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DR. HUNT'S CANDIDATURE.

Dr. Hunt is a man of peculiar methods. In fact it is hard to understand his tactics. They are too profound to be understood by ordinary mortals. At the late Reform convention, held in Markdale, a large number of the delegates were unfavorable to bringing out a candidate to contest the riding with Major Rorke, but Dr. Hunt desired to sacrifice himself upon the altar politic and it was decided to allow him to do so. A week or so ago Dr. Hunt announced to his friends that he would not stand. On Wednesday last the president of the Reform Association received a telegram announcing the Dr's. final decision that he would remain in the field. What, we would like to inquire, does this vacillating, twisting and tumbling policy signify? Surely the Reform convention ought to be proud of its candidate! It reminds one of a small boy undergoing his first lesson in swimming. The little fellow enters the water until it rises to his knees, then makes a rush for the shore with the exclamation that "it's cold." The next trial will probably amount to a little more, but when he feels the cold water tickling his ribs he will, ten chances to one, refuse to advance until some day when the water is warmer. In the case of Dr. Hunt the water is now tickling his ribs, and if he does not retire precipitately to the bank he will very likely undergo a cramp that will either drown him or double him up for life. As a physician Dr. Hunt probably understands this and knows that his fear is well founded. It is amusing to watch these antics and expressions of fear, but in fact they are really justifiable, for the water is of unknown depth just at present. There has been a great defection in the Reform camp of Centre Grey, owing to Mr. Mowat's pandering to French and Catholic interests. The Equal Rights party is not organized here, but numbers of hitherto Reformers have decided that Mr. Meredith's platform, which we publish in these columns, is the proper thing for this country, and will vote accordingly. Under such circumstances Dr. Hunt's swimming lesson is an exceedingly hard one, and one which will, no doubt, discourage him from making a second attempt.

MR. MEREDITH'S PLATFORM.

As a number of our readers are probably unacquainted with the full import of Mr. Meredith's platform we present it in full as follows:
A policy of conserving our timber resources, instead of drawing on them as an encouragement to extravagance.
A reversal of the centralizing policy, which grasps power and patronage for the Government at the expense of municipal and local authorities.
Removing the licensing system from partisan control and putting an end to the scandals that have arisen under the present system.
Non-partisan management of the Education Department.
Abolition of tax exemption.
A secret ballot to put an end to intimidation and bribery.
Attention to the improvement of the condition of the workingman.
In the interests of Roman Catholics and Protestants alike, obnoxious amendments to the Separate School Act must be repealed.
Ballot for separate school electors, as now enjoyed by public school electors.
The assertion of the principle that secular education is the duty of the state, and that in

all schools to which public moneys are granted the state must insist on retaining control, while not seeking to interfere with religious teaching.
English is to be insisted on as the language of our schools, and any relaxation of this rule to be understood as only for the purpose of bridging over a temporary difficulty; while bilingual books must be opposed as intended to perpetuate the present trouble.

The above platform is acknowledged by all, even Reformers, to be a good one, but the latter say Mr. Meredith would not carry it out, even if placed in power. Give him an opportunity, and see how quickly he will prove such pessimistic vaporings false. Wm. Meredith is a man of intense earnestness in his convictions, and one who has the courage of his convictions. Elect him to the treasury benches and you will have elected a man who says what he means and will do the deeds he promises. Read the platform carefully, and see if it be not such an one as should be adopted by every truth-loving and sincere man of the Province.

On the other hand, Mr. Mowat will not grant the ballot to the Catholic separate school supporter, because, forsooth, the heads of the church desire him not to, while the elector clamors for it. Mr. Mowat will only do away with a small portion of tax exemptions; and Mr. Mowat will not grant secret ballot reform because he likes to know who are his friends. Mr. Mowat will not grant the election of license inspectors by the people, because he is a Liberal and likes to be liberal with those hotel keepers who are his supporters. The rottenness of this latter system, alone, ought to be enough to send Mr. Mowat to the ruminating shades of opposition.

