

Editorial Note & Comment

RELIGION IN POLITICS.

About two months ago at an election in Centre Toronto the Liberal Candidate Bertram in self defence, as he must have considered, published his creed to disarm detractors, and keep down false accusations.

In Centre Grey in the present campaign the Liberal Candidate Boland has been accused of infidelity, atheism, &c by his opponents, and the Flesher-ton Advance, though not favoring his election, comes to his support last week, and the candidate himself has expressed his willingness to communicate his creed to anyone.

In our own riding the religion of the Reform Candidate is being too freely presented as a reason for opposing him. True, he is a Catholic but no more likely to grant undue favors to Catholics than his rivals the Conservative or Independent candidates. He has lived among Protestants all his life. Protestants have honored them with position before, his interest in educational matters led to his being appointed Chairman of the Public School Board of his own village, and in other ways his citizenship has been honored.

Why is the line to be drawn here? Is there a protestant or catholic who will say that equality of citizenship should not give equality of privilege? We believe not. How long is it since thousands of good protestants supported a catholic leader in preference to a protestant one, and rejoiced in his victory? Not certainly because he was a Catholic but because of his advocacy of Liberal measures and against a policy of coercion though his co-religionists were to be the gainers.

Let every raterpayer in S. Grey ponder these words "Whenever I shall look at any public question whatever, I shall look at it not from the standpoint of Catholicism not from the standpoint of Protestantism, but from the standpoint of all men who love Justice, Freedom and Tolerance."

Pondering these words of a Catholic Premier, they will at least give "Equal Rights" to Mr. Morgan. He requires no special pleading, but for the honor of the riding let it not be said that a man who pays his taxes, who obeys the laws, who has a stake in the country, who is assisting to build up this country, who is loved by his family, respected by his neighbors and honored by his party, must not aspire to a representative position because of his spiritual beliefs.

We believe all fair minded men will agree to these sentiments, and the cry of "Catholic" will not be used as a political bogey to injure any man's chances if he is in other respects suitable.

Neither Dr. Jamieson nor Mr. McNicol will be found using this cry, though one supporter of the latter we regret to say has not been backward in doing so.

The "combination," tory and independent, is next week in Egremont beginning on Monday at Reid's School House and continuing day by day at Drury's, Holstein, Yeovil and Dromore respectively.

The Dominion House is now in Session, but if Sir Wilfred, Sir Charles and a few more think they can get up a better show than we have for the next two weeks they will find themselves mistaken. Sir Chas. came near it the other day however. He "ran amuck," goring Mr. Laurier, slashing at the Governor General and knifing violently his "follower" Mr. McLean of the World. Mr. Laurier was all sunshine, the Governor, of course had to keep in the shade, and Mr. McLean slashed back. Happy family still.

"Independent" is a well sounding word, and while it is all very well to advise men to elect a man who is not bound to party, let us remember that the Patrons are as much a party as are the Reformers or Conservatives, and while it may appear independent for a man to vote half the time with one side of the House and half the time with the other side, it may also be asked whether such a course is not taken simply to enable the so-called independent member to return to his constituency in a position to claim support from people of both parties.

In the last Provincial election the total vote was 4013, of which Mr. McNicol had 2401 and Mr. McKechnie 1612, leaving Mr. McNicol a majority of 789, but suppose that there had been a Conservative in the field and that the Conservative candidate had received within 150 of McKechnie's vote Mr. McNicol would have been defeated by a majority of 633. The Patron excitement having now subsided he cannot expect to do as well, and will not be surprising if he is defeated by a majority of 1000. In the last Dominion election out of a total of 4768 Mr. Allan, the Patron candidate, received 1196, only about one fourth.

In the West of the riding certain two or three men, whom we can name have in this campaign appeared on the platform in behalf of Dr. Jamieson and in their private canvassing are approaching Reformers and urging them to vote for Mr. McNicol. When you see doubly dyed Tories soliciting support for Mr. McNicol you may conclude that "there is a nigger in the fence." A cunning trick gentlemen, but entirely too transparent.

HOLSTEIN.

The Farmer's Institute meeting which was held in the Agricultural Hall on Wednesday of last week, was well attended by Farmer's and others to hear the speeches on Road Making, the value of Ensilage, Cultivation of Corn, How to construct a Silo, and other subjects. The audience was not so large at the entertainment in the evening owing to the stormy weather but the program was good consisting of speeches and vocal and instrumental music.

Duncan Paul has sold his house and lot to Thos. Orchard for the sum of \$650.00.

