

ROCHESTER'S HARD LUCK.

The coming municipal elections are creating not a little stir in the township of Rochester, says the Coadar Herald. The victory along this line is no doubt due to the Ruscom drain suit, which has gone against that municipality. The present council are in no way to blame for this. If the supreme court of Canada declares that the drainage act of 1914 is worthless, and this appears to be the case in the suit of Sutherland-Innes Co. vs. Romney, why should the council be taken to task for the failure of the Ontario Legislature to pass a drainage act that cannot, at least, stand the tests of the courts of the land. If we understand Referee Rankin's judgment in the Ruscom suit, he simply followed the judgment of the supreme court in Sutherland-Innes Co. vs. Romney suit. We believe that Rochester has good and sufficient grounds to carry the case again to the court of appeal. If the council allow the judgment to go by default, the township will be saddled with costs, which, it is estimated, will amount to about \$5,000. This matter should be carefully considered before final action is taken.

THE GLOBE'S EXPOSURE OF MOWAT'S GERRYMANDER.

We are obliged to the Toronto Globe for an exposure of Oliver Mowat's gerrymander, by which he kept himself and Hardy and Ross in power for many years after the people wanted to get rid of them. The Globe publishes a tabulated statement which, while giving the independent and Patron votes to the Liberals, shows that the Conservatives in Ontario still polled the majority of the total vote cast. The following is the table:

	Lib.	Con.
Addington.....	1,913	2,442
Brant South.....	2,439	2,547
Brant North.....	2,494	2,288
Brookville.....	1,886	1,896
Bruce, East.....	1,763	1,806
Bruce, North.....	2,063	2,064
Bruce, West.....	1,417	1,513
Cardwell.....	1,303	1,484
Carleton.....	884	1,611
Cornwall and Stormont.....	2,411	2,562
Dundas.....	2,118	2,376
Durham, East.....	1,450	1,611
Durham, West.....	1,597	1,637
Elgin, East.....	2,715	2,869
Elgin, West (Casey).....	1,185	1,905
Elgin, West (McGowan).....	1,765	1,868
Essex, North.....	3,046	2,386
Essex, South.....	2,539	2,456
Frontenac.....	836	1,200
Glengarry.....	2,392	1,778
Greenville, South.....	1,351	1,475
Grey, East.....	2,342	2,707
Grey, North.....	2,834	2,803
Grey, South.....	2,231	2,375
Haldimand.....	2,239	2,379
Halton.....	2,253	2,473
Hamilton.....	5,466	4,783
Hastings, East.....	1,744	1,815
Hastings, North.....	1,771	2,064
Huron, East.....	2,092	2,426
Huron, West.....	2,190	1,862
Kent.....	3,390	3,173
Kingston.....	1,879	1,867
Lambton, East.....	2,425	2,646
Lambton, West.....	2,299	2,110
Leamington.....	1,839	1,946
Leeds and Grenville.....	1,267	1,590
Leeds, South.....	2,062	2,472
Lincoln and Niagara.....	1,461	1,570
London.....	2,812	3,120
Middlesex, East.....	1,899	2,265
Middlesex, North.....	2,008	2,619
Middlesex, West.....	2,020	2,221
Muskoka and Parry Sound.....	1,989	1,813
Norfolk.....	2,200	2,472
Northumberland, East.....	2,184	2,290
Northumberland, West.....	1,839	2,257
Ontario, North.....	1,839	2,257
Ontario, South.....	2,070	1,780
Oxford, North.....	1,740	1,231
Oxford, South.....	1,424	1,367
Ottawa.....	2,117	1,115
Peel.....	2,042	1,226
Perth, North.....	1,592	1,705
Perth, South.....	2,838	3,118
Peterborough.....	2,171	2,161
Peterborough, West.....	1,576	1,702
Prescott (Front).....	1,399	1,750
Prescott (Rear).....	1,596	1,049
Prescott (Cloran).....	1,177	1,243
Prince Edward.....	2,090	2,167
Renfrew, North.....	2,299	2,196
Renfrew, South.....	2,149	1,796
Russell.....	3,089	2,823
Simcoe, East.....	3,407	3,680
Simcoe, North.....	2,920	1,836
Simcoe, South.....	1,406	2,231
Toronto, Centre.....	2,411	2,625
Toronto, East.....	2,830	4,074
Toronto, West.....	4,713	7,069
Victoria, North.....	1,408	1,515
Victoria, South.....	2,163	2,305
Waterloo, South.....	2,400	2,708
Welland.....	2,769	2,565
Wellington, North.....	2,429	2,364
Wellington, South.....	2,755	2,649
Westwindsor, N., and Brant 2,428	2,584	
York, East.....	3,498	4,181
York, North.....	1,935	1,708
York, West.....	4,306	5,126
Total.....	187,133	190,419

