

Public Meetings Lately Held in the County of Ottawa.

PAPINEAU THE CHOSEN CANDIDATE!

Mr. Papineau has canvassed the upper part of our County with great success. Meetings have been held in almost every Township, and most satisfactory conclusions reached, resolutions unanimously passed; and upon the whole, the success of the Liberal Frenchman is such, as to make it plain, that Friel, the rejected of Ottawa City and the enemy of liberty, may stretch his wings and fly up to his roost in some dark retreat in the future capital. Mr. Papineau is a Rouge, pledges himself in his address to the principles and measures that the protestants can support; has the votes of the French, and appears sure of success. We hope the little priestman is doomed to defeat, and Mr. Papineau is to receive a cordial and generous support from all parties.

Public Meeting in Eardley.

At a meeting of the electors of the Township of Eardley, held at the house of Mr. Breakenridge, on the 18th Dec., inst., Joseph Lusk, Esq., being unanimously chosen Chairman; and Mr. P. Aylmer, jun., being requested to act as Secretary. The Chairman opened the proceedings by explaining the object of the meeting. He said that, although the people of Eardley were then convened to nominate a candidate to represent them in the next Parliament, he hoped they would not neglect the opportunity which now presented itself, of tendering to our late member, Alanson Cooke, Esqre., the expression of their sincere thanks, for the honest and independent manner in which he has represented this County, and redeemed the pledges made to his supporters at the last election. He said, that in common with the people of Eardley, he regretted that Mr. Cooke, (by refusing to allow himself to be again put in nomination,) prevented them from giving further expression of their gratitude for his past conduct, by giving him again the same hearty support which he received from them on a former occasion.

It was then moved by Mr. Levi Moor, seconded by Mr. Joseph Lusk, jun., and resolved unanimously;

That this meeting most cordially approve of the conduct and votes of Alanson Cooke, Esqre., as the representative of this County in Parliament, and regret that a member who has so faithfully represented his constituents, will not again allow himself to be put in nomination as a candidate for their suffrages, which would again be recorded for him with the same hearty feeling with which they were given at the last election.

Alanson Cooke, Esq., then briefly addressed the meeting. He thanked the people of Eardley for the generous support which they gave him at the last election--and said that he felt proud at having deserved as their representative the approbation of the intelligent and independent people of that Township. He said, that his only regret in leaving them was, that he had not been able to do more for their interests. They knew and he hoped they appreciated the reason. He thought it his duty to oppose the government of the day: and that government would grant nothing, and listen to nothing, except at the price of a vote; and add to this the opposition which he received, from a quarter to which he need not refer; and the whole reason would be explained. He said, however, that he was conscious they were not the people amongst whom the degrading feeling could prevail, that a representative of the people would at any time be expected to sacrifice his principles or dishonor himself for any favor in the gift of the Administration. Mr. Cooke then introduced Mr. Papineau to the meeting, in the most flattering terms, as a gentleman whose political principles entirely agreed with his own, and concluded by requesting the people of Eardley to transfer to Mr.

D. E. Papineau the same support which they had given to him, and assuring them, that in him they would have a member worthy of representing the gallant farmers of Eardley.

