THE ADVANCE.

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THE NOMINATIONS.

McColman and Myles the Candidates.

MR. CAMERON RETIRES.

The nomination of candidates for the representation of East Grey in the Local Legislature, took place in the Town Hall, Flesherton, on Tuesday last. There was a large attendance of electors, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. As nearly as we could gather the following gentlemen were nominated :—Messrs. Neil McColman, Robert Myles, John Cameron, J. J. Middleton, and Wm. Brown ; all of whom withdrew except the first two named.

The speechifying by the various candidates and movers and seconders, commenced at 2:30 p. m., with Mr. Jas. Brodie in the chair—a position that gentleman filled in the most impartial manner.

Capt. Jos. Rorke, of Clarksburg, (Mr. McColman's mover) was the first speaker. His speech was manly and straightforward. It was the speech of an honest man, and carried conviction to the majority of those present. It was not clothed in flowery metaphors, neither was it shrouded in the garb of hypocrisy and deceit; but it was open an manly.

Mr. W. G. Pickell (Mr. J. J. Middleton's mover) made a neat little speech, in which he gave his reasons for nominating Mr. Middleton. Mr. Pickell has good abilities as a speaker.

Mr. Ed. Patterson (Mr. Myles' mover) on being called on, said he would give his time to Mr. Myles.

Mr. Thorp Wright (Mr. Cameron's mover) made a short and able speech in favor of the Reform Candidate, Mr. John Cameron, who, he said, held the highest office in the gift of the County, and had shown himself on all occasions to be well worthy the confidence of the people, and would no doubt make an able representative in the Provincial Legislature of Ontario. (Applause.)

Mr. Thos. Kells said he would not occupy the time of the electors, but give way for others who no doubt had more to say on the subject than he had.

Mr. Heard made a few remarks in favor of his candidate.

Mr. J. J. Middleton, Reeve of Proton, followed in a speech full of sarcasm, wit, and irony. It was remarkable for nothing else in fact. A statement by Mr. Rorke to the effect that the Reeve of a Township should not always be held responsible for the acts of the Council over which he presided as chief magistrate, claimed a large share of his attention. He disputed the assertion, and ridiculed nearly every statement made by Mr. Rorke. He also referred to the importance of sending an independent man to parliament; and, almost in the same breath, made a vigorous defence of the acts of the Mowat administration, which called forth some sarcastic remarks from several persons in the audience. Mr. Middleton is a clever speaker; but really we should like to see him employ his talents in something more edifying than ridicule.

Mr. Wm. Brown, of Markdale, next spoke. He is a vigorous and "wordy speaker." He defended Mr. Mowat, and denounced Sir John Macdonald. He spoke of the Streams Bill and the Boundary Award. He referred to the action taken by the Dominion Grange in reference to the $30,000,000 loan to the Canadian Pacific Railway. He fairly wallowed in Dominion politics. He referred to Dr. Sproule, the worthy and talented M. P. for East Grey, and asked the chairman and audience generally, why the Dominion Government had sent that gentleman to the riding while the House was in session. (A voice—"To correct your mistakes!" Roars of laughter.) Mr. Brown is a good platform speaker, but he borrows too many of his ideas from the extreme party papers, and is therefore prejudiced in a great measure against everything bearing the name Conservative.

Mr. Neil McColman, the Liberal Conservative candidate next addressed the electors. He replied to Mr. Middleton very forcibly, in that quiet, humorous vein so peculiar to him. He defended the stand taken by Mr. Rorke as to the responsibility of Reeves of Townships. He had been thirty-six years a resident of Collingwood Township, and during all that time had adhered firmly to rhe principles of the Liberal Conservative party. He had grown up in their midst, and felt sure he knew the wants of the people of East Grey well enough to enable him to represent them faithfully in the Ontario Legislature. He spoke of the Streams Bill, the Boundary Award, and other important questions alluded to by previous speakers, showing that he had given these questions—so much discussed during the last election campaign—earnest thought and attention. He was proud to say he was a Conservative, and had always worked for the best interests of the party in East Grey, and for, what he thought, the best interests of the people generally. (Cheers.) If elected—and he had no doubt but that the electors would be true to their best interests on Monday, the 18th inst., as they had ever been in the past—he would go to the Legislature as a faithful follower of Mr. Meredith and a member of the Opposition, whose principles were closely identified with the true interests of the people of the Province. (Cheers and applause.)

Mr. Myles next spoke. He referred to the County Valuation, and said that the Valuation of the Township of Proton would have been raised $200,000 had it not been for him. As he was suffering from a severe cold, he would not take up much time. He was surprised that the Liberal Conservative Association of East Grey had chosen such a weak man as Neil. McColman as their standard bearer. (Cries of—"An insult to the Conservatives of East Grey!") If elected he would go to the house untrammeled. An independent man had more weight than one bound down by the ties of extreme partyism. He would rote for measures, not men. It had been said by a paper over the way (THE ADVANCE) that he (Myles) had recently been in Toronto, and had had an interview with Mr. Mowat or some of his ministers. He thought it strange that a man could not visit Toronto on business without having his motives misrepresented. He had not interviewed Mowat or any of his ministers, and THE ADVANCE was, as usual, ahead of time in making such absurd statements. He made some personal references to Messrs. McColman and Rorke, and after a few other remarks of a general nature, took his seat.

