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The World says that the scrimmage was between the Mail, Globe and Leader is the talk of the Toronto club. It appears that a prominent Reformer, yesterday, that as the Globe assumed ent on independence, the Mail would probably be adopted by his party as the Tory organ. In the latter event Hon. Mr. Mowat, the Globe would be the Grit organ. On the other hand, there was rumour of the consolidation of the Empire and Mail, with the conditions that Mr. Bunting be sent off on a tour to Europe or Asia, that Mr. Riordan be prevented from meddling, and that Mr. Farrer be re-elected as chief editor.

Mr. Solomon Hannant, the would-be Reeve in last Monday's contest, was the originator of and has been his principal moves in working up the election petition against Mr. John Waldie, the Reform and prohibitionist M. P. for Halton. Mr. J. H. McCollum, Mr. Hannant's successful opponent, is a Reformer, Reformer, has been one ever Grit, old enough to use his Reform and money for the success of the Reform cause. Mr. McWaldie, his successful Tory opponent, is a Reformer, Reformer claims to be a Reformer, was supported by a Reform Government, pretends to be a supporter of Mr. Waldie, and yet he was the originator of the unsuccessful movement to oust Mr. McCollum from the reeveship by running against him Mr. Hannant, one of Mr. Waldie's fiercest political enemies, and he helped a Tory political wrecker etc. create a division among the Reformers of Milton for Mr. Hannant's benefit. Mr. Waldie may well say, 'Save me from my friends,' if the Bounder is to be classed among them.

Two years ago Mr. Solomon Hannant, Tory, was elected mayor of Milton on the anti-Scott ticket, the Reformer and Tory antis combining and giving him a majority of 50, though there was really a Reform majority on the voters' list. Some months afterwards he got hold of a letter written by Rev. A. E. Ingersoll, Methodist minister, in which his and a number of other prominent Antis came in for adverse criticism, and to which his portion was, "The Devil's third lieutenant." He published the letter, though forbidden to do so by his writer's lawyer, in the Sun and Orangeman, to the great shame and indignation of Mr. Ross and the 'temperance' people of the town. Last Monday he and his Anti-Scott Tory friends denounced as lies reports that had been spread that he had gone over to the Scott Act faction, but Rev. Messrs. A. Ross and D. H. McKenzie were out working for him tooth and nail and got the votes of about twenty Scott Act Reformers, though he was the main mover in working up the protest which has resulted in the unseating of Mr. John Waldie, the Reform and Scott Act M. P. for Halton. It was claimed that Mr. Hannant was nominated principally on the anti-waterworks platform, but the renegade Reformers voted for the waterworks almost to a man. The whole business is a Chinese puzzle to the Chronicle, at least. Is Mr. Hannant really a Scott Act man? Was the report that he had joined the Scott Act faction a wicked lie? Are Messrs. Ross and McKenzie better Tories than they are prohibitionists? Are the eminent Antis who back Mr. Hannant better Tories than they are Antis? Or have they been made 'temperance' by the moral suasion of Messrs. McKenzie, T. Brothers, W. D. Ross and A. E. Brothers, who are the moves said to have been supporting the Anti-Waterworks, Anti-Scott Act, Anti-Cow, Tory wake candidate? The Chronicle gives it up.

HALTON ELECTION PROTEST.

The hearing of the petition to unseat John Waldie, M. P. for Halton, came off before Mr. Justice Rose yesterday at the Court House. Mr. McMahon appeared for the petitioners and Mr. Q. C. for the respondent. Mr. Mitchell informed the court that Mr. Waldie had agreed to admit bribery, agency and treating, and recommended that the case be set aside with costs. Lordship held that the bribery and agency must be proved in court, so that a proper report could be made. McGibbon said he had not expected this, thinking Mr. Waldie's admission sufficient, and that he had not his witnesses on hand. Further proceedings were then adjourned by consent of counsel for both parties, until Saturday, when the case will come up at Milton Hall. And an attempt will be made on behalf of the petitioners to prove a case of bribery and also agency.

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