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### A DISGRACE TO CANADA.

That the militia department has not treated the Coronation Contingent in every appreciative manner is proved by the many complaints that emanated from officers and men of the force, previous to their embarkation. That the contingent should be compelled to wear slovenly, shabby, ill-fitting uniforms, when their comrades-in-arms from other portions of the Empire will wear new, bright, well-fitting apparel is nothing short of a disgrace to this colony, and our militia authorities.

The Montreal Star, an independent journal, says:

"While under canvas at Levis the boys had a terrible time of it, being nightly drenched with the rain and rendered most uncomfortable by the cold. Very little trouble, it seems, was taken to render the existence at Levis a pleasant one, and it was not until the arrival of Surgeon-Major Fiset that the tents were discarded for the better shelter afforded by the permanent huts situated on the grounds."

"As a result of the miserable accommodation provided at Levis for the contingent, many of the men were found to be suffering from aggravating colds when the Star correspondent visited the camp on Saturday afternoon. A good amount of talking was also being indulged in over the way in which the force had been treated during the week preceding its embarkation. And the men appeared to have a certain amount of justification for their remarks, for they, in truth, had had a great many things to contend against—weather, rain, cold, poorly fitting uniforms, scanty rations, served at a table in the open and unprotected from the rain by marquees of any kind. And so there were few hearts that were not glad on Saturday that the last day of their detention at Levis, had arrived, and that they were that evening to set sail for the shores of, at this time, merry England."

### NORTH GREY BALLOT FRAUDS.

The Attorney-General, Hon. Richard Harcourt, has appointed Mr. Amelius Irving, K. C., a commissioner to enquire into the ballot box frauds in North Grey, and the chief organ of the Government, finding its voice for the first time since the frauds were made public, with that hypocritical smugness for which it is notorious, expresses the conviction that it will be found that Judge Morrison was over hasty in making use of the strong expression that was evident the ballots had been tampered with. Is the expression of that conviction intended as an instruction to Mr. Irving, or designed to show Judge Morrison the error of his ways?

Perhaps we may be accused of unfairness in thus imputing motives, but the imputation is warranted by the disgraceful facts which were covered in the same hypocritical, self-righteous, manner in the West Elgin judicial inquiry four years ago. The same tactics were resorted to in the preliminary steps that are being repeated now, and the fact that guilty parties then escaped the punishment due their crimes is warranted for suspicion that the same thing may be repeated now. Against Mr. Irving personally we have nothing to say. He is a sound lawyer in good standing at the bar, as judicial commissioner to enquire into a criminal charge, he has a difficult duty to perform, and one which should not have been entrusted to him. A county judge from his place on the bench has expressed the conviction that four of the ballots cast in the Township of Vincent have been tampered with between the count and the time they were examined at recount. The deputy-returning officer, who is given a good character, makes the lame excuse for not turning in his ballot box the evening of election

## Every Exertion a Task

There is failure of the strength to do and the power to endure; a feeling of weakness all over the body.

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A medicine that strengthens the stomach, perfects digestion, invigorates and tones is needed.

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day that his horse was lame, and he couldn't get to the returning officer until the following day. It seems conclusive that these ballots were tampered with during the time the box was in this man's possession, and, whatever be his character, he should be compelled to tell all about what he knows concerning the box and who had access to it from the time it left the polling booth until the time he handed it to the returning officer.

There is every evidence that a gross fraud has been committed, and nothing should stand in the way of the guilty parties being brought to answer for their crimes. Should the culprits in this case escape, as they did in the West Elgin case four years ago, no amount of hypocritical, self-righteous explanations, or lack of explanations, will save the Ross Government from the just wrath of the people of Ontario.—Toronto News.

### BRECHES OF PROPRIETY.

Brookville Recorder.  
The Toronto Star asks in a big headline—"Must the Kilt Go?" Not till a substitute is provided.

### WHEN WE CAN READ OUR TITLES CLEAR.

Toronto Telegram.  
Ontario will never be right until every lawyer is a K. C., and every layman a J. P.

### PERSISTENCE WON.

Leslie's Weekly.  
In a talk to workmen the other day Bishop Ingram, of London, said: "Human nature always reminds me of the story of the two frogs that fell into a pot of cream. One of them soon gave up the struggle as a bad job, and without much ado, sank to the bottom. The other, striking out with all his legs and persevering, eventually found himself resting on a



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### MAKES EITHER WAY.

