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THE MAN FOR WORKING THE BORROWED MACHINERY.

Then arises the practical enquiry, who is to pay the judge for hearing appeals, or who can reckon how many appeals the might, could, would or should be from the decisions of the suggested supervisors, "the representatives of the opposing parties," particularly of two of them, as has been the case in the city of Buffalo, where two of them are Democrats and one of them is a Republican, or if two of them are Reformers and one is a Liberal-Conservative?

It is very easy to go from home for examples and draw our inspiration in the improvement from foreign methods, which are simply unworkable here, particularly when a purpose is to be served by casting mud at our own. But it would be far better to try and improve what we have by the experiences of the past, and to adjust our machinery to the materials out of which a full and fair registry may be sought after if not perfected at the least possible trouble and expense to the country and to all concerned in it.

There are certain safeguards which should be aimed at by every Legislature desiring honest and fair elections. Two of these consist of endeavors to prevent illegal personations, repeating, ballot stuffing and general crookedness.

The methods adopted for the exercise of the franchise in the Republic of France suggest how these may be aimed at in all events, and it has been well said that "taking the sense of the masses" is no more a matter of mere numbers than it is in some forms, and it matters not which. Everyone, except an alien, who contributes either directly or indirectly to the public taxes and expenditures of the country ought to have the right to the franchise. Everyone belonging to the conduct of a voters' list in some form, and it matters not which. Everyone, except an alien, who contributes either directly or indirectly to the public taxes and expenditures of the country ought to have the right to the franchise.

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A CHORUS OF JOUBILATION.

MEMBERS' PRAISES LOUDLY SOUNDED LAST NIGHT.

Foregathering of Baptists - Chancellor read - Inauguration - The University - Faculty on Dr. Castle - Was it a Work of Supererogation?

Interesting were the proceedings in Jarvis-street Baptist Church for two hours and a half last night. There was no flagging of interest from the singing of Bernard of Clairvaux's glorious hymn, "O Jesus, King most wonderful," till the pronouncing of the benediction by Pastor Ware of Lindsay.

The function was threefold: the installation of Dr. Theodore H. Rand as chancellor of McMaster University, the reading of Professor Foster and Lecturer Willmot, and the unveiling of a portrait of the late Dr. Castle.

Dr. Thomas discharged the devotional duties. Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, compressed much into a brief speech. Felicitously he introduced the new chancellor and spoke of his fitness in superlative terms.

Dr. Rand's inaugural address was read by the ex-Professor and now Chancellor read his speech. He would not have been awarded a special prize for eloquence, literary acumen, or the skill in the easy, common-sense, common-sense, common-sense, though the greater part was only heard by the students of McMaster and Montreal College, who were massed in front of the platform. The pertinent passages the zealous young men heard with attention.

He expressed the full confidence in the aims and ideals of McMaster University. Then he sounded the loud timbral and proudly boasted, "The university possesses a professoriate of unusual ability, men having superior scholarship, wide and varied training and culture, large experience of life, skill in teaching, and a downward to practical facts he said the departments connected with the university are such in a condition to do their best. He prepared young men and young women, so far as liberal courses of study can give this preparation, for service in the various walks of social and civil life, and also to supply special training in the departments of theology and preparing for the work of the Christian ministry.

The Progress Achieved. "The progress which has been made by McMaster is full of encouragement. We now pass beyond the highest tide-mark of our past and enter upon the third year of the full course. Our first freshman class numbered 165, the second 24 and the total of 90 enrolled in our first three years. This record also surpasses that of any other Canadian university in the corresponding years of its organization.

"By the time our second class in arts is graduated I have no doubt that we shall have as many bachelors of arts as we have theological courses as we have had in ordinary and reasonable safeguards should not be adopted where they are presented for the improvement of a fairly existing system.

Following up what is suggested by the motion adopted in French procedure, a simple permanent certificate given to a voter instead of the French voting card and a registry for the French poll list, stamping his ballot in when a voter has deposited his ballot in the box so as to prevent its being used again at the same election, with other minor details, would vastly simplify and cheapen our procedure and would, in publishing voters' lists, and in large measure prevent the evils and the complication of which most men complain, and render our electoral franchise Act and our election procedure more simple and superior to any electoral system now existing in the Dominion, if not on the continent.

The Murder of Officers. The murder of officers by desperadoes is becoming somewhat common in Canada. One man was shot and fatally wounded at Montreal, N.B., for killing an officer; another was placed on trial for the same offence at Cornwall today, and yesterday afternoon Harry Fair of London, one of the oldest and best known detectives of Ontario, was shot and fatally wounded by a "suspect" whom he was endeavoring to arrest. It is consoling to know, however, that Canadian juries, who think it no crime for a woman to kill her husband or a husband occasionally, sometimes send to the gallows men who kill officers of the law.

The Shooting of Detective Fair yesterday and the circumstance that the men were arrested by Sergeant Crawford and Crawford, who, 15 or 20 years ago, ferreted out the tollhouse robbers who terrorized the neighborhood of London, and in accomplishing whose arrest Sergeant Crawford found it necessary to shoot.

The Crown Timber Sale. The sale of Crown timber limits yesterday was the most successful ever held by the Ontario Government. Not less than 637 square miles were sold and a quarter million dollars received. There was a large number of American buyers, who invested largely despite the agitation for the restoration of the export duty on logs.

Canadian lumbermen report the necessity of adopting more stringent regulations to prevent the wholesale decrease of timber, especially in relation to the qualifications of the intending voter, if the claim to the franchise is not appealed for further and immediate enquiry before an election judge, the franchise is complete and it can be exercised on the polling day.

Now, this is called simplifying the procedure, as it simply groves the Utopian ideas of the inexperienced and fanciful writer. This is to be substituted for a system which now exists, and which in all its essentials and to all intents and purposes is simpler, because it is attended with less trouble and is placed in the hands of an officer who is not a politician, but a judge capable of determining the matter on the first instance, and against whose decision there is no appeal. If the method suggested by the writer were followed it would involve the employment and the necessary payment of

CURING ASHBRIDGE'S BAY.

Proceedings at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

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