GREAT CLEARING SALE OF CLOTHING! Tremendous ... ments of ... CLOTHING

The Champion.

EVER since the notorious D. B. Chisholm invaded Halton, backed by nearly all the liquor sellers in the county, and by posing as a "temperance" apostle managed to seduce from their party allegiance a sufficient number of Liberals, who were afflicted with the prohibition fad, to defeat a man who had faithfully represented them in Parliament for over twenty years, the so-called "temperance" question has been the bane of the Reform party here, and has almost invariably worked to the advantage of their opponents. It has been used again and again for all it was worth by unscrupulous Tory wire-pullers in municipal as well as in parliamentary contests, and it has been worked both ways. In Milton, for instance, where the anti-Scotts are largely in majority, when a couple of years ago it was found that the Reform candidate for the mayoralty had compromised himself with the prohibitionists, a Tory who professed opposition to the Scott Act was put into the field and, though the town was Reform, as well as anti-Scott, was elected with a large majority by Reform bolters, the Tories, Scott Act and anti-Scott, as usual, voting solidly. Here again, a few weeks ago, when the Tories wanted the reeveship, the Reform candidate being a pronounced anti-Scott and the anti-Scott-first cry being unavailable, the same man who had posed before as an anti-Scott professed to prohibitionists conversion to the doctrine of prohibition, was an anti to antis, and formed an alliance with Reform prohibitionist bolters, headed by the notorious Brothers Gang. He was backed up again by the solid Tory vote, with a few honorable exceptions who could not swallow the unholy alliance, and nearly succeeded in defeating the Liberal candidate. The Waldie-Henderson contest of last February was another instance of a Tory two-horse act. A prohibitionist was put into the field by professed anti-Scotts who calculated on the Liberal antis refusing to support their prohibitionist candidate. The Tory prohibitionists, of course, voted solidly, and antis who showed any disposition to be refractory were coaxed into line by confidential assurances that the party candidate would be found to be "all right" when he got to Ottawa and would do as he was told. The attempt, however, was too bare faced, a sufficient number of the Liberals who had been mugwumps in the Buck-Kerns contest fell into line, and the Liberal candidate was elected by a small majority. Precisely the same game is now about to be tried by the same professed Tory anti-Scotts with the bidable prohibitionist candidate. Heretofore, in elections where there were no anti-Scotts in the field, the CHAMPION, as a determined enemy of the prohibition fraud and all connected with it, has kept aloof. Now, as an enemy of frauds generally, it takes a hand in, and it claims that it can do so without inconsistency as an anti-prohibition journal, because the Scott Act is not an issue in the campaign which has just commenced. There is no danger at present of the passing of a general prohibitory law; neither is there any prospect of the repeal at Ottawa of the Scott Act. The Macdonald Government is opposed to prohibition, and if a Liberal Government were in power it could not afford the loss of revenue consequent in the passage of a prohibitory law, even though it favored such a law. Mr. Blake's declaration on the eve of the last general election in favor of compensation, rank heresy from a prohibitionist standpoint, showed this plainly, and was made so that in case his party should defeat the Government he would be in a position to sit on the prohibition fad. While general prohibition is out of the question, the Scott Act, on the other hand, will doubtless be left on the statute book as a sop to the cranks, and constituencies idiotic enough to adopt it will be allowed to debauch themselves with shebeen whiskey until they tire of it. Holding these views, the CHAMPION, as a representative anti-prohibitionist journal, counsels the Liberal anti-prohibitionists of Halton to unite in supporting the candidate who was yesterday made the unanimous choice of the Liberal convention here. Whether he fully represents their views on all questions or not, his nomination was the result of a fair vote, not of the wire-pulling of unscrupulous political tricksters, as was that of his opponent; he is a first-class business man, has had years of experience in public affairs as reeve of his village and warden of his county; he is known as a liberal, public-spirited citizen, and as a politician his record is without a stain—he has never wavered in his allegiance to his party or compromised himself with the enemy. Let all true Liberals, therefore, work with a will in support of the political principles in which they profess belief, and the defeat administered to the two-horse candidate last February will be repeated. To sulk and disfranchise themselves and thereby allow the dishonest tactics of their opponents to succeed would be childish. Let them go to the polls to a man, and when the time comes for them to vote on the repeal of the Scott Act they will not be the worse for it.

