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Dissolution—The Municipality Redeem-
ed—The Rumored Dissolution.

On all hands expectation is rife with
the prospect of a new election. Some
have even gone so far as to fix the date
of the elections. Sir John Macdonald at
last finds himself in a critical position.
The Devil on one side; the deep sea on
the other. Harassing doubts as to the
wisdom of further prolonging the inevi-
table plunge assail him on all sides. The
signs of the times as seen in the triumph
of Liberalism all along the line, render
him desperately afraid to face the electors
in their present temper. It is currently
reported that Sir Charles Tupper is com-
ing back from his easy and luxurious
position at London to take on himself the
leadership of the new Liberal Conserva-
tive Party, the old name Conservative
having fallen into disrepute among re-
spectable people. The wisdom of this
change of name is, to say the least, not
readily apparent. A rose by any other
name would smell as sweet, so too we
may say that changing the name of the
delectable article of diet which our Ger-
man friends are so fond of—to wit: Lim-
burger Cheese—would not in the least
persuade us that the offensiveness of it
to a great many persons had been in the
least removed by the change of name it
had undergone. When the historians of
our country shall come to write the his-
tory of this present parliament now so
near the end of its existence, he will be
troubled to find a parallel for it in recent
times. Certainly in no country of the
world is the spectacle to be found that is
to be seen in our own. Of a Cabinet
composed of Ministers of the Crown se-
lected not for any special fitness they may
possess for office, but solely owing to the
amount of influence they may be sup-
posed to exercise over one section or other
of the community. It is humiliating to
admit this, but who will deny the general
correctness of the statement? The fre-
quent shuffling of the chief offices like a
pack of cards in the hands of a skillful
player, show this. This person and that
person, for no assignable reason, dropping
out and his place being filled by some one
else, owing to the influence of a person
becoming great, and important, or be-
coming, or the influence of some one else
becoming correspondingly depreciated.
The frequent and notorious acceptance of
bribes by members of the Commons will
furnish an apt and ready name by which
this Parliament may be known. Andrew
Maxwell, the honest opposer of the Court
during the reign of Charles the Second,
was the last member of Parliament who,
according to the ancient usage, took
wages from his constituents. Andrew
Maxwell sat in a Parliament which,
owing to its dishonesty and corruption,
received the title of the Pensionary Par-
liament. We must remember that this
Parliament of such such hard things are
said, was composed, with the exception of
Andrew Maxwell, of men who sat for the
honor of the thing. The following su-
preremely innocent speech of a close ob-
server of that time is not without interest
at this date. Sir Francis Winnington
says:—"I did observe that all those who
had pensions and most of those who had
offices voted all of a side, as they were
directed by some great officer, exactly as
if their business in this House had been
to preserve their pensions and offices, and
not to make laws for the good of those
who sent them there." A good deal of the
above with a few alterations rendered nec-
essary by the exclusion of many now-
adays who in former times were not dis-
qualified from entering the Commons, and
the cap would be an excellent headress
for not a few of our own representatives.
Some who have their hands deep in the
breaches pocket of the tax-payers while in
receipt of wages for their services, may
not relish the comparison. Yet in a way
the Pensionary Parliament receiving no
pay was even purer than our Bribery
Parliament, some of the members who,
not satisfied with good wages, take unto
themselves various things that those who
sent them to legislate never bargained
they should have, but for the doing of
which a heavy reckoning awaits.

THE MUNICIPALITY REDEEMED.

The whiskey men and the beer men and
the men that brew the beer and distil the
whiskey, and those that sell it and not a
few of those that drink it, received a
crushing defeat on Monday last. It is
safe to say that the actions of this class
drove hundreds of voters into the ranks
of Howland's supporters. So patent and
undisguised was their advocacy of Blair,
that moderate men who loved Howland
but little and yet hated the domination
of the saloon the more, grew alarmed and
went solid against the liquor interest.
The brewery men infested the polls in
the eastern portion of the city displaying
an activity worthy of a better cause.
They brought up the lame, the blind and
the halting to vote for Blair. I myself
witnessed one instance that better than
anything illustrates the efforts of those
who sought to defeat Mayor Howland.
A sleigh was driven rapidly up to the

door of sub-division No. 3 of one of the
Eastern Wards; from the sleigh emerged
one of the most active and unprincipled
supporters of the liquor interest. Calling
two or three of his acquaintances that
stood around the booth to the carriage
door, he, aided by them, lifted out of the
vehicle an old decrepit man, over whom
some ninety winters had surely passed,
leaving him sightless and so weak and
enfeebled that the strength of two strong
men was needed to support his tottering
limbs across the narrow sidewalk into the
presence of the Returning Officer. Com-
ment is unnecessary. I have never wit-
nessed an incident that needs interpreta-
tion less. In spite of such and like en-
deavors, Howland triumphantly headed
the poll, receiving nearly 3000 more votes
this year than he did last.

