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Judging from the number of cattle and horses belonging to settlers which have been on Poundmaker's reserve, the old buck should be called Poundkeeper. But Otter pounded him in a vigorous fashion in the recent fight for impounding the settlers' stock.

ABOUT 4,000 volunteers are now in the field. These young men were earning an average salary equal to at least \$2 a day. That would be about \$8,000 a day, or say \$15,000 a week. Aside from the risk of loss to previous lives, here is an earning power of \$45,000 lost to the country weekly through Tory incapacity.

The Toronto *Week*, whose principal contributor took the platform for Sir John Macdonald in 1878, condemns the Dominion Franchise Bill. It adds that "the discretion proposed to be conferred on the Government in the selection of revising barristers to make additions to and subtractions from the list of voters, would place a dangerous power in the hands of party leaders, and one which would be certain to be abused to the prejudice of the electors."

The London *Advertiser* is just about correct in the following comparison of Tory rascalities:—"The Toronto" ballot box stuffers has been sentenced to imprisonment. This is quite right and in accordance with the demands of justice. Yet we cannot see that ballot box stuffing is one whit worse than voters' list stuffing, and that is what is contemplated under the revising barristers clause of the Franchise Bill. Both are attempts to defeat the popular will by manipulating the electoral machinery."

Bro. JOHN WHITE, M.P., had a bad take down in the House recently. Mr. Somerville, of Brant, was speaking on the Franchise Bill, and in the course of his address condemned the action of Sir John A. Macdonald in inducing his supporters to sing "Old King Cole" to annoy the Opposition, more especially as such hilarity was out of place at a moment when the country was in gloom over the sad tidings from the North West. "What has King Cole to do with the Franchise?" impudently queried Bro. White. The reply of Somerville came like a flash: "It was not a Cole limit you were after but a timber limit." Bro. White subsided.

The Hamilton *Spectator* is posing as an injured innocent, and complains how the poor Tories are shamefully treated by the county judges at the Courts of Revision, evidently forgetful of the fact that the greater number of the county judges now in office are appointees of Sir John A. Macdonald. Hear the wail of the *Spectator*:—"We all know how it works. Conservatives who ought to be on the roll are left off, and critics who ought to be off the roll are put on. As it is in Hamilton, so it is throughout Ontario. Mr. Blake has repeatedly told his followers that elections were won in the courts of revision. The Grits are more active and less scrupulous than Conservatives, and cheat us out of thousands of votes at every election. They are fighting desperately to retain the fraudulent advantage they have. That is the real meaning of the contest now going on at Ottawa, where the opposition, talking against time, are determined that the majority shall not rule."

A SERIOUS CHARGE.
The Ottawa *Free Press* is owned by C. W. Mitchell, a brother of the editor of the Goderich *Star*, and the following article from the *Free Press* will be interesting reading, as none of our Conservative readers will cast a doubt upon so well connected an authority:—"The *Citizen* denies this morning that anybody on the Ministerial side was seen during the whole night session under the influence of intoxicating liquor. The denial is not worth the paper it was written on. Not one but nearly a dozen of the government supporters were intoxicated—one fell asleep drunk in his chair with a cigar in his mouth; another government supporter who was helplessly intoxicated was carried out by two members through a side door and other government supporters were quarrelsome drunk; and the scenes on the ministerial benches would have done discredit to the occupants of the lowest dives; and the proportion of partially intoxicated government supporters was equal to the facility with which intoxicating liquors can be obtained in the parliament buildings. In the face of these statements supported by the testimony of scores of eye witnesses, the *Citizen* offers a general denial. For impudence, the public are commended to our contemporary."

THE FRANCHISE BILL.

Toryism in Canada is tottering to its downfall. The financial policy of the government has proved to be rotten. Trade is stagnant; money is scarce; the manufacturers of the country have not made any substantial progress during the past three years. Our farmers have not felt the pinch of hard times so keenly for a score of years. In the Northwest the rascalities of some of the Tory ministers and other government officials, and the incapacity of the remainder, have bred a bloody revolution, and 55 precious lives have been already charged to the government account. The country is growing sick of Macdonaldism, with its pretentious incapacity, and its rapacious maw for the people's money. Toryism is doomed, but a desperate, dishonest and treacherous attempt is to be made to save it. The revising barrister is to prepare the voters list, and on questions of fact, there is no appeal from his decision. This practically means no appeal at all. It is clearly intended that the tools of a corrupt and desperate government must retain that government to power at any cost.

