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LINDSAY, FRIDAY, DEC. 8, 1899

THE T. R. Y. CONVENTION.

That the sweet Angel of Peace did not spread her mantle over the late conservative convention is evident from the facts that have been leaking out since the meeting on Saturday last. We are told with a great deal of gush that Dr. Vrooman, the candidate, was the "unanimous choice of the meeting," and that everything was lovely all round. Whilst this is probably true to a certain extent, the nominating meeting was not the perfect party "love feast" that our conservative friends would have us believe. The sturdy protests of Mr. Charles Fairbairn, the late member, who was turned down by the party at the last election, against the candidature of the Doctor, whom he characterized as "one of the nest of traitors who connived at the downfall of the Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, met with the approbation of many of the delegates. The shabby action of the party in giving Mr. Fairbairn the go by after he had so gallantly and successfully fought the battles of the party, cost them many votes at last election, and it was hoped by many that he would again be the candidate. But the same element—the "machine" part of the party—had been getting in their work with the result that the late defeated is again taking off his hat, making his bow to the people and soliciting their support.

What Dr. Vrooman has ever done for his party to ensure his candidature a second time is difficult to ascertain. From the way the nominees of the convention hustled one after the other to withdraw in favor of the Doctor, one is reminded of the haste of a party of shipwrecked mariners leaving a sinking ship. Probably the certainty of defeat, coupled with the extreme anxiety of the candidate to again sacrifice himself upon the party altar, was a powerful reason why the convention took the action they did. Then the financial side of the case had to be considered. The Doctor has the hard cash in plenty, and from that point of view will make an ideal candidate. In his speech accepting the nomination, Dr. Vrooman stated that no money would be used by him, and that the man who used the money was a fool. Is the Doctor foolish enough to believe that his own charm of person and talent was the cause of the "machine" falling in love with him? And he can't see that it was largely on account of his fat bank account he was wooed and won.

Viewing the nomination from a party standpoint, we welcome the candidature of Dr. Vrooman, assuring the success of the reform candidate, (whoever he may be), not on account of the political issues which are all against him and the Tory party, but on account of the personal weakness of the candidate and the difficulty of carrying a once-defeated candidate to victory. When the issues of the day are discussed, with the record of the reform party before them, — the good times, the liberal policy of expending the money for the good of the people, and not to enrich the political leaders of the party, as it was under Tory rule—then will the aspirations of our opponents and their candidate be blasted and the victory be doubly assured for the liberal party in this country.

A SAD SPECTACLE.

We are sincerely sorry to note that in the last issue of the Watchman-Ward, dealing with the Tory convention held here last week, it gives place to the following paragraph:

"There was one jarring note in the convention, and, while unpleasant for various reasons, it found no echo or response. It was unpleasant chiefly because of the regret one must feel that it was struck by a man who was the last conservative member for the riding, but who so soon has placed himself in hopeless antagonism to that party and done things upon his own confession that compel the leaders to promptly repudiate him and refuse his co-operation. Mr. Fairbairn must be given all credit for any independence he may have shown while a member or since that time, and for independence he would merit no antagonism from the party, but when he asserts that he is guilty of corruption at the last election it is impossible for him to longer be regarded as a friend or ally of the conservatives in this riding."

There are few sadder scenes in this world than when a young man reaching the age of maturity arises in his might and turns his father out of doors or packs him off to the workhouse. This puerile paragraph has for years been the standard bearer of the conservative party in this riding, has for years borne the brunt of the fighting, has spent more of his time, more of his money, more of his energy, than any conservative in the ranks; and though The Post has opposed his views, and opposed his election to the house of commons, on account of his political opinions, we have always known him as a strong, sturdy fighter for the policy he believed in.

The reason given by the Watchman-Ward for kicking him out of the party is very strange, to say the least of it. Because he said at the convention that he had assisted Dr. Vrooman, during the last election, in every possible way, and added jokingly that he had even bought votes for him, now the party leaders have the assurance to call him "corruptionist," and to read him out of the party. We, looking on, laugh at them, seeing men steeped to the lips in every sort of election dirtiness, throwing mud at the man whom they have heretofore supported by many devious devices, which they knew they must, and therefore did, keep from his knowledge. If it were the true reason, and the conservative party were really trying to purge their ranks, we would rejoice to see such an improvement, but when they single out the man who, perhaps, knows less of their tactics than any other man, and leave those they do leave undisturbed, it convinces us that the pretended cause of their action is not the real cause.

If the conservative party were to weed out of their party all those guilty of corrupt practices during elections, there would be a woeful falling off in their numerical strength, and a still more woeful falling off of their chief artillery.

