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CHURCH SENSATION.

QUEBEC STARTLED BY THE ACTS OF THE RECTOR OF THE ENGLISH CATHEDRAL.

QUEBEC, Feb 21—Authorities here can no longer conceal the details of the greatest social scandal Quebec has ever known, rumors respecting which have been in circulation for several days. From a high public functionary the following facts have been learned:—

Rev Dr Norman, dean of the Cathedral Chapter and rector of Quebec, has resigned all his offices and emoluments at the instant demand of Bishop Dunn, and has hurriedly left the city. The expose arises out of the sensational murder case the victim of which, George Pepin, died in Hotel Dieu hospital Saturday. Pepin was a youth of 22, employed in a tannery, who was shot by one John Dixon the previous Sunday, while the latter was aiming at a companion and trying to murder a man named Tanguay. Tanguay had spoken to a girl of ill-repute who went driving with Dixon, and hence the shooting.

When Dixon and a companion of his named O'Brien were arrested over $2,000 were found in their possession. Asked by the detectives where they had got it, they declared that Dean Norman had given it to them as hush money and several thousands more besides. The dean was spoken to and admitted he had paid the boys $6,500, but denied any wrong doing.

When the matter was reported to the bishop he declined to hear any explanation of the story beyond the admission of the payment of money, and resignation was promptly given and accepted.

The inquest on the body of the murdered man went on yesterday, and Judge Chauveau will hold a further investigation into the circumstances connected with the acquiring of money from Dean Norman. The dean is 70 years of age and unmarried. He was formerly canon of Christ Church cathedral, Montreal. He was born in England and is a fellow of Exeter College, Oxford.

The New York Herald has the following account of the affair under Sunday's date:—

The Very Rev Dean Norman, of the Anglican Diocese of Quebec and rector of the English Episcopal cathedral here, has resigned all his offices and emoluments and left the city under such a cloud that it recalls the recent sensational case of Canon Eyton, of Westminster Abbey and St. Margaret's, Westminster.

The declarations that brought the scandal to light were obtained in a remarkable manner. John Dickson, a youth 17 years old, was driving back to town from the country last Sunday afternoon with Blanche Dore, when they met a group of young men who knew the girl. One of them, named Tanguay, asked her for a ring he had given her.

A quarrel followed, and, without further provocation Dickson drew his revolver and fired at Tanguay. The ball struck George Pepin, a young man who stood beside him. The bullet was extracted a few days ago, but Pepin died in the hospital yesterday.

Dickson and a companion named O'Brien were arrested an hour after the shooting. In their possession was found $2,200. Both of them are poor boys employed in shiploading in summer and having little or nothing to do in winter. The detectives thought a robbery had been committed and took possession of the money.

ORDERED TO LEAVE TOWN.

Dickson said he had received it from Dean Norman, and said it was part of some $10,000 they had received from him. Taken before a police magistrate the boys reaffirmed their story. They described the circumstances under which the Dean met them on the Grand Battery, near Laval University, on some occasions and gave them money.

They repeated their story before counsel for the diocese. The Chancellor saw Dean, who admitted giving $6,500 to the boys, but denied that he had been guilty of any impropriety whatever. As soon as the Bishop heard of the matter he sent for Norman, who is 70 years old and unmarried, and told him he wanted to hear no more of the affair, but must have his resignation immediately.

This was given in on Wednesday, but is not to be made public here till tomorrow or Tuesday, and no reference whatever was made to it in the cathedral today. Only the bishop's officials and the church wardens knew of the resignation, and when they got it they ordered Norman to leave the city. He left on Friday and has either gone to Western Canada or to England by way of New York.

FELLOW OF OXFORD.

Dr. Norman was born in England in 1829, his father having been Richard Norman, a merchant, of London, and his mother a daughter of George Stone, a Lombard street banker. He was educated at Exeter College, Oxford, of which he is a fellow. He was ordained in 1852 by the bishop of Oxford, and before leaving England was principal of St. Michael's College, Tenbury, and warden of Radley College.

