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THE CRISIS IS NEAR!

Canada's Destiny as a Colony
 Soon to be Determined.

**SUCCESS FOR THE LIBERALS
 MEANS ANNEXATION.**

The above are flaming headlines which appear over a three-column article in the New York Press of Sunday last, Feb. 15th. Can any loyal Canadian read them without feeling his blood boil at the dastardly attempt which is being made upon our country? The press closes its article by saying:

Whatever the final outcome may be, and it is yet too early to calculate upon the result, as the candidates have not all been nominated and the attitude of several counties is doubtful, the general consensus of intelligent opinion is that there are three sources, and three only, open to Canada: First—To remain a British colony, but to have the treaty making right within its own jurisdiction. Second—Independence. Third—Annexation. Time must soon point the course which Canada will take.

Yes, Canada will point her course on the 5th of March, as she has been pointing it in the past, and that course will lead her right along in the old lines.

DR. SPROULE FOR CENTRE GREY.

It was a grand representative gathering of Liberal Conservatives of East and Centre Grey which met in the roller rink, Markdale, on Friday of last week. The building was well filled with delegates from every portion of the riding, which extends from Shelburne to Meaford. The platform fairly groaned under the added weight of thirty or forty of the old party war horses of the riding, prominent among which we noticed Dr. Barr, Wm. Jelly, R. McGee and Major Douglass, of Shelburne; Thos. Gilray, warden; T. Hanbury, reeve of Dundalk; F. Smelser, reeve of Collingwood; Jas. Bowes and N. Read, of St. Vincent; Major Rorke, M. P. P.; J. J. Johnston, mayor of Meaford; Thos. Andrews and T. McKennie, of Thornbury; Dr. McLean, Meaford; A. J. Chisholm, representing the Owen Sound Sun, and representatives of The Advance and Meaford Mirror. There were a large number of nominations made, and as many patriotic and stirring speeches delivered, but the delegates present did not have the opportunity of voting for a candidate as all the nominees retired in favor of Dr. Sproule, making his nomination unanimous. The convention was the heartiest and most enthusiastic ever held in the riding. Dr. Sproule addressed the convention in a brilliant speech of an hour's duration.

John Clark, of St. Vincent, was nominated at Kimberley by the Reform party on Tuesday to contest East and Centre Grey with Dr. Sproule.

Here is the way to look at the question of unrestricted reciprocity. Canada is asked to admit everything freely from the United States, and gets, in return the cold satisfaction of allowing the United States to formulate her tariff with other countries. The howling eagle will thus have the power invested in her to make Canada

deal with her for every article of merchandise which she may require. What a pitiful, degraded specimen of a country Canada would be in the eyes of all the world. A British province submitting to fiscal control by a foreign power! Ye gods, but if such happens "Rule Britannia" must be rewritten and "Britains never will be slaves" amended to, "Britains never (well, hardly ever) will be slaves."

Side issues, quirks and quibbles, are being brought into this election contest by the Reformers, as innumerable as the sands of the seashore, but let the electorate remember that there is but one plank in the Reform platform, and that is unrestricted reciprocity. Victory for the party means unrestricted, fingering of Canadian funds by the Americans at Washington. It means an unrestricted swallowing up of a lesser population by a greater. It means unrestricted ruin to the majority for the aggrandisement of a few Reform politicians. Electors of South Grey, where do you stand on this matter? Are you Americans or are you Canadians who will stand by your country? If you are Canadians, vote for John Blythe on the 5th of March.

A prominent Reformer told us the other day that he did not care for Landerkin—it was the party he was working for. That is where the

this continent. This is a class of manufactures which the Canadian people do not wish to encourage.

Do you wish to pay two prices for your clothes? Then vote for Landerkin and U. R. With the American prohibitive duty on English, Scotch and Irish tweeds and flannels, you will be obliged to take what the Americans give you in that line, and pay one third more for them, than you are paying now. A suit of clothes which costs in Canada from \$18 to \$30, will cost you at this moment in the United States from \$30 to \$55.

