The Reform Oyster Supper.

The oyster supper held in the Masonic Hall, on Thursday evening last, by our Reform friends passed off very pleasantly and successfully. The entertainment was given under the auspices of the West York Reform Association, in honor of the present member for the Local, Mr. I'. Patterson. The hall was well filled, a fair proporsion of ladies being present. And the supper, (provided by our friend Mr Geo Soules) was well gotten up, and heartily enjoyed. The Richmond Hill Band was in attendance, and rendered several good selections.

After the oysters had been partaken of to the satisfaction of all, Dr McConnel, President of the Association, took ROCM the chair, and opened the meeting by thanking those present for their attendance. He noticed that Mr Badgerow, the candidate for the East Riding was present. Mr Patterson had represented West York for eight years very efficiently, and he trusted would receive a renewal of the confidence of the elec-

Mr. Patterson, M. PP., on coming forward, was greeted with loud applause He was glad to meet the electors of West York, whose servant he had been for eight years, and he was now to give an account of his stewardship. During the canvass in his first con test he took the position that if elected he should give his adherence to the then leader of the Opposition Hon.Ed Blake And under these circumstances the ratepayers had favored him with their confidence. They would remember that while in opposition the Reform party had laid down as their platform certain principles which they maintain ed as against the policy of the Government of John Sandfield Macdonald. He then proceeded to enumerate and defend these principles, the abolition of dual representation, the settlement of the Municipal Loan Fund indebtedness, the distribution of the surplus, and other Reform movements Shortly after his entry into the Legisla-tive Assembly a change of front had taken place and Blake had been called upon to take the reins of Government in place of Hon Mr Macdonald. Immediately the entry of the new Government they began to carry into effect the reforms which they had so strongly advocated while in opposition. Mr Blake, however, was shortly after called to a higher sphere of usefulness

by his becoming a member of the Dominion House, subsequently entering the Ministry. The reforms not having been all inaugurated. Hon O. Mowat was called to assume the leadership, and under his Administration all these principles had been embodied in the laws upon the statute book and this in spite of the fact that some of the measures intro-duced were most difficult to deal with. His hearers were aware of the good which had been done in this village by the system the Government had adopted in the distribution of the surplus alone; and other municipalities of the Province, not withstanding toeir many conflicting interests, were equally well satisfied. The Opposition were without a policy. In one heath they endeavoured to prove that the Government were extravagant in their policy of distributing the surplus and in the next they sought to blame them for not distributing that which was now on hand (Loud applace.) He ridiculed as being crude and partial the the system of salaries reduction which the Opposition had attempted to introduce; and, as an instance, showed that under the pro-posed reduction the salary of the Minister of Education would be \$3.500,or \$500 less than was received as a tetiring allowance by the late Superint adent of Education. (Applause.) He felt confident that short consideration would lead the people to see that it would be much against the interests of the country to let the Mowat Adminis-tration be supplanted by the present Opposition [Loud applause ]

Mr. Alfred Macdougall was then called upon, and in a short speech favoured the candidature of Mr.Patterson, whom he highly respected. He was glad to see the people of the locality take the interests they did in this contest, and particularly s to see the ladies turn out in such numbers He believed Mr Patterson's speech had convinced them of the correctness of his course in supporting the present Government, and he trusted he would do so in the future. [Applause] He spoke to the young men particularly, and trusted they would exercise their franchise intelligently and conscientiously. He did-not see that there was any reason why the present Government should not again receive the con fidence of the people. (Applause ) Mr G. W. Bagerow was then introduced

by the chairman, and on coming forward was greeted with applause. After noticing with pleasure the enthusiastic tone of the large neeting.he proceeded to speak at some length upon the issues at present before the coun ry. He claimed that the policy of the John Sandfield Macdonald G varnment had been to centralize power in their own hands as much as possible. As an instance, he mentioned the appropriation of \$1.500,000 which had been made by them for the purpose of aiding railways throughout the Province. The manner of spending this was left to be decided by the Lieut -Governsubside only those toads which would give their support to the Government. It largely upon this issue that the Administration had been defeated. He warned them to be careful in giving credence to what was claimed by the Opposition unless it was supported by sound reasons. They had gone to the country, their only policy being n mere cry of economy which they not effect even were they in power, and their claims could find supporters only among these who did not examine closely into their pretensions. He urged upon all the necessity of houest effort in the coming campaign saving that each one had an influence which he could exert in favour of good and honest Government. They had a good Government in this Province, even a more nomical Government than Sanfield Macdonald, which he admitted had been economical in the sense of saving money. But he claimed that something more than mere saving was necessary in economy, viz a wise expenditure; and this economy the present Government had effected. Loud applause.

The following resolutions were then Carried, after which the meeting closed.

Moved by WM TRENCH. Reeve, Richmond

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Resolved, -That we, the Reform electors of the West Riding of York, desire to avail ourselves of this opportunity of expressing our approval of the course pursued by our representative, Mr. Peter Patterson, M. P.P., in the past, and to assure him of our full con currence in his nomination for another term of office, and to pledge to him our cordial support, believing that in nominating him Convention put the "right man in the right place."

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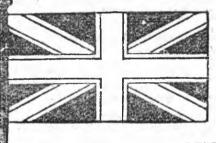
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