On Tuesday evening of last week a sleigh load of young people from Dromore spent a very pleasant evening at the residence of W. T. Browne.

Elder D. MacGregor of the Later Day Saints has been holding meetings in the village the past week.

Miss Lizzie Swanston who has been visiting her Uncle Mr. A. Swanston for the past two weeks, returned to her home at Rockwood on Saturday.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison of Cedarville were visitors at N. D. McKenzie's for a few days last week.

Sacrament was dispensed in the Methodist Church on Sabbath.

Mrs. Thomas Brown who has been ailing for some time is seriously ill at present.

Rev. W. H. Harvey B. A., of Clifford, spent a few hours with Rev. J. R. Isaac on Monday on his way to Fairbairn Church where he was to deliver his famous lectures, "To and Fro in the Eternal City."

YEovil.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Murdoch have returned home from their wedding tour. Mrs. Jas. Murdoch is unwell but we expect to hear of her recovery soon.

Mrs. Grisch, of Harriston, visited her sister Mrs. David Sim last week. She is engaged in Temperance work in Holstein, and other places.

Mr. Cleland, Cheese maker, of Listowel, addressed the Patrons of Yeovil Cheese Factory last Tuesday on Dairying, Corn Raising, Hog Feeding &c. Which to say the least was very instructive. The substance of the lecture being Mr. Cleland's own experience, he having owned and operated a Cheese Factory for the last 27 years. A good attendance was given to the meeting at Holstein on February 1st and much useful information was received from those who addressed the meetings.

A meeting of those interested in Dairy matters here was held on Saturday last to consider the best ways and means of getting more money out of the product of the cows, when it was resolved that an effort be made to build a Cold Storage building and put in a butter plant in connection with our Cheese Factory. Yeovil cannot afford to be in the background and we hope this scheme will meet with the support and approval of all the farmers and business men in the neighborhood.

Cattle King John Brown has been here again buying calves and fat cattle. Mr. Jas. Swanston disposed of 13, Mr. R. Nicholson of 2, Jno. Reid of 2, Chas. McInnis of 6, Jno. McEachern of 5, W. Great of 2, J. A. Swanston of 2.

John Rice disposed of 23 hogs to a Mt. Forest buyer last week for \$4.00 per cwt. The buyers were the soup as the price of hogs has dropped.

Chas. McInnis has gone to Minto Township for a load of seed oats. He was accompanied by Hugh McEachern of Harriston.

PRICEVILLE.

After the severe storm and frost of the previous week, we are entering on a week with the promise of milder weather. The thermometer ranged during the past week from zero downwards and in fact it was a hard matter to keep the fingers and ears from being frost bitten. However, we got through this far without serious results.

Lots of snow drifts, the roads running east and west being the worst, for the storms generally were either from the north or south east but if they don't get any worse than they are we have no reason to grumble. Quite a few are complaining from the effects of cold. Grip or something else.

Mrs. Marshall is suffering from inflammation of the lungs for the last week or ten days. She is attended by Dr. Boyle. We hope to hear of her speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. McMillan, of Manitoba, are at present at Mrs. McMillan's parents, spending a few weeks.

Mr. Alex. McLean, Artemesia, Mr. and Mrs. Miller of Nobelton, Tp of King, spent the last ten days at Mr. Alex. McMillan's and other friends on the South Line.

Rev. Mr. McNeil, of the vicinity of London, Ont., preached in the Presbyterian Church last Sabbath and is to officiate at a communion service in the Gaelic language, next Sabbath, preparatory service on Saturday at 11 o'clock a.m., Rev. Mr. Charlton will officiating at the English communion, on the Sabbath following, 20th inst., a joint meeting of Swinton Park and Priceville to be held here on Thursday 10th at 2 o'clock p. m.

We see our new miller, Mr. Walters, advertises for logs which is a step in the right direction. Mr. Walters comes in amongst us with a good reputation.

Nobody need spend his quiet hours in the evenings around his own fireside for the next 3 weeks, political meetings and others such as Farmers' Institute, etc., is the order of the present time. Mr. Morgan will have one at McQuig's School House on Thursday, 10th inst. Mr. Davis, Independent, East Grey, will have one in Priceville to-night, (Monday) 7th inst. As usual the opposition are invited to these meetings.

The Priceville Presbyterian Choir attended the Soiree at Swinton Park, on the 1st inst., although the mercury was away down they report having a good time.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys, of this place, made out their way to get their too. Mr. Humphreys is never behind in rendering his services where ever it is needed.

