

The Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, June 8, 1882.

The Election Contest.

Never perhaps has a political contest in Canada been waged when a excitement has been greater than is the case at the present time. The contests before the country are all live issues and of great importance. The party leaders are vigilant, bold in conscious strength, and are doing their utmost to secure popular favor. We think there will never be so large a number of candidates asking the suffrages of the people. The electors are alive to the importance of the decision they are about to give, and will, no doubt, give an independent vote, a vote harmonizing with their honest convictions and doing honor to their intelligence.

Why They Have Re-opened.

At the meeting of the Licensed Victuallers' Association of this county, at Milton, last Thursday, the following resolution with reference to the opening of the hotels throughout the county was passed:—"That as the elections are about to take place, and accommodation will necessarily be required by our friends as well as our opponents, it is hereby resolved that all members shall be at liberty to open their houses and premises forthwith, if they so desire, and give all necessary accommodation to the public, until such time as further action may be taken in the matter by the association."

To us the above are most inconsistent reasons for the opening of the hotels, and we think it requires very little penetration below the surface to find that the professed anxiety to provide accommodation during the elections, is an ulterior consideration. Where was the society about "the accommodation required by our friends as well as our opponents," during the month just past? Was accommodation to friends or opponents provided then, or was it refused? Let friends and opponents answer! Surely the object of the hotelkeepers of the county is not to endeavor to win back the friends lost during the past month, as they are in endeavoring to elect a man for Parliament who is avowedly opposed to the Scott Act, and temperance legislation, and after receiving their influence and support in the election, again close their doors to the foes of their friends and relatives even to allow them shelter for their horses during a storm. Is this what they have reopened for? If so, it is surely the way to treat friends, not to keep them very long. However, time will reveal their true object.

Only a Farmer.

"Only a farmer," says the city boy, as he twirls his cane with one hand and pulls his exquisitely soft moustache with the other, while the busy world about him wonders why he was ever created. "Only a farmer," bises the lawyer, whose heart would be so astounded by a single honest impulse that it would cease to throb. "Only a farmer," whispers the banker, as he sits in his dingy office, computing the profits of his usurious practices, and speaking low and softly as if he would win confidence by pretending to be what he is not. "Only a farmer," says the railroad manager, as he prepares to levy an additional assessment upon the newly harvested crop. And this is said by these men of a man who feeds them, educates their children, pays most of the taxes, and is the dependence of the nation in every emergency where in integrity, patriotism and bravery, or either of these, become a necessity. Still the friend of merit and justice cares nothing for what such men say of the farmer, for their estimate of him is powerless to harm him. He holds the power in his hands, and can exercise it in spite of any and all of them.

But what hurts is to hear him say of himself:—"I am only a farmer," or to hear him say of his brother and neighbor:—"He is only a farmer," as if to be a farmer was evidence of inferiority. Now it is high time that farmers should cease to take their estimate of themselves from that of the sycophants, banker and railroad managers, and this will never extirpate the influence which is legitimately theirs to command until they do. Some of the best common sense we have ever known, has been found in a farmer's head; among the tactful legislators we have ever

seen have been farmers; many of the best orators we have heard have come from the farm; and so why say "He is only a farmer?" So far as farmers are concerned, therefore, let the "silly" be left off the description, and consider the title of "He is a farmer" as pre-eminently an appropriate one.

Editorial Notes.

Hon. Wm. MacDowell, will be a candidate in opposition to Mr. Dawson, the Government minister, in Algoma. The Dominion Temperance Alliance has passed resolutions recommending its members to support no one except a temperance candidate who will not support the Scott Act.

Mr. Leslie Langford, brother of Rev. Alex. Langford, President of the Local Conference of the Methodist Church, has taken the field in East Middlesex in the Reform interests.

The town of Pall Mall, near Chicago, where the Pall Mall cars are manufactured, has a population of 2,500, and is so quiet that no policeman is necessary. The reason is, it is a temperance settlement, and not a drop of anything alcoholic is permitted to be sold within its limits.

Nassagawaya News.

From our own correspondent.

The friends of Mrs. Alcock made her a suitable present on the eve of her departure for her son in law, Mr. John Ross.

The members of Prospect Division Sons of Temperance, are considering the advisability of holding a demonstration on July 1st.

Hotel accommodation can now be had at Campbellville again.

As the liquor sellers intended to send to Parliament men who will obstruct the success of the Scott Act, the temperance men had better stick together and sustain true temperance men as their representatives for the next five years.

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REFORM MEETING.

Addresses by Messrs. McCraney, Waldie, Johnson, White and Dr. Robertson.

A public meeting in the interests of Mr. W. McCraney, the Reform candidate for this county, was held in the Temperance Hall on Tuesday evening. The meeting was largely attended, and D. M. Foster, President of the Reform Association here, occupied the chair. Mr. McCraney was the first to address the electors, which he did in a short speech, touching upon the most important questions of the day, and laying before the electors the course intended to pursue if returned to Parliament. He was followed by Messrs. John Waldie, Burlington, E. F. Johnson, Guelph, John White and Dr. Robertson, M.P.P., Milton, each of whom made interesting speeches upon the issues of the day, endeavoring to satisfy the electors that it is to their interest to poll their votes in favor of Mr. McCraney and a Reform Government. Before the speaking was concluded an invitation was extended to any supporter of Mr. McCraney who wished to reply to the arguments presented, to take a seat upon the platform, but the invitation was not accepted. The meeting closed at a late hour.

Manitoba and the North-West.

A full and complete history of the country. By John MacLean, M.A., F.L.S., The World Publishing Company, Guelph, Ont.