AN explanation why the Registrar of this county has been ignored in the appointment of the returning officer for the coming election, and why a miller, a man who on account of his calling is exempt under the statute from service in such a capacity, has been given the preference, would be interesting. In all Dominion elections which have been held in this constituency heretofore the appointment has been given to the Registrar, no matter what party happened to be in power. The present incumbent has not been charged with crookedness in favor of either party in former contests, and his efficiency is beyond question. Before being appointed to a Government office, however, he was an active Liberal, which may possibly "account for the milk in the cocoanut."

Now that the result of the investigation in the case of Scott Act ex-Police Magistrate Partridge has shown that all "temperance" officials are not immaculate, the Government will do well to give a little attention to the charges against the notorious partizan police magistrate of Halton, W. H. Young, of whom Partridge has been but a feeble imitator, and against whom there are over twenty charges, every one of which his accusers profess to be able to prove. The Government will gain nothing by ignoring this matter. If Young, on the investigation, is proved to be guilty, the most extreme Scott Act cranks cannot object to his being punished as Partridge has been by dismissal. If he can prove his innocence he and his friends ought to be only too glad that he should be given a chance to do so. The petitioners for the investigation, among whom are some of the most prominent Liberals of the county, have had enough of the "serious consideration," which the Government promised them when the charges were laid. What they want now is the consideration of those charges by a commission.

Now that the date has been announced for the coming vote on the repeal of the Scott Act in Halton, the threatened bolt of Conservative antis from the party ticket in the election for the Commons has probably been averted. Having been informed when the repeal petition was sent to Ottawa some months ago that it had been pronounced by the Minister of Justice to be regular in every respect, and that the bringing on of the vote would therefore be only a matter of routine, many of the antis suspected, when the fixing of the date of the vote was unaccountably delayed, that it was being postponed lest it should interfere with the interests of the Tory party in the election for the Commons. The result of these suspicions was a tremendous "kick" at the late Tory convention. The prompt action of the Government in announcing the time of the vote, and the flimsy excuse in the Government organ about the consideration of the Morrow objections, go to show that in some cases there is nothing like a vigorous "kick" and that in this case the "kickers" were not very far astray in their suspicions. The Government has "given itself away."

LAST year, after the Waldie-Henderson election, the Dundas Standard accounted for the defeat of the Tory candidate in this way: "Henderson lost Halton to the Conservative party himself. * * * Henderson lost Halton through personal negligence. * * * Let no man run away with the idea that Halton is other than Conservative. It was only lost by departing from well-known Conservative principles; by carelessness and selfishness, and by the personal unpopularity of the candidate. * * * To have the county as good as won and lose it because of the trimming, selfish policy of a man who would not speak to a dozen men in the riding could he write M. P. after his name, is sufficient to make a man who cares for the public welfare and humanity's good go and bury himself." At the time the above appeared in the Standard that journal claimed to be the organ of the Conservatives of Halton. Now the Milton Sun, which is edited and published in the office of the Standard, of which it is in fact a Milton edition, is the organ of the Halton Tories. This is what it says about Mr. Henderson now that he is again the candidate of the Tories of this county: He had "stronger candidates now than he was in February." He has "strong claims for personal support. * * * He brings talents of a high order to the service of his party, and the country." He "was undoubtedly the free choice of the people in February!!! By what process of evolution the trimming, selfish, negligent, arrogant candidate who was defeated last February solely on account of his personal unpopularity and his negligence has developed into the popular and talented standard bearer of to-day the organ does not explain, but it, its party and Mr. Henderson are to be congratulated on that development.

The December bank statement shows that there are now five bankrupt chartered banks in the Dominion.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

LIBERAL CONVENTION.

The convention held here yesterday by the Liberals of Halton to nominate their candidate for a member of the House of Commons in the coming bye-election was large and enthusiastic, every electoral division in the county being fully represented. The following nominations were made.

Wm. McLeod, of Georgetown, nominated by Messrs. R. G. Baxter and W. Moore.

John White, ex-M. P., nominated by Peter Campbell and R. Harper.

John R. Barber, of Georgetown, nominated by D. Wheelihan and G. S. Goodwillie.

David Wheelihan, of Campbellville, nominated by George Smith and M. Crawford.

Cecil Marlatt, of Oakville, nominated by Messrs. Reynolds and Kelly.