The reason of this action is, perhaps, not hard to find. Mr. Fairbairn, in his courageous, independent way, deprecated the candidature of Dr. Vrooman at the convention. He thought that the Doctor's straddle-the-fence attitude on the Manitoba school question, during the last campaign was unworthy of a candidate of the party, and that a man should have intelligence enough to form an opinion and courage enough to stick to it and to defend it. He thought that some man of more decided convictions should be chosen. By this speech he earned the Doctor's disapproval, and Dr. Vrooman has lost all time in dealing out summary vengeance. The conservative party now, as always, tolerates no independence. Those who beag to the party must think with the leader of the party, and must have no progressive ideas, no independent thought. And the trouble just now for conservatives is to know what to think, because they cannot find out what their leader is. If they think as Tupper thinks, they are knifed by Foster's friends. If they think as Foster thinks, the Orange adherents of Wallace join hands against them, and "What can a poor man do" is the campaign song of the poor Tory camp follower to-day.

There may be good reasons for Mr. Fairbairn's semi-independent position during the last few years; at all events, he saw Tupperism at first hand at Ottawa. If he has any regard for the country at all it was hardly to be expected that he would was very enthusiastic over Tupper's puerile efforts to again get possession of the administration of the Dominion.

RANDOM SHOTS.

As the Old Fashioned Flint Lock Musket is to the Present Perfecto Rapid Firing Rifle, So Compare Other Kidney Remedies with Dr. Pitcher's Backache Kidney Pills.

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THE C.P.R. CONNECTION.

We understand most of the preliminary work in connection with the preparation of the several municipal by-laws relating to this project has been done, and the by-laws will be published this week. A number of the directors have been busy for some time past in making preliminary, but necessary, arrangements, and we are requested to state that a series of public meetings will be held in a short time in order to place the question before the ratepayers, and have it publicly discussed in all its bearings. A large preliminary meeting has been called in Bobcaygeon by Mr. Boyd for leading residents of the village and township to make arrangements for opening the campaign at that end of the line; and similar arrangements will be completed and announced for Lindsay and Ops, and for the southern part of the project.

It is only natural that there should be a very strong desire in Harvey, Bobcaygeon and Verulam, to secure the many advantages that will follow the construction of the railway. These advantages are so plain and so important that it is not necessary to occupy time or space with an enumeration or with arguments in support of the project. This is an age of progress and development, and the people in the northern section are quick and keen to appreciate the fact that if they are to share in the general progress and development of this period of wonderful growth and prosperity, they must make the most of the present grand opportunity. If they don't—if they let it go by—they will remain laggards in the race, and will be condemned to slow growth for a quarter of a century. They also clearly understand that the opportunity is not likely to come again. Other and more progressive sections of the country will demand and will be entitled to the government subsidies which form an important part of the present scheme, and which, if not backed up with municipal aid and the support of the community, will be lost to us forever.

As for Lindsay and Ops, "now's the time, and now's the hour." The town has made splendid progress, and the township can easily rank with the best in the province. There can be no doubt as to the many advantages that will accrue to the town from the first appearance of the C.P.R. locomotive within its borders. That fact would be the best advertisement the town could have, and it would be a lasting and most effective advertisement. If Wannamaker were figuring on it alone as advertising value he would consider it well worth the amount of the bonus; through a proposition to spend \$25,000 in advertising the town would probably shock the ordinary ratepayer. The advertising is only a very small part of the advantages that will flow from the construction of the C.P.R. connection, and is really not taken into account at all, though it is an important point just now. As to the material advantages, abundant testimony will be furnished by practical business men at the meeting that will be held on the discussion of the question. Gratifying as our progress has been, the town has now a grand opportunity to make possible much more rapid progress in the future. So far as Lindsay is concerned, it is "now or never." That fact is understood in the township as well. We are satisfied Ops will promptly and willingly vote the required bonus. There has been a great change of opinion regarding not only the project itself, but also as to the mistaken notion that prevailed a few years ago to the effect that "the road would be built anyway." The scheme must go through as announced or there can be no railway. We are satisfied Lindsay will freely do its share. There may be some opposition in interested quarters—that would be natural; but it cannot have much weight. At the same time, the people of Lindsay should show their energy and enterprise by giving the project a handsome majority. This we are confident will be done after the question has received full discussion.

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JAS. BOXALL

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Liverpool: Wheat Cables Were Higher, and Chicago Trading Was Toward Higher Prices—Quotations.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—The wheat market was narrow yesterday, but the quotations were firm, with a tendency toward higher prices. The closing quotations were 65½ to 65½ for December, and 69½ to 69½ for May. Liverpool, Dec. 6.—Wheat futures closed ¼d to ½d higher yesterday.

LEADING WHEAT MARKETS.

Following were the closing prices at important wheat centres yesterday:

Cash.	Dec.	May.	July.
Chicago	65½	69½	70½
St. Louis	65½	69½	70½
St. Paul	65½	69½	70½
Minneapolis	65½	69½	70½
Winnipeg	65½	69½	70½
Edmonton	65½	69½	70½
Calgary	65½	69½	70½
Regina	65½	69½	70½
Saskatoon	65½	69½	70½
Brandon	65½	69½	70½
Weyburn	65½	69½	70½
Swift Current	65½	69½	70½
Yorkton	65½	69½	70½
North Battleford	65½	69½	70½
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