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COUNTRY, NOT PARTY.

The Milton Champion of last week says that the Acton Free Press has been published to be an independent journal, and has carried out its profession with "able success," and then goes on to state that the paper is published by John A. Macdonald, on account of our having "at last declared ourselves in favor of the National Policy." The reason for the Champion saying this is because we gave an article in the Free Press of the 23rd of May, on "Free Trade vs. Protection."

The Free Press has, as the Champion says, hitherto professed to be independent, and it still professes to be so. Perhaps the Champion's idea of a paper being "independent" is that it should stand by and say nothing that it thinks would benefit the country, and see it going to ruin before it would raise its voice. Simply for fear of injuring the feelings of some political party. Our idea is different. It is our duty to advance anything which we think will benefit the country, no matter whether it trends on the wings of the Reform or Conservative party.

"NATIONAL POLICY."

A public meeting of electors was held in the Temperance Hall, in this village, on Wednesday evening, 29th ult., to discuss the public affairs of the day. The meeting was called in the interest of Protection, and it was one of the best conducted political meetings that we have ever attended. Mr. W. H. Storey was appointed chairman, and acted his part in a very impartial manner.

one which should occupy the attention of all Canadians who loved their country. Everyone should have their minds fully made up on this subject, as the country depended upon their beliefs. They were not bound to accept what he said, but they could make up their own minds after they had heard the question fully discussed. He believed the Free Traders were just as much in earnest as the Protectionists were. The people of Canada have grasped this question, and they are at present trying to discover which way to record their votes, when the proper time arrives. He believed that all parties would vote as they thought the interests of their country demanded, and that political party would not influence them. John Stewart Mills once said that a young country should protect itself until it was in a position to compete with other countries. France, Germany, Austria, and all the other principal countries, except England, are becoming Protectionists. The United States are bound, on account of their war debt, to put on a heavy duty. He gave the years in which the United States had tried both Protection and Free Trade, and showed by statistics that while they had Protection they were more prosperous than when they had Free Trade. It was the same with England as with the United States.

Mr. James Massie, M.P.P., of Guelph, next spoke. He said, as we produce more wheat than we use, it might be profitable to send unground wheat away and get wheat from the States, which the millers could grind and ship with the flour. He had a petition from the States, which he had signed. Mr. Wright had said that France was the most prosperous country in the world. The money which she paid off the national debt of France was advanced by the Rothschilds, and the country is paying off that debt now. The imports and exports of France have been decreasing, while those of England have been increasing, and she is increasing \$125,000,000 per year in sold wealth. In Canada we have had to borrow money from England, and we have built the Canada Southern Railway, and other public works, and therefore, we were obliged to borrow from England. Mr. Wright also said that the United States manufactures did not amount to much, and that they had Protection. In reply to the would merely say that no less than fifteen sugar refineries were closed in the States last year. He gave the names of several manufacturers who had left Canada for the States. We cannot sell to the United States without paying for the privilege of doing so, while they bring things to Canada and pay nothing. In reference to the grain question, he said that every bushel of grain which was brought from the States pushed a bushel of our grain into a foreign market. Canadian markets must be better than the foreign ones, or the Americans would not bring their goods here. Free Trade has ruined the Dakh weavers in India. It was weaving on which they depended for their support. Power looms were started in England, and, having no Protection in India they could not shut out the English goods, being dependent on that country. The goods manufactured by the power looms were of an inferior character, and sold cheaper. This caused the starvation of thousands of operatives in India. In conclusion, he said that when the electors were going into the polling booths they must not think that they are voting for the mill, but they are writing a page in the history of their country, and they should do so as their consciences dictate. He hoped they would not be carried away by the eloquence of anyone and be persuaded to look through party spectacles. Mr. Wright's speech lasted for over an hour and was listened to with great attention. Throughout his whole speech he was continually applauded, and at the close the applause was deafening.

Mr. Johnston, of Guelph, was next called upon. He said that there is a depression in all departments of manufactures just now. We have an existing state of affairs, and the opposition should say what change they want, and not offer nothing for what they take away. Labor has just as much right to be protected as manufacturers. If we want to protect manufacturers we should protect labor, and not allow emigrants to come to Canada. The United States put on a high tariff in order to pay off their war debt, but they were going to lower it. He cited the exports and imports of England to prove that Mr. Wright was entirely wrong about the change they wanted under Free Trade. He referred to the large supplement which the Guelph Herald lately published, in which it gave a history of the manufacture in the County of Wellington. People said that manufacturers of all kinds were depressed, but he would only refer them to the above-named Conservative sheet to prove

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that they are in a very flourishing condition. The average number of manufacturers, Messrs. W. Holl & Co., Chas. Raymond, J. B. Armstrong, and others, for instance, who are competing with American manufacturers, on equal terms, and were prospering. He said if we tax salt we will interfere with the trade of England. We do not produce enough coal in Canada to supply the demand, and if we put a tax of 75c per ton on all that comes to Canada it will come out of the pockets of the manufacturers, and yet do no good. At present we paid 45 and 50 cents per gallon for coal oil, because foreign trade was bought up, when the duty was lowered to 2 cents per gallon for crude oil, and the result is that we can now get coal oil for 20 cents per gallon. He would make the opposite side would suggest some remedy, and not ask the people to vote for a measure which they did not know anything about.

Mr. W. C. Beatty, of Trafalgar, was asked to say a few words. He showed that if 5,000,000 bushels of grain were exported from Canada and 4,000,000 bushels were imported from the States. The 4,000,000 bushels imported would bushels out the same number of bushels from Canada to other countries, which would, most likely, find a more profitable market in Canada. We do not require to import cattle or grain from the States, as we produce more than we want, and he thought if they brought things here they should pay a duty the same as we have to pay them.