R. G. Baxter, of Burlington, nominated by J. H. McCollom and Lieut.-Col. Allan.

Henry Robinson, of Trafalgar, nominated by A. Waldie and John Duncan.

Wm. McCraney, ex-M. P., nominated by Johnson Harrison and Jos. Brownridge.

John Waldie, ex-M. P., nominated by R. F. W. Fisher and J. R. Barber.

Dr. Robertson, ex-M.P.P., nominated by A. Stinson and Wm. Harbottle.

N. Lindsay, of Esquesing, nominated by C. P. Preston and Dr. Tood.

Dr. Buck, of Palermo, nominated by F. Ghent and Geo. Havill.

Dr. Todd of Georgetown, nominated by D. W. Campbell and W. Moore.

Lieut.-Col. Campbell, nominated by Wm. McCraney, ex-M. P., and John Evans.

Mr. Waldie, in a short speech declining the nomination, said his business relations would not permit him to accept it. Messrs. White, McCraney and other representatives of the Liberal party had carried the county and the nominee of this convention would do so too.

Mr. McCraney said that though in 1875 he had defeated the strongest Conservative candidate who ever contested the county he was not a candidate on this occasion. He would support the nominee of the convention no matter who that might be.

Mr. Henry Robinson was in favor of Commercial Union for the farmer. If the various conflicting interests in the party would unite the party candidate would be elected. He was not a candidate.

R. G. Baxter would go in to win if the nominee of the convention. The party would win if it would work unitedly.

D. Wheelihan had been solicited by a number of his friends to let his name go before the convention. Did not want the nomination, but would support the choice of the delegates.

Cecil Marlatt, after saying that he was not a candidate, gave the convention some useful hints as to campaign work.

The other candidates all declared their intention of supporting the nominee of the convention, leaving all minor questions aside, and the delegates proceeded to ballot. Mr. Wm. McLeod, merchant, of Georgetown, finally received a majority, and this was followed by a vote making him the unanimous choice of the convention.

Mr. McLeod made a short but pithy and spirited speech which was received with great applause, and was followed by short addresses from other prominent Liberals.

The indications, when the meeting separated, were that the party would fall into line and work to win, though there was some grumbling, and the prospect of Mr. McLeod defeating the Government candidate is excellent.

The Hamilton and North-Western Under G. T. Control.

HAMILTON, Jan. 24.—The Hamilton and Northwestern Railway to-day passed into the control of the Grand Trunk, the old directors resigning and the following gentlemen taking their places:

John Proctor, President, Hamilton.
William Hendrie, "
P. W. Payfoot, "
Chas. Cameron, "
Sir Henry W. Tyler, M. P., London, England.
Ald. Sir Thomas Dakin, London, Eng.
Chas. Bischoff, Q.C., London, Eng.
James W. Barclay, M.P., London, England.
Jonathan Sissons, Warden of Simcoe.
William Doran, Mayor of Hamilton.

It has not been formally announced, but it is generally understood, that the Northern Railway will go with the Hamilton North-western to the Grand Trunk.

A great Royalist meeting was held at Bordeaux on Monday.

Another blizzard struck Texas on Saturday night. It is stated that fully 20,000 sheep perished.

New Yorkers are becoming excited over the alarming and rapid spread of the small pox malady in that city.

Home Secretary Mathews, speaking at Birmingham, denied the rumors of dissensions in the Salisbury Cabinet.

SAMMY'S DENIAL.

MILTON, January 24th, 1888.

To the Editors of the Champion:

SIRS,—In your issue of the 19th inst. I observe an article purporting to be a communication from Nassagaweya, signed "A Lover of Liberty," charging me with circulating a petition to have the salary of the county clerk reduced. In reference to that, I would say that I never heard of such a petition until I saw it mentioned in the article referred to, and I do not yet know that there is such a petition, and if there is I had nothing whatever to do with it, either directly or indirectly, and the assertions made in reference to me are entirely untrue and without any foundation whatever.

In justice to myself, considering the false and malicious nature of the article, I would ask you kindly to insert this denial in your next issue, and oblige.

