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**THE WESTON BANQUET.**

The banquet given at Weston in honor of Mr. N. C. Wallace, M. P., was exactly what such affairs are wont to be. There was an excellent menu, wonderful unanimity on the transcendent merits of all Conservatives, and of Mr. Wallace in particular, and the usual amount of post-prandial eloquence. From that of the chairman to that of the Minister of the Interior, the speeches were, in the main, the old, sickening cant and rubbish of party. We say 'in the main', for, on one point, we admit the sentiments expressed to be sincere and true. That point was the general popularity of Mr. Wallace. To extol the member for West York for splendid ability, to praise him for great achievements in the House of Commons, to grow enthusiastic over his pure and exalted patriotism, herein there is matter for laughter, and, were it worth the while, for scornful denial. A man of rather more than less average ability, of suave and insinuating address, such Mr. Wallace assuredly is. But here eulogy must stop, and give place to censure.

Viewed in his public capacity, Mr. Wallace is a type of that far too large class of politicians who are the bane of a country, it matters not to which side they may belong. Moved to take part in the government of the nation solely by the ambition of holding a seat in parliament, and relying altogether on devotion to their party to gain the coveted prize, from the very beginning of their career, they are practically precluded from giving utterance to one single opinion which has not first been voiced by their leaders. In a short time, they become helpless puppets, and their work in the House is strictly limited to voting approval of all that their leaders do, and disapproval of all that emanates from their political opponents. In secret, they may, and undoubtedly do, wince and chafe at the services required of them. To clamorously proclaim what is silly to be wise, to seriously maintain gross wrong to be radiant justice, to systematically put the faults of opponents in the wallet which hangs before, and the faults of friends in the wallet which hangs behind—such is their service, such is the price they must pay for consenting to win a seat in Parliament through the instrumentality of the party machine. Little wonder that at times is heard the cry, 'Thrice unhappy the day when freedom of opinion and truth and honor were sacrificed just in order to be dubbed M. P.'

To hold up Mr. Wallace as a monster of iniquity, to speak of him as being deficient in judgment of what constitutes fact, or of what constitutes right, would be absurd. But it is the misfortune of Mr. Wallace, brought on, it is true, by himself, to be frequently forced to ignore facts, and to abandon the right. He may deplore the terrible mismanagement which led to the North-West Rebellion, he may curse the recklessness and heartlessness of a vampire like Dewdney, he may blush with shame to see Sir John Macdonald coolly and cynically comparing the effects of the rage of Protestant Ontario with the effects of the rage of Catholic Quebec before coming to a decision on the fate of Riel. But Mr. Wallace has irrevocably made his choice. In his speeches, and by his votes, he has over and over declared that the Conservative party neither can, nor does, do any wrong. Does Sir John will Canada to be plundered by the C. P. R., Mr. Wallace must applaud, and has applauded. Does Sir John seek to trample under foot Provincial Rights, Mr. Wallace must acquiesce, and has acquiesced. Does Sir John drive the wretched Metis into rebellion by his hideous oppression, does he afterwards hang them for rebellion, Mr. Wallace must approve, and has approved. Such are the results of the blind insensate partizanship of which Mr. Wallace is the slave.

It will be well for electors to ponder deeply on this degrading thralldom. They will then utterly refuse to condone public misdeeds and public inequities on the ground of much party worth and pleasing manners. They will feel, and will be led to feel, that a

man may be a good and estimable citizen, yet at the same time be in every way unfitted for a public trust.

The speeches of Messrs. Carling and White at the banquet require no particular notice. They spoke as only criminals speak who, when arraigned for high crimes and misdemeanors, plead their own cause. The characters of the men prepared us for the fatuity of the one, and the brazen-faced Tupperism of the other.

But we cannot conclude without referring to the chairman. We have a kindness for Dr. Orr. Indeed, it would be difficult entertain aught of harshness towards one who entertains harshness towards no man. But we warn Dr. Orr that he is gradually but surely slipping into the clutches of a system which will in the end crush and mangle him. All unconscious as he may be, even now he begins to appear to the public as a blind partizan of a Macdonald and a Tupper, rather than as an ardent champion of genuine Conservative principles. Grit thralldom may be bad, but so is the thralldom of any party. We hint to Dr. Orr that he would do well to reflect over the fate of Meredith, for the retribution which overtakes the leader never fails to involve the follower.

Mr. T. C. Wells, chemist and druggist, Port Colborne, Ont writes: "Northrup & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure sells well and gives the best of satisfaction for all diseases of the blood." It never fails to root out all diseases from the system, cures dyspepsia, liver complaint, &c., purifies the blood, and will make you look the picture of health and happiness.

**AURORA.**

From our own Correspondent.

Times are quite brisk in our town. Bond & Son, of Wellington St., have opened a new store on Yonge St., of which P. Lepper is manager.

The Army is still marching on, but the boys continue to bother the noisy crew.

Municipal matters are quiet. The old council intend offering themselves for reelection, but there is no talk of opposition.

A number of changes will take place among teachers next year in the vicinity of Aurora. Byron Oliver, of S. S. No. 10, King, intends entering the ministry, and his place will be supplied by Mr. Moore, of Humber. Gregory, of Yonge St., is retiring, and will be succeeded by a lady. J. A. McPherson, of Yonge St. north, is also retiring from the profession; H. Love takes his place. T. McCormack, of Vonostraud's school, intends studying next year, and a female succeeds him. In a few years females will run all our schools. I would like to pen a few thoughts on this subject, but it might provoke a polemical war. M. Thomson, of Aurora, and Miss Walkington, of Hartman's Corners, are re-engaged for another year.

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**HEADFORD.**

From our own Correspondent.

I suppose if I did not send you a little news once and a while, the public would forget that there is such a place as Headford.

On Sunday, Rev. W. F. Wilson preached two very instructive, eloquent and interesting sermons. In the morning, on the "Birth of Christ," in the afternoon, on the "Rich young man."

The Ladies' Aid intend holding their anniversary about the 24th and 25th of Jan. Look out for posters.

The S. S. are going to have a public review. The time has not been yet stated.

On Friday last a large number came out to Mr. J. A. Dickenson's examination. Mr. D. has been teaching only since summer vacation. He gives the best of satisfaction to both scholars and ratepayers. He sent five candidates up for entrance to the High School this week. Mr. F. McConaghy has been engaged for the next year.

As there is no skating on the pond the young folks resort to other pleasures, such as sleigh riding parties. On Thursday last a load left here for Mr. McGill's, above Aurora, where they say they had a grand old time. I think they must have had, as they seemed in no hurry home. Your correspondent likes sleigh-riding, don't forget.

Last week the correspondent to the Herald made some very plain insinuations regarding the fair sex of our locality, which are not worthy of being noticed. He said that Mr. Geo. Teasdale had a limited supply of wood for sale; so he has. Why did he not tell that Geo. intends investing the proceeds in peas, a little later on.

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