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The coming election for the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Hon. H. A. Connell, does not seem to be of a very exciting nature. We hear rumours of so many candidates coming forward for the honour of representing us in the Local House; but we don't hear anything from them themselves. We had to make seen the customary placards, ere this; addressed to the Free and Independent Electors of Carleton County, setting forth the promises of Reform, and Economy in the administration of the revenue of the country, with other plausible and flattering cajolery, calculated to secure the vote and interest of the electors. All this seems to be relegated to the past; and the (would be) members, remain in passive silence on the great subjects that should interest all voters. From what we have heard there must be near upon half a dozen candidates willing to run the hazard of the die" and a late report is, that there is one Moore coming forward. We also hear that a Caucus, or perhaps, we ought to say A Vote as you are Told Committee, is about to be formed in the county town; when the candidates will be selected, and most of the wire-pulling will be done from the committee room.

Unfortunately, or more correctly, Fortunately, we have so many engagements that it is practically impossible to offer our services to the constituency, in such a capacity; or we might catch a goodly number of votes by vague promises of reforming many of the abuses that have crept into our legislative system; such as would appeal to the sympathies of the people, whose rights have been alienated by party and class legislation. We might refer to the fishing in our streams; one of the rights of the people, that has been taken from them, and sold to strangers and aliens. We might refer to an unjust piece of legislation, whereby any person wishing to acquire lands bordering on the larger streams, are cut off from the water by a reservation of four rods on each side of the stream. There are many other kindred abuses that require looking after and modifying, or expunging from our statute books. However, we may be able to do yeoman service by abstaining from practical politics; and, by frequently referring to these infringements of the rights and liberties of the people, be instrumental in reforming at least a few of the most glaring abuses in legislative enactments.

In the coming election "Take heed, that ye be not deceived." Don't make rash promises, to support this, or that candidate, weigh well the consequences that the casting your vote involves. Hear both sides, and see what each promises to do for you, and for the country generally; and, vote only for such measures as promise to be for the benefit of the

whole community. Sink self, and use the power the vote gives you for the good of your fellow-man; and you will derive infinite satisfaction, from the reflection that you have used your knowledge and power for the furtherance of best interests of the whole community. Finally: "Be not the first by whom the new are tried, Nor yet the last to lay the old aside."

The great reformer of Nazareth said: "A house divided against itself, cannot stand." That aphorism seems to be particularly applicable to parliamentary assemblies. A government composed of members of opposite political principles is notoriously unstable; and, can only be regarded as a stop-gap government, and such they almost invariably prove to be. A coalition government is neither fish, flesh nor fowl, or even good red herring. Let us hope that we may have one on a good solid basis; one that is either a fair Liberal, or a sound Conservative; and not one of these non-descript affairs, that no one can give a proper name. To attain that end, it is necessary to select members of staid and sound principles. Avoid the Independent, a prominent English politician once said: "Scratch an Independent, and you will find a Tory beneath." Let us have whole souled men, not men who will aver, on one occasion, that a conservative is an enemy to the liberties and rights of the people; and, who afterwards cast in his lot, with the party he had previously denounced. This is not consistent, though it may be politic.

We have been favoured with a copy of Woodstock's New Paper, 'The Dispatch' and think it a very creditable production. The literary matter is well written, and the form and size of the paper is handy and convenient. We congratulate the enterprising proprietors, and wish them all success.

#### Nice Children.

It was quite an innocent movement on my part to invite them down to our place for their holidays.

Mrs. Polwattle asked them, the first morning at breakfast, which they preferred, jam or marmalade.

And they answered, as with one voice, "Molasses!"

It was not an article of consumption we usually had in the house, so we sent for some.

We've got it in the house now. We've had it in the house ever since.

"In the house," did I say? All over the house" would be nearer the mark.

They plastered it on the door handles, they plastered the chairs, they plastered the banisters, they smeared it on the fire-irons, and although it is two months ago since they went home I am sticking to things yet. And I don't believe the cat will ever get it out of her back.

It will be a long time before those boys are invited to spend their holidays with us again.

Nice lads!

Norah, those chairs in the parlour are covered with dust.

Sure ma'am, and it's no wonder, for nobody's sat on one of for more than a week past.

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