunter, Ottawa 567

Time, 2.17, 2.16¼, 2.16¼, 2.16¼.

EMILY LAKE.

Bobcaygeon Independent: Mr. Sam. to look over the ground between Emily Among the attractions on the fair and Pigeon Lakes. There is a natural Standard Polled Herefords from Mos- grounds was the merry-go-round and course which, if it had a ridge of rock som Boyd Company's herd could not the slack wire walking by Prof. Co- blasted out, would drain off Emily be duplicated in the Dominion. They gan. The former was largely patron- Lake by several feet, and reclaim were young cattle, and a smooth, fine- izde by the youngsters, and the Pro- very large acreage of land that is now looking lot. The All-Blacks were fessor gave a good performance. The drowned. It is also thought that good representative animals. Besides flag drill by a number of young girls road could be carried along the 13th

Colonel Hughes Replies To Mr. R. J. McLaughlin

(To the Editor of Free Press.)

Dear Sir,-What can have happened "my dear friend, R. J. McLaughlin?" He comes out in your paper with such a turtle dove reply. Has he been disciplined by honest Liberals? or is he afraid to meet me face to face, like a man, and be exposed? or is it a combination of both?

But, sir, true to his invariable custom, he becomes "mad as a March hare" and, in his frenzy, says things utterly devoid of truth. Of course, the people, the freemen of Victoria and Haliburton, Tories and honest Liberals alike, have twice rejected him, and the foolish fellow feels bitter. When "Bloody Queen Mary" of England was on her deathbed she remarked that the word "Calais," the name of the city lost to France by England in her reign, "would be found graven on her heart." She always flew into a passion on mention of the name. So, to judge by Mr. McLaughlin's frenzy, one might suppose the words "Sam. Hughes" will be found indelibly graven on the brain and heart of Mr. R. J. McLaughlin, should that gentleman's anatomy ever be dissected and such parts as "heart" and

"brain" be found. Mr. McLaughlin seeks to divest himself of a public responsibility, by claiming it is his personal professional affairs that are concerned. He must understand that no amount of "injured innocence"-always a stock-in-trade of some-can save him from public scrutiny in connection with Government jobs; and that, as the man meantime responsible for the patronage, he cannot play the double role of solicitor and Government agent. No one else ever did it here.

His effusion anent my circular last election is absolutely untrue. There was no "alleged letter" afterwards shown to be a "fabrication." The letter was genuine, and was never claimed to be otherwise, except by Mr. Mc-Laughlin. He has never dared to dispute the facts of the case. It was signed by the farmer who had paid Mr. McLaughlin the usual twenty per cent. of the Government allowance, and was given to one of the most estimable gentlemen in Victoria County for me. No one ever disputed these facts. Mr. McLaughlin dare not dispute having charged the farmers the 20 per cent. on damaged land cheques.

Mr. McLaughlin's gambling yarn about his \$100 offer is new to me. I never heard it before, either directly or indirectly. It reminds me of the fellow who was telling how he had called his General all sorts of names. and on being asked "what did the General say?" replied, "Oh, sure he was away in India, while I was in Ireland at the time." But the result is all the same as if it had been known. I never gamble, nor do I ever cover up my shortcomings by donning the mantle of piety. I have too much respect for religion to use it as a cloak for graft and gambling. Therefore, I have to stand or fall by my merits or demerits, and leave gambling and falsification to others.

It is a source of the greatest satisfaction to me, however to find that, wherever I am known,-and that covers a fairly wide range-whether among Liberals who are not of the heeler class, or among the Conservatives. everywhere, my simple word is accepted without reserve, without any gambling bluff behind it. But in dealing with Mr. McLaughlin in days gone by I have given facts,-hard-pan data-to prove my statements.