He is a member of the St. James Club, Montreal, and of the Junior University Club, London; vice chancellor of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, the principal Canadian institution for the education of the Church of England clergy, and chairman of the Protestant school commission of Quebec.

He came here 12 years ago from Montreal, where he was a canon of the Cathedral, chairman of the Protestant School Board, president of the Art Society and a fellow of McGill University.

So highly did the dean stand in the estimation of the people of Canada that Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, the Canadian high commissioner in England, is on record as stating that "he was venerated and esteemed by people of every race and religion as a divine, a scholar, an educationalist and a gentleman."

Dickson being a minor, his parents are claiming the money found in his possession. The crown will not give it up. The father of Pepin, the murdered youth, has also instructed his lawyer to enter civil action against Dickson for depriving him of his son, and to seize the money in the hands of the court. The officers of the latter will contest the seizure on the ground that Dean Norman has averred that the money was his.

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HOW JAMESON DIED.

He Talked of Suicide Before Revolver Was Fired.

WINNIPEG, Feb 22—R W Jameson, member for Winnipeg in the Dominion house, shot himself last night in the presence of his wife and died almost instantly. Jameson attended to his usual business during the day, and appeared to be in good spirits. After a late dinner he engaged in conversation with his family, which turned to suicide. He drew a revolver from his pocket and said to Mrs Jameson, "See that, what I carry. This does not look like a dangerous weapon."

Mrs Jameson turned to continue her work, but was startled by the report of a revolver. Drs Jones and Chown were instantly called, but life was already extinct. The fact that the bullet entered his mouth without having disfigured his lips or displaced his teeth shows the muzzle of the weapon must have been placed in his mouth, and the attending physicians gave it as their opinion the case was a deliberate suicide.

He leaves a widow and three children. Jameson was a man of a highly nervous temperament and handling and investing large sums of money with which he was entrusted by English capitalists caused constant care and anxiety. He had been in poor health for some time, and only a few weeks ago took a trip to Arkansas Hot Springs for the benefit of his health returning somewhat improved. He carried twenty-five thousand life insurance.

List of Appeals.

OTTAWA, Feb. 21—The supreme court met today, Sir Henry Strong presiding. The full court was present. It was announced that judgments would be given tomorrow.

The maritime provinces' list of appeals was taken up, the first case being that of Burris vs. Rhond. An action was brought to set aside a deed of land alleged to have been made in fraud of creditors and to reinstate deed of reconveyance which had been destroyed by granter, who appeared to have altered her mind after she had executed and delivered it. The trial court decided in plaintiff's favor, but the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia en banc allowed an appeal and reversed the trial court judgment on the grounds that the reconveyance had been obtained through duress. Plaintiff now asks to have the first judgment restored. Sedgewick and Conglin for appellant, and Drysdale, Q C, for respondent.

Arms for Filipinos.

HONG KONG, Feb 21—The following statement has been issued by the Filipino Junta here: "Information which has leaked through the Pinkertons, sent by President McKinley to investigate the shipment of arms to the Filipinos shows that the first shipments to Aguinaldo were made by order of the American government through U S Consul Wildman, hence the shipment per the Wing Foo."

The Murder Still a Mystery.

LAGRANGE, Me, Feb 21—The excitement caused by the tragedy recently brought to light in Bradford, whereby Edward Ellingwood, a farmer, lost his life, remains unabated. An examination of the body disclosed a wound in the skull, below the crown, triangular in shape, made presumably by a blow with a pick which was found near the victim.

Insular Cabinet Dissolution.

SAN JUAN, De Porto Rico, Feb 20—The insular cabinet created by Spain in deference to the demands of the Porto Ricans for autonomy and which has been continued by the American military government, has been dissolved by Governor General Henry.

No Coal Famine in Boston.

BOSTON, Feb 20—All danger of a soft coal famine in this section was removed today by the arrival of about 30 cargoes, aggregating more tons of coal than has been received in Boston since January.