S. DICE.

NOTE.—As Mr. Dice has been from the first the principal mover in the plot against the county clerk, and as it was he who, a year ago, commenced open hostilities by tendering to do the work of that official for half the salary paid by the county council, his indignant repudiation of the petition is amusing. If his tender was nothing to be ashamed of, why should there be anything disgraceful in having been connected with the circulation of the petition? Whether he was or not will have to be settled between himself and our Nassagaweya correspondent, who is a respected citizen of that township, and a man not likely to make an unfounded or malicious charge against anyone. He will probably be heard from next week. Owing to the prominent part Mr. Dice has taken in trying to undermine the Anti-Scott county clerk and supplant him in that envied position, whether he had any hand in circulating the petition or not his denial of all knowledge of it is a little too much of a good thing. If his reputation for veracity were ever so high there would be difficulty in believing him. As it is the CHAMPION, knowing the man, and how he has slandered the county clerk, finds it particularly difficult to believe him.—ED. CHAMPION.

Scott Act Trials.

A CHIEF CONSTABLE'S DAMAGING DISCLOSURES.

On Wednesday, the 25th of January inst., the police magistrate held a sitting at the court house here for the hearing of a charge against Peter McArthur and Mrs. Robert Armstrong.

The first charge called was against McArthur for selling in December and January. Information read, and Mr. McGibbon appeared for defendant, pleaded not guilty and objected to the jurisdiction of the court.

STINSON BRADLEY.—Am in the stone house every day; I was asked, as Chief Constable, to show a gentleman "the rounds," which I did, and one evening I, in company with the gentleman, went to the stone hotel; we asked for beer; the beer was drawn by a beer pump, and handed to us over the bar; we drank part of it, and paid for it; I believe this is the second time that I paid for beer in the stone hotel; Neil McDougall was running the hotel at the time; I was asked on the spur of the moment to go the "the rounds;" there was no job put up; did not see McArthur in the house; I heard 8 or 4 days or perhaps a week afterwards that the house had changed hands.

WILLIAM KENNEY.—I know where the stone house is; went in there the last time "full;" do not remember ever getting anything to drink at the stone house from McArthur; the last time I was said to be in the house was a week ago last Sunday evening; have no recollection of being there.

No further evidence. The case was dismissed.

Information was read against Mrs. Armstrong, charging her with a second offence. Mr. McGibbon pleaded not guilty.

WILLIAM KENNEY—Know Mrs. Armstrong; got a quart bottle of whiskey from Mrs. Robert Armstrong four weeks ago last Sunday and paid 50 cents for it; have had whiskey from her several times since that and paid for it.

Convicted and fined $100 and costs.

The fine $50, imposed on Mrs. Armstrong in 1886 when she was convicted, has never been paid, and it is alleged that the inspector is afraid to attempt to compel her to pay it.

LOCAL correspondents sending the news of their neighborhoods to the CHAMPION should sign their names to their contributions, otherwise they will not be published. An unsigned letter from Zimmerman was put into the waste basket this week. Correspondents should bear in mind also that what is wanted is news, not gossip, and uncomplimentary squibs at the expense of their neighbors. We commend the newsy contribution in this issue from "Marcus" as a model for intending contributors.