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Nassagwaya Council.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment, on Monday, the 27th day of May. Members all present, the Rev. in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Menzies moved, seconded by Mr. Watson, that George Harne be appointed pathmaster in Div. No. 8, in place of John Winyard, and that James McDowell be appointed in Div. No. 32 in place of Samuel McDowell. Carried. Mr. Menzies moved, seconded by Mr. Hutcheon, that the statute labor of Cargill and Wheelighan be equally divided between divisions Nos. 25, 32 and 33. Carried. Mr. Menzies moved, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the sum of \$2 be paid to Mr. McFarlane for repairing two culverts in divisions Nos. 42 and 49. Carried. Mr. Hutcheon moved, seconded by Mr. Menzies, that the following accounts be paid, viz:—\$1.32 to J. P. McFarlane for stabling furnished to P. McGarrigal, and \$2 to J. J. Siffrin for printing by-law appointing Township officers. Carried. Mr. Wheelighan moved, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the following account be paid to the parties named below for sheep killed by dogs, the same having been duly certified, viz:—\$7.71 to Arch. McPherson for w. sheep, \$22 to J. B. Hill for five sheep, \$1.66 to R. Ranshaw for one sheep, \$3.66 to P. McGill for one sheep, \$1.00 to A. Jackson for one sheep, and \$12.40 to J. Inglis for one sheep. Total paid for sheep, \$58.70. On motion the Council adjourned and met as a Court of Revision and Appeal. Court organized with the Rev. in the chair. Some changes were made in the transfer of some road property, and the assessment roll examined in part, when on motion the Court adjourned and Council recessed, the Rev. in the Chair.

Mr. Watson moved, seconded by Mr. Hutcheon, that at next meeting of Council a By-law will be introduced to empower and authorize the trustees of school section No. 3 to borrow a certain sum of money for building an addition to the school house in said section. Carried. Mr. Menzies moved, seconded by Mr. Wheelighan, that the following members of this Council be appointed to examine roads and bridges where money has been applied for and report at the next meeting of Council, viz:—Messrs. Hutcheon, Hutcheon, and Menzies, from lots 1 to 15 inclusive; and Messrs. Ramsay and Watson from lots 16 to 32 inclusive across the Township. Carried.

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Another Attempt to Assassinate the Emperor of Germany. A telegram from Berlin states that while the Emperor was taking a drive at 2:30 last Sunday afternoon some shots, apparently proceeding from a house in the Avenue Under den Linden were fired at him. The Emperor was wounded in one arm and one cheek by bullet and small shot. The would-be assassin is Dr. Nobling, occupying apartment at No. 18 Under den Linden. When his name was forced upon him he fired upon and wounded the hotel keeper, and secured to commit suicide. The Emperor's personal attendant jumped into the carriage and supported the Emperor until the carriage reached the palace. Several grains of shot extracted, he suffered great pain, but never lost consciousness up to the latest moment. Nobling fired two or three times with a double-barrelled gun, but he did not carry much weight in the face, head, both arms, and back. The assassin is Karl Edward Nobling, a native of Cologne, near Biruban, aged 32. He is a resident of Berlin, and a doctor of Philosophy, an agriculturist, and habitually of the Democratic Social club. He confessed his crime, but obstinately refused to state his motives. A strong escort of police barely sufficed to protect Nobling from the mob. Nobling confessed he cherished his murderous design for eight days because he considered the Emperor's removal would be a public benefit. He declared he favored socialism. The latest account is that the Emperor is doing favorably.

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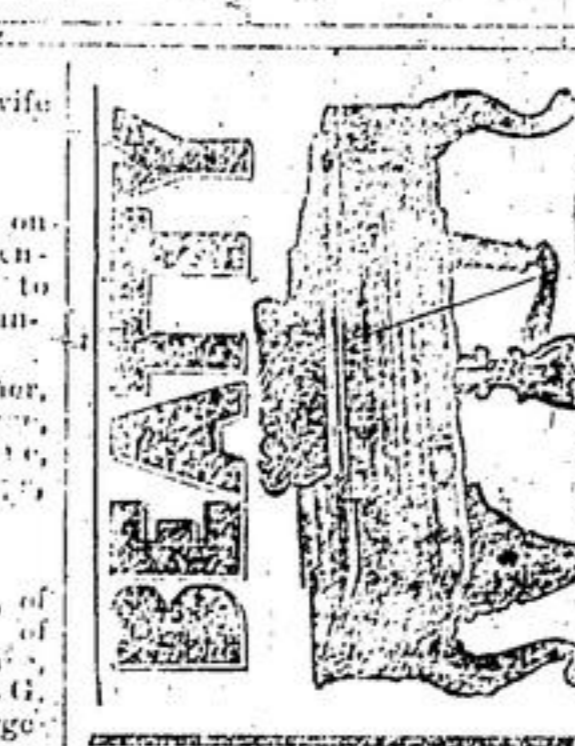
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Advertisement for 'WALKER & CAMERON' paint and paper, highlighting their quality and variety.

Advertisement for 'THE GOLDEN LION' and 'GUELPH' goods, featuring various clothing and household items.

Advertisement for 'W. Stewart & Co.' and 'JAMES RYDER' clothing and goods, including silks and dress linens.

Advertisement for 'J. D. WILLIAMSON & CO.' clothing and goods, featuring various fabrics and garments.

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