Then in the same issue on the same page the Globe publishes another table, showing that under Mowat's gerrymander, though the Conservatives had the majority of the popular vote, they would only have elected 44 members out of a total of 94. To make the exposure of Mowat's inquiry plain the Globe says: "The vote cast in Ontario at the recent Dominion election has been compiled for the various constituencies as constituted for Provincial purposes. From these figures it appears that had the same vote been cast at a Provincial election the standing of the two political parties would have been: Liberal 50, Conservative 44, a majority of 6 for the Liberals."

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with Liberal whines for 18 years over a Conservative gerrymander which never allowed the minority of the country's representatives. But you never heard much about this Mowat gerrymander which, by the showing of the Globe, gives the Province to the minority. The Globe's exposure is of course unintentional, but these are its figures.

THE USE OF THE LASH.

A despatch from Wilmington, Delaware says:

The legal lashing of 14-year-old John Aucker for the larceny of a bottle of perfume is likely to accomplish what years of agitation have been unable to bring about—the abolition of the whipping post in Delaware. All over the state the people are moving to have this relic of the days of thumb-screw and rack taken out of the penal system. The scarred back of little John Aucker is a document against the perpetuation of a system that every other state in the Union has outgrown that cannot be ignored. The recollection of the boy's delicate flesh shrinking away from the strokes of the cat, and of his pitiful screams under the punishment, will long abide with the hundreds of people who witnessed the barbarity of Saturday.

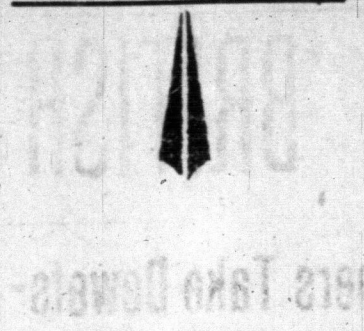
We don't suppose many people in this section have ever seen a culprit lashed. The Planet has the victim is tied up to a triangle so as to draw his arms and legs apart. He is clothed in pants and shoes, but from the waist up he is bare. The cat-o-nine-tails simply consists of a short handle with whips with things made of common thick cord. The "executioner" stands by waiting for the word. So does the prison surgeon in case the prisoner cannot stand the punishment to the governor of the jail or the prison says "one," and the rope, ends fall across the victim's bare back. As they drop off you can see the bruised flesh rise and stand out like ropes. At the word "two" the thongs fall again, just slightly below the last place, and so on. If the lash strikes the same place a second time the blistered and raised skin breaks and the black blood trickles out. After the fourth or fifth cut the miserable victim screams and yells for mercy. But the jailer continues to call out monotonously the numbers until the punishment is ended. That is lashing for you. It is a brutal, horrible punishment. Once seen people are not anxious for a second chance. The victims who suffer are less so. From this description many people will agree with the Delaware despatch that the infliction of the lash is a relic of barbarism. It may be, but it is an effective one. The brutes who are lashed can only be reached through their hides. Imprisonment doesn't affect them. (The experience at the Central Prison has been that one lashing is sufficient. Delaware may abolish the whipping post but Ontario could profitably extend its use in the interests of justice. For instance, why shouldn't confirmed criminals, those who rob with violence and all such classes be whipped? It is an awful punishment but where a man morally degenerates until he has no regard whatever for the rights of the rest of the community why

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