

ELECTORS OF THE West Riding OF THE COUNTY OF YORK.

Gentlemen:—I take this the first opportunity to return you my sincere thanks for the noble efforts, gratuitously put forth, to secure my election to the Local Parliament.

Although failing to accomplish your purpose, I feel assured you will join me in congratulating our Province on the patriotic stand taken by the electors of the country at large, in renewing the lease of power to the Hon. O. Mowat and the members of his Government. The voice of the people has been expressed in terms not to be misunderstood, of their determination to maintain all the rights of Ontario in their entirety, and against all attempts to despoil her of any part of her lawful heritage, or to deprive her representatives of their prerogative to legislate under the constitution in the interests of the Province.

Again thanking you for your kind consideration, I remain,

Yours Respectfully,
W. C. PATTERSON.

Not Prophet, Philosopher.

In a late issue of the *Aurora Borealis*, the editor of that journal in launching out on a lengthy article in reference to our statement that Mr. Robinson would be elected to stay at home by about 600 to 800 majority, says: "The editor of the Richmond Hill LIBERAL has appeared in the role of a prophet." Though the course of events has more than verified our predictions of the vote and the statement of the editor of the *Borealis*, regarding our mission, yet as we have never arrogated to ourselves either the garb or the foresight of prophecy, we would prefer in this case being looked upon in the role of a philosopher rather than a prophet, as it was not by inspiration, but by reasoning that we were able to so accurately forecast an event which even such a renowned and farsighted limb of the legal fraternity as the editor of the *Shades of the Northern Lights* could not believe would be verified while the planetary system should continue to revolve. As that gentleman asks, "What reason has Mr. Stewart to think that Mr. Robinson will be elected to stay at home," we will give him an idea of the line of argument which wrought the conviction upon our mind, and would ask him if any but a philosopher like ourselves would ever have even dreamt of such a thing transpiring unless it were in very truth a Prophet. Three central facts, around which cluster other arguments will suffice to show the profoundness of our reasoning in the premises. 1st, The fact that North York is truly loyal to the principles of right and freedom. 2nd, We considered the intelligence and respectability of the majority of the Conservatives of North York. 3rd, Notwithstanding the statement of the editor of the *Borealis*, "He, no doubt, does not even know Mr. Robinson by sight," we not only happen to know Mr. Robinson by sight, but also through business transactions, and also by reputation, which is by no means a sweet smelling savor in North York. In view of these logical facts and arguments we think the editor of our northern cotem will be willing to concede to us the rank of philosopher rather than prophet, but we doubt if the electors of North York will grant us this distinction as they say that even the ten year old boy could foretell that event as accurately as we did. But the sarcasm aimed at us has been thrown back with double force in the face of its author, "The *fiat* has gone forth; it has been decreed that Mr. Robinson must stay at home."

The Yorks.

This ancient Royal name will be handed down with pride from generation to generation of descendants of the noble line whose ancestors adorn the annals of British history. So in giving this loyal name to the loyal county which so nobly and proudly bears it, the Government of old Upper Canada seemed unwittingly to foreshadow a loyal future for this County. The County of York has always been the foremost, the banner county, in progress, advancement and Reform. So in the election contest, the sound of those bugles calling to the fray have not yet died from our hearing, the Yorks have stood nobly by the cause of right, freedom and Reform. In East York, Mr. Badgerow, the Reform candidate was elected by the handsome majority of over 200. In North York Dr. Widdifield had a walk-over, sending him back to the faithful discharge of his duty in the Legislature by the overwhelming majority of nearly 1000. Last, but not least,

West York, which has for many years been represented by a Reformer in the House, after a mighty struggle on both sides, was captured by the enemy, by a majority of 31 votes. Yet, notwithstanding this fact, we have faith in the true and ultimate loyalty of West York to the cause of Reform. Had the battle been fought out on equal grounds, there is not a doubt, even on the minds of our opponents as to what the result would have been. With the powerful influence of money and liquor on the one side, and their use denounced on the other, their loyalty appears at a discount. And although the result of this election leaves a temporary stain on its fair character, as well as the late election to the Dominion House, yet West York will—she must—rise in her glory and strength and wipe out the foul blot, and show to her sister ridings and the Province that she is still loyal to the back bone in the cause of right and Reform.

