

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS**

**The Liberal.**

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**MR. G. B. SMITH RE-NOMINATED**

East York Liberals have often held successful mass-meetings, but we are safe in saying that never has there been shown greater unanimity than was evinced on Tuesday last when Mr. G. B. Smith, the present member for the Local House, received his second nomination from their hands. The convention was in every respect a representative one, and notwithstanding the fact that it was a busy time for the farmers, electors from all parts of the Riding were present, and fully five hundred people were in the Markham Town Hall, where the meeting was held. A special train left the city about 11 o'clock a. m., which brought to Markham electors from Eglington, Davisville, Deer Park, Todmorden, Doncaster, East Toronto Village, Scarboro Junction, Agincourt, Ellesmere and Unionville, besides, perhaps, a dozen Torontonians. Richmond Hill was well represented, in fact it would be difficult to find a place of any size which did not send its men ready to cast their ballot in necessary.

At about half past two the assemblage was called to order by Mr. L. Annis, President of the Association, taking the chair, and referring to the object which brought the people together. He explained that it was time to have the candidate in the field, whoever he might be, as their opponents had freely circulated the report that Mr. G. B. Smith was not going to be a candidate at the coming election. He spoke of the harmony and thorough organization necessary in the party, and calling for nominations received the following:—

Mr. G. B. Smith was nominated by Mr. John Richardson, reeve of Scarboro', seconded by J. M. Lawrence, Esq., of Richmond Hill.

The following were also nominated, but after short speeches retired in favor of the present member:—

- David James, Thornhill.
- Geo. Flint, sr., Stouffville.
- John Richardson, Scarboro'.
- W. D. Gregory, Toronto.
- Joseph Tait, Toronto.
- Dr. Cruickshank, Ellesmere.
- F. G. Inwood, Toronto.
- J. Ingham, Todmorden.
- Joseph Gibson, Deer Park.
- Anthony Forster, Markham.
- G. R. Vanzant, Markham.
- H. P. Crosby, Unionville.
- L. Annis, Scarboro.
- Elgin, Schoff, Toronto.

Mr. Smith, on being called to the platform, was received with cheers. After referring with pleasure to the large gathering, notwithstanding the counter attractions, he said he was glad to meet with so many of the old representatives, as well as many who were receiving the use of the franchise for the first time. One name he regretted to say he missed, that of Mr. John Lane, who was prevented from being present by illness. Mr. Smith had no doubt of the result of the Local Election in East York, but reminded the Reformers that there were always doubtful elements which it would be well to take into consideration. In this case there will be a doubtful element in the southern portion of York, many of whose electors will vote for the first time in this country. After referring briefly to the general policy of the Hon. O. Mowat, he proceeded to discuss the question of French in the Public Schools of Ontario. It was the Mowat Government who first spoke of abolishing French from the schools, and in 1885 introduced the system of teaching English in the eastern part of the province where the people were nearly all French. Already, according to the reports of the Inspectors, English is taught in all those schools where French was formerly the exclusive language. If, as some newspapers have reported, it is found that English is yet excluded from some schools, the matter will be brought out by the commission appointed by the government, when the remedy will be cheerfully applied. Mr. Smith then drew a picture of the state of things that would prevail in the Eastern Counties if the policy of Mr. Craig, of East Durnham, were adopted. That gentleman wanted, not that English should be taught in all the schools in question, but that French should be excluded from those

schools. Imagine the consequence! Think of these little French children, unable to speak a word of English, perhaps, and prevented by such an act as Mr. Craig would put into operation from acquiring sufficient education to become good citizens of the Dominion. Why such a law would be worthy only of Russia. It would not be worthy of the government of the Hon. Oliver Mowat, and the government of the Hon. Oliver Mowat would have nothing to do with such an act. The convention cheered heartily and Mr. Smith concluded by expressing his gratification at having been their representative in the Ontario Legislature for the past three years.

Mr. David James withdrew his name after expressing his satisfaction with Mr. Smith as the representative for East York.

Mr. Flint congratulated the party on its large and enthusiastic meeting. His speech was humorous, but at the same time sound and practical. With a copy of the platform of the Third Party in his hand he read clause after clause, and showed that the Third Party was not required as far as Reformers were concerned, as most of the planks had been advocated by the Reform party for many years past. As to that plank which insisted that righteousness and truth should enter into men's conduct of public affairs as much as into men's conduct of private affairs, he asked if that were not consistent with the practice of the Reform party ever since it had a history. As to Prohibition he had always advocated it, and the course of the Reform party had always tended to the repression of the liquor traffic and the decrease in drunkenness. He retired in favor of the present member.

Mr. Richardson referred to the able policy of the Mowat Administration, and warned the party not to be deceived by any such cry as the French Schools, which was as cowardly as the cry raised before the last election, namely, "The Mutilated Bible." Three years ago he said, he was in favor of a local man, but now Mr. Smith was no stranger and he would cheerfully give him every support. He then spoke of the indefatigable efforts of the member for East York in carrying out the wishes of the electors, and as a member of the Legislative Committee in the County Council, he was prepared to say they received able assistance from him.

Dr. Cruickshank, in a few choice sentences, said Mr. Smith was proving himself a friend, not only of the county or the province, but to the Dominion. He retired in his favor.

Mr. Gregory would be glad to represent such a Riding as East York. He showed that Mr. Smith looked after the Dominion Voters' Lists as well as those of the Province, and trusted that Liberals would stand shoulder to shoulder in re-electing such a worthy supporter of the Hon. Oliver Mowat.