John McInnis and John McLean, of Glenelg, are on the Juror's list to be held at Owen Sound on the 28th inst.

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COUNTY COUNCIL.

THURSDAY.

Report No 1, of Finance Committee, G. Binnie, Chairman, recommended that one copy of the Municipal Act be provided for each member of council. That free pedlars' licenses be granted to Adam Cranston Robert Henry and D. Williamson also payment of some small accounts and routine matter.

Report No 1, County Prop. Com. recommended payment to: Bell Telephone Co. \$14.50; Wm. Miller, \$10.50; John Rickard, \$10.50; H. R. Moore, \$8.50; Electric Light Co. \$5.78; R. Butchart, \$4.50; B. Clark, \$28.36; R. P. Butchart, \$72.76.

Education Com. recommended that Inspectors' Reports on East and West Grey be received and printed in minutes, and that Mr. Gordon be paid \$16.00 for reading and reporting on examination papers.

Printing Com. recommended payment; Tucker & Crosby \$4.00; H. E. Glendinning, \$22.40; A. M. Rutherford, \$16.90; J. H. Little, \$16.79.

These reports were all adopted without discussion.

Mr. Sing was elected Judicial Auditor on the 3rd Ballot. His opponents being Binnie, Allan McDonald, and Bishop. Mr. J. Chisholm was appointed the other member of the board, remuneration to be \$8.00 per day and mileage.

Complaints about faulty distribution of the County Council minutes were discussed and an motion it was carried that half of the whole number be sent to township clerks, the remainder to the councillors.

FRIDAY.

Finance Committee recommended that Jno. A. Robertson be the Co. Student at the O. A. C., that Thos. McComb be appointed to the first vacancy, that no grant be given South Grey Live Stock Association, that the Co. was not further liable to O. S. Beet Sugar Co., that \$4.80 be paid Div. Court Clerk at Meaford, \$75. to Geo. Lambier, for medical expenses re S. Co-beac. These recommendations were agreed to. That recommending the receiving of the report of the Judicial Board of audit caused discussion. It seems that tenders are not asked for all the jail supplies, and the members generally seemed to think the principle of tendering should be adopted. Later the Warden and Messrs Bishop and McDonald were appointed a com. to enquire as to who had the authority to purchase, (2) what supplies can be most advantageously tendered for, and report at June session. The clerk's request for an increased salary was not agreed to, though all admitted he was an efficient officer.

The Warden appointed Thos. Hanbury, Dundalk, as one of the Co. Auditors, and the council after four ballots selected C. A. Fleming, salary to be \$40 and mileage.

Continued, next week.

MURDOCH.

Miss D. Sharpe is spending a couple of weeks with her son, Mr. Geo. of Dundalk.

Miss M. Loghrin, of Fergus, is this week visiting Murdoch friends. We are pleased to have our old teacher with us again for a few days.

Mr. Alex. Allan we are sorry to report is still in a low state of health but at present is on the way of recovery. Our teacher, Mr. W. L. Dixon had to give up teaching for a few days last week on account of a severe cold but we are pleased to say he is able to resume his duties this week again. Mr. Jas. Coleridge took charge of the school during Mr. Dickson's illness.

Mr. George Pollock has gone to Elms vale this week to take out the lumber for three large barns which he has the contract of building next summer.

Mr. James Eden is engaged this week in taking out the timber for Mr. Isaac Hutton's barn.

In Mt. Forest, on Saturday, Feb. 5th, Mr. Jas. Baird and Mrs. Margaret A. Grierson were united in marriage. The groom was supported by Mr. James Mack while Miss M. Lochrin, of Fergus, performed the duties of bridesmaid. Congratulations.

WOODLAND.

Sam Lamont of Stayner is visiting his uncle James Lamont and other friends here.

Albert Yake has purchased Lot 23, Con. 9 and John Dillon the present tenant has rented the McEachern farm on the sixth and will be moving there soon.

The Annual Meeting of the Woodland Congregation will be held on Tuesday the 15th inst. John Snell, Dromore, occupied the pulpit last Sabbath Mr. McEachern the pastor is in Toronto this week.

The political pot is boiling and no wonder, with no less than three men and their helpers poking at the fire.

NEW DRESS GOODS.

A couple of weeks ago we told you about some of our new Dress Goods. Since then more have come to hand and still there's more to follow. We never had such a variety of them and our reputation for high class Dress Goods at the lowest possible prices makes it unnecessary to say anything about them.

