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EAST GREY AGAIN.

We had concluded last week to discontinue any further discussion of East Grey political matters and not allow correspondents to do so, unless at so much per line. Such glaring innaccuracies as those given publicity to in the columns of several county contemporaries last week however, has shown us that it would be impossible for us to write under our motto's, "Truth before favor, principles not men," and preserve silence at the same time.

In the first place we observe that the *Grey Review* administers considerable taffy to Mr. McColman, which, coming from an undoubted Reform journal, is significant. It means, in plain English, that interested parties are making a most determined effort to create a split in the Conservative ranks. Of course it is said that all is "fair in love and war," and probably in politics, but we do regret to find Neil McColman adopting tactics to win Reform sympathy and at the same time endeavering or helping to split the ranks of his own party. We are free to assert that the convention which selected Mr. McColman as standard-bearer of the Conservative party in East Grey was not more legally constituted than the one which recently selected Capt Rorke, Mr. McColman forgets, the Thornbury *News* forgets, and the Meaford *Mirror* forgets, that under the new order of things (*vide* advt. announcing convention) the people are now more largely represented at conventions than formerly. But they either can not or will not see this. They want a new Convention composed chiefly of Mr. McColman's supporters, or else they are so terribly stupid that they cannot see the real position of affairs. To say that the convention, which selected Capt. Rorke was packed in favor of that gentlemen is an insult to the gentlemen who composed it that will not soon be forgotten. It is equally insulting to Capt. Rorke and Dr. sproule, M. P,

EAST GREY.

Without wasting any words or taking up more space than is necessary we desire to inform our readers and the public generally that circumstances have occurred and information has been furnished us which have led us to reconsider the remarks made in previous issues of the MIRROR anent the alleged dishonest practices at the recent convention. As we stated last week we got our information from a reliable man, but he has apparently been misled, which accounts for our mistake. We are extremely sorry that the MIRROR should have been the means of circulating a report so damaging to the association, and will do whatever lies in our power to remedy any evil that may arise in consequence. We were conscientious in the matter, having no interest to serve other than "honor and justice" to all men. It is currently reported that Mr. McColman will be a candidate against Mr. Rorke, the nominee of the Convention. We have no authority for the statement, and we do not think, now that it is shown there is no truth in the alleged packing, he will jeapordise his future prospects by so doing. As the person on whose authority we take back our former statements has been pleased to keep his name quiet, we do not think we would be acting honestly with our first informant in disclosing his identity, therefore we will keep it to ourselves.—*Meaford Mirror.*

It will now be in order for the Thornbury *News* to make an ample apology to THE ADVANCE for its impertinent and foolish allusions to us last week. We don't think it will again attempt to give us pointers on East Grey political matter in a hurry. The trouble is, that the *News* is the tool —unconsciously, perhaps—of a Thornbury clique. We might add, that we sincerely hope that Mr. McColman's good common sense will speedily come to his rescue and prevent him committing political suicide.

FLESHERTON GOSSIP.

Dashes Here and There by the Agricultural Editor.

Well, autumn has come and we have arrived at that stage—

When chill November's surly blasts
Make fields and forests bare.

In fact autumn will soon be obliged to give place to winter when the Ice-King will rule supreme, and skating rinks, sleighs, cutters, &c. will be in order. In the meantime how is your wood pile progressing—or how is it retrograding? The Agricultural Editor had some of his choicest wood silently removed by almost invisible hands on Wednesday night of last week. He has borrowed a Winchester repeating rifle. N. B.—The rifle is loaded. Double N. B.—It is loaded for large game!

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Mr. Samuel Kingston some time ago made the remark;—"I never gave a Refarmer a vote in me life." Thursday morning the Agricultural Editor heard the same gentlemen denouncing the Conservative Government and upholding its opponents with an earnestness quite startling. A warm discussion took place but Samuel dramatically pointed to the expense of the North-West rebellion in proof of what he said. He blamed the Government for the rebellion· Ah! Sir Richard, Sir Richard! you have created the mischief amongst us, and yet, like our own Samuel, you were once a good Tory!

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"Say boss," said a friend of the Agricultural Editor, "do you know what I heard from a friend of mine, who used to team grain to Durham—in fact did so until quite lately?" "Don't know, I'm sure," said the A. E. with some show of interest. "Well I heard him say Flesherton buyers had bought nearly twice as much grain as the Durham ones; he also said that your buyers were square men and paid as high prices as could safely be paid, and that the Flesherton market was getting to be very popular. Its a fact—the A. E. made careful enquiry, with the most gratifying results, and found that everything stated by his friend was correct in every particular. Big grain warehouses and bigger bluster does not necessarly imply highest market prices or handling of larger quantities of grain than places not possessing such facilities for handling grain. Nowadays, indeed, with such excellant facilites for shipping, it pays better (in most cases) to keep produce on the more.

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Flesherton must have a Mechanics Institute, a circulating Library, a Reading Room, or something of the sort. The A. E. has several times been on the eve of establishing a Circulating Library, with membership fee at so much per annum, or books given out at so much each; governed by the rules and regulations adopted by similar concerns elsewhere. The A. E. having already in stock a large number of works by popular authors—religious, scientific, poetical, biographical, artistic, and fictitious—is giving the matter his "serious consideration." Other works, of course would be added from time to time.

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Death of an Old Resident.

Orangeville Post.

"On Tuesday last another of Orangeville's old residents passed away in the person of Mr. John Parsons, who died of liver complaint at his residence, Prince of Wales' Road. The deceased was an Englishman by birth, but was descended from an old Welsh stock. Many of the members of his family did good service in the defence of their county. Two of his father's brothers belonged to the Duke of Wellington staff, and followed the "Hero of a Hundred Fights" through the Peninsular War. One of these fell at the Battle of Waterloo, while the other was, at the close of the war, given charge of His Majesty's canteen at London, in recognition of his distinguished services. The deceased removed from Oakville, Halton county, to Orangeville in 1858, and engaged in the stove and tinware business, which he carried on for several years. He built one of the first three brick stores in Orangeville, that erected by him being the building now occupied by Mr. M. Lesson, opposite the market house, Broadway. He has led a retired life for some time. He was a Liberal in politics, and was among the first Reformers to vote in this section. When he cast his first vote there were only five Liberals in what is now the town of Orangeville He was a staunch adherent and member of the Methodist church. He leaves a widow, who is well provided for, and a son and a daughter, Mr. W. Parsons and Mrs. R. J. McKitrick. His death occurred at 12:30 p. m., exactly 50 years to the minute from the day of his marriage. The remains were interred in the Town Cemetery, Orangeville, on Friday last.

[Major Parsons, son of deceased, is uncle to Mrs. A. R. Fawcett, wife of the Editor of THE ADVANCE.—ED. NOTE.]

Sir David Macpherson.

To the Editor of The Advance.

Dear Sir.—I admire very much your stand on the Temperance question, and I think your paper is one of the spiciest I read. I also enjoyed your good-natured report of that Demonstration at Flesherton on the 5th instant. Perhaps it is not usually well to cross political swords with an editor, but really, don't you think you were a little too hard on Hon. Sir D. L. Macpherson? I agree with you that Riel was executed justly, and also that a good deal of censure should be given some governmental officials, but surely Sir David should not bear the sins of all. However, as I have not official reports at hand, except for 1883, when Sir David had no portfolio at all, will you please tell us who has held the offices of Minister of the Interior, and Supt. of Indian Affairs since 1878.

I suppose you were at Owen Sound on Monday and so will be heaped up, pressed down, and running over.

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