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Political Politics in Ontario.

HHEADS have been falling into the basket in Ontario under the judicial guillotine until five seats in the local legislature are now vacant. Four out of the five were last session held by Liberals. The opposition press say that this leaves Premier Ross in a minority. But Mr. Whitney knows that he can only put Mr. Ross in a minority in the legislature by a successful fight for those vacant seats at the polls. The Liberals claim that they can carry four out of the five. This claim is probably good for three anyway.

In the meantime the Conservatives are keeping up the cry that elections in Ontario are won by fraud and that the Ross government is responsible. The St. John Sun editorially refers to what it describes as a terrible state of things in Ontario, and screams out that the Liberals are preparing "to repeat 'the crime' of personation carried out at the Soo, by shortening the time for appeals in the case of the Dominion voters lists for the Soo." It says that "hundreds of false names are on the rolls in places where personation can be carried out as it was in the election just

investigated". The personation practised at the local bye-election was done by an American without the knowledge of the Liberal organization or candidate. It was not the work of election experts such as the Buffalo men brought into North York by one of the Conservative organizers. Men who had no votes were taken to two polling sub divisions where the total names on the list were few, and therefore not at all the place for successful personation. It could not fail of being found out. To accuse the Liberal party as an organization of preparing to do this again is one of those reckless charges which were condemned from the bench at the Soo trial.

In that case Mr. Kehoe, who is the Liberal candidate for the House of Commons in whose behalf it is now charged that the lists are being stuffed, was charged in the documents filed with the election petition with bribery and wrongful acts. There was no attempt at the trial to sustain these charges. They had no foundation in fact, and Chancellor Boyd, one of the presiding judges, was moved to say: "There is a reprehensible practice in elec-