Hopeville.

From our own Correspondent.
 Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, of Norman by spent a week among friends here visiting Mr. A. H. Burnett, Mr. H. McDonald, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Wm. McMurdo, and several others, but becoming anxious about home they started again for Norman by before they had paid all the visits they intended.

Some of this neighborhood have gone to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hannah, of Riverview, of whose death we were surprised and grieved to hear. The bereaved husband and family have our sympathy in their loss.

Mr. Jas. McDonald has returned from Michigan, he gives a glowing account of that country. He visited our old citizens Messrs. Fettes, Wm. and Jas. Armstrong, D. Campbell, and brings some cheering accounts to their friends here.



Grits and Conservatives differ in this riding. In John Blythe they have an honorable and upright man for whom they can work with the consciousness that at the same time they are doing yeoman labor for the party who have satisfactorily helped at the birth of a nation on this north half of the continent. Contrast Canada of the present day with the time of Sir John's promotion to power in 1869. It has been one long period of development, with the exception of the four years, from '73 to '78, when Mr. Mackenzie was in power. The Conservative party, has settled the fertile Northwest and British Columbia and bound all the provinces together with the most magnificent stretch of railway on the face of the earth. And at every step this progress has been bitterly fought by the Reform party. Party, indeed! How some people can see anything noble or chivalrous in working for a party who would weakly submit to the impertinent invitations of a man like Wiman to allow the Americans to make our financial laws, is something incomprehensible. Some of our readers may say that we are unnecessarily severe, but such Reformers as Hon. Alex. Mackenzie, Hon. Edward Blake and Hon. W. McDougall believe with us that the reciprocity platform is one of the most reprehensible ever placed before an intelligent electorate. There are hundreds of Reformers in this Canada of ours who understand the case and will vote with the Conservatives in this contest.

The temperance people will not vote for U. R. in this contest because it would give the liquor traffic such a boom as it has never had before. Canadian liquors are conceded to be much superior to the American stuff, and were the duty taken off Canadian whisky by the American government it would have the effect of making Canada the manufacturing centre for

Mr. Ball has slain another wild cat. We had no idea that so many ravenous beasts haunted our quiet woods until the continual howl of the hounds and shots of the huntsmen have brought to light the true state of affairs.

Mr. Geo. Campbell is much better and is able to take a drive when the weather is fine and spend a few hours with his friends.

Mr. Jno. Batchelor's child is still quite low. They have not been able to take her home yet, but from last accounts she was some better.

We notice quite a quantity of brick collected on Mr. Archy Ferguson's lot in readiness for house building when spring comes.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McLean were at Grand Valley lately at the wedding of Mrs. McLean's brother, Mr. John Taylor to Miss Hillis, of that place.

Miss Phemia McPhail is now helping Mrs. A. Ferguson, who has been blessed with another little daughter.

The ratepayers are looking forward to the coming election with some degree of warmth. Will the time ever come when partyism will be a thing of the past and men be elected to govern our country because of their moral and intellectual fitness for the position only, rather than the side of politics they may be on?

Mr. Joseph Blaek had two sheep nearly worried to death by dogs. The dogs escaped and are unknown.

Mount Zion.

From our own Correspondent.

In our last budget there was a slight mistake, it being Angus Bolton of Albion instead of Alliston.

Miss Mary Braidner, of Rocklyn, who has been visiting friends in this part for some time, has returned home.