GOOD WORK

DONE BY THE S. P. C. A., AS DISCLOSED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY.

Mr J V Ellis, M P; Messrs John M Taylor, J W Keast, T O'Brien, W H Fairall, W F Hatheway, C F Kinnear, George E Fairweather, George Robertson, T B Robinson, H C Tilley, Dr G Bruce and Secretary S Merritt Wetmore, and Miss Murray, Mrs J V Ellis and Mrs W H Merritt, from the Ladies' Auxilliary, attended the annual meeting of the New Brunswick S P C A, held in the board of trade rooms yesterday afternoon. The president, Mr J V Ellis, M P, presided.

Officers were elected as follows:—

PATRON:

Hon A R McClelan, lieutenant-governor.

PRESIDENT:

John V Ellis, M P.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

Ven. Archdeacon Brigstocke	Dr J H Frink, V S
Rev Geo Bruce	Thomas Stead
Rev J M Davenport	Geo Robertson
Rev G O Gates	W Frank Hatheway
W L Hamm	James Ready
	Dr D E Berryman

T B Robinson.

George B Willett, President of Moncton branch.

George E Fenety, President of Fredericton branch.

Hon Judge Stevens, President of St Stephen branch.

Mayor W W Hay, President of Woodstock branch.

Rev P G Snow, President of Newcastle branch.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Alfred Porter	James H McAvity
Dr Thomas Walker	G G Ruel
T O'Brien	J W Keast
John E Irvine	W S Fisher
James Reynolds	James Manchester

S Merritt Wetmore, secretary.
W H Fairall, corresponding secretary.
John M Taylor, treasurer.
Dr A A Stockton, counsel and solicitor.

The president reported. He said the secretary, Mr Wetmore, has faithfully done all his work, and he has had hearty assistance and legal advice from Dr Stockton, Mr G G Ruel and Mr L P D Tilley, and we have had counsel freely given by Mr Frink and Mr Simon, veterinary surgeons. The authorities and officers of the law steadily show us the sympathetic side of their nature. Many private citizens take much interest, which co-operation, he says, is very gratifying. Lack of funds is mentioned as hampering work outside the city and preventing the circulation of literature connected with the meetings. The president said horses were well cared for by their owners. More drinking fountains are needed, and also better arrangements for cattle at Sand Point and for feeding animals on the trains in transit; also a more effective way of looking after children.

Mr S Merritt Wetmore, the energetic secretary, through his report, notified the public that the names of parties notifying the society of acts of cruelty would not be divulged without their consent. The secretary says he cannot notice any improvement over last year in the shipment of cattle and sheep at Sand Point. He was in hopes the cattle yards would have been roofed all over, as should have been done at first, for winter business. Another improvement very much required in the shipping of cattle is a drop in each wharf, he says. As to the handling of live stock on the river steamers, he says the deck hands are careful as a rule. He hoped the inspection of hackney horses would be continued each year. He referred to the new branch formed at Newcastle; also to the appointment of three special agents, Mr J Fraser Gregory, at Marble Cove, North End, Mr H G Cawley, for the districts of Pennfield and Lepreaux, and Mr John G Smith, at Sussex K C.

Thanks were expressed to the secretary of the Royal S P C A of London, and to President Haines, of the New York S P C A, for publications, to Dr A A Stockton, Mr G G Ruel, Drs J H Frink and W H Simon, Chief Clarke and his officers, the police magistrate and police clerk, Mr L P D Tilley, the C P R, Star Line, Washademoak and Grand Lake steamers, the Shore Line Railway for passes for the secretary; also to the C P R Telegraph Company for free transmission of telegrams.

The secretary also submitted a tabulated statement of the year's work, showing 334 cases relating to horses, 151 to cattle and other stock, 35 to other animals, 13 to fowls and birds, and 110 to children, women and men; a total of 643 cases dealt with; of these 14 cases were taken to court, and seven resulted in fines amounting to $198; and in seven the parties were cautioned.

