

ONTARIO ELECTION ACT.

Assuming that the Election Court (Boyd, C. and Teetzel, J.), correctly interpreted s. 165 of R.S.O. 1897, c. 9, an amendment is desirable to the Ontario Election Act. The Court found it proved that one Coyne provided free railway transportation for voters from Michipicoten to Wawa and return. It appeared that he also provided free transportation to voters by means of the historic steamer Minnie M. The Court, however, did not consider that any penalty could be imposed for this, holding that "the statute contemplates transportation by land, and not on water. 'Railway, cab, cart, waggon, sleigh, carriage, or other conveyance' are the words used, and on the principle of *noscitur a sociis* the last larger word 'conveyance' cannot be so enlarged as to take in a steam vessel propelled on the water." The section referred to being penal and there being a reasonable doubt whether the word "conveyance" should have the larger interpretation contended for by the prosecution and so cover conveyance by water, the Court probably came to the right conclusion. The adverse criticisms in the daily press are however natural enough, though not sustainable at law. It certainly does seem somewhat strange that conveyance by water was not mentioned in the section, as there are many places in this country of great lakes and rivers where such transportation would be not only more convenient than transportation by land, but in some cases and at certain times of the year almost a necessity.

TREASURE TROVE.

As says the *Law Notes* in a recent issue this subject has been of fascinating interest since the days when Captain Kidd sailed, and has been kept alive from time to time by the tales of wonderful discoveries and by the fact of the finding of lost or hidden treasures. Blackstone, as our readers are aware, discusses the subject at some length; but there have been many cases decided since he wrote his commentaries. Taking up the subject as it