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### THE CAMPBELVILLE MEETING.

It was announced on a small scrap of foolscap, in a very illegible hand, and in an ungrammatical manner, that Mr. Chisholm and Mr. Simcoe Kerr, would address the electors at Easterbrook's Hall, Campbellville, at 6 1/2 p. m. on Wednesday last. Accordingly we repaired thither at that hour, and in a short time the Hall was densely packed, almost to suffocation. About 8 o'clock Mr. Chisholm entered, but Mr. Kerr did not make his appearance. This assembly was strongly in favor of Mr. White, by more than 5 to 1, nearly all the voters from the ward being present. Thos. Elliott, Esq., was called to the chair, and Mr. Chisholm commenced his speech for he really has only one little speech, occupying about half an hour in delivery, and he seldom varies from it, if he does, he is sure to make a blunder. He gave his convention speech over again (barring reading scraps out of newspapers, and the Confederation bill), but moderating his tone as to his personal charges against Mr. White. He stated that he had made no personal charges against Mr. White, and that he disliked personalities! He avowed himself a thorough protectionist, and stated that if the United States would build up a Chinese wall between us, he would put on the cope stone. He seemed to labor under great mental depression, probably because he anticipated the castigation he was soon to receive from his opponent, and because his boasted success in Campbellville was not at all apparent in the composition of the meeting. He was however listened to with profound attention.

After he had finished, Mr. White ascended the platform, and stated that at the Milton Convention and here, Mr. Chisholm's speech had been mainly personalities against himself, and it was necessary that he should refute those charges. He demanded of Mr. Chisholm, what lot of John Sandfield MacDonald, or of any of Mr. McDonald's clients, he had plundered? Mr. Chisholm replied that he would answer before he left the room. HE NEVER FULFILLED THAT PROMISE.

Mr. White next asked Mr. Chisholm whether he had ever written to the Government charging him with plundering the public lands? Mr. Chisholm replied that HE NEVER DID. On Mr. White's asking him if he was sure he never did so. He again denied it, and struck his fist on the desk, and defied Mr. White to prove that he had!

Mr. White stated that he would see the letters in good time, and proceeded to speak for about an hour, triumphantly refuting all the charges that had been brought against him. After he had refuted the Fenian charge, Mr. Chisholm asserted that Mr. White had 5 thorough Fenians piling lumber for him in O. K. ville, and that he (Mr. C.) knew them to be Fenians!

To this strange charge Mr. White at once replied that he was not responsible for the men that his agent employed but that if Mr. Chisholm—an Oakville Magistrate and the head of the Volunteers in the County—knew them to be Fenians, he was negligent of his duty in not arresting them under the law which

he (Mr. W.) had assisted to pass, but if he called them Fenians merely because they were Roman Catholics, it was a disgraceful slur on that body as he (Mr. W.) thought the Catholics as a body were as loyal as any other class of the subjects of Her Majesty.

After a feeble and wandering reply from Mr. Chisholm, one of Mr. White's supporters attempted to address the meeting, but neither the chairman nor Mr. Chisholm would hear of this, and in fear of an adverse vote they left the room. Mr. White called on his friends to remain, and the crowd seemed as great as ever. Mr. McLaren was called to the chair, and Mr. R. L. White, J. McNaughton, Reeve of Esquesing, R. Miller, the ex-Warden, and R. Matheson, of the Champion, addressed the meeting in favor of the Reform Candidate, after which the meeting broke up highly delighted at the discomfiture of Mr. Chisholm, several who had signed the requisition declaring they could not now support him.

### THE LIGNY MEETING.

On Thursday last at 2 P. M., on the day after the Campbellville Meeting, Mr. Chisholm again appeared before the electors at Ligny School House, Esquesing. The School House was crowded to excess, many of the same parties being there who were at Campbellville the night before. A. Sproat, Esq., acted as Chairman, and Mr. Chisholm again made his little speech, slightly modified in tone, strongly deprecating personalities, yet his speech consisted of nothing else, but a little bancombe about loyalty. The only fresh charge against Mr. White was that he had not obtained 2 members for Halton, and had allowed Peel to get two members! This charge Mr. White pretty effectually disposed of by telling him that Peel had not 2 members, but the northern part of it had been joined to parts of other Counties, and that Peel proper the part now left, was very nearly as populous as Halton, having 19,000 to our 23,000, and that it would have been difficult to have made a better division.

Mr. White asked what Lot of J. S. McDonald's in Nassagaweya he had plundered?

Mr. Chisholm said he did not remember; that he knew nothing of it. That he merely went up at the request of Mr. McDonald, and that Mr. McDonald had received his information from another party.

Mr. White then asked again whether he had ever written to the Government charging him with deprecations?

Mr. Chisholm (who seemed to have been posted up since last night) said he did not remember, if he had, it had utterly passed out of his mind.

Mr. White—You said last night that you were sure you had never written such letters.