Mr. Wm. Walker of Collingwood Township asked a few minutes to make a statement or two. The request being granted, Mr. Walker said :—"Mr. Chairman and fellow electors! I wish to call your attention to the fact that that man (pointing to Mr. Myles) has this day offered a gross insult to the Liberal Conservatives of East Grey." (Cries—"He has! he has!") I ask you to resent the insult at the polls next Tuesday, the 18th inst." (Cries of "we will," and tremendous cheering.) After making a few illusions to other matters, Mr. Walker resumed his seat amid great applause.

Mr. McColman made a brief but

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The Issue.

Tuesday next, 18th inst., is polling day. Mr. Neil McColman is the Liberal Conservative candidate, and Mr. Myles is—nobody knows what. McColman's principles are well known ; while Myles' are scarcely known to himself. Who shall be your representative, then, Electors of the grand old banner riding of East Grey? Shall it be Neil McColman, a man who manfully shows his colors ; or Robert Myles, the straddle-the-fence politician?

"DISGRACEFUL JOURNALISM."

Having been made the subject of some rather uncomplimentary remarks by the editor of the Dundalk *Herald* and his Flesherton correspondent, as well as by the editor of the Markdale *Standard* and *his* Flesherton correspondent, we propose to address a letter to each of those gentlemen (?). To commence with, we address ourself

To the Editor of the Dundalk Herald :

Sir,—You take objection to our calling you "the little local preacher," "pompous little sucker," and "ignoramus." In fact, you go so far as to insinuate that these terms are not only slangey, but the very essence of vulgarity as well. Perhaps they are slightly tinged with both ingredients ; but, admitting they are what you say, did you not display rather bad taste in referring to us, in the column editorial in your last week's issue, in such elegant terms as the following :

"Cast aside his cloak of respectability, and appearing in his true colors ;" "delight in the *vilest* slang ;" "might be expected from the *slums of society, or the unhealthy moral atmosphere of a gambling den!*" "No person, with the *slightest claim to respectability* will.....use such slang as the ADVANCE does ;" we are likened to "vile, plotting Cassius," and it is even hinted that we are of "very low moral character ;" "not stain its pages with such filth ;" "any *respectable* parent would discountenance" (THE ADVANCE) ; "dipped in the rank slum of slang ;" an "ass ;" a "fawning sycophant ;" and a "condensation of ignorance and self-conceit!!!"

Quite a category of choice epithets, sir. Rather surprising that one of your high moral and mental capacity should assume the *role* of a public moralist, while possessing so few of the necessary characteristics—is it not, sir? Yours, &c.,

THE ADVANCE.

To the Dundalk Herald's Correspondent.

Sir,—As you also appear to be an authority on slang phrases and vulgarisms, would you be kind enough to inform us under what heading you would put the following references, to us in your letter in last week's Dundalk Herald : "The creature ;" "whipped, whining cur ;" "retired to his kennel ;" "in his peculiarly vulgar, scurrillous and abusive manner ;" "he so brutally sneers ;" "this *thing* ;" "has not sense to mind the little business he has ;" "the creature" (repeated); "length of his ears ;" "the Editor looked silly ;" "too dull ;" "the butt of fun for the whole audience ;" and a "sucker." It is said, sir, that some people "love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil." I trust, sir, that is not the reason you hide your gentlemanly allusions to us under the cover of a *nom de plume.*

Yours, &c.,

THE ADVANCE.

To the Editor of the Markdale Standard :

Sir,—We have to thank you for the free advertisement you have given us. We have also to thank you, sir, for showing the public that you are as meddlesome as ever in matters that do not concern you.

Yours, &c.,

THE ADVANCE.

To the Markdale Standard's Correspondent.

Sir,—The deep interest you seem to have taken in us and our affairs,—with which you have no concern—leads us to suppose that you have not long since emerged from long clothes and the flowery paths of childhood. You refer to us in the following choice language :—"such a tough hide as his ;" "his own proverbial dull sheet;" "vulgarly abusive, personally vindictive ;" "a VULGAR, IGNORANT BULLY!!!" "The bad, nay even BRUTAL taste of the writer ;" "his own shallow waters ;" "a sucker ;" "a man without means or brains ;" "who imposes himself on a suffering community ;" "who has not got enough sense to hide from the public gaze his own scanty mental furnishings ;" "his lack of intelligence ;" and "glories in his shame." Indeed, sir, your list of expletives is quite complete—as much so as that of your co-partners in slang phrases and billingsgate.

Yours, &c.,

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