Methodist Union.

In the Methodist Church of Canada the basis of Union has been voted on in 472 Quarterly Boards. Of these, 424 voted in favor of the basis, 44 opposed it, and 4 were ties. In a number of those Boards which voted in its favor exception was taken to the General Superintendency, and some of them asked a reconsideration of this provision. Of course if they adopt the Basis they bind themselves to abide by it should it be carried out in its present form. There seems to be several grounds of objection to the General Superintendency. One is the cost, which will be considerable. Another is that it is unnecessary. A third, and perhaps the most weighty, is that the powers vested in him appear too much to partake of episcopacy and that many of the functions which would be assigned him properly belong to the president of the Annual Conference, and can just as well be performed by him, and that taken altogether the office is superfluous. Of course there are many strong arguments in its favor, and it being one of the conditions on which one of the bodies—the one that has probably sacrificed more than any other—consented to the basis of Union, it will be a difficult matter to make any alteration. But viewing it from the present platform of Canada Methodist Church discipline and Government, the burden of argument is certainly against a General Superintendency, but if Union is ever to become an accomplished fact, each body that is a party to it must expect to make considerable sacrifice in order to meet on a common basis that can be satisfactory to all. It is to be hoped that this or any other matter will not assume an obstructive attitude toward the accomplishment of this grand scheme.

Carried by Corruption.

The fact that West York was carried by bribery and corruption on the part of the Conservatives is one which is beyond even the shadow of a doubt. Of course there must be a line of distinction drawn between moral certainty and legal proof. A man may be morally certain of a thing which he would find difficult to establish in a court of law. At the late Dominion elections in June there was moral certainty that bribery was largely resorted to on the part of the Tories in order to achieve their purpose. Since that time we have learned of at least two individuals, of unquestionable veracity, who were offered money for their vote, but, unfortunately for any action in the matter, they refused to be bribed. But in the election that is just passed there is not only moral certainty that bribery and corruption were resorted to, but there is ample legal proof of the fact, and there are not only one or two cases of such corruption, but the instances are numerous, and there is the most indubitable evidence of the facts. There is unquestionably enough evidence to set aside the election if the facts were brought out. There is, as yet, nothing done towards establishing the facts in a court of law, but it is to be hoped that the Reformers of West York will not rest content with having themselves represented by one who obtained his seat through corruption, when there is abundant evidence of the fact. It is not improbable that a protest will be entered, and if so, there is little doubt but the electors of West York will again shortly have the privilege of exercising the franchise.

Protection vs. Oppression.

The Bobaygeon Independent possesses the happy faculty of expressing what it means in a very terse and simple, yet powerful form. We quite agree with it where it says: "The people of the United States are becoming dissatisfied with the tariff. The grumbling is increasing from day to day. Those having to earn their living by labor complain of the oppressive weight of taxation. They say they are paying war taxes in times of peace. Everything the workman consumes is taxed, not to produce taxes for the public Treasury, but to put money in the pockets of the manufacturing monopolists. When the farmer buys a tool he is paying a heavy tax, but nothing goes to the revenue. The tool when imported into the States from England can be sold for fifty cents, but a duty of twenty-five cents is placed on it which practically prohibits its importation, and the American manufacturer of the same tool is enabled to sell his inferior home made article for seven-

ty cents. Thus the consumer is taxed twenty cents, but not a fraction of the tax reaches the public treasury. It is all grabbed by the capitalist and the manufacturer. Naturally the people are growing tired of Protection. The same thing will happen in Canada ere long. Labor is always fooled by capital and honest industry is ever the deluded victim of cunning politicians."