Mr. Chisholm—I did not say so. An appeal to the House soon convinced Mr. Chisholm that this position was untenable, and he hastily withdrew it.

Mr. White after some further parleying produced a copy of one of the letters.—Mr. Chisholm not appearing to be satisfied that it was all right, one of his supporters stated that he would write for an authentic copy of the letters. Mr. White informed him that he need not trouble himself as he had the original, which he proceeded to show. Mr. Chisholm seemed now completely paralyzed, and covering his crimson countenance

behind his hand, appeared to feel acutely the position in which he was placed.

Mr. White then read the letters as follows:—

C. L. Office, 3 o'Clock.

MY DEAR SIR,  
Private.

I have not heard a word in regard to WHITE'S land in Nelson, I was informed last night that he has commenced cutting the Pine which is of more value than the land, and when he gets the timber off he will not pay for the land. I have in twice three times without being able to find you. LOOK OUT FOR THE MAN OF DOVER.

Yrs. truly,  
(Signed,) GEO. K. CHISHOLM.

TO HON. P. M. VANKOUGHNET.

On the envelope containing the above marked Private on both sides and on the office memorandum the date of its receipt, shows that it was received July 18th 1859, No. 9653, Reg. 135, No. 523.

No. 2.

OAKVILLE, 18th Jan., 1861.

TO THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS, &c.,

SIR,—During the past year I have written two letters to you on the subject of Lot 15, in the 1st Con., New Survey of Nelson, on behalf of several parties who wished to purchase the land and pay for it and thus become the owners of the valuable pine timber, which is on it.

To neither of these have I received any reply and I am induced again to enquire if the land be open for purchase as in passing it on Tuesday last I found the men of Mr. White, M. P. P. cutting the pine into saw logs and removing them to the next concession Lot 15, in the 2nd concession, where he is erecting a Steam Saw Mill. If he has purchased the land he has a right to the timber. If he has not paid for it. I beg to inform you that after the pine is taken off the land will be utterly valueless being all rock.

Might I also enquire if lot No. 14 in the 2nd Con., is for sale.

I am Sir,

your obt' serv't,

GEO. K. CHISHOLM.

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After reading the letters and commenting on them severely, and triumphantly replying to the charges against him Mr. White resumed his seat amid loud and prolonged cheers, after speaking for an hour and twenty five minutes.

Messrs. J. McNaughton, R. Miller, and A. Campbell, (Warden,) made telling speeches in favor of the Reform Candidate.

These gentlemen strongly deprecated personalities, and regretted the introduction of them into Public discussions. Mr. Miller was especially severe on the course pursued by Mr. Chisholm, who asserted that he did not wish to injure Mr. White, but had written merely for information. Mr. Miller asked him if it was necessary to put slurs on Mr. White when asking for information? and on his being asked whom he wrote for. Mr. C. replied that he had forgotten! At the close of the meeting Mr. White rose and said that he disliked personalities as much as Mr. Chisholm, but that he would continue to repel them and expose his traducers as he had done to day. He acted only in self defence, but if Mr. Chisholm would cease bringing these oft refuted charges against him, and would discuss the matter on public grounds, he, Mr. W. was prepared to do so with all his heart.—TO THIS APPEAL MR. CHISHOLM MADE NO REPLY. It was asking too much of

him to give up his whole stock in trade, abuse of Mr. White, because he very well understands that on any other grounds he has no chance of success, but he hopes to succeed by blackening the character of Mr. White.

After which the meeting broke up, Mr. Chisholm went to his meeting at Quatre Bras School House, where he found himself left severely alone by the Reform party, only about 20 Conservatives being present.

### THE GAMBLING CHARGE.

In last week's CHAMPION we gave a history of the way in which this charge was made. T. White, jr., editor of the 'Spectator' asserted that he was prepared to prove "that Mr. White, gambled and did not pay his gambling debts," but instead of attempting to do so he backed down in a most ignominious manner, and left Mr. White to prove a negative. Happily his accuser throw out a hint where the gambling took place, and he stated in Milton to several after the meeting, that it was in the Director's Car of the Great Western, in which he and Mr. White, and J. Hillyard Cameron and others were going to Ottawa.

Mr. White, to prove his innocence has obtained the following letter from Mr. Swinyard, who was present:

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY,  
Hamilton, C. W., Mar. 15, 1867.

MY DEAR SIR,—In reply to your communication, I have very great pleasure in stating that when you did me the honor of accepting a seat in my car en route for Ottawa during the last Session of Parliament you never proposed, suggested, or acceded to any proposal or suggestion, that our friends on the occasion—including the Hon. Hillyard Cameron—should enter upon any gambling operation; nor was any gambling of any description either thought of or for one moment entertained, or allowed.—I can, moreover, safely say that no gambling or any approach to gambling has ever been permitted upon the official car of this Company.

Yours faithfully,  
THOS. SWINYARD.