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...VILLE, Florida,
January 9th, 1888.
...rida, my adopted state, ... open a new era in her ... tice you that our people ... ing over huge fires and ... mols and heavier furs ... a glorious clime we ... the ... of January, we have ... the ... as warm as my ... must sit with our ... and doors ... open, while not ... of a fly disturbs the harmony ... So far we have had but one ... did no harm. Our gardens ... all manner of table greens ... tables fresh, and crisp as from ... garden in your latitude. On ... you see vines and roses in ... bloom, and having found ... little ... with old Sol's genial rays. ... impossible to visit you ... twelve ... our Sub-Tropical Ex- ... would respectfully request ... pens ... this is such an exposi- ... ance at the public meet- ... been known in the ... to be announced through ... South, for here we shall ... the ... of the press. I merely ... proof the resources of ... on the political question ... and West India Isles- ... interests of our beloved ... be displayed in such shape that ... I am opposed to the ... to make a systematic ... of our rights in our ... those various products can do ... without receiving the ... waste of time or money. ... equitable equivalent. ... displayed evidences of the ... resources of Florida; here ... I am opposed to ... illustrations of the enter- ... changes in the tariff ... people. ... could for present purposes ... hibits from the Indies and ... benefically for the ... will be novel and unique, and ... and consumer, and ... thousands who come from ... policy for the extension ... of the country an opportunity ... trade with foreign powers ... gather a vast amount of use- ... ation in regard to these ... I am opposed to the ... The great significance of ... national debt (already ... tropical Exposition cannot be ... useless and questionable ... without some knowledge of ... which will be displayed ... I am in favor of ... in the great counties of Western, ... nual expenditure to ... Southern Florida. As each ... possible, consistent with ... peculiar growth of trees, ... vigorous and honest ... vegetables, and nearly all ... the affairs which legitimately ... produce grains and grasses, ... the Federal Government ... will give all an excellent ... the earnings of the ... oil and its value when under ... left with them to ... while the combined works ... forth fruit such as ... nature will occupy the ... and comfort. ... and be given additional ... Our franchise laws are ... lacing them in fancy shapes ... complex and expensive, ... surroundings. The forests ... amended towards ... will be called upon to sur- ... one man one vote—a ... of God's dumb crea- ... list, and the appointment ... tion. ... make and revise such lists ... that have been selected ... independent of the ... Greene streets, adjoining the ... day. ... Park, where we have three ... flowing artesian wells. These ... I depreciate all ... more than twelve blocks ... power, and am opposed ... street, the main business ... policies and locking up ... city. The street is paved ... the Northwest for ... block pavement from ... believing the land ... actual settlers, the ... some ten acres occupied ... improvement of the ... buildings and park, which is ... I trust, by and with ... trees, shrubs, bridges ... port, and co-operation ... The lakes are surrounded ... the head of the poll, ... colored plants, and the ... ever feel grateful, and ... ever-flowing fountains ... time and ability shall ... make a picture never ... furtherance of your ... These wells supply ... of our country. To ... sparkling, pure water ... leges and zealously ... balm of Gilead to many ... so that they won't be ... shall have my constant ... regale upon the liquid ... shall not give a factious ... the numerous fountains ... the Government, but ... for man and beast. ... promote such measures ... building erected for the ... opinion will benefit ... ly pleasing to the eye ... people and give all ... proportions for a grand dis- ... before the law. ... length of 305 feet, and ... width, in the middle ... it will afford room for ... I am, Gentlemen, ... ment, and accommodate ... Your obedi... of visitors at one time. ... and an immense cen- ... proportions. The Pine ... has an imposing ob- ... to the fleecy clouds. ... length of the centre ... a grand promenade ... fronting the grand promen- ... ade bank of lemons, ... mangoes, ... rope fruit, olives, dates, guavas, straw- ... fruits of a tropical ... nature, sufficient to ... such as has never been ... cultural gardens plant- ... building will be one of ... fruits of the exhibit. ... trees, fruit and flowers ... as they grow in ... From the tropics ... date, sago palm, im- ... plants, century plants in ... cocoanuts hanging ... palm; while all the ... grow in Florida will be re- ... growing naturally. The ... will be enclosed by ... containing various hued ... can be gathered in this ... The space has all been ... different counties through ... will vie with the ... present their county to the ... age. ... structure 83 feet long ... with broad piazzas around ... will contain on the first ... restaurant. The upper floor ... by an art gallery. ... building, representing Hernando and Pasco counties, is ... interesting structure. It is ... with a roof thatched ... leaves, which gives it ... oriental appearance and ... attractive addition to the ... county has a section of the ... its separate display, while ... has secured some of the ... of that region and has ... a chain of lakes a pelican ... and festive wild cat. ... borders of a lake near the ... will be encampped a band ... Indians, who will represent ... Okobee region. They will have ... as near as possible to re- ... native home, will wear the ... Indian ... their pappooses ... their backs, with the greatest ... no doubt, have imitation ... hung in a hamper to sell. ... people will have an ... they will show ... work in shop and ... will be in operation. ... Sea Island cotton will ... from the grow- ... commercial article. ... the world are so ... good hotel accom- ... the cities of Florida.

To the Ret... COUNTY OF ...
Gentlemen:—
HAVING received ... unanimous nomination ... Convention to contest ... its vacant seat in the ...

A Valuable FA...
Lot 9 and 10, on the ... ship of Esquesing, ... an excellent wheat farm ... ain and well watered by ... in pipes into barnyard ... acres cleared, and ... cedar. This farm is ... and good buildings. Terms ...
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Orders left with ... Milton, will be ... Sales attended to ... Terms liberal.

J. Mill...
Groceries.
STREET...

Davies's, Carling's ... Toronto Brewing ... bottled and draught ... and ready for shipment ... notice.