The Ladies' Humane Educational Auxiliary reported that at the annual meeting held February 13th the sum of $20 was voted to the parent society. The list of members continues much the same, and our officers are as follows:—

President—Miss Murray.
Secretary—Miss Schofield.
Treasurer—Mrs W H Merritt.
Vice-president—Mrs J V Ellis, Mrs Geo McLeod, Mrs G Prescott, Mrs T Walker, Mrs D McLellan, Mrs F R Butcher, Mrs M MacLaren, Mrs W H Tuck, Mrs R C Skinner, and Miss Skinner.

Delegates to Women's Council—Mrs F R Butcher, Mrs F Stetson, Mrs L J Almon, Mrs H E Wardroper, and Miss H E Peters.

From the Newcastle branch the secretary, E P Williston, reported. It was the first report and said the interest by the people was not as great as wished. Several cases were reported and a warning from the society was sufficient.

Secretary Mr Chas A Sampson and President G E Fenety reported for Fredericton fewer cases in the city than in any year. It was somewhat different in some parts of the surrounding country but not to be compared with the conditions 10 years ago. A great improvement was noticeable in the treatment of horses in Fredericton.

Reports from Mr Geo B Willett, president, and Mr W A McDougall, secretary of the Moncton branch, gave details of the cases of cruelty to children and animals. Over 30 such cases had been settled out of court. Two cases had been taken into court. In addition there were 10 cases for overdriving and improperly keeping horses and three horses were destroyed as unfit for service. A car load of sheep at Point du Chene from P E Island for Halifax were without food for three days. Through the influence of the society they were fed and cared for. Mr Willett confirms this.

Judge Stevens, who is president of the branch at St Stephen, reports there has been but one conviction in court, that of ill-treating a horse. This exercised a salutatory influence around the whole country. President Stevens had vigorously tried to keep up in the community an interest in the society's work, as had the secretary, Mr Ganong.

Mr B Colpitts, on behalf of the Woodstock society, called attention to the necessity in some factories for proper sanitary arrangements for some of the workers. Among the cases which he reported was one of a man who had so badly neglected his hogs when they were taken to the slaughter house that some of the animals died from hunger and exposure. The society had him fined.

Mr H G Cawley, special agent of the society at Pennfield, Charlotte county, referred to one or two cases. The society had a good effect.

The treasurer, Mr John M Taylor, reported receipts, including a balance of $9 93 from last year, of $432.93, and expenditures of $479.07, leaving a deficit of $46.14, due to the fact that the collector was not able to get to all the subscribers.

The auditors, Messrs W H Fairall and T O'Brien, reported the accounts correct.

The reports were received and votes of thanks passed to the C P R, Shore Line Railway and river steamers for passes for the secretary; to the board of trade and to the C P R telegraph.

$20,000,000 DEAL.

Whitney's Iron Company Has Big Contracts and Smooth Sailing.

HALIFAX, Feb 22—H M Whitney president, and J S McLennan, treasurer, of the Dominion Coal Company, have been in conference with B F Pearson, secretary, and W B Ross, solicitor, of the company. The immediate object of this conference of the Whitney company is to complete arrangements for the purchase of the iron deposits at Conception Bay, Newfoundland. Mr Whitney and his associates have not purchased the Nova Scotia Steel Company's property outright, but have bonded the deposits until October, 1899, the price named being $1,000,000.

The next step is the foundation of a company to develop the deposits, and Mr Whitney will apply to the Nova Scotia legislature, now in session, for a charter under which a company can be formed and capital raised.

The new company will be capitalized, it is said, at $30,000,000.

The legislature will readily grant the charter, and the Whitney syndicate has contracted for the delivery of 200,000 tons of iron ore in Great Britain this year. The profit on each ton is about 75 cents.

STABBED TO DEATH.

Theodoras Manox the Victim of a Stabbing Affray.

