

ELECTION CARDS.

THE PEOPLE'S CANDIDATE!



COMMONS ELECTION, '87

TO THE ELECTORS:— Your votes and influence are respectfully solicited for

ALEX. GUNN

As Member for Kingston in the Interest of Good Government. Jan. 20th, 1887.



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SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD

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Feb. 17.



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THE DAILY WHIG.

"Opifer per Orbem Dicor."

THE BALLOT SECRET.

The tory organ has taken particular pains to announce that the ballot is absolutely secret. It should have gone a little further and said that this is a result of reform agitation, that had the Macdonaldism of the past prevailed, as it was likely to have done but for the strong opposition of the liberal party, there would have been open voting and open bribing, and tory employers would have marched their men to the polls and given them the alternative of sustaining tory candidates or taking their dismissal. The ballot is practically a reform party invention, and, with it in use, no men need be terrorized by an employer; nor need they incur any odium by their action. They have only to listen to the talk of the party bosses or bullies, and vote—according to the dictates of their consciences. Yes, the ballot is absolutely secret.

DISFRANCHISED VOTERS.

The admirers of Sir John Macdonald never tire in telling of what he has done for the young men. It is said that he gave them votes, and that these should be cast for him in order that the holders of them may express their gratitude towards him. The fact is concealed that under the new dominion act a great many young men who voted in the late local election are deprived of the exercise of the franchise in this election. The provincial law is superior to the dominion law in many respects, especially in this, that the preparation of the lists is placed in the hands of the municipal authorities, and that there is less annoyance to the public and less danger of the exercise of that political sharp practice through which so many have been disfranchised. The young men of Kingston have nothing to thank Sir John for. He has given as few votes to them as possible; those who have them by right which could not be disputed, and as a result of attention on their part the most vigilant are called by his mouth piece, the Kingston News, "a motley crowd." The young men may appreciate that sort of treatment, but if so they are not what we think they are.

INSULT TO MR. GUNN.

The Kingston News hastens to explain that when it referred to "the presence of an undertaker's car in the grim procession on Thursday afternoon," it had no intention of hurting the feelings of Mr. Gunn and his friends by recalling the memory of a recent affliction. Oh, no; it wouldn't do such a thing; not it. It holds Mr. Gunn in such high esteem, you know, and has been in the habit of giving to him such pathetic evidences of its affection. Seriously speaking, our contemporary ought to be ashamed of itself. It knew that there was not an undertaker's car in the procession, and if it meant no reflection upon the liberal candidate if it did not mean to wound his feelings in an unprecedented and outrageous fashion it should not have iterated and reiterated the idea as it has done. Conservatives have noticed this, and commented upon it, and some of them, with the liberals, vow that they will resent the insult in a most effectual manner. Our contemporary's mock sympathy is expressed by their mark that it "treats its opponents as gentlemen until it finds them otherwise." Does it insinuate that Mr. Gunn is not a gentleman? Sir John Macdonald says he is, and the character which the premier gives the liberal candidate the News dare not impeach.

TORY BLUENESS.

The tories are whistling to keep their courage up. They desire to think that Sir John Macdonald's government will be sustained; they believe it because Sir John says it. Does anybody suppose that the former would give away the weakness of his hopes by telling what he knows? To admit a possibility of defeat would, on his part, be suicidal. It would lead to the utter demoralization, if not annihilation, of his party. He boasts that he will get a majority in every province. Rubbish! The indications point to a disaster such as the tory party has only once before suffered in Canada in 1872. Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario are expected, confidently, to give a majority against the tories, and from the North-West Territories, Manitoba and British Columbia the liberals expect a good delegation. The situation, the independent papers admit, looks very bad for the government. The people should rejoice that there is a prospect of honest government, and as very much depends upon a vote—speaking in East York Sir John Macdonald said one vote may alter the political complexion of parliament—it behooves the people of Kingston to see that Mr. Blake has a firm and reliable and intelligent supporter in the person of Mr. Gunn.

PUBLIC AND PRESS MORALITY.