In Mr. McLaughlin's "20 per cent. rake-off" cases, I had merely to turn to Fenelon township published records. Twenty per cent. on \$400 is \$80 paid to R. J. McLaughlin; and to the Government cheques and other data re drowned lands, to show that Mr. McLaughlin received cheques as Government agent and cashed them, and the farmers were paid by him less the 20 per cent.. Indeed, in some instances an attempt was made to charge the 20 per cent not only on the sums to be received by the owner of the land, but upon his own commission. One lady-Miss Nancy McIntyre, of Rosedale-objected to paying at the abnormal rate. That lady was, it seems, awarded "damages to land" \$24, and was asked to pay Mr. Mc-Laughlin \$4.80 commission. That is 20 per cent, on \$24. Being a clever mathematician, that lady objected and said if 20 per cent were to be charged it should be only on the sum she would receive, and she reasoned thus: Let the share to come to Mrs. McIntyre be represented by one; Mr. Mc-

Laughlin's share is to be 20 per cent., which is 1-5-thus the two shares would be 1 1-5, viz., 6-5. Then she said 6-5's are equal to \$24; one-fifth is equal to \$4, and the balance or five-fifths are equal to \$20. Thus the sums were divided \$20 to Mrs. McIntyre and \$4 to Mr. McLaughlin. The good lady thus saved her 80c., or the 20 per cent. on Mr. McLaughlin's share. That was a fine lesson in mathematics for Mr. R. J. McLaughlin. A woman like that is worth gold in any community. Mr. McLaughlin reminds me very much of the turtle in the restaurant window. Two Irishmen were looking at it, decapitated. They did not know the electrical phenomenon of turtles, which permits them to open and shut the eyes, and twitch muscles, long after the head is off. So Pat says, "Och, Mike, see it wink with its head off!" To which Mike promptly replied, "Sure, Pat, the crathur's dead aisy enough, only it's not sinsible of it."

A word about the cause of this "tempest in a tea-pot." I have had several meetings already in this riding before hearing of Mr. McLaughlin's slanders. I believe I had never once mentioned his name. Why should I? He is not a factor in this fight, though running it. George McHugh, of course, controls the patronage so long as his family connections hold out. while Mr. McLaughlin should be content with the legal rake-off. Neither of them is any longer a factor with a free people. They are too busy looking after themselves with the Government.

Yet Mr. McLaughlin took up about three-quarters of an hour at both Fenelon Falls and Omemee to slander me behind my back. But why should I complain? Scores upon scores of splendid young Liberals, as well as every honest Conservative in the riding, are at my back solid. It is in vain the Liberal "ringers," includingeven the candidate, go around the country saying, "Oh, the people thinkSam. has been there long enough." That is an old game of the Grits in every riding; but surely the answers they receive everywhere should satisfy them. "No," as one said, "Sam has not been in long enough. We want him to live another hundred years to represent us." And the grand meeting at Omemee on Saturday night, where fully a hundred could not gain admittance to the large hall, and where in all Omemee and Emily not a dissentient voice can be heard from the Tories. should be an answer to the slandered. And it will be the same throughout the splendid riding of Victoria and Haliburton.

In 1900, after the nomination meeting at Fenelon Falls, where Mr. Mc-Laughlin and a colleague had viciously attacked me, before I had uttered one word of provocation, and where in my reply the "20 per cent. rake-off" charges were proven by men in the audience, and where other delinquencies of the gentlemen had been exposed, a sympathetic Liberal said to another honored Liberal, a prominent merchant of Fenelon Falls,-"Well, Mr. Campbell, what do you think of the meeting?" To which the staunch old honest Liberal replied, more in sorrow than in anger, "All I have to say is that Mr. McLaughlin and his associate richly drew upon themselves all they got to-day. They should know that Sam's a splendid man to be let