Mr. Rykert, of Lincoln, has been convicted by the special committee appointed to investigate the charges against him of boodling and scandalous conduct in connection with timber limits some years ago, and has resigned his seat in the House of Commons. When this investigation was instigated Opposition papers averred that Sir John would see to it that Mr. Rykert should not be found guilty. Now that the result has been contrary to their expectations the same papers sneeringly remark that the Conservatives have shown little gratitude to Mr. Rykert by their course in this matter. Surely the average Reformer is very hard to please about an election time.

A Letter From Mr. Rorke.

To the Editor of The Advance.
DEAR SIR,—Being the victim of a painful accident, which occurred on the 1st inst., I regret to acknowledge that I am confined to my room and shall be unable to enter upon the election campaign at as early a date as my opponent. I am assured, however, by my medical adviser, that I shall be fit for duty on or before the 15th inst. I will then hold a series of meetings throughout every township in the riding, for the purpose of giving an account of my stewardship, and discussing the vital questions which divide the two political parties of this province. Believing that the platform so clearly and fearlessly defined by Her Majesty's loyal Opposition through their able and talented leader, W. R. Meredith, Q. C., will receive the hearty endorsement of the independent electors of Centre Grey, as well as the majority of the ridings, throughout the province,
I remain yours sincerely,
JOSEPH RORKE.
Clarksburg, Ont., May 6th, 1890.

Died.

MORROW.—At Owen Sound, on Friday, May 2, Margaret Jane Morrow, wife of Joseph Morrow, in her 67th year.

Kimberley.

From our own Correspondent.
The late rain has swollen the numerous streams that water our little village and has caused a vigorous growth of foliage.
The fall wheat on the adjacent farms is in a prosperous condition, and so far promises a good crop. Farmers have nearly finished seeding.
Mr. G. T. Graham has increased the speed of his circular saw and purchased a new rubber driving belt. He is now turning out lumber in number one style.
Mr. W. S. Bishop left town this week for North Bay.
The base ball club has organized with Messrs. J. McConnell and W. Ellis for captains. The boys are preparing to have a lively time with the sphere this summer and are open to any challenge (Toronto team exempt) for the 24th of

this month. The foot ball team is also open to a challenge for the same date.

INQUISITIVE.

Feversham News.

From our own Correspondent.

Mr. R. T. McGirr, the representative of Adair Bros., Toronto, is visiting his family in Feversham at present. He is as genial as ever, and entertains the boys right royally.

Some of the boys thought they would play a practical joke on our host, Brown, on Sunday evening, the 4th inst. Accordingly they seized his one horse shay and deposited it with care in the bottom of the seething waters, where it was found the following morning by Mr. Jno. McQuarrie, who took it out by way of the turnpike road. Many are the rumors as to who the guilty parties are, but Mr. Brown is fully aware as to who the guilty parties are, and it is to be hoped he will have the good sense to prosecute the offenders of the law.

Fishing is the order of the day Messrs. F. C. Bruce and J. Irwin, are the trout heroes, in favor of the latter, 85 to 84.

Strange to say some of our citizens can tell on Wednesday what Tom has reserved for Thursday. We wonder who the proof reader is? Will I be forced to ask the following question, viz. ? Is it possible for a letter to go from here to Flesherton without being read by some inquisitive meddler? Surely "Tom" is capable of doing his own proof reading, and most correspondents are anxious to have that honor to themselves. Now, my friend don't attempt the like again, for really, it is nasty.

Mr. W. McAleer and Miss Maggie Homestead are in the village at present.

Mr. W. J. McGirr is at present laid up with a sore hand from the effects of fishing.

Mr. W. G. Allister was afflicted with la grippe last week, but we are glad to see him around again.

No clue has yet been found as to the condition of my lamented friend, Zip.

Joe is about to take to a trade. He prefers blacksmithing. Go in on it Joe, now is the accepted time.

