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THE UNPARALLELED CRIME.

The decision of the supreme court sweeps away the bogus, non-resident list of Rothesay parish, and with it the genuine list. In effect it leaves Kings county without an electoral list for provincial or federal purposes.

The only party who opposed the cancellation of the bogus list was Mr. Skinner, who appeared for the sheriff of Kings, and argued that the court had no jurisdiction in the matter. It is worthy of more than a passing notice that the sheriff should retain counsel to appear before the court and oppose the correction of this infamous wrong.

It was not to be expected that the court would hear and decide a case revealing so many kinds of criminality, and involving a particularly dangerous and offensive variety of viciousness, without denouncing the criminals whose iniquity had been exposed before the tribunal.

To the press Attorney General Pugsley says that he proposes to introduce legislation to remedy the wrong done, and to prevent its repetition.

Neither can he legislate to prevent such conspiracies in the future. He can perhaps make it more difficult to manufacture a bogus list by the same kind of forgery, but the base ingenuity which devised the plot, and the shameless rascality which carried it out, are not effaced by Dr. Pugsley's legislation.

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with it. Mr. C. J. Milligan, provincial organizer, in whose name the bogus list was registered at the post office, can be forced to tell all he knows, if he knows anything, about the genuine list that was lost and the bogus list that he has written a letter to his own paper saying that he did not mail the letter, but it does not follow that he is not in a position to give the attorney general material assistance in bringing the criminals to justice.

THE SALARY OF THE PREMIER.

The agitation for the increase of the salary of the premier of Canada is endorsed by business people. No doubt Sir Wilfrid can buy as much for \$8,000 now as Sir John A. Macdonald could when the existing scale was adopted.

The premier of Canada has less salary than the premier of Cape Colony, whose country has not one-third of the population of the Dominion.

The suggestion that the leader of the opposition should be paid involves a constitutional departure. It takes the party system for granted, and the minister who introduces the appropriation thereby admits that he ought to be opposed.

It is true that he may hope something to be premier, but he cannot build upon hope, and his hope may never see fruition.

The country is already paying all that is necessary for ministerial salaries. There is no need to add one cent to the cabinet's pay. We have the change of government this paper frequently advocated a reduction.

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venue, the post office, and the militia, and even finance, which Sir Richard is quite strong enough to manage.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier would himself admit that the work of administration could be done as well by ten ministers as by fourteen. A reduction to that number will allow the premier two salaries, the leader of the opposition one, and save the country \$7,000.

We favor an increase of salary for the premier, but not until he has force enough to reduce his cabinet to the right size. We favor an allowance to the opposition leader, but not unless he and his party accept the abolition of useless portfolios as part of their programme.

THE MANITOBA PROHIBITION ACT.

The supreme court of Manitoba has decided that Hugh John Macdonald's prohibition act is beyond the power of the legislature. This is another step in the journey to be taken in locating the power of the provincial and federal parliaments in legislation on the liquor traffic.

The under secretary replied that the government had no official knowledge of the terms of the Russo-Chinese agreement, but had been informed that it included most of the provisions enumerated. He added that the Russian government gives verbal assurances that the agreement was of a temporary and provisional character.

PROGRESS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The despatches from South Africa in these days are not sensational, but they indicate that in spite of an occasional setback, the British are making a steady advance.

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LUCKY THIRTEEN.

ROCKLAND, Me., Feb. 25.—Thirteen did not prove unlucky in the case of a crew of men of that number who were working today at Perry Bros. rock quarry at Brown's Corners.

KING EDWARD AT CRONBERG

Spent Some Time With His Sister the Dowager Empress Yesterday.

FRANKFORT, Feb. 25.—King Edward arrived here early this morning and was received by the staff of the British consulate. After breakfasting, his majesty strolled about the station platform until Emperor William arrived.

CRONBERG, Feb. 25.—King Edward and Emperor William arrived here this morning and drove in a sleigh to Friedrich, where the emperor bid farewell to the king and returned to Hamburg.

King Edward remained with his sister a quarter of an hour. His Majesty was observed that His Majesty was leaving betrayed no special anxiety, and it was deduced that he was favorably impressed with the Dowager Empress' condition.