STAMFORD, Conn., Feb 22—Theodoras Manox, a Greek, aged about 40, was the victim of a fatal stabbing affray, and his assailant John Kostos, a negro, is under arrest for the crime. The murderer practically confessed to the deed after he was arrested. The affair took place at 7.30 o'clock tonight as Manox was walking on Manhattan street. Kostos came along from the opposite direction, and without any apparent reason stabbed Manox four times. One wound was in the left arm, two in the abdomen, while the other one was in the right breast, near the shoulder. This last wound was the fatal one, as an artery was severed, and Manox died 15 minutes later. The murderer fled, but an hour later was captured.

Equity Court.

In the equity court yesterday Atkinson vs Bourgeois et al, on consent of counsel, Messrs A A Stockton and R R Ritchie, was set down for March 1st.

In re Annie Elizabeth Hatfield, an infant, on motion of Mr J D Hazen for the guardian, the report of Mr H H McLean, the referee, was confirmed and filed and the costs ordered to be paid out of the estate. Mr E T C Knowles appeared for Elizabeth A Elliott.

In Bessie Rubin vs H F Puddington, assignee of Hoffman, Rubin & Co, Mr A W Macrae, for the plaintiff, moved to set the case down for trial. Dr A O Earle appeared for the defendant. As the stenographer of the court was not present the case could not be proceeded with, and leave to apply again was granted.

In re Sarah E Miller and James B Miller, infants, Mr A P Barnhill presented a petition for the infants for the appointment of Mrs Alice P Miller as guardian. The usual order was made that the matter be sent to a referee to ascertain who is a fit and proper person to be guardian.

On application of Mr H F Puddington in Annie Weldon vs John Breen and F J Breen, a writ of possession was granted.

Probate Court.

The last will of the late Mrs. Amelia Reed, widow of Mr. Robert Reed, was admitted to probate yesterday and letters testamentary granted to the Hon. James Gordon Forbes, the executor. The estate consists of $4,200 personal and $11,350 real property. One-half of the estate is left to Mrs James U Robertson, of Philadelphia, and the remaining half is divided equally between Mrs Sarah Himsworth, wife of Frederick Himsworth, of Toronto, Mrs Mary Dimock and Mrs John D Robertson, of St John. Mr Mont McDonald, proctor.

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A NEW ERA

DAWNING FOR THE ISLAND OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

Mr E J Sheldon is in the city on his way from Newfoundland to his home in Wollaston, Mass. When asked by a TELEGRAPH reporter in regard to matters in that island he said things were booming there, and that the purchasing of the Belle Isle iron mine in Conception Bay by the Whitney syndicate for one million dollars, was only the beginning of a new era of prosperity. For mines of copper, lead and silver, iron pyrites, asbestos and even gold mines are being worked with good results. The country, he said, abounds with wealth, and the building of the railway across the country will be the means of opening up not only all of these industries, but immense seams of coal which have been discovered on lands owned by Mr Reid, the owner of the railway. The mines are only a short haul to Bay of Islands. Mr Reid is pushing this industry as well as the many improvements he is to make in and around the islands. He has six steamers in course of construction in Scotland, which are to ply on the north and west coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador and around the different bays. They are to be similar to the magnificent steamer Bruce, of which a good deal has already been written and which needs no praise of mine further than to say that to make a trip in her is equal to being in a first-class hotel with all the modern improvements and it would take more than Ciceronian eloquence to explain the pleasure it is to travel with Captain Delaney, Purser McGrath, and the officers generally. Mr. Sheldon handed our representative a beautifully printed time table of the Newfoundland Railway and then went on further to speak of the country.

The cod are taken by the hook and line, the seine, the cod-net or gill-net, the cod-trap and the bultow. Newfoundland exports cod to Brazil, Spain, Portingal, Italy, Great Britain, the West Indies and the United States. Brazil and Spain are the largest consumers. Next to the cod fishery in value comes that of the seal. At present the average annual value of the seal fishery is about $1,250,000, being an eighth part of the entire exports. The number of men employed is from 8,000 to 10,000; twenty-five steamers are used, of from 400 to 800 tons burthen.

The grand staple industry is that of the codfishery, which is the most extensive of the kind in the world. The cod are taken on the shores of the island, on the banks, and along the coast of Labrador.