A more iniquitous scheme to stifle the voice of a free people at the polls was never devised than this so-called Franchise Bill proposed by Sir John A. Macdonald. The powers granted to the "revising barrister" are of so autocratic a character that they smother more of those given under a Russian ukase than of what should be conferred upon any man by a parliament representing a free and enlightened people. It is intended as a death-blow at responsible government; but we have a hope that the corrupt and treacherous leader of the Tory party of Canada has only erected a gallows from which he himself will shortly swing.

In placing the preparation of voters' lists in the hands of revising barristers, the franchise bill of Sir John A. Macdonald will virtually disfranchise the Liberal party. It is simply a bill designed to give representation in the House of Commons to one political party. It is the last of many infamous Acts of the present Government to take from a people their constitutional rights, and to perpetuate the rule of the Conservative party. The country that will submit to such legislation does not deserve to remain free. How soon will Canadians realize that they are being left with the forms of liberty without the substance!—Woodstock *Sentinel-Review*.

The Canadian aborigine has attracted a good deal of attention in several ways, as a loyal ally, as a good neighbor, and in some instances, but only of late, as a troublesome ward. It remained for the ingenious Sir John A. Macdonald to invest him with all the interest attaching to a political partisan, whose vote will be useful at election time. Individuals of the race have been known as politicians before now, but the race itself, by reason of the short of the status, and unqualified for the duties of citizenship. The spectacle of an Indian agent voting a whole tribe, many of whom would require to have their ballots marked for them, for the nominee of the government party, would be eminently calculated to excite indignation and disgust. It is quite probable that the investment of the tribal Indian with the franchise would open wide the door for such abuses.

Mr. Solomon White, M.P., is nominally an Indian chief, although practically a French Canadian. Mr. John Joseph Hawkins is nominally an adoption to the late Chief Johnston, of Brant, who was a hot Tory. Mr. Hawkins still cherished designs against the Hon. David Mills' constituency, in which there is an Indian reserve, upon the votes of which he is suspected of counting, should the bill pass without further amendment. There are also Indian reserves in Brant and Lambton, the enfranchised occupants of which could probably be voted for the government party. The objections to the proposition are therefore strong and well taken. When an Indian abandons his tribal privileges, forfeits his government allowances, and assumes the standing and responsibilities of an independent citizen, we are willing to recognize him, politically, as a man and a brother, but not till then. So long as he remains a dependent upon the bounty of the government, he has no right to demand the ballot, though the Tories seem determined to give it to him, to suit their own sinister purposes. (Toronto *News* [Ind.]

Mr. Macdonald's motion to have the school trustees elections held on the same day as the other municipal elections, and by ballot, is a good one. It is, at least, worthy of trial. We hope the Board has enough of the spirit of advancement to test the plan, and see if it be an improvement on the old time open vote, with its accompanying snarlings over the returning officer's open record.

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On Saturday afternoon Messrs. Fleming, of Peel, and Somerville, of Brant, delivered addresses which for lucidity and eloquence are deserving of great praise. Mr. Fleming addressed himself closely to the question of Indian enfranchisement, and showed how utterly at variance the bill in this respect was with the genius of our institutions. The proposal to make Indians voters who were still to remain unenfranchised and under the control in their affairs of Sir John as their superintendent-general, he declared was a scandalous proposition, unique in its character. Sir John stated that under the bill the tribes now on the war path in the Northwest, would be given the power to vote, was in eloquent language denounced, as the most monstrous ever suggested, as a dishonouring assembly. The force of Mr. Fleming's arraignment, the Tory members tried to annoy him with questions, but every time his readiness of retort caused great laughter at their expense.

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THE REBELLION

Col. Otter's Column Engages the Enemy.
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WINNIPEG, May 5.—A dispatch from Saskatchewan Landing via Swift Current per courier, who arrived this evening from Battleford, brings news of another battle fought with the Indians of Poundmaker's reserve on Saturday last. The flying column of 300 men, under Col. Otter, attacked the Indians, 400 strong, at 5 o'clock in the morning. The fight lasted till noon. Otter's loss was eight killed and fifteen wounded. The enemy lost 100 killed and wounded. Otter covered (including the engagement) 70 miles, fought the battle, and returned inside of 36 hours. The men behaved magnificently. The list of killed if as follows:—

THE KILLED.
Corporal Lurie, N. W. Police.
Corporal Sleight, N. W. Police.
Bugler Burke, N. W. Police.
Private Osmond, Guards Sharpshooters.
Private Rogers, Guards Sharpshooters.
Private Dobbs, C. Company Infantry, Toronto.
Bugler Foulke, C. Company Infantry, Toronto.

