

Friends of Rev. W. H.

My dear friend

I returned late last evening from the
 A. Meeting which we carried by a majority of 169. Your
 majority at the last Meeting was 212 & 214 - Some former
 friends have gone against us but none of any particular
 weight - And the lessened majority may I think be
 principally attributed to more votes having been
 polled in Brock & Strong Orange Township than at
 your election - That Township gave but 40 votes in
 1842 & on this occasion 129 making 89 new
 votes of which we got only 18. & the Louis St. we
 were disappointed in Thores & Scotch Presbyterian
 settlements which went with us at the last general
 election when it belonged to Simcoe & which we
 expected to have gone for us now but which gave
 a majority of 18 against us principally on the
 ground of my vote on the Sabbath clause in
 Prince's Game Bill - I was represented as a

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desecration of the Sabbath &c &c - Whitechurch
& Est fullingery have been sustained us by increased
inequities - All your old friends expected to be
remembered to you & cheers for LeFontaine &
the L C Reformers, and for the County of Nemours
were not forgotten either at our preliminary
meeting, nor at the conclusion of the election -
The success of the Louis has exceeded even their
own expectations and so much so that I really
believe they at one time thought they would
have carried the 4 Riding also - You will see
by the Returns how much I was mistaken in
the estimate I gave you - we can but
reckon 13 to 29 & even there 13 include
Price, Harrison, Pavell, Merritt,
Thompson, Smith, Roblin & J W Donnell -
And what may be our real strength it
will not be possible to say till we meet
& feel their pulse - They would have been

all staunch if we had had a decided majority
on the whole - but as it is it is hard to
predicate much concerning some of them -
Our disastres have left us without the chance
of a constituency in Upper Canada for
either Hinch or Duran - You have done
nobly in L. C. - What do you wish respecting
the Chair? I see the Colonist & that
clique speak of Morin - I don't
think the Liberal Section of the
Assembly ~~for~~ ~~at~~ ~~all~~ like that - The
placings are of the 4 Members in the Chair would
be a triumph for us tho it would lose us a vote
in the House. And I should like to hear as soon
as possible what your views are respecting it -

Wm. L. L. & will give you further
particulars of affairs here

With best respects to Mrs. & Mr. L.

Believe me
Yours &c

7 Nov. 1844
Hon. R. Baldwin
Toronto

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