Guelph, March 24, 1882. The World Publishing Co., Guelph.

Gentlemen,—I beg to state that I think Professor MacLean and Principal Grant are very suitable men to write a history of Manitoba and the North-West.

I am, gentlemen,

Yours truly,

JOHN A. MACDONALD,

Premier of Canada.

Toronto, Dec. 31, 1881.

The World Publishing Co., Guelph.

Gentlemen,—I highly approve of the selection of Professor MacLean as editor. He has faith in the country; has devoted much time to its exploration and the study of its climate, flora and fauna. We may therefore reasonably expect him to do justice. While in my opinion, more sanguine than circumstances justify, no one who knows him will accuse or suspect him of writing a word which he thinks too highly colored.

The publication of such a work will be a great advantage to intending immigrants and the public generally.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. MACPHERSON,

Ex Premier of Canada.

A Fine Assortment of Garden, Flower & Field Seeds, all Fresh, at J. E.

McGraw's Drug Store. Fishing Tackle, Rods, &c., at J. H. McGarvin's Drug Store, Acton, Ont.

March 24, 1882.
Two World Publishing Co., Guelph.
Gentlemen.—The undesignated members of the House of Commons from Manitoba desire to thank you on behalf of ourselves, our constituents and the people of the North West generally for the part you are taking in publishing Professor MacLean and Principal Grant's History of Manitoba and the North-West Territories. Professor MacLean is the Livingstone of the North West. He is beloved by all our people. The series of scientific and interesting explorations that he has conducted for the Government of Canada have made known to him the North West as that country is known to another. In fact none but he could write the book. Any thing he may say is implicitly relied on as being correct. Being an educated naturalist and naturalist, and at the same time having a thorough practical knowledge of soil and agriculture, his travels, like Livingstone, are producing wonderful results. For nine years he has been making notes and gathering material for this book, "the work of his life." The arrangement of it is complete. He has succeeded in throwing around it a charm which renders it an interesting and fascinating as a novel. It is hazardous nothing in the way of prophecy on our part to say that in our country each family will embrace the first opportunity to procure a copy, and no doubt the anxiety to secure it will be equally great to all other Provinces. We hope a copy will find its way into every home in Great Britain, and that our fellow subjects there may have an opportunity of knowing our country and of realizing its great resources. Principal Grant is just the man to do this part efficiently. Again thanking you for having published this valuable work, for illustrating it so artistically, and for putting it before the public at such a reasonable price.

We remain,

Yours respectfully,

JOHN SCHULZ, M.P. for Linger.

THOS. SCOTT, M.P. for Selkirk.

Acton, May 31st, 1882.

PERSONALS.

—Rev. C. R. Lee, of Port Colborne, is in town.

—Mr. J. W. Mair, of Guelph, was in town yesterday.

—Mr. Abram Matthews is visiting friends in Peterborough.

—Dr. Frepon, of Milton, was in town on Tuesday evening.

—Miss W. Wilson, of Georgetown, visited her Acton friends on Tuesday.

—Mr. Jas. Webster, formerly of this village, visited their Acton friends last Friday.

—Mr. W. McLeod, of McLeod, Anderson & Co., Georgetown, paid Acton a short visit on Monday evening.

—Miss Lina Kennedy, who has been visiting her friends in Petty Harbour for the past six months, returned home yesterday.

—Mr. M. E. Mitchell, of Milton, formerly of this village, has entered the law office of Messrs. Mulock, Tilley, Miller & Croft, Toronto.

THE ALTAR.

TAMIS—COKE.—At Detroit, on the 23rd May, at the residence of John O'neil, Esq., the bride's uncle, Benjamin Tessier, Esq., manager of the Bank of Montreal, Brûlé, nephew of Mr. S. A. Scord, of this village, to Miss Anna S. Cook, of Detroit.

Consumption, that dread destroyer of youth, is often the result of bad blood and faulty nutrition, a scrofulous condition of the system. Burdock Blood Bitter cures Scrofula in its worst form.

John Hayes, Credit P.O., says: "His shoulder was so lame for nine months that he could not raise his hand to his head, but to the use of Thomas Electric Oil, the pain disappeared almost entirely, and although three months have elapsed, he has not had an attack of it since."

McGILLIVRAY & HAMILTON, of the Wellington Building, Guelph, Ont., are doing the largest business in Ontario owing to the fact that they do the best work and sell the cheapest. The public are warned against dealing with second hand trade peddlars, but should go direct to the firm or buy from their agents. See that the name, McILLIVRAY & HAMILTON, is on the printed form before you sign or order.

ERKON OF YOUTH

A Gentleman who suffered for years from Kidney Disease, a rheumatic disorder, will be enabled to live a useful life again by the use of Erkon of Youth. It is a simple remedy by which he was enabled to get rid of his disease. His kidney's function can do away with addressing in New York.

John E. Green, Cedar St., New York.

Little harm is due to him who only takes a few drops now and then, to him who takes a large quantity.

The share of individuality, world over are being showered, the inventor of Kidney-Wort, for it is giving health to all. Kidney-wort moves the bowels regularly, cleanses the blood, and radically cures kidney-disease, gravel, piles, bladders, headache and pains which are caused by disordered liver and kidneys. Thousands have been cured—why should you not try it?

Rati and comfort to the suffering.

Brown's Household Panacea has no equal for removing pain, both internal and external. It cures pain in the side, Back or Bone, Bone Throats, Rheumatism, Toothache, Lumbago, and any kind of Pain or Ache. It will most surely quicken the Blood and Health; as its acting power is wonderful.

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