

# The Standard.

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The Dominion Elections is not now expected before next summer.

The Prohibition sentiment is constantly growing throughout the Dominion, and we may reasonably look for a general Prohibitory liquor law in the near future.

## BALANCE ACCOUNTS.

In every instance where it is possible credit accounts should be paid in full at or about the close of the year, and commence the new year with a "clean sheet." This might be done as well as not in numerous cases where from mere carelessness or neglect it is allowed to run from year to year, and probably end in a dispute: There are however numerous instances when full payment is impossible at the close of the year, and in all such cases there should be a balancing of accounts and an understanding between creditor and debtor as to the actual amount due, and the prospects of when and how it may be paid.

The credit system has been a boon to many when rightly used, but the ruin of thousands, chiefly through its abuse.

There are many, who after contracting a debt or running an account, and not being in a position to meet the indebtedness when due, will evade meeting his creditor, and even make his purchases in other establishments rather than come in contact with him who has favored him with goods on time.

Now this is as unsatisfactory as it is common, and every person who has been guilty of such ingratitude in the past would do well to turn over a new leaf the coming January.

By all means settle up at the end of the year; if not by payment in full, then strike a balance and have a fair understanding: "short accounts make long friends."

## MUNICIPAL.

Glennelg Municipal matters are not causing much excitement as yet. We understand Mr. Moffatt the present reeve is a candidate for re-election, and as far as we can judge, will be elected whether he has opposition or not. He has filled the position with credit to himself, and we believe general satisfaction to the ratepayers. There is rumors of Mr. Binnie opposing the reeve, and we would not expect any better common sense from him. Mr. McCuaig the present deputy-reeve will likely be a candidate for re-election, as also Messrs. Lamb and Williams. Mr. Lamb has had one year's experience, which will no doubt be a great help to him the coming year should he be elected; he is an honorable man and has, we believe, given general satisfaction.

It is said that J. A. McMillen will again seek election; we are not certain however.

Markdale is likely to have a man in the field, but there is nothing definite yet.

In Euphrasia the old council are likely to be re-elected, so rumor has it, however it will be a surprise if that township don't have an election, and a hot contest at that. We have heard the name of Thos. McAfee spoken as a probable candidate, for councillor. He would no doubt make a good representative.

Artemesia is quiet as yet; nothing new on the program.

Holland is considerably agitated in reference to the contest for reeve. Mr. Cameron the present reeve is to be opposed by Dr. Oldham of Chatsworth. The latter is making a vigorous effort so it is said.

## TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SOUTH RIDING OF GREY.

Gentlemen, Owing to the exigencies of the Legislature being sprung upon us very unexpectedly I regret exceedingly that I have been unable to visit several portions of the riding. It was my intention to call a series of meetings before the next session commenced and consult with you as to your views respecting the Franchise Bill, the excessive expenditure incurred in erection of new Parliament buildings and other important matters. I desire to briefly place my views and general policy before you, but shall endeavor to meet you at every possible point.

Elected as I was by the farming and laboring community, I challenge my opponents to point to one vote opposed to their interest. As a Conservative I shall support that party on its general principles, believing the policy of the opposition under the leadership of Mr. Meredith to be more progressive and liberal than the legislation of the present government.

The laws introduced instead of being such as everyone could easily understand, are only calculated to increase litigation, a very undesirable thing for an Agricultural Province. I am a strong advocate for manhood suffrage and shall endeavor to do away with intricacies in the voters' lists by its introduction. I am opposed to any appropriation for Immigration purposes by the Provincial Legislatures.

The timber policy of the present government is open to censure, owing to large blocks being disposed of, to the disadvantage of those whose means would admit of them purchasing smaller areas.

The municipal legislation I consider is calculated to take power out of the hands of the people who is legitimately theirs. The time has now arrived when the intelligence of the people demands that greater powers should be conferred on both townships and country councils and by so doing the number of representatives in the Local Legislature instead of being increased as lately done, might be greatly reduced.

I also believe that the Educational department should be under the control of a non-political head.

I am also strongly opposed to the monopoly which now exists regarding the publication of our school books, and believe that by allowing competition, the cost of the books, to the public would be materially lessened, and by less frequent changes a greater saving would accrue to parents.

I also venture to hope that the course I pursue in connection with the Land Improvement fund was in the interest of my constituents and in the future should you do me the honor to re-elect me, it shall be my utmost endeavor to look after the interest of those whom I represent.