The composition of the council and the
personnel of its members is a source of
gratification. Toronto never for many a
long year possessed one from which bet-
ter things may be expected. Over one-
half of the council are men of pronounced
temperance views. Some elation has
been felt by Liberals owing to the fact
of the majority of the new council hold-
ing like views. However, we may feel
the satisfaction of knowing that the coun-
cil in which Liberals predominate is a
better one in every respect to that in
which—to use a theological phrase of a
mild character—our separated brethren
were the ruling power. It must not be
lost sight of for an instant that there is
absolutely not the slightest political sig-
nificance to be attached to this unusual
event. The School Board is the gainer
by the loss of two or three of its old
members. The ratepayers have taught
the Board the lesson of which they were
so much in need. The men left at home
were the head and front of the offending
majority that permitted crusader Hughes
to disport himself like unto Hudibras
and his man Ralpho on their preaching
tour. They say that wherever Hughes
spoke a Liberal gain was made. The
Separate School Board has received some
new blood, of which it stands in very
great need. It is so little heard of and
of so little practical use that it seems to
be nothing more nor less than a gross
parody of representative institutions.
The new blood, however, is of a kind that
promises to put some life into the hither-
to almost defunct School Board.

(Crowded out last week.)

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Springhill.

From our own Correspondent.

A boom in gravel has set in. We are
to have gravel roads at last. The new
Council are determined to make a mark.
Teams are now busy hauling gravel on
the road between Springhill and King-
horn. We expect a first-class road under
the able management of Mr. M. Winter.
Six loads of 1 cubic yd. each constitute a
day's work for which \$1.50 is paid. By
loading heavier most of the teams are
making \$2.25 a day. A great deal of
Arithmetic is required to know the exact
dimensions of the box. The following
question puzzled every one in Kinghorn.
Finally it was given to our shoe maker,
who readily worked the problem. The
Kinghornites said it could not be solved.
Find the number of cubic yds. in a box
7 ft. 2 in. long, 3 ft. 4 in. wide and 20
in. deep.

On Thursday evening, January 13th,
the First Grand Carnival of the season
took place at the Springhill Skating
Rink. The evening being very cold de-
terring a great many from coming, but a
fair number of visitors were on hand.
The masqueraders were many in number.
A great many of the costumes came from
Toronto.

The first prize for most graceful lady
skater in costume was won by Miss Jen-
ny Ness, who appeared as a Highland
Lass. Second prize, Miss Maggie Paxton
who personated Night.

For best costume, boys under 14 years
first prize won by R. P. Hogan, who re-
presented a Guard at London Tower
Second prize by Allie Hall, personating
Winter.

The following are a few of the more
important masqueraders:—C. Montgom-
ery, Grenadier. Charlie is one of our
brave volunteers who helped quell the
Rebellion in the North West. H. Mont-
gomery, Clown. The antics of this char-

acter brought forth much laughter from
old and young. J. Villier, Policeman,
whose duty it was to keep the ice clear of
non-masqueraders until 9 p. m. John
played his part well. H. McBride, Sit-
ting Bull. The horus were very promi-
nent. J. Curtis, Lacrosse; J. Austin,
Soldier Boy; Miss H. Stewart, Bride; J.
Curtis, Jockey; J. Hallam, Plow Boy; J.
Robb, the Corn Doctor; E. McBride,
Irish Lord; P. Paxton, Grauny Davy; M.
Butt, Snowflake; W. McCabe, Indian
Chief; J. Bentley, John Chinaman; E.
Quinlan, Football; F. Tillman, Pinker-
ton Detective; John Ness, Sheep of a
Large Kind; A. Campbell, King Charles;
J. Stewart, Hit Him on the Back; A.
Hogg, Soldier; W. McVicker, Snowflake;
A. Ness, A Female Indian; W. Malloy,
Brien Brien. This was the best assort-
ment of costumes which has ever ap-
peared at the rink. Large crowds attend
the rink nightly. The manager, W. J.
Crossley, keeps everything in first-class
style.

The King Plowman's Association pur-
pose holding an oyster supper at Hogan's
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invitations have been issued. A good
time is expected.
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Maple

From a bran new Correspondent

What is the matter with your corres-
pondent? Your subscribers in this vil-
lage have been waiting, watching and ex-
pecting every week to see in your paper
some report of the doings of this import-
ant village.

First is the change in residents. Mrs.
A. Rupert has moved to the City. Mr.
H. Franks, Vellere, has bought her late
residence, and is about to move into it,
and live retired.

W. Palmer, the hotel-keeper, has sold
out to Mr. Richardson, of Toronto. W.
has gone back to the old homestead at
the Hill, and will, of consequence, be
more under the paternal eye.

Mr. James Oliver is about to quit farm-
ing, and live retired in what used to be
the parsonage, on Aristocracy Street.

Supposing you will have heard that
there has been an election in Maple for
the Local Legislature and for Municipal
honors. I did not run myself, but walk-
ed and helped those that did run. J. P.
Rupert was D. R. O. on both occasions.
Some say that he trembled when count-
ing the ballots at the first election. All
hands are getting ready for the next.
The Grits think they can defeat N.C. W.
this time, but if they do they will have
to get Tuscarora in line better than they
did last time or their chances will be
poor.

There is to be a grand complimentary
supper to Dr. Orr, at the Maple hotel, on
Wednesday evening. Maybe I will hear
something of it; Bob is more sure to be
there.

By Gum, the Rev. S. J. Shorey, of
Sherbourne St., Toronto, preached yester-
day, in Maple, morning and evening,
Anniversary Services. Large collections
at both services, instead of having a tea-
party.

Mr. T. Noble has got his house re-
built and has moved back to the village
again.

Miss Ida Wells, of Aurora, has been
engaged as assistant teacher in our school
for the present year.

D. Johnston was elected trustee. Dave
takes to the honors very nicely.

Conundrum: If the man that runs
and loses deserves a gold watch and chain,
how many does the man deserve that
runs and wins?
More next time.

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