

The Ballot in England.

In the British Parliament, 16th March, Mr. Leatham introduced the question of the Ballot. He needed no apology for adopting this course; but if any explanation were necessary, the one he gave was as explicit and satisfactory as could have been desired. A select committee has, it is true, been appointed to inquire into the present modes of conducting parliamentary elections; but in a matter so grave, and with facts illustrative of the evils of the existing system daily multiplying, it is impossible that honest men can allow discussion to be stifled. That the committee will report in favour of the expediency of the proposed measure is more than probable; but, after all, the ultimate decision will remain with Parliament, and debates which shed light on the subject, and contribute to the formation of a sound judgment upon it, will assist both the Legislature and the public to a righteous conclusion. Mr. Leatham's motion, too, had a definite object, which established a direct relation between it and the impending investigation. He moved "That it be an instruction to the select committee to take into consideration the various methods of taking votes by Ballot which are at present in use in various portions of the British Empire and in other countries, together with any modifications thereof which may be suggested, and to report upon the most efficient and convenient system of balloting." This opens up a practical field of enquiry which will be of essential use in the final settlement of the question.

It is rather singular that in slow-going England, public opinion in favor of the ballot is much more advanced than in Canada, and it is likely that the manner in which many of the election contests in Great Britain were conducted last fall, has given fresh arguments for the statesmen of that country for the introduction of the ballot-box. England and Canada stand almost alone in the practice of open voting. The people of Germany, the Scandinavian Kingdoms, Belgium, Switzerland, Greece, and regenerated Spain, regard the ballot-box as the conservator of national liberty and of purity of election. It is, therefore, a mode of voting not solely recommended to us by the approving voice of the Democratic communities of Australia and America; and Mr. Leatham, epitomizing the historical researches of Mr. Hepworth Dixon, showed that the ballot had once been a British institution; and that it had played, under the Stuarts, a no ignoble or unsuccessful part in the great struggle between freedom and kingly tyranny. Leaving these reminiscences aside, however, the expediency of the ballot must be strictly determined by the actual facts of our present position—and it is the opinion of all that some check should be put upon at the scandalous bribery cropping out many an election contest from Gaspe to Amherstburgh.

An Earthquake in England.

The Leeds and Manchester papers are filled with accounts of an earthquake which occurred in the north of England on the 15th of March. The Manchester Examiner says: "A very distinct shock of earthquake was felt, of which we received the several accounts printed below. The time of the occurrence was a few minutes after six o'clock, and up to the time we write the accounts received concur in representing the East Lancashire district as that in which the vibration was the sharpest. In Manchester the shock was very slightly experienced, but the confirmation of different and perfectly independent witnesses in the city leaves no doubt that their sensation of a very unusual and peculiar shaking of the ground occurred in point of time with the more violent trembling reported from other towns." It would appear, as far as can be generalized from the reports to hand, that the shock was the most sharply experienced on the more elevated points of the district affected. A Rawtenstall correspondent says that in that town people ran out of their houses, and the streets were instantly filled with persons describing the severe nature of the shock they had experienced. Door-knockers and bells were rung, and crockery ware and windows were shaken. The shock only lasted a few seconds, but was very severe. The writer was walking in the street, and the shock was severe enough to cause him to reel. A Sowby by Bridge letter says that the sensation experienced there was very much like the shock that was felt when the locomotive exploded in the tunnel at Sowerby Bridge Station. At Bacup there was "a sensible heaving of the earth as of the passing of an underground wave." At Blackburn an informant observed the ground to heave gently, like the undulations of the waves.

BUNCOMB.—The following resolution was sought to be offered in Congress, but, objections being made, failed: Resolved—That the Committee on Foreign Affairs be, and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of investigating the condition of our relations, present and prospective, with Nova Scotia, and that they be authorized to report to the House at any time.

LIBERAL TRIUMPH IN ENGLAND.—The election to Parliament of Mr. Miall, the editor of the Nonconformist, for the constituency of Bradford, by a majority of fifteen hundred votes, is a grand victory for the English Liberals. Mr. Miall was one of the earliest advocates of the disendowment of the Irish Church, and his journal exercises an immense influence throughout the country in that direction. He is a man of great ability, and for the vast services he has rendered to the Liberal cause, he fully merits the honor conferred on him by the electors of Bradford.

Dr. F. S. Tauler, who was in Guelph for some time last summer, died suddenly at the Albion Hotel, Montreal, on Monday last. He was of intemperate habits, and the coroner's jury returned a verdict of "died from suffocation while in a state of intoxication."

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Their Saw Mills being near Georgetown Station, they can ship lumber to any point on the Grand Trunk, East or West.

They invite from intending purchasers an inspection of their large stock.

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Pashline, 2nd April 69

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN, Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, &c., GUELPH, Ontario.

D. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN, Guelph, April 1, 1869.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1864-5.

The creditors of the undersigned are notified to meet at the office of William Mortimer Clark, Esq., in the City of Toronto.

ON MONDAY, 19th OF APRIL, 1869

At 4 o'clock, p. m., to receive statements of his affairs, and to name an assignee.

JOHN HENDERSON, Guelph, 2nd April, 1869.

TENDERS WANTED.

SEALED TENDERS will be received up to THURSDAY, THE 8th OF APRIL, '69,

For the erecting of a Stable and Carriage House for JOHN HOISMAN, Esq., in the Town of Guelph.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the undersigned, KAUFFMAN & COOPER, Architects do 11

Guelph, March 21.

EDUCATIONAL.

MRS. WM. BUDD, Organist of the Congregational Church

Desires to inform her Pupils and friends that her School will re-open MONDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1869. She will also be prepared to give Private Lessons on the Organ, Piano and Melodeon.

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A call is respectfully solicited, when we feel confident that we will show you to your entire satisfaction that we are working for the mutual advantage of each.

Yours very respectfully, HOGG & CHANCE.

Guelph, March 30.

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