

### The Victory in Muskoka.

(From the Guelph Mercury.)  
The result of the election in Muskoka, and Parry Sound on Monday affords another evidence of the popularity of the Mowat Government, and a most cheering and satisfactory indication of its administration at the hands of the settlers in these newer districts of the Province. In fifteen polling divisions Mr. Bettes, the Reform candidate, has majorities, and in only seven has the Conservative candidate majorities, and they are small. As far as ascertained Mr. Bettes' total majority is 412. On the 15th of the month the Government won a great victory, having practically carried six out of the seven constituencies in which elections were held on that day. The result in Muskoka adds another to the previous victories, and the Government it may be said, have made a clean sweep in this appeal to the people. Our opponents cannot say that the battle was not well fought on their side. Mr. Meredith gave his presence and all the support he could. Mr. Plumbe and other speakers invaded the district, spoke often and worked strenuously for their candidate, but all in vain, for the electors had too much faith in the honesty, integrity and ability of our Government to listen to the foundationless charges of Mr. Meredith and his henchmen.

The success of the Government and the Liberals of Ontario on this occasion has been signalized, but in the very completeness of this success has a germ of danger. It will not do for the friends of Provincial rights and Provincial autonomy to sit contentedly down and assure themselves that the people are with them, and that consequently there is no need for further exertion. The great battle is yet to be fought, and our opponents, though defeated, are active and vigilant, and will work to carry the general elections as they never worked before. Some time ago Mr. Meredith complained that he and his followers had not received that support from the Conservative party generally in the elections of 1879 to which they were entitled. We do not hear such complaints now. On the contrary, we have Sir John presiding over a Convention of the local Tories, at which leading politicians of the Dominion party are present. Dominion issues are thrust upon the people; a continued strain is kept up that the precious N. P., like some piling youngster that cannot stand alone, is in danger, and every effort is being made to transfer to Mr. Meredith's depleted ranks the entire force of the Federal Conservative party. In view of this, it would be folly to allow the triumph of the 18th inst. to lull us into over-confidence or security. We had better have suffered a defeat than gained a victory, if immediately the preliminary skirmish is over we lay down our arms and resign ourselves to slumber. That eternal vigilance which is the price of liberty must be ours now more than ever. We must in the general contest which is to come not only hold our own and keep what we have gained, but we must win so overwhelming a victory that the enemies of the Province, both those without and those within, will realize once for all that Ontario means to stand by her rights. Organizations must be established where lacking, and kept up where in existence, the best men must take the field, and no stone left unturned to make the victory as complete as possible. We have little doubt even now of the result. We have little doubt as to the feelings of the people of this province upon the wrongs which the Conservative party has endeavored to perpetrate and fasten upon them, and which will be perpetrated if Mr. Meredith succeeds to power. But feelings, in order to win an election, must be expressed by means of votes. Hence we say that nothing must be left undone to poll the full strength of the Liberal party next year. If this result is achieved, Mr. Mowat will "go" back into power with hands more than ever strengthened against the would-be destroyers of our Province.

### A Swindler's Career.

In reply to a telegram from Winnipeg inquiring whether the Hon. Richard H. Westera, arrested there, wanted by the Department of Justice, was wanted there, a negative answer has been sent. Westera who has innumerable aliases, has had a remarkable career. His first appearance in Canada was in Halifax in 1875, where he duped a number of susceptible persons under the name of Hon. C. A. Courtney. Soon he turned up at Newcastle, N. B., as Col. C. A. Denison. Here he managed to defraud the Bank of Montreal by means of a bogus draft, and decamped. As Col. Denison he visited Kingston and Belleville, at the former place impressing upon the officers of "E" Battery, and at the latter fleeing a leading lawyer out of considerable cash. After experiences in Portland, Cincinnati, New York, and other American cities, he again turns up in Canada, this time as Captain Donisthorpe. In 1877 he appeared in Renfrew County, where he professed to be engaged in enlisting men for the Imperial Army, and succeeded in imposing upon a farmer named Martin by making him believe that a drill shed and barracks would be erected on his property. At Prescott in the fall of 1878 he first appeared as Hon. R. H. Westera, brother of Lord Rossmore, and both here and at Brockville he obtained sundry loans, which it is needless to say were never repaid. While in Ottawa he was entertained at the Vice-Royal Lodge, and formed the acquaintance of several well-known citizens, to the latter's cost. He next visited Montreal, where he enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. T. C. Stevenson, secretary of the Provincial Council of Arts and Agriculture. In Sherbrooke he passed as Hon. Gordon Falbot, and was fairly honored, being received into all the wealthy families of the city. In Montreal he was known as the Hon. F. G. Drummond Hay. In 1878 he was arrested in Gloucestershire, England, and was sentenced to two years imprisonment for swindling. In December 1880 he figures in the New York Graphics as Hon. C. Pelham Clinton, son of the Earl of Devon, but soon after his

name appears in the police reports as Robert Southwell Grenville Nugent, son of an Irish peer. Mr. James Douville, ex-M. P., was one of his principal victims while in Canada. He now turns up in the role of a swindler and confidence man at Brandon, where he stole \$162.50 from Mr. T. M. Daley, ex-M. P. for Perth, while the latter was lying ill at his hotel.—Globe Winnipeg Cor.

The great current of Italian emigration has till now been directed to South America, and especially La Plata. In the republics of Uruguay there are now about 450,000 inhabitants, and there had at Montevideo every year about 17,000 Italian emigrants. The celebrated hygienist, Signor Fausto Mantegazza, wrote, not long ago, that on arriving there one seemed to be transported into an Italian colony. The boatman who landed you, the porter who carried your baggage, the hotel keepers, all were Italians. Italian emigration developed enormously on the other shore of the estuary of La Plata. It is calculated that from 1857 to 1875 more than 449,000 were Europeans, and that from 1875 onward the average annual number of emigrants is 40,000. Thereupon in a period of twenty-five years there is a total of 85,000 emigrants, of whom quite a third are of Italian origin. During the last few years Italian emigration to Buenos Ayres amounted to 1,000 persons a week. At Rio Janeiro the official census of 1879 marked the landing of 22,000 emigrants, of whom 9,600 were Indians. Of late years Italian emigration seems tending more toward the United States.

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