The Hon. W. McMaster, who was also present, allows his name to be used to refute the slander, and we have no doubt that the Hon. J. H. Cameron, and others who were present, would cheerfully do the same. After this we hope the "Trapped Slanderers" have had enough of the "Gambling Charge," "Pray don't use this charge (it is true and I can prove it) as an electioneering cry against the member for Halton," said his accusers. The public can see now the reason of the anxiety to say nothing of this charge. It is simply infamous that the member for Halton should be slandered by his enemies in this manner,—attempting to lie away his character,—but like this gambling charge and the Lawson charge and the timber charge, they are only like chickens coming home to roost with those who originated them. This gambling charge was cheered at the Chisholm Convention instead of being hissed, and instead of apologizing for it, it was reiterated by its author amid the cheers of the crowd. So much for the Gambling Charge.

### The No-Party Mode of Electioneering.

"O, go not near, 'tis slander's den,  
Where rankest venom's stored—  
O, go not near, 'tis slander's den,  
And poison strews her board.

Dark envy on her bosom hangs,  
And malice is her slave;  
She feasts upon another's pangs,  
Insatiate as the grave."

The new mode of electioneering adopted by the no-party political missionaries, is to travel round among the electors,

whispering the most outrageous personal accusations against the Liberal candidates. The story must be told with an air of mystery, yet with a sort of regretful declaration that it is, alas, too true; and the more infamous the accusation the better, because it will be all the more effective as an electioneering dodge. Finally, all the secret mischief that it is possible to do, having been done, let the itinerant missionary tell one of the Candidate's personal friends, so that at the first public meeting which the political no party missionary attends, he may be called upon to account for the story he has originated or circulated or both, and he will thus have an opportunity of shifting the responsibility. He can at once clear himself of all blame by declaring he only mentioned it privately to a personal friend of the candidate, and that the fault is his that the infamous charge has been made public and dragged into the political arena. This is an honorable way of shifting the responsibility. In fact the whole thing is deemed honorable among the no party politicians, for "they are all HONORABLE MEN." These HONORABLE men declare "we want no party cries—no party politics now. The issues of the past are all dead and buried. We are all one people. We are all united in one homogenous coalition, with but one great point in view—Confederation. But, let precious good care be taken that no Liberal candidate be returned at the coming election. No one but a thorough bred Tory, dyed in the wool, must be supported by Tories. To vote for a Liberal would be treason to our principles. We are for sinking all party distinctions, and want only good men elected, but they MUST BE TORIES. We are no-party men and won't raise a party cry against the Liberal candidates; but privately their reputation must be assailed and destroyed." For a perfect illustration of this new and honorable system of no-party tactics, we must refer our readers to the Spectator's and Leader's report of the Tory meeting at Milton, a few days ago.

N.B.—Instructions in the new dodge given GRATIS at the Spectator office by the Missionary-in-Chief.—TIMES.

### Not the Man for Us.

Honest Mr. Bowes stated in answer to Mr. Chisholm's speech at the Tory gathering here on the 7th inst., that if he was a Lower Canadian he would hold up both hands for Mr. Chisholm. In so stating his opinion of Mr. Chisholm's career in the past he hit the nail square on the head; that gentleman was the tool of the Lower Canadians when in the House, and he would be so again if returned. If the franchise was free to all, the Grand Trunk people could soon pick up 5,000 Frenchmen in Montreal who would willingly come here to vote for their friend Chisholm. He is not the man for us! Show it electors, most unmistakably at the polls.

To the Editor of the Champion.

DEAR SIR:—Great dissatisfaction exists in our body at the manner in which one of our number was treated at the Conservative Convention. Thomas Bowes, Esq., J. P. was specially invited to be present at the convention. Mr. Chisholm ridiculed and misconstrued his speech at the Reform Convention, and when Mr. Bowes rose to reply he was denied a fair hearing, and met with "turn him out," "old grey-head," "shut up," &c., &c., accompanied with unearthly yellings. If Mr. Bowes got a hit at Mr. Chisholm the howling, and interruptions again began, so that he was obliged to sit down. This may be Tory justice, but it is not British fair play.

Again that importation of Mr. Chisholm, the editor of the Spectator had the man, need to sneer at Mr. White, M. P. P. because he held a Wesleyan society at his house. He was only jealous of its success. He might just as well had found fault with Mr. White using black instead of green tea, or any of his other domestic arrangements. But it was only like the man and his master to act the spy on private actions, and it is in keeping with the sneer of Mr. Chisholm at the Brampton nomination in 1862 when he sneered at the Hon. J. C. Aikins for being a Local Preacher in the Wesleyan body. We would be wanting in our self-respect if we supported a man who despises us, and taunts us on all occasions, who fought hard to keep that party in power which resisted giving us equal rights with the so-called higher classes of her Majesty's subjects.

Yours truly,  
WESLEYAN.