D. E. Papineau, Esq., thanked Mr. Cooke for the flattering mention he had made of him to the electors, and also the people of Eardley for their kind reception. He said that at the request of many of the electors, who were opposed to the idea of an Upper Canadian representing this constituency, he had been induced to solicit their votes at the next election. As to his political principles, he said that he had in his address tried to enunciate them as clearly as possible--and to the principles enunciated in that address, it was his determination to adhere, and by them be guided in his political career. As in these matters he entirely agreed with Mr. Cooke, and from the vote of thanks they had just tendered to him, he was glad to see that the principles of self-government even in the most liberal acceptance, were the principles of the people of Eardley: and he begged to assure them, that if elected, through good or ill fortune, he would ever be found their advocate and friend. He said it was not surprising that the people of Upper Canada, and particularly the tax-payers of the City of Ottawa, were desirous to have one of themselves elected to represent a Lower Canada constituency. The reason was obvious. They were a calculating people, who liked to get as much pay out of as little money as possible. Every one is aware that the people of the City of Ottawa, are absolutely groaning under the weight of their taxation--and a great many Municipalities in Upper Canada, are in the same lamentable condition. The Municipalities in Upper and Lower Canada having borrowed large sums of money upon the security of the Province, under the Municipal Loan Fund Act, which sums are: for the Municipalities of Upper Canada nearly £1,600,000; and for the Municipalities of Lower Canada, only about £250,000 in all, which the several Municipalities are bound to raise by direct taxation--making in all, very nearly the sum of £1,850,000. At the present time, these borrowing Municipalities, whose capabilities and desires to pay, are in no proportion to their love of borrowing, have come to the conclusion to ask the whole province to assume and pay these debts, incurred for local improvements. But as Lower Canada would have to pay one-half of this debt in case it were assumed by the province, it is clear that Lower Canada would pay upwards of £650,000 over and above what has been borrowed by the municipalities of Lower Canada, and which was borrowed by and expended for the benefit of the municipalities of Upper Canada. A speculation for which he did not think the people of Lower Canada had any inclination whatever. If they would be willing to assume the debts incurred by the municipalities of Lower Canada for local improvements under this Act, they would certainly refuse to assume the same responsibility for those of the Upper Province. And the question now for the people to decide is, whether in this measure, which will certainly come at once under the notice of the Legislature, they would consider that their interests and rights would be impartially and fairly advocated by a representative like Mr. Friel, a tax-payer, in one of the greatest borrowing Corporations in Upper Canada, and which is more than any other interested in transferring upon our shoulders a part of their heavy burden of taxes. After several other explanations upon subjects of local interest;

It was moved by Thomas J. Sney, Esq., Mayor of Eardley, seconded by Mr. Richard Davis, and resolved unanimously;

That this meeting having heard from D. E. Papineau, Esq., an exposition of his political principles, and of his views upon the different subjects of local in-

terest, are of opinion that he is a fit and proper person to represent the County of Ottawa in Parliament, and hereby pledge themselves to use all constitutional and legal means to secure his return as their next Representative in the Legislative Assembly of Canada.

After a vote of thanks to the worthy Chairman, the meeting dissolved.

(Signed)

JOSEPH LUSK, Chairman.
P. AYLEN, Secretary.

Public Meeting at Masham.

At a public meeting held at the Church door, in the Township of Masham, on Dec. 20th, Pierre Galerneau, Esq. being chosen Chairman, and Mr. P. Aylmer, jun., of Aylmer, Secretary.

D. E. Papineau, Esqre., having addressed the meeting at considerable length:

It was moved by Isaac Ouellet, Esq., seconded by Theophile Vaillant, Esq.;

"That this meeting having heard with satisfaction the explanations made by D. E. Papineau, Esq., are of opinion that he would be a fit and proper person to represent this County in Parliament, and pledge themselves to adopt all legal means to secure his return as our next Representative in the Legislative Assembly of Canada."

This resolution being put to the meeting by the Chairman, there being only five dissentients against it, it was carried by a very large majority.

(Signed)

P. GALERNEAU, Chairman.
P. AYLEN, Secretary.

Public Meeting at Wakefield.

At a meeting of the electors of the Township of Wakefield, held at the house of Mr. Cates, on the 21st Dec., instant, A. Pritchard, Esqre., Mayor of Wakefield, being chosen Chairman, and having briefly explained the object of the meeting, introduced D. E. Papineau, Esqre., to the favorable notice of the electors of Wakefield, the latter gentlemen addressed the meeting, explaining the different subjects of interest to the County. After which,

It was moved by Jas McLaren, Esq., seconded by F. Monerif, Esq., and resolved unanimously;

"That in the opinion of this meeting, Denis E. Papineau, Esqre., is a fit and proper person to represent this County in Parliament and this meeting hereby pledge themselves to adopt all legal means to secure his return as our next member in the Legislative Assembly of Canada."