Q. Who broke McGirr's buggy?
A. Joe and his spring colt.

TOM.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

Mr. Editor, kindly allow us space in your valuable paper to supply the public with some of the latest Feversham news. As we have not been writing for some time we have taken the trouble to pick up something interesting.

The Salvation Army held a banquet in their barracks last Thursday evening and notwithstanding the small attendance a very enjoyable time was spent.

We understand Capt. Black intends leaving Feversham shortly. The captain will be missed by a great many of our citizens.

Bill is still on the war path. We think Miss S. must have frightened him badly when he had to run so hard. Keep your hat on Bill, you may catch cold, the dew falls rather heavy in the evenings.

Joe lies low this week. Spring colors have not come out yet.

Some Singhampton friends spent an enjoyable evening in town last week with some of our boys, who seemed to be indulging rather freely. Jim says holidays will soon be here and he can sleep longer in the daytime.

Fishing season has again opened and the boys are taking advantage of the fine weather to attack the river. No doubt Joe thought he had caught a whale last week. Bruce tells a very fishy story.

Mr. Paul's new house is in course of erection.
OBSERVER.

Honor Rolls for April.

The following is the standing of S. S. No. 3, Artemesia, for March and April.
5th—Annie Akins, Addie Breen.
4th—Sarah Wright, Martha Wright, Eva Irwin, Wm. Orr.
3rd—Ellen Wilcock, Luie Stewart, Henry Quigg, Lizzie Waller, Richard McMullen, Emma Quigg, Wm. Blackburn.
2nd—Guy Orr, Sarah Tucker, Ellen Quigg, Katie Bentham, Lizzie Tucker, Fred Wurts, Hattie Johnston, Willie Bentham, Grace Wurts, Rachel Best, Rod. Bentham.

FLESHERTON STATION

Sr. 4th—Mary McPhatter.
Jr. 4th—Janet McPhatter, James Ashdown.
Sr. 3rd—Millie Cook, Janie Hemphill.
Jr. 3rd—Thomas Lawrence, Willie Willson and Mary A. Cook (equal).
Sr. 2nd—Thomas Cook, Maggie Hemphill.

EUGENIA.

Names arranged according to the pupils standing in their respective classes.
4th class.—Albert Latimer, Herbie Johnson, Minnie Gilliland. 3rd class.—Albert Watts, Charles Johnson, Marion Bell. 2nd class.—Susan Hawkins, Alice Gordon, Frank Pedlar. 2nd part.—Alice Genoe, Emerson Smith, Rebecca Turner.

BOOTS & SHOES

FOR THE
SPRING TRADE.

As everybody will be getting a pair of new boots or shoes or ought to be getting a pair, now that the fine weather will be here soon, to meet increased trade I have bought very largely in this line of goods, some of the choicest and best that can be had, also cheaper ones. In fine goods the stock I am now offering is not excelled in this part of the country. I also have a very large assortment of heavier lines. Not much use quoting prices, although I have men's plough boots for \$1.00, also ladies' Balmoral for \$1.00 and very good value for the money. I don't want to make you believe they are worth five dollars but they are very good value indeed, for \$1.00 I have very much better lines and better value at from \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$4.00 that will give good satisfaction. These are bought from some of the best manufacturers in Ontario, and are equal to anything showing in this line and quite new.

IN GENTS' WEAR

I have a very stylish lot of Buff, Calf, Dongola and Kid, Balmoral and Gaters, also strong lace boots.

IN LADIES' WEAR

I have a choice lot, new styles, in Prunela, Dongola, Kid, Polish Calf, Buff, in Balmoral and button, also heavier lines.

IN CHILDREN'S WEAR

I have a very large assortment, all sizes.

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Slippers—a large lot in plain and foxed carpet, tweed and rep., also fine leather.

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BOOTS & SHOES.

Men's, Boys', Youths', Ladies' and Children's in endless variety and at prices that defy competition.

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