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The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, Aug. 11, '87

SOUTH RENFREW ELECTION.

We have no reason to regret the result of the South Renfrew election. Between the two candidates there was very little for a true Liberal to choose. Dr. Ferguson came out as a pronounced supporter of the Ottawa government. Mr. McIntyre came out a pronounced supporter of the Canadian Pacific Railroad. In regard to the latter, it is a significant fact that he received invitations from the two party machines to contest the riding in their special interests. Mr. McIntyre selected to run as a Liberal. For this choice he had other grounds than mere party predilection. South Renfrew, in the first place, is a pretty safe riding for a Reformer. In the second place, Mr. McIntyre might frequently be able to render to the monopoly of which he is a member more effective service in opposition than in the government ranks. Fortunately, the Liberalism of South Renfrew refused to be conjured up by the watchword of party. It refused to sacrifice itself at the bidding of those with whom party success makes amends for all. And to-day true Liberalism has cause to rejoice that there is sufficient sturdy principle in the Reformers of South Renfrew to reject one whom they know to be identified with the most rapacious monopoly that ever cursed a country.

MR. LAURIER AT SOMERSET.

Mr. Laurier's speech at Somerset was far from satisfactory. Graceful, polished and eloquent the new Reform leader was as ever. But tangible and practical he was not. It would seem, indeed, that our party is in danger of death from stagnation. We detect the flaws in our opponents: we expatiate on them; we show the magnitude of the evils inflicted on us by Toryism. But we seem woefully deficient in the knowledge of a cure. Rightly or wrongly, the people of Canada believe that the average conservative is quite as honest as the average reformer. To appeal, therefore, to the popular vote on no other ground than that of our superior honesty is as idle as whistling to the wind. The last general election should remain a lasting proof of the utter uselessness of the higher morality cry. If the Reform party is ever to be in power, it must emerge from the sloughs of inaction and timidity. It must abandon as ridiculous the cry that its members are not as those of the other side. It must boldly enunciate a policy, and stand or fall by that policy. This Mr. Laurier, its mouthpiece, did not do on the first great opportunity that was presented to him. To be honorable, high-minded and eloquent is not enough. One may be all this and much more, and yet fail to inspire his countrymen with that faith which confidently intrusts to him the management of its affairs.

THE CROPS.

Appearances indicate that the crop of cereals in the older provinces of the Dominion will this year be considerably below the average. Two months of continuous drought and of very hot weather have told very injuriously on the grain. And if rain does not soon come the roots will share the same fate as the grain. As an offset, however, the harvest in Manitoba bids fair to be most abundant. The Globe's contention that Manitoba will not have more than one million bushels of wheat for exportation is quite contradicted by facts. The sowing was done

early, the crops have already ripened, thereby escaping their fell enemy the frost. And it is safe to say that this year Manitoba will produce between four and five millions of bushels of grain more than it requires for home consumption. Here it may be stated that in the United States the crops are to a great extent a failure from the same causes as in Ontario. And in Great Britain, that pernicious pest, the Hessian fly, has at last declared its presence and is woking untold mischief.

THE MCGEE MURDER.

It is more than likely that the assassination of the Hon. Thomas D'Arcy McGee will come up for fresh investigation. A sensational report appeared in the columns of a Boston paper; that report was copied by two or three Lower Canadian papers, and the result will be a suit for libel, which will resurrect the whole question. It is not unfrequently the case that, when a murder has been committed, many refuse to believe that the man hanged is the guilty person. This is especially true where conviction is brought about by evidence mainly circumstantial. Such was the evidence on which Whalen was sent to the gallows for the killing of McGee. At the time of the trial, and ever since the execution, there have been not a few who declared Whalen to be innocent of the deed, and to indulge in hints and suspicions about the, according to them, real culprit. It is, indeed, much easier to unsettle belief in a matter of this kind than it is to produce such evidence as will form a solid argument for rejecting that belief. In the case of Whalen, he had a fair trial; the evidence was overwhelmingly strong against him, and it is almost incredible that any fresh facts will be brought to light that would justify the awful fear that in hanging Whalen a judicial murder was committed.

Fire Brigade Meeting.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Richmond Hill Fire Brigade was held in the Council Chamber on Friday evening, August 4th, 1887.

Foreman Redditt in the chair. The secretary read the resignation of Oscar Brown. On motion of C. Trevelyan, seconded by T. McMahon the resignation was accepted.

An account from T. McMahon amounting to \$1.10 was read.

Moved by A. Linklater, seconded by C. Trevelyan that the above account be paid—Carried.

A report of the late fire at the residence of Messrs. W. Storey and W. Hewison was read by the secretary, and on motion was adopted.

Fireman Storey expressed his thanks to the brigade for the way they worked at the late fire and highly complimented them for the coolness and energy displayed.