A. PRITCHARD, Chairman

Public Meeting in Hull.

At a meeting of the Electors of Hull, held at Chelsea, the 21st Dec., 1857, it was moved by Wm. Patterson, Esqre., seconded by J. C. Chamberlin, Esq.;

"That this meeting having heard the explanations of D. E. Papineau, Esqre., upon subjects of general and local interests, are of opinion, that he would be a fit and proper person to represent this County in Parliament, and they hereby pledge themselves to secure his election as their Representative in the Legislative Assembly of Canada, by all legal and constitutional means."

Moved by Edmund Chamberlin, Esqre. seconded by Gardner Church, Esq.;

"That this meeting hereby return their sincere thanks to A. Cooke, Esq., our late Representative, for the independent manner in which he represented the electors of Hull, in Parliament; and desire to express their gratitude and respect for his past conduct,--and that the Chairman of this meeting be requested to transmit to him a copy of the proceedings of this meeting."

RALPH KENNY, Chairman.

Public Meeting at Lochaber.

At a meeting of the Electors of the Township of Lochaber, in the County of Ottawa, held at the Village of Thurso, on the 14th day of December, Geo. W. Cameron, Esq., Mayor of the municipality of Lochaber, was called to the chair, and Malcolm McCallum, Esquire, was requested to act as Secretary. The meeting having been called to order, the chairman explained in a few words the object of the meeting, which was to make choice of a fit and proper person to represent the County of Ottawa in the ensuing Parliament. After which, Alanson Cooke, Esq., late M.P.P. for the County, being present, was requested to give his opinion in the matter, which he did, and took that opportunity to explain to the meeting in a very able speech (which met with the cheers and applauses of the meeting) what had been his conduct as their representative in the late Parliament,--and concluded by thanking them for the support he had received from them, and as his intention had long since been made known to his friends that he would not allow himself to be put in nomination to represent the said County again, he would beg to recommend his friend Denis Emery Papineau, Esq., Notary, of Montreal, whose interests in the County as a proprietor, were identical with theirs, as a fit and proper person to represent them in the ensuing Parliament, hoping that all his friends would give him their warm support.

Mr. Papineau having been called forward, addressed the meeting in a few words, and explained to them what he conceived to be the wants of the County, too long overlooked by the Government, and what improvements in roads and bridges were required, to effect the colonization of the unsettled parts thereof, &c.

H. J. Friel, Esq., of the City of Ottawa, another candidate, G. B. Turgeon, of Ottawa, Col. Wm. McDole, H. W. Murray, John Newman, John McGillivray, and John McDole, Esquires, addressed the meeting. After which, it was moved by Duncan McCallum, Esquire, J.P., seconded by Donald Campbell, Mun. Coun., and resolved unanimously:--

That whereas the late Parliament of Canada having been dissolved, and Writs issued for a new election by the Governor General, the Electors of the Municipality of Lochaber duly convened, deem it their duty to embrace the present opportunity of publicly expressing their entire approval of the straightforward and manly course pursued by their late representative, Alanson Cooke, Esq., whilst holding a seat in the Legislative Assembly as member for the County of Ottawa.--Carried.

Moved by John McGillivray, Esquire, Municipal Councillor, and seconded by Dugald Melnis, Esq.:

That in view of the extent and importance of the County of Ottawa, and the peculiarity of its interests, it is not expedient that any gentleman from Canada West or one who has not a sufficient stake in the County to justify the belief that he will earnestly labour for the best interests of his constituents, should be elected to represent this County, the Electors of Lochaber therefore herby pledge themselves not to support any such candidate in the ensuing contest.--Carried.

Moved by John McDole, Esq., and seconded by Robert Sutherland, Esqre., and resolved:

That this Township having confidence in the ability and integrity of D. E. Papineau, Esq., to represent it in the ensuing Parliament, does hereby pledge itself to use all honest means to secure his return to Parliament.--Carried.

MALCOLM MCCALLUM,
Secretary.

Lochaber, 16th Dec., 1857.