Atlantic Journal.  
A Kansas man has put up a sign: "Jim Smith, Physician and Undertaker." He catches 'em a-comin' and a-go'in'.

## The Chatham Binder Twine Co. (Limited.)

A notice having been sent out by Messrs. Leverton and Ross calling a meeting of the shareholders of The Chatham Binder Twine Co. Limited, for Saturday, June 21st, the directors of the company submitted the same to the company's solicitor, Matthew Wilson, K. C., for his opinion. The following is his reply:

Chatham, June 16, 1902.  
The President and Directors of The Chatham Binder Twine Company, Limited:

Dear Sirs,—In reply to your request for my opinion I beg to say that I have examined the Notice dated June 9th, 1902, purporting to be sent by J. J. Ross, Secretary, and Arthur Leverton, Chairman, and I have examined also the various By-laws governing the company and the proceedings at the last Special General Meeting.

In my opinion the Meeting of 21st June 1902, called by that Notice will not be a legal meeting and proceedings taken thereat will not be binding upon the company or the officers thereof.

The Notice purports to be signed by J. J. Ross, Secretary, and Arthur Leverton, Chairman, and below their names are printed the words "and 224 other Shareholders, Chatham, Ont., June 9th, 1902." Mr. Leverton is not Chairman of the Company and Mr. Ross is not Secretary of the Company. Those offices are filled by Michael J. Wilson and T. C. Smith.

The Meeting therefore is not called by the Directors of the Company. The only officers who can convene a meeting are Shareholders amounting to one-tenth of the subscribed Capital Stock; and the Notice in the latter case must be given by the Shareholders holding the Stock. This Notice is given by only Leverton and Ross who together hold only \$100 of Stock. Moreover, such Notice can be given only in the event of the Shareholders failing when requested to convene a meeting, while in this case the Directors did convene a meeting for all the purposes required for which a meeting at the time of the filing with them of the requisition could be convened.

The Notice does not in any place state that the meeting is called by requisitionists or by Shareholders purporting to act in default of Directors acting. On the contrary it is headed "Chatham Binder Twine Company, Limited," and a party receiving it would understand (as several have in fact understood it) that Leverton and Ross purport to give the Notice as Chairman and Secretary of that Company, which they are not.

I am of the opinion that the Notice is not given by the proper parties to convene a legal meeting.

Turning then to the objects of the meeting, the Notice states:—

1. To pass, repeal and confirm By-laws.

2. To elect Directors.

3. To authorize the borrowing of money, etc., etc.

The law requires that the Notice of a Special Meeting shall specify the business of the meeting to be considered. The first object in this Notice gives no idea of the nature of the By-laws which are to be passed, repealed or confirmed, or to what business such By-laws relate nor does it give the date or other particulars by which the By-laws to be dealt with can be identified.

It is also of opinion that the Notice in regard to object No. 1 is insufficient. In my opinion it is not sufficient in a Notice calling a Special Meeting to state that it is to pass By-laws or to pass resolutions without stating the general nature of the business to which the proposed By-laws or resolutions will relate.

The second object is "To elect Directors." Now, the Notice was given on June 9th, and at that time under your By-laws your term of office would

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15c.

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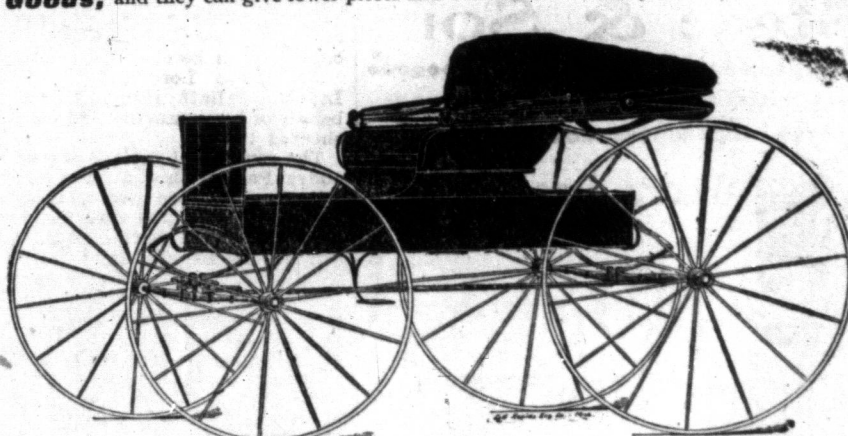
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TO RENT—At Erieau, my partly furnished cottage, until July 21st. W. S. Marshall. 1w.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT—Summer Cottage at Erie Beach, furnished—For sale or to rent. Apply to John Piggott & Son's Lumber Office. 1f.