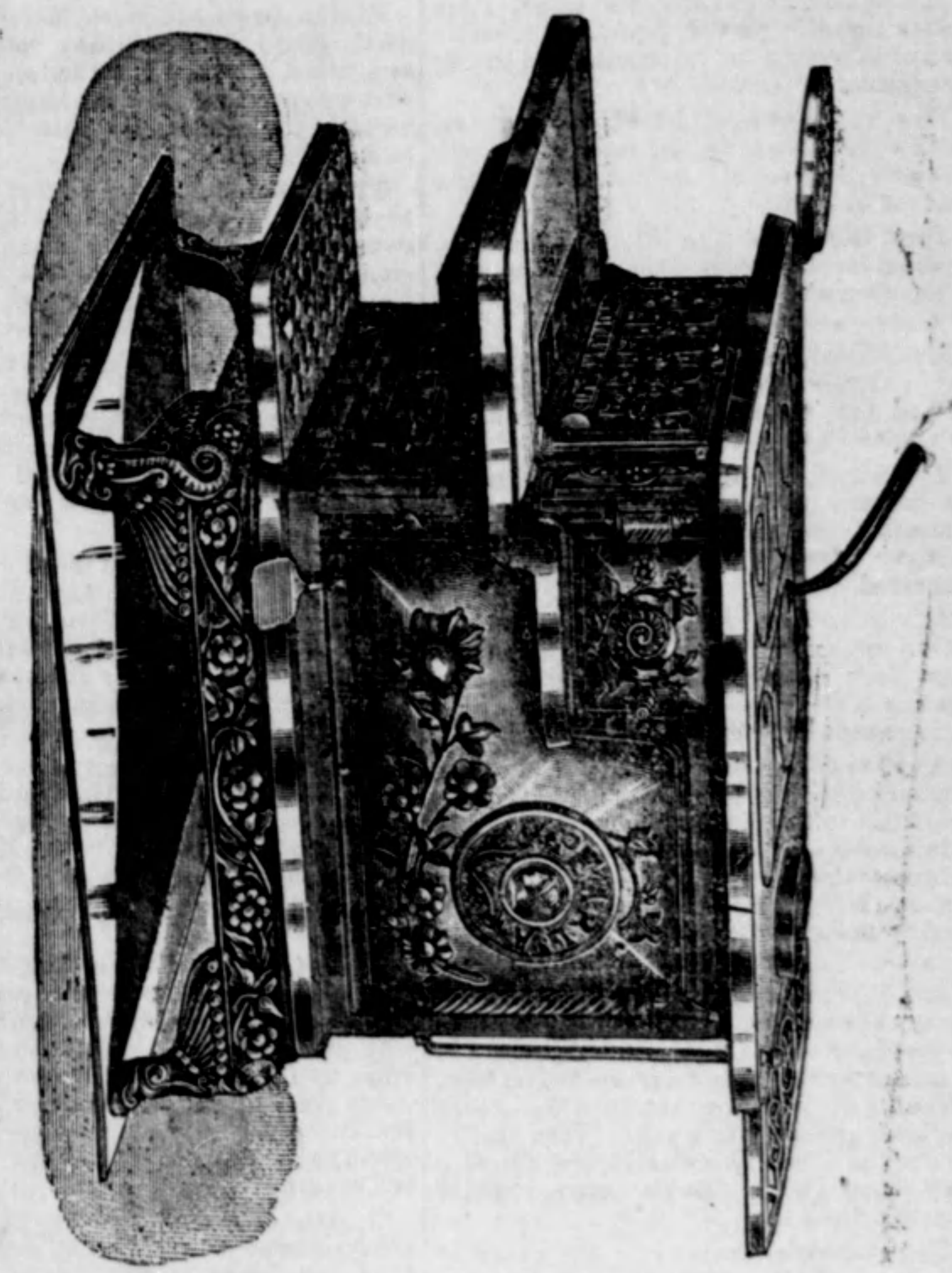
Miss Tilly White, of Markdale, is visiting her sister here, Mrs. Thos. Taylor, jr.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Ross, of this place, attended the funeral of Mrs. Geo. Rutherford of Shelburne. The deceased has many friends in this part who sincerely regret her death.

Mr. Joseph Strain, sr., who has been very ill for some time, is slowly recovering.

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