THE WOUNDED.
Sergeant McLeod, Mounted Police.
Lieut. Feltner, B. Battery.
Sergeant Gaffney, B. Battery.
Corporal Morton, B. Battery.
Gunner Reynolds, B. Battery.
Sergeant Major Jackson, C. Company Infantry, Toronto.
Color-Sergeant Winter, Guards Sharpshooters.
Sergeant Cooper, Queen's Own.
Private Vane, Queen's Own.
Private Watto, Queen's Own.
Private Gilbert, Battleford Volunteers.

LATEST.
The engagement on Saturday was a complete victory for Otter's force. The fight lasted seven hours and the Indians fought desperately, the squaws taking their part with the men. There were about 600 or 700 Indians, and they were driven from their camp. Over 100 of the Redskins are reported killed. The camp was demolished by the troops, after which they returned to their headquarters at Battleford.

BIG BEAR'S DEFEAT.
WINNIPEG, May 3.—Several letters received today from the Fort Saskatchewan correspondent of the *Times*, under the date of April 19. He says: "On the 8th news was received of the murder of Thomas Quinn, Indian agent at Frog Lake, and Delaney at the same place, with the looting of the Saddle Lake Indian agency. Scouts sent out brought news that the Indians are unshaken. A scout sent to Beaver Lake had a narrow escape. The settlers there had been visited by a small party of Indians, who helped themselves to provisions and made themselves generally at home. It is thought that but for the presence of an old Indian hunter and scout, named John Whitford, there would have been bloodshed. A big council was to be held at Battle River on the 10th by the Cross, Stoney, Blackfoot, Sarcee and Piegan tribes to decide combined movement against the whites. News was received on the 17th from Mr. McLaughlin, the Methodist minister at Victoria, that in addition to the murder of Quinn and Delaney two priests had been killed. Quinn and Delaney were taken prisoners in the early part of the troubles, and when their bodies were thrown into a cellar and burned. The men were shot as they were travelling, because they did not move fast enough. The two priests attempted to pray over the bodies and were shot. Five men who were building a mill at Frog Lake were also shot. The sixth escaped. This was done by Big Bear's band and some half breeds who purchased Mr. Delaney and another white woman from the Indians, and Mr. Rev. Mr. Quinney, of the Church of England, missionary at Onion Lake, and wife, were taken prisoners and stripped by the Onion Lake Indians, but were sent to Fort Pitt unharmed. Several unsuccessful attacks were made on Pitt by the Indians, but on the 12th an attempt was made to burn it with bundles of hay soaked in coal oil. Big Bear is not well supplied with ammunition, and was very much disappointed in not getting some at Frog Lake, all having been sent to Pitt. His plan of action is after leaving Pitt to move westward, gathering force as he comes, to attack Victoria, Fort Saskatchewan, and Edmonton. The Victoria people will come to Fort Saskatchewan. As we stand, the Indians, if they come in force, will make a clean sweep of the buildings and stores, and, perhaps, of the fort. No time should be lost in sending help. If this is done with a force of 500 men, our Indians will not rise, but should Big Bear reach his neighborhood before the troops, 500 men would be but a mouthful to the Indians, who will rise en masse on his approach."

Father LaCombe's description of the capture of Mrs. Delaney is that Quinn and Delaney were invited to a party, but was shot before a word was spoken. The priest went to say prayers over the two men, as they were not dead, when he was shot, and his assistant who went to his rescue was also killed. The others fled to the priest's house, but were put to death, and the woman made a prisoner. The bodies were carried into a house, where coal oil was poured upon them, and everything was burnt.

Meteorological Report for the Month of April, 1885.
It rained on 5 days; amount of rainfall, 12.6 cubic inches, or 2 1/2 inches on the level.
It snowed on 8 days; amount of fall, 6 inches.
Greatest velocity of wind during 24 hours on the 8th; wind, north, with snow furries; 772 miles or 32 miles per hour.
Least velocity of wind during 24 hours on the 14th; wind south; weather cloudy; 144 miles, or 6 miles per hour.
No. of frosty nights, 20.
No. of clear nights, 20.
No. of cloudy nights, 10.
Prevailing winds W. to N. W.
Harbor clear of ice on the 22nd.
Eight-hour light for the season on the 26th.
Frogs first heard on the night of the 21st.
G. N. MACDONALD, Observer.
Goderich, May 6th, 1885.