Mr. McLaughlin raves over my reference warning the freemen to beware of boodlers and ballot-box tricks. And this upon the platform himself, with Dr. Wilson beside him! Has Mr. McLaughlin himself forgotten how, long years ago, finding the name of a Tory lady on the lists by mistake, he and others canvassed her, assuring her she could vote all right. In vain she said, "Mr. Hughes, knowing her to be a Tory, had been honest and The speaker dwelt a few moments | said she could not legally vote." Finally after appeals to old church associations the lady was induced by M.r. McLaughlin and other Liberal work-Capt. Bernier expedition to the north ers to vote. They had arranged that their scrutineers would not stop the pole a few years ago, which amount- vote. So the lady voted-marked her ballot for Sam. Hughes and notified ed to \$93,000. He next took up the them not to treat her as a fool again. And that was only Mr. McLaughlin's immigration question, which for beginning in twisting votes. I have at my back to-day several splendid oldsome years past had been running the | time Liberals who well know the horrible details of Grit election debauchcountry. The speaker went on to cry. Then, too, Mr. McLaughlin's profession of purity comes with bad say that the blame of this great im- grace with the Liberal candidate on the same platform—the man who was migration question can be laid to the convicted in open court of having paid \$5 for a man's vote-Laurier government and the North less than the price of a hog or a calf. Then, too, does Mr. McLaughlin think we forget four years ago, when he himself had a band of outside boodlers, led by one passing under the name of "Maguire," the son of a worthy old Scotchman from Whitby, whose true name I shall not here mention-I gave it from the platform then in Lindsay. Does he imagine for a moment we are not awake to his plans of former elections? and does he think, now, that the Whitney Government is in power, that the magistrates can be prevented from doing their duty as they were prevented, or would not do it, under the Ross Government? But why waste time on Mr. R. J. McLaughlin? He is politically dead.

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THE FREE PRESS has removed to the

OLD POST BUILDING

lately occupied by Wonderland

KENT STREET.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearce called on a lew of their friends on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Pearce called on a lew of their friends on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Pearce called on a lew of their friends on Sunday. Enthusiastic Tory Meeting At Reaboro Monday Night

MR. MACDONALD AND REEVE G. A. JORDAN ADDRESS THE LARGE AUDIENCE-MANY WOMEN PRESENT - LAURIER'S POL-ICY COND EMNED.

held their entertainment on Friday schoolroom at Reaboro. Many lad- the scum and were taking the work

by Mr. Wm. Thorne of the village, does, and after each pay day comes Miss Mary McCallum, of Riverview. who, after a short address, called en their money is sent away to Sunny spent Saturday and Sunday with her Mr. MacDonald, of Lindsay, former Italy, and in this way the Canadian

> before his hearers was the immigra- Conservative officials fathomed tion question which the speaker des- question, it was discovered that rangements made by the present gov- circumstances for less than \$192,-

An enthusiastic Tory meeting was over from the eastern world, and The Willing Workers' Mission Band held Monday evening in the crowded claimed that they were nothing but

minds of his hearers many reasons tinental railway question, which, he why the Laurier government should said, the Laurier government prombe put out of power; if not soon done ised the people of Canada if they they would sink the great Dominion put him in. The cost, he estimated, into the depths of ruin and disgrace. was \$13,000,000. The speaker went on One of the first facts which he laid to say that a few years ago when the cribed as being one of the worst ar- road could not be built under any

parents.

Miss Bruce and Miss Hancock, of Mrs editor of The Warder.

The speaker impressed upon the He next dealt with the Transcon-

heaviest expenses the country has had. He also attacked the Arctic expedition, headed by Capt. Bernier, which also proved a failure, and cost the country about \$93,000,000. Bringing his remarks to a close, the speaker described the work done by

Col. Sam Hughes for the country, and said he was the man to vote for. The next speaker called upon was Reeve Geo. Jordan, of Lindsay, who,

after a few moments of introduction, criticized the failures of the Laurier government and the enormous expenses it had attached to the country.

Atlantic Trading Company. The speaker brought his remarks to

a close after speaking for a few moments on the American timber question, which, he said, was fast breaking the backs of the Canadian mills.

Men who are doing a big business the low class of people which come | The speaker criticized the ice break- never need a "busy" sign.