How They Did It.

The *Whitby Chronicle* says: "At Ottawa a large bribery fund was raised with which to capture Ontario. Agents were sent with the 'swag' into all the close constituencies, and the money was put where it was thought 'it would do the most good.' North Ontario was swarmed with emissaries of the Ottawa Government, who were sent in to help Mr. Madill. In East Simcoe, North and South Victoria, in East Peterboro', in Prince Edward county, and elsewhere, the same agencies were employed. Mr. Anderson, the defeated candidate at the Dominion election in North York, was a very active missionary, and he had employed a horde of understrappers, such as old Sheppard, the tavern-keeper from Sutton; his relative Ramsay; one Miller, well known in the North; and a number of others to assist him in the nefarious work. Never before was there such a bold, barefaced attempt made to buy up the constituencies. It will be a pity if an example cannot be made of some of the bribers."

The *Chronicle* either forgot or did not know that the same game was played in West York. Even in Richmond Hill it is known who were entrusted with the "swag," and it is not the first or second time that the same parties have had the handling of money at election times.

An Agricultural Journal.

There are many excellent farm and garden journals besides the *RURAL NEW-YORKER*. But the *RURAL* is not the less an actual necessity to all for several reasons peculiar to that journal. It tests all new plants, farm and garden seeds in its Experimental Grounds, the first to have been established by any paper. It sells neither books, seeds, plants nor anything else, so that its advice is disinterested. Its reports are made without fear or favor. It has the best and longest list of contributors of any rural journal published. Its Free Seed and Plant Distributions have introduced many of the best cereals, potatoes, flowers and vegetables known. It gives 500 illustrations from nature every year and it costs more than any other rural weekly published anywhere. Its mercantile standing is second to that of no other paper published. It is conducted by real farmers and horticulturalists who gather their notes in the field and garden—not in an office. In short all progressive farmers will be obliged to read the *Rural* if they would not fall behind their neighbors who do. It has become the first journal of its class by enterprises, the results of which are now working a new era in our agriculture. Specimen copies will be mailed to any of our readers without charge. Address the *Rural New-Yorker*, 24 Park Row, New York, mentioning this paper.

An Important Decision.

Mr. Dalton gave an important decision on Monday, by which Geo. S. Booth's election as councillor for the municipality of Parkdale has been set aside. The firm of Booth Bros., of Parkdale, held a liquor license until December last, when it was transferred to the other member of the firm to allow G. S. Booth to run for councillor. The sale of liquor was carried on as usual. The Master-in-Ordinary has decided that the mere fact of the license being transferred is not sufficient, and gave judgment disqualifying him as a municipal councillor. If the facts of another case of a similar nature in a municipality in West York have come to us correctly, there is the same ground for the disqualification of another municipal councillor. Such things should be looked after carefully. It is evident that an apparent transfer of license is not sufficient to evade the operations of the law which forbids liquor sellers sitting on the Council Board.

The members of the Bar have presented a petition asking that R. G. Dalton, Q. C., now Master in the High Court of Justice, be appointed Senior Judge in the County of York in the stead of the late Judge Mackenzie. It is to be hoped that the Government will grant this petition, as it would give much better satisfaction generally than the elevation of Judge Boyd, who too often allows his political prejudices to influence his decision.

There is a current rumor at Ottawa that immediately upon the close of the present session of the Dominion Parliament the Marquis of Lorne will sail for Bermuda, there to join the Princess, and from thence to England, to return no more.

During the latter part of last week about forty Cattle Buyers were sent up to Muskoka and Algoma by the Dominion Government and the Local Opposition, heavily loaded with "swag." However, as they will probably find the snow too deep for cattle droving, they will probably turn their attention to something else. The elections come off on Tuesday. They are all known, and a detective is on the track of each man. Interesting developments may be looked for.

DRY GOODS BULLETIN.

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