On the suggestion of C. E. Sheppard, A. Mackenzie moved, seconded by C. Trevelyan, that a committee composed of B. Redditt, T. McMahon and C. Sheppard wait on the Village Council at its next meeting and request that the key for unlocking the door leading to the fire alarm be placed in a convenient place, and that the management of the hose in the fire hall be left in the hands of the caretaker—Carried.

C. E. Sheppard proposed Mr. Phillip Macklem as a fireman.

John King, T. Trench, Robert Garbut and J. Sanderson, proposed members, were balloted for.

The chairman appointed G. Trench and A. Mackenzie distributors of ballots, and T. McMahon and T. Tyrrell scrutineers.

The ballots were passed and John King and T. Trench were found favorable and were admitted as apprentice firemen, and Robert Garbut and J. Sanderson, upon ballots being passed, were admitted as firemen.

Moved by P. G. Savage, seconded by C. Soules that the secretary be instructed to procure a ballot box and necessary ballots—Carried.

Moved by the secretary, seconded by T. Tyrrell, that it be the duty of the Steward to distribute and collect ballots. The meeting then adjourned.

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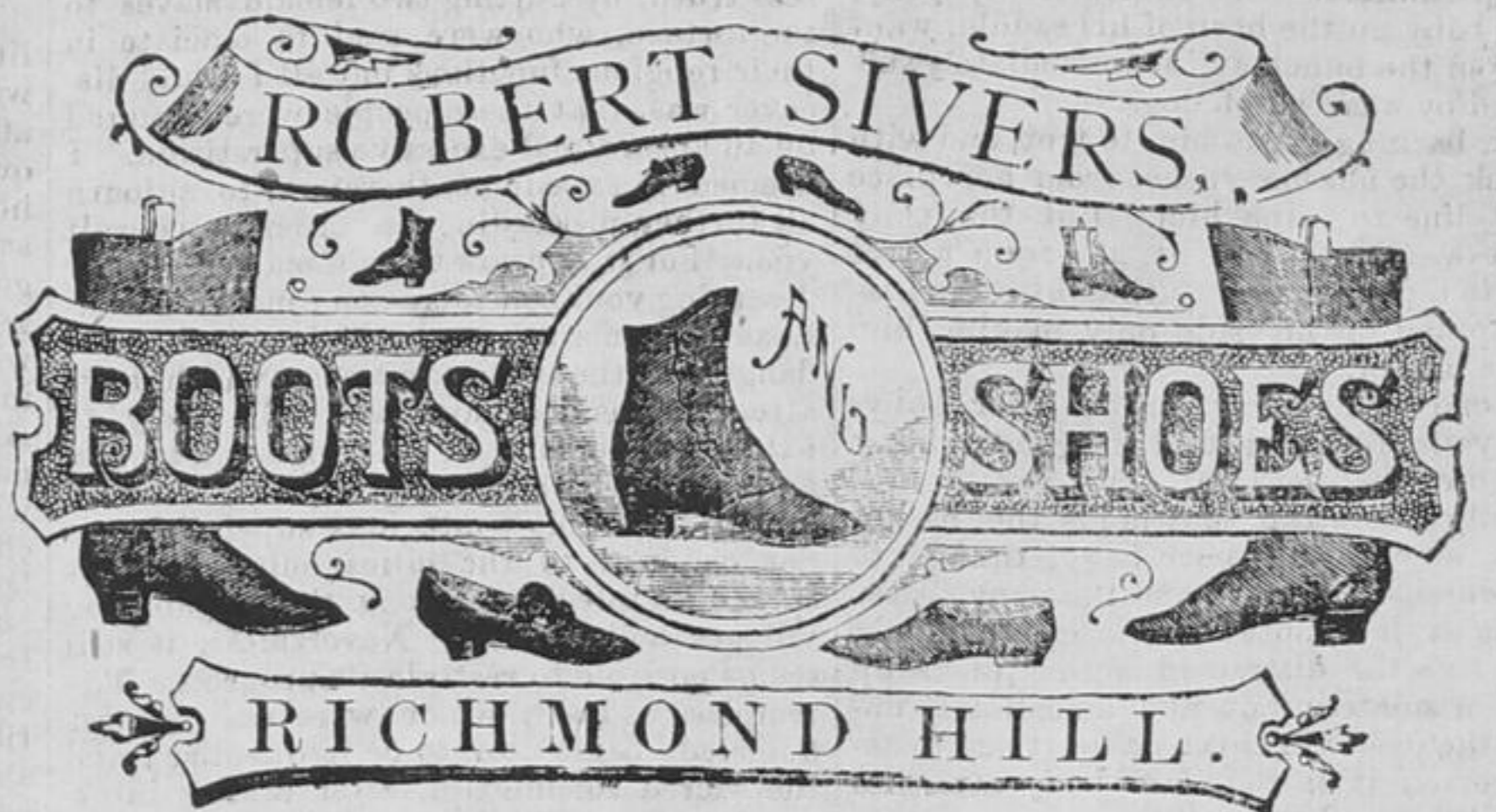
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