While the codfishery does not show any marked advance in the quantities taken during the last 30 years, the market value of dried codfish has risen more than 50 per cent, and the average value of the exported products of the fishery may be fairly reckoned at $6,500,000 per annum, adding this to the local consumption, we must place the entire annual value at $7,350,000.

According to law no sailing vessel can clear for the seal fishery before the 1st of March, and no steamer before the 10th. The young seals are born on the ice from the 15th to the 25th of February, and increase in bulk so rapidly that they are in perfect condition by the 20th of March.

The chief seats of the herring fisheries are Fortune Bay, St George, Bay of Islands, Boone Bay, and the whole coast of Labrador. The finest fish are those taken off Labrador and in the Bay of Islands (although it was my privilege to see a few handsome ones taken on board an American scooner in Fortune Bay in January.) A large business is done in frozen herring, in Bay of Islands, 27 American vessels loaded in the month of January and about the same number loaded in Placentia bay. These vessels leave about $1,000 each in American gold among the fishermen, paying $1.25 per barrel landed along side the vessel. The value of the annual catch of herrings is $725,000.

Up to a comparatively recent period the people of Newfoundland were so exclusively engaged in the fisheries that no attention was given to agriculture; and persons who where interested in keeping the inhabitants on the sea coast employed in fishing systematically, represented the country as hopelessly barren—that this is not the case has been conclusively proved by the geological survey, according to its reports there are in the valleys on the western coast 1,320 square miles perfectly capable of being reclaimed and converted into fairly productive grazing and arable land, and these valleys are also for the most part well wooded in the great valleys of the Gander, Ganibo, Terra Vira, Exploits and Codroy there are 3,850 square miles of land suited admirably for settlement, there are also many smaller fertile tracts around the heads of the bays—along the margin of the smaller streams, and in the islands, so that in all there are 5,000,000 acres of cultivable land. At present these fertile tracts are almost wholly unoccupied, but the railway having been constructed will render them accessible and promote their settlement.

Newfoundland is sometimes called the sportsman's paradise. Among the well known wild animals indigenous to the country the caribou, or reindeer, holds a conspicuous place. They migrate regularly between the southeastern and northwestern portions of the island.

It is estimated that there are 300 species of birds in the island, most of them being migratory. Among them may be enumerated, the eagle, hawk, owl, woodpecker, swallow, kingfisher, six species of fly-catchers and the same number of thrushes, warblers and swallows in great variety, finches, ravens, jays. The ptarmigan or willow grouse is very abundant and is the finest game bird in the island. The rock ptarmigan is found in the highest and barest ridges. The American golden plover, various species of sandpipes and curlew, the brant, goose, duck, petrels, gulls and the great northern diver are met everywhere. No venomous reptiles, toads or frogs occur. Manufactures are yet on a limited scale and are mainly confined to St. John's. There are a boot and shoe factory, a woolen factory, two tobacco factories, three furniture factories, a rope and cordage factory, three biscuit factories, one oilo factory, a tannery and soap works. At Harbor Grace and Fortune there are boot and shoe factories and at Grand Brand a rope walk.

Yes, there are some peculiar named places, such as Seldom Come By, Push-through, Deadman's Cove, Pinchgut-tickle, Spoon Cove, Come By Chance, Ireland's Eye, Safe Harbor, Ingornachoix Bay; but we have equally as good ones in New Brunswick.

As to the climate, it can be better expressed perhaps, in using the words of the late Roman Catholic archbishop of Halifax, N S, a gentleman of high attainment and culture, paid a visit to Newfoundland some years ago. On his return he published an account of his trip in which he spoke in rapturous terms of the country, its scenery and its people, saying: "It is strange how ignorant we often are of the beauties and attractions of places near our shores, while thoroughly conversant with the lesser grandeur of historic lands far away. Thousands from the United States, and many from Canada yearly flock to Europe and write rapturous accounts of the scenes over which poetry or fiction has thrown a glamor. For a trifling outlay, and without the discomforts of a long sea voyage, they could, by visiting Newfoundland, enjoy a cool and healthy summer, and revel in all the wild grandeur of Alpine scenery, or dream away the hours by lakes and bays compared with which Killarney and Loch Katrine are but tame and uninviting pools."