The Sunday evening meeting in the city hall was a second very unique feature of the Kingston campaign, the first, of course, being the politicians' manifesto, discountenancing bribery. There was nothing said there in the interest of public morality and a free electorate that the press, the politician, and the public, each severely criticized, cannot amply endorse, and even enthusiastically applaud. Revs. Principal Grant and S. G. Bland pointed out evils so patent that none can gainsay them; they applied the caustic whip, and probably those upon whom the blows fell hardest will be the readiest to admit their propriety from experience alone. The speakers pleaded for principles of honor in public affairs, and as upon no theme can greater favor or eloquence be builded it was a truly elevating meeting in capable hands.

The Whig, as a party journal, retaining those good opinions of political friends worth having, and being occasionally accorded the credit of more than average fairness and respectability by the opposition, can gracefully accept the standard of the speakers as to what the press ought to be; what it has been must be charged to the political system of over half a century, in Kingston, at least. And now let us ask, what was there spoken of a free, a judicial, an untrammelled press that could not be as forcibly presented in pleading for a free, a judicial, and an untrammelled pulpit? Physician, now if ever, heal thyself! Principal Grant will not believe that any party paper says of an opponent; ask any "free" and "independent" gospel believer, bound to no particular church, whether he can with any greater safety rely upon the opinion of any one Christian sect concerning the other; if, indeed, he can even respect the opinion that the high church party, or the low church party, or the broad church party entertains of its fellow worshippers and communicants under the same church government. The very absence of candour, fair play and even truthful history in religious controversy and assertion, between Episcopalian and Methodist, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic, is a serious bar to the very first duty of Christianity, the spread of missions, for the intelligent and observing Hindoo or Chinaman finds his readiest answer to religious approaches in Christian divergences and disagreements. If the press were, in every day matters, to misreport as boldly as Protestant and Roman Catholic preachers in Kingston have, to our knowledge, misrepresented these opposing beliefs, a new era of tolerance would have to settle upon the public and the fourth estate. Political partisans will meet and discuss issues; not always so the champions of religion. If they be sticklers for apostolic succession and historic exclusiveness they will assuredly sail through the world without contact with evangelical followers of the same crucified Lord, and the compliment is as warmly returned; indeed it was a red letter day when the Anglican and other Protestant synods exchanged courtesy visits of delegations at Toronto last year. May we not accept this as a slight evidence of a much needed return to "a free, independent and untrammelled" pulpit. The memory of the difficulties surmounted and patience exercised in securing the unification of either the Presbyterian or Methodist body is too recent to permit it to pass without saying that the efforts made for a united protestantism, to stop the immense waste of duplicated churches and missions, were exerted in the direction of a political and patriotic unity, the third party, painted in such happy colors by Principal Grant and Mr. Bland, would dominate in Canada and the party press be swallowed up.

Again the receipt of government patronage, for work actually performed at the same rates as are charged to the general public, is fully as honorable and as clean as the church bazaar, the religious lottery, or the voting scheme, by which some clergymen in Ontario have raised hundreds of dollars by merely setting up the name of one politician against that of another. What was there that the speakers said on Sunday evening regarding the tempter that will not directly apply to the clergymen who planned these latter schemes? The voter was not purchased by the thirty pieces, it is true, but the voter himself was invited to be a corruptionist, and to spend tens and fives, without a pretence of value or return, to create a little sentiment for his party. The party paper has earned its reward in a measure; did the church have the slightest claim to the hundreds literally extracted by an unholy marshalling of parties, in one case leading to a small riot and the breaking down of the "polling booth"?

The clergyman is a citizen and should be freely accorded that right to vote and speak in public for which Dr. Grant pleaded, but it unfortunately happens that in the late provincial contest the clerics in the platform and upon the press were among the most violent and implacable of partisans. And is it not a fact that ministers and churches are generous supporters of a "free" press chiefly in favor sought, their material support towards its independence being in a majority of cases lacking except where it cannot be avoided? But our object is not to correct this injustice, but to show by parallel that in more walks of life than on the press men and communities are moved by inborn prejudices and partizanship; that a good moral sermon can be preached upon several of the public estates, and even to that highest tribune of morality, the pulpit.