FOR SALE—Hotel range, cheap. Can be used for wood or coal, and is in splendid condition. Apply to W. R. Peck, Rankin House, Chatham. 10f.

LOTS FOR SALE—One and one-half acres at the head of Victoria Ave., and six lots on Maple St. Apply to Mrs. Tinsman, Victoria Block, or The Planet. 1f.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE—125 Wellington St. West; lot 50x200. House in good repair; brick foundation; 7 rooms, closets, pantries, bath room, etc. Leaving the city; will sell cheap. For full particulars apply to J. A. Tilt. 1f.

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cannot initiate one. The Shareholders at a meeting called by Shareholders have no greater power than at a meeting called by Directors.

Moreover, pursuant to the requisition the Directors passed a borrowing By-law and called a legal meeting of Shareholders on May 10th, 1902, to consider it, and the Shareholders refused to confirm it. The Shareholders passed upon other By-laws at the same meeting. There was therefore a legal meeting called by the Directors for such purpose pursuant to the requisition; and another meeting based on the same requisition cannot be called by the requisitionists for the same purpose.

I am of the opinion that under the present existing circumstances the legal meeting cannot on the 21st June be authorized the borrowing of money on the real estate of the Company.

You state that you have no desire to contest the legality of any proceedings that may be taken at the meeting to be held on 21st June instant; but your inaction will not validate the proceedings. If new Directors are elected then and if they thereafter attempt to borrow money or to do a banking business or to enter into important contracts the parties dealing with the new board would, for self protection, enquire into the board's standing and authority and powers to bind the Company by mortgages or otherwise, and the invalidity of the proceedings would then appear, and it is improbable that men illegally elected to be Directors would care to take the risk of doing important business in the name of the Company.

It would, in my opinion, be in the interest of the Shareholders to cancel the proposed meeting of 21st June and at the same time convene a legal meeting for a later day for whatever purposes may be desired and may be arranged for by you as the present Directors.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) MATTHEW WILSON.

In accordance with the above advice the Directors have decided to revise their By-laws so that a legal meeting may be called for the election of Directors and other business at an early date.

If the Directors had a By-law, such as mentioned, for borrowing money, then it would be quite proper for the Directors to call a meeting to confirm it; but no such By-law exists, and in my opinion the Shareholders

expire in December next. There therefore was not and there is not now any vacancy to be filled. The Shareholders cannot create a vacancy under the Ontario law any more than the elections could declare a vacancy in a township council. Even if one of the directors should resign, your By-law (and not the Shareholders) should fill the vacancy. On this account it was suggested by Chief Justice Meredith that you might repeal your By-laws so as to enable you or the requisitionists to call a meeting to elect directors; but this was not done, and you tell me that when you offered to Messrs. Leverton and Hutchinson to resign in rotation and appoint all the men called "the new board," or to join with them and repeal the By-laws fixing the Annual Meeting for next December, and the qualification of a director, and give a notice calling a meeting of Shareholders at which they might be elected, they ignored your offer.

I am of the opinion that under the present existing circumstances Directors cannot be legally elected at the meeting called for 21st June, 1902.

The third object is "To authorize the borrowing of money on the real estate of the Company and the appointment of a Manager, defining his duties and fixing his salary."

Matters relating to the appointment of officers and servants are placed expressly by statute under the jurisdiction of the Directors. The Directors, not the shareholders, are empowered to pass such By-laws; but a section of any director shall be acted upon until confirmed by the Shareholders. This shows the necessity to have in the first instance a By-law of the Directors even for the payment of a Director. Such and many other By-laws require confirmation by the Shareholders, just as a following By-law of a municipal council requires confirmation by the ratepayers; but neither the Shareholders nor the ratepayers have power to initiate these By-laws.

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