Mr. Tait was the next to take the platform. After a spirited and witty speech he told the convention he was not a candidate. He was well pleased with the meeting, and recognized a larger proportion of the old workers in the Reform cause than were present at the convention three years ago.

Mr. Ingham entreated the members of the party to set to work, and not to be deceived by the Third Party idea. He ventured to say that Conservatives would vote as they had in the past, and warned Reformers to be true to their principles. He retired as the others had done.

Mr. Gibson would continue to lend a helping hand, and would work for the return of the present member.

Mr. Crosby was delighted to see such a large gathering. Although he differed with the Reform party on their trade policy, he was on the whole a firm supporter of Mr. Mowat, and had no faith in the charges brought against the Government in reference to the French Schools. Mr. Crosby was Mr. Smith's opponent at the last election, and although he said he still favored having a local man, he would not oppose the sitting member, whom he complimented on the manner in which he had performed his duties.

Mr. Foster also was in sympathy with the idea of a local man if a selection could be made, but had every confidence in Mr. Smith.

Mr. Vanzant urged the party to start work at once, and moved that Mr. Smith's nomination be made unanimous.

Mr. Annis also resigned in favor of Mr. Smith, who had served the electors so ably and so well.

Mr. Schoff, the last nominee, made way for Mr. Smith by seconding Mr. Vanzant's motion, and urged good work, especially in the vicinity of Toronto.

Messrs. Inwood and Richardson then moved and seconded respectively a resolution averring the cordial sympathy of the convention with the policy of the Mowat Government, and pledging the earnest efforts of all present to secure the return to the next Legislature of Mr. G. B. Smith, the nominee of the present convention. The resolution was carried amidst great applause.

Mr. Smith then came forward and thanked the convention for the confidence they had shown in him after three years as their representative. He said that the kind words of many of the speakers were more than he deserved, as he had simply endeavored to do his duty. On finding, however, that his humble efforts had met with such enthusiastic and generous approval by the grand assembly, he felt repaid a hundred-fold. Continuing he said he must confess the honor conferred on him in making him standard-bearer a second time, and that he was now ten times more proud and happy than when he received his first nomination.

After votes of thanks to the popular chairman and the secretary, and cheers for the Queen and the nominee the meeting adjourned.

**Toronto Jottings**

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The interesting information is forwarded from California that Judge D. M. McDonald will "address an evangelistic meeting for men only, at 4 p. m. next Sunday, in the Y. M. C. A. hall at Los Angeles." Mr. McDonald, who is no more a judge than I am, will be remembered as one of the gentlemen who found it convenient to go south "for his health" shortly after public investigation into the affairs of the defunct Central Bank commenced. His departure was somewhat hurried; in fact he did not wait long enough to move any of his furniture, and even his wife's personal effects were left behind. Mr. McDonald had not found it advisable to make even a flying visit to Canada since that time, although quite a number of people in Toronto would be pleased to see him again; it would doubtless facilitate the collection of sundry small accounts.

The Toronto papers of the last few days have brought the name of another member of the legal fraternity rather prominently before the public; Mr. John McGregor, or, as he prefers it, MacGregor, is now dodging the Sheriff, who is armed with a writ to capture the aforesaid, and detain him in the Queen's name, until he is able to afford a satisfactory explanation of how some \$660 intended to be paid to his client, Mr. Pritchard, came into his hands and was retained by him. In the case of a non-professional swindler he would be brought before the nearest J. P., committed for trial, and sent down, brought up at the assize court and sentenced to Kingston penitentiary, while a more distinguished rascal may avail himself of every possible and technical objection which would cause delay, and as in this instance set sail for the U. S. two hours in advance of the Sheriff.

It is a curious fact, by the way, in this connection, that this MacGregor is a brother-in-law of Mr. McDonald, the Central Bank robber and present California evangelist. He also had a warm spot in his heart for religion, and used to exhort sinners most fervently to "flee from the wrath to come." I wonder if he had any inkling of how soon he would have to practise what he preached.

Seriously, I have over and over again wondered if our ministers are not making an enormous blunder in permitting the "tares and the wheat to grow together." I don't believe that this parable and other similar passages were ever intended to justify the admission and retention into the Churches of men who could not be elected into any fraternal or beneficial society in the country, and both of the above were prominent members of two of Toronto's most fashionable churches. Only last week I attended a lodge meeting when a prominent member of the Anglican Communion was black balled on account of his notorious character and immorality. Nor is this an isolated case. The biggest scoundrel in a community usually makes for an office in a Church to supply the deficiency in respectability of which he is sadly conscious, and instead of the bad being improved by being in contact with the good, the good usually share in the condemnation which sooner or later falls on the wolf in sheep's clothing.

But with money it is comparatively easy; no prudent pastor will investigate too closely the antecedents or present state of morals of a candidate for membership, who has intimated his intention of figuring for a large amount on the subscription list; a few questions are asked and satisfactorily answered, and although the fact of his moral and religious unfitness is patent to every one but the minister and the treasurer, the candidate for righteousness is received with open arms. I am aware there are exceptions; honest conscientious, godly ministers, who have carefully guarded the portals, and have had their hearts well nigh broken by the abuse and opposition of those who opined that the church was not "prospering," i. e., that a sufficient number of wealthy infidels had not been induced to enter the fold, to sufficiently cheapen the cost of the heavenly provender to the rest of the miserly flock.

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