There are many matters to which it is impossible to allude in an address, but while I am sensible of the honor you did me, a common farmer, by returning me as your representative I trust my course in the House has been such, as to retain your esteem and confidence.

Asking you for a renewal of your confidence. I am gentlemen, faithfully yours, JOHN BLYTH.

To the Editor of the STANDARD.

DEAR SIR,—While reading the Dr's. reply to Mr. Elliott, he says "every member cried shame at the unreasonable expenditure" viz: \$150 on Freemans hill, benefiting some 18 persons in Artemesia; I wonder where those members are now that they do not all "cry shame" at a more unreasonable and unnecessary expenditure, and only accommodate about six persons in Artemesia. I refer to the Valley road which has cost this Municipality about \$700 and they have not the title to one foot of it yet, and that amount will simply chop the road and level 12 foot; it will require bridges culverts and in many places ditching and gravelling before it is passable, and we learn they are not through surveying it yet, though the Council Aid Survey and pass a By-law to establish from Mr. Hogg's mill to Campbells deviation, and also notified the parties owning the land to remove the timber, and who, when at much inconvenience and loss had removed some 40 rods through a cedar swamp letting in air and possible fire, when waiting on the council for remuneration was told by the man who says he is "bound to sustain and vindicate his character at hazard" that he did not notify them to remove the timber (lift your thumb again Cressor) well if not Dr. Christie, Reeve, this time it is Wm. Bellamy, Clerk. But it seems they do not want that portion of the road now and will throw it up in that dishonorable way and are commencing some 80 rods from Campbells deviation and running obliquely up the mountain some 80 rods from the bottom of the Valley where no four sane man in the Town would think of making it. Was the Dr. Reeve when the first survey was made? Had he a resolution of council to survey from Hogg's mill to Campbells deviation when he did? Would it not have been cheaper to have brought out the 5 or 6 parties it will accommodate at the whole Valley at the original price? or perhaps cheaper still an Apothecary shop at the bottom of the mountain? A. HARRISON.

## TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CENTRE RIDING OF GREY.

GENTLEMEN:—The time is at hand when you will be called upon to exercise your franchise in the selection of a representative to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. The duty which you owe to your country, to yourselves and to posterity demands that you exercise that privilege with a calm and settled determination to advance the best interests of our fair Province. In the heat of party strife men of impulsive temperaments are apt to overlook the real issues involved in the living present, and to allow their judgments to become warped by the mere "shibboleths" of the past. The interests of our country, the advancement of intelligence and the humanizing influence of our common Christianity demand that we lay aside the religious strifes and party contentions which have so long disturbed and distracted the National mind, and that as sons of our common country, loyal subjects of our beloved Queen, we go "hand-in-hand" together; mutually intent upon the achievement of a higher civilization, a purer morality and a more liberal Christian sentiment, and while firmly maintaining our own rights, yet willing to grant the same privileges which we claim for ourselves to those of our fellow countrymen who may differ from us in creed or nationality.

With the view of giving effect to these sentiments, I beg to announce that I am a candidate for your suffrages at the coming election, and I respectfully request that all my fellow electors who share these sentiments, will by their vote and influence do what they can to secure my election.

It is proper that you should ask, and it is right that I should declare, what my opinions are in reference to the issues which divide the "Parties" in Ontario at the present time.

In the main I am in accord with the general course of legislation pursued and with the principles enunciated and carried out for some years by the Mowat administration, and if elected I shall deem it my duty in the interests of the Province to sustain the present Government; reserving of course to myself the right to judge of each measure which may be brought forward, upon its merits, irrespective of the source from which it may emanate.

I am free to admit that with all Governments there is a tendency to unnecessary extravagance—against all such tendencies I shall deem it my duty as your representative to raise my voice and exert my influence.

In reference to the school law generally, my opinion is that recent legislation has been largely in the interest of the teaching profession, and that the interests of the public which ought to be paramount, have to a certain extent been ignored.

I am of opinion that the present "holiday" terms are too long, especially to meet the requirements of rural communities, and that some change is desirable in this respect.

Of the many important questions which claim attention at this particular juncture it is impossible within the compass of a short address to speak with intelligence and precision:

During the canvass however I purpose to discuss some of these with you at the public meetings to be held at central points throughout the constituency when I hope to have the pleasure of meeting many of you and forming acquaintances which I trust will be mutually agreeable and lasting.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, Your obedient servant, JOSEPH BORKE.

Clarksburg, Nov. 26, 1886.

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## To the Free and Independent Electors of Centre Grey.

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Markdale, Dec. 4, 1886.

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