Why go back on Sandy Gunn and give TWO seats to a stranger.

IS IT NOT SINGULAR?

What? That a city of the pretensions of Kingston should think, for a moment, of representation in parliament by an outsider? Of all the cities in the dominion not one has for its member a non-resident; and why should this city make the exhibit of itself suggested by the conservatives? True, Sir John Macdonald has been its member, but when it picked him up, and helped to make him what he is, he was a resident and a voter, and the owner and lessee of some property. He never was, however, the friend of the place he ought to have been. While yet its representative he proved treacherous to it, and worked in the interest of another city, though not until recently, when he never more expected to have anything personally to do with Kingston, did he acknowledge that he had advised the queen to locate the seat of government at Ottawa.

More than that—Sir John has gloried in the possession of a sort of second sight which enabled him to make this choice and have it agreeable to his representation of the county of Carleton. And that is the man the citizens are asked to elect in place of Sandy Gunn!

Mr. Bawden, on nomination day, at Catarqui, made a point which cannot be too strongly emphasized—that four cities in Ontario furnish ninety-six members of the local legislature and the dominion parliament. And it is desired that Kingston should not have even one of its own to represent it. Mr. Metcalfe is, excepting at election times, a resident of Winnipeg, and Sir John is a resident of Ottawa. He has spent but a day or two here; he disdains the people, and he will not thank the electors for the votes they give him. He came here on Saturday morning, he spent a few minutes in the committee room on Saturday night, and then he was gone—to Ottawa, the home of his choice. He could not show greater contempt for the electors.

That the city should be so ungrateful as to reject Mr. Gunn, its best friend, in favor of a stranger, and one already provided with a seat, is too much to expect.

To-morrow's verdict of the people will be in favor of a home man, home representation, home interests, and home manufactures.

THE QUESTION ANSWERED.

The local tory paper on Saturday evening said that if Mr. Gunn spoke at the opera house meeting he would be asked why the K. & M. forwarding company moved to Portsmouth. The question was not asked, but we answer it all the same. The company wanted safe accommodation for its fleet of boats, which accommodation it did not have at the old quarters. Exposed as the wharves were to the rough weather off the lake elevating and transhipping could not be done on some occasions. The company, in going to Portsmouth, prejudiced no local interest and violated no local compact. The men who worked for it in the city work for it in Portsmouth, and the money expended by the officers of the company is circulated among the Kingston merchants. Mr. Gunn never attempted to take advantage of the city by the throat and demand certain favours for his company from them; and he never, on getting exemption, entered into a bond according to the terms of which he was to have the barges and tugs of the company repaired in the city and took to Portsmouth. Mr. Gunn is not as fond a talker as some other men connected with the forwarding business of Kingston, but he commands as much, perhaps a trifle more, of the public respect.

WHO ARE DISQUALIFIED

It is regarded as singular that deputy returning officers should not have votes in this election; the statement is looked upon as incredible. Well, it appears to be the law. Section 11 of the new franchise act specifies who are disqualified as voters, and among them are the judges of all courts, revising officers, returning officers, and election clerks. If this is a hardship Sir John Macdonald is to blame for it. It is one of the frauds perpetrated by a law, the carrying out of which costs the people two millions five hundred thousand dollars a parliament, or \$500,000 a year.

Why go back on Sandy Gunn and give TWO seats to a stranger.

Record for Electors!

"Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." A vote for Gunn means one for Honesty, Equal Justice to all, Cheap food, Cheap coal, Cheap clothing, Sobriety, Ontario's rights, Low taxation, Civil Service offices for our Canadian boys, Land for the masses, Industrial sustenance, Canada for Canadians, Tariff for all classes, Kingston's industries. A vote for Sir John Macdonald means one for Corruption, Spoils for the rich, Oppression for the poor, Boodlism, Tariff for millionaires, Cheap luxuries, Dear necessities, Indian atrocities, Ontario's deprivation of rights, Direct taxation, Land grabbing, Blackmail, Plunder of treasury, Canada for despots.

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