"Enlightened Voters."

To the Editor of THE TELEGRAPH:—

SIR—It is curious to contrast the tone in which some papers speak of the "free and enlightened" voters before an election and after it when the said papers' nominees have been defeated. Before the election they are fine, noble, intelligent fellows, a credit to any country and far too honest and clear sighted to be bribed or to be deluded by the paltry sophistries of the opposite party. After they have voted against the papers' views they are a drunken, mercenary pack, too stupid to know the difference between right and wrong and glad of the chance to sell their votes or their country or any other transferable thing that happen to have about them for a new crisp (it must be "new" and "crisp") dominion note and a whole or partial skinful of "rum" (with a withering accent on the "rum.") This phenomenon has occurred before now upon the day after an election and we have just had another exhibition of it. A couple of our editors who should long ago have been in the best of positions for forming a correct opinion, and who up to last Saturday have expressed a most favorable opinion of the good qualities of the N. B. electorate have suddenly found out that the said electors are in reality a most worthless and contemptible lot of people. "Rum and money did it!" One paper mentions the exact sum of money—$40,000 if I remember rightly for which the Ottawa government bought up our province and got delivery of it; something over $1 00 per head for the whole population, including women and children, and much more than that for each vote that they secured. By some oversight the exact number of gallons of "rum" is not stated, but no doubt it was fearfully large and more than enough to go twice round among all their non-abstaining voters. What a low class the electorate of our province must be, and how happy the candidates who have escaped the unpleasant duty of representing them!

Journalists who try to hide their own mistakes and mischances by wholesale defamation of the character of their fellow countrymen might ponder with profit upon a 300 year old passage from Bacon's Essay on Truth:—

"A mixture of a lie doth ever add pleasure. Doth any man doubt that if there were taken out of men's minds vain opinions, flattering hopes, false valuations and the like, but it would leave the minds of a number of men poor shrunken things, full of melancholy and indisposition and unpleasing to themselves."

MUGWUMP.

Feb 21, 1899.

That School Tursteeship.

To the Editor of the TELEGRAPH:—

SIR,—Having noticed by an evening paper that Mrs Smith declines her appointment as school trustee, I would like, as one who knows, to say a word on this question, especially in view of the particulars published in Friday's Globe. Before making such appointments in council the general practice is to hold a caucus in the anteroom, when the views of the members can be obtained and the business hastened. At this caucus a ballot is usually taken and the result is accepted by the minority, and the appointment made unanimous in council. This practice was followed on Thursday last. Thirteen members were present and the ballots taken resulted in 7 for Mrs Smith, and 6 for Mrs Dever. As this did not satisfy the minority they asked that a second ballot be taken. This was agreed to and resulted in 8 for Mrs Smith and 5 for Mrs Dever. No further exception having been taken to this it was as usual understood the appointment in council would be made unanimous. Had this been adhered to it is not likely the public would have been troubled with these details.

ONE WHO KNOWS.

WHEELMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Official Bulletin of Nominations of Officers.

TORONTO, Feb 20—Secretary Donly of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association has issued an official bulletin of nominations for the presidency and vice presidency.

For president—Louis Rubenstein, Montreal; nominated by the Montreal and Granby bicycle clubs.

For vice president—J W Prescott, of Vancouver, B C; nominated by J S Clunie, of the Primrose Bicycle Club, and the Wanderers Bicycle Club, of Montreal. J M Dufresne, of Sherbrooke, Que, nominated by the Voltigeurs Bicycle Club, of Sherbrooke.

Chairman Walton, of the dominion racing board, proposes a number of amendments to the by-laws of the constitution, the most important of which is: "A sanction shall be necessary for each bicycle event on the programme when admission is charged."