- 40 inch Black and Colored Wool Serges, special at.....28c
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Fine Black Lustres, plain, special at.....30c; 40c; 50c
Fancy Figured Lustres, pretty patterns.....35c; 40c
Fancy Colored Estamine Serges, latest colorings, special.....30c
Fine French Twill Serges, all colors.....50c
48 inch Coating Serges, Black and Navy, special.....55c
Fine Black Silk Finished Henrietta, very special.....50c
Latest Novelties in Silk and Wool Mixtures, dress lengths only.....90c

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HAMPDEN.

Political meetings are now the order of the day and it is of course a great topic for discussion. A meeting was held in the school here on Saturday evening in the interest of Mr. J. D. Morgan, the Liberal candidate, to which as usual speakers of the opposition were cordially invited. Mr. A. Wenger, of Aytun, Secy. of the Normanby Liberal Association, opened the meeting followed by Mr. Laidlaw of Durham and Messrs B. J. Ball and J. Telford, of Hanover, in the interest of Dr. Jamieson. Mr. McNicol had no representative there, a fact which all regretted as the people here like to do justice to all parties.

After the opposition speakers had finished, Mr. Morgan took the platform and gave a very interesting address, followed by Mr. Calder of Durham, who as the hour was becoming late did not occupy much time, though all would willingly have listened to him at much greater length. Mr. Robt. Whitford performed the duties of chairman in his usual impartial manner and it to be complimented on the excellent order which was kept throughout the whole evening. As a meeting in the interest of the opposition will be held Saturday evening next it is to be hoped the opposition will return the compliments in a like manner and once more assert the good order and fairness of a Hampden political gathering.

Miss Bella Byers who has been under the doctor's care for some time, is we are glad to say on a fair way to recovery.

Mr. and Miss Byers spent one day last week with friends in Aberdeen.

Miss Mary Little is at present visiting friends in Walkerton.

A number of young people from this vicinity attended a party at the residence of Mr. Maurice Widmeyer near Aytun, Friday evening, and report a very pleasant time.

Mr. Louis Wagner, of Clifford, spent part of last week in this locality.

Master Stewart Watt has secured the position of caretaker in the church here for the coming year.

The Misses Gilmore spent part of last week visiting friends in Port Elgin.

Mr. J. Eick, of Waterloo, is visiting friends and relatives here at present.

Report of S. S. 2. Bentinck and Glenelg, for the month of January, names arranged in order of merit. Sr. IV-Duncan McGillivray, Susie Campbell, Jr. IV-Malcolm McKechnie, Harry Snyder. Class III-Peter McGillivray, Dan McKechnie, Willie Newell, Sr. II-Annie McGillivray, Agnes Fletcher, Rosie Ewen, Jr. II-Tena Newell, Alfred McKechnie, Willie McKechnie and Aggie Ewen equal. Sr. I-Frank Collinson, Ella Edge, Minnie Vessie, Jr. I-Neil McGillivray, John Newell, Elias Edge. -Miss Cassie FLETCHER, Teacher.

Report of School Section No. 6 Bentinck for January. IV Class-Mary Aime Twanley, Willie Currie, Mary McCallum. Class III-Vida Burns, Lizzie McDougall, Jr. III-Lizzie Forster, Jno. Livingstone. II Class-C. C. McDougall, Jno. Crozier, Andy McDougall, Dan McDougall, Pt. II-Johnie Clark, Lizzie McDougall, Mary McKechnie. Class I-Cyril Burns, Violet Forster, AGGIE H. CLARK, Tea.

NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS.

Notice is hereby given that anyone trespassing, cutting timber on, or removing the same from lots 39 and 40 S.D. R. Tp. of Glenelg, Co. of Grey, will be dealt with as the law directs.

ROBERT McDONALD, Montpelier, Idaho U.S. Dec. 6th '97. 232

For Sale.

I have in my hands for sale, the (Stone Jackson Residence) in Durham consisting of the Block on which house and out buildings stand. Tenders will be received from parties wishing to purchase, stating price and terms. JAMES CARSON, Durham, Dec. 7th 1897.

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Peas, " 62
Oats, " 26
Dr'd Hogs, per cwt 5 75
Hogs, live weight 5 00
Lard per lb 10
Tallow per lb 08
Butter per lb, Tub 08
" Roll 13
Eggs, per doz 14
Chickens, per pair 25
Potatoes, per bag 05
Ducks 40
Turkeys, per lb 07
Geese, per lb 05
Hides, per cwt 08
Calfskins 25
Sheepskins 60
Hay, per ton 5 00
Straw, " 00
Apples, per bag 50
Wood, 4 feet 1 70
Wood, 22 inches 1 00

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