Later the Emperor was alone with his mother for ten minutes. He returned to a slight to the Emperor's dining room, where he took tea with the Emperor.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

China and South Africa Matters Considered Yesterday.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Lord Cranborne, under secretary for the foreign office, was asked in the house of commons today by Sir Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett (conservative) if the government had any information confirming the Russo-Chinese agreement regarding Manchuria, mentioning the clauses providing for a railway in Manchuria.

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The war secretary, Mr. Brodrick, discussing a motion to publish the proceedings of courts of inquiry, said it was still the purpose of the government to make a general inquiry into the conduct of the war in South Africa.

CHINA SITUATION.

PEKIN, Feb. 25.—This morning Mr. Conroy turned over the affairs of the U. S. legation to W. W. Rockhill, formerly the conduct of the negotiations with the Chinese.

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MAKE THE CHANGE

Before Coffee Weeks You.

The right man came along one day when he told me that coffee drinking was the cause of my gastritis, nervousness, torpid liver, and trembling hands.

I left off coffee that day at lunch and had a cup of Postum. It was made good and had a rich, dark color, and a delicious flavor that I could not tell from regular coffee.

The following deaths of former provincialists are announced: In South Boston, Feb. 17, Jane Southern, late of St. John; in Chelsea, Feb. 14, Nora J. Holland, daughter of the late Philip and Nora Holland (nee Driscoll); formerly of St. John; in Roxbury district, Feb. 19, Agatha M. B. Mann, daughter of Patrick and Ellen Mann, aged 15 years, formerly of Chatham, N. B.; in Jamaica Plain, Feb. 18, Kenneth McLean, late of Hastings, N. S., where interment occurs; in Dorchester, Feb. 19, Miss Annie Cameron, daughter of Anne and the late John Cameron, formerly of Prince Edward Island.

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BOSTON LETTER

Decline of Religion in Rural New England.

Deaths of Former Provincialists—Arrested on a Charge of Polygamy—To Tax the Bank of Nova Scotia at Calais—Lumber and Fish Markets.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) BOSTON, Feb. 21.—The annual banquet of the Canadian Club of Boston and vicinity is to be held at the Copley Square Hotel March 7. Among those who have been invited as guests are Sir Adolphe Caron, ex-minister of militia and defence at Ottawa, and Lieut. Col. W. D. Otter of Toronto, who recently returned from South Africa.

The corporation of St. Paul's church, on Tremont street, the historic old edifice which was erected in 1819, has decided to refuse an offer of \$1,500,000 for the property. The general sentiment was that the church should not be moved to another part of the city.

Some of the American papers Tuesday noticed the birthday of Hon. David Wark, aged 97, the New Brunswick senator, who is said to be the oldest legislator in the world.

The fish market is firm and active, with the demand for dry and pickled goods. About 1,200 barrels of mackerel were received from the provinces last week. They sold at \$8.50 to \$11.

The decline in rural New England, noticeable in religious statistics, is still frequently commented upon by public men and the clergy. At a Congressional meeting here, Dr. Foster spoke on rural New England. Among the reasons for this, he said, is the steady moving of great portions of the population from the rural districts into the cities.

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H. Ferguson, sewing machine agent, hailing from New Brunswick, was arrested recently at Augusta, Me., charged with aiding and abetting Hattie Hart, aged 20, to escape from the Maine industrial school for girls at Hallowell, Ferguson was placed under bonds of \$200 to appear at the April term of the superior court.

Joshua P. Atwood, 60 years of age, is under arrest at Gloucester for alleged polygamy. It is charged that Atwood has been married three times, his two last wives still being alive. His third wife is Mrs. B. M. Atwood. She was Miss Gertrude Wallace of Turperville, N. S., where it is said Atwood married her last spring and then brought her to Gloucester. Atwood is under \$600 bonds for a hearing Saturday.

These is before the Maine legislature a bill which raises the tax on business of foreign banking concerns from one-eighth of one per cent. to three-quarters of one per cent. In other words the special tax on the branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Calais would have to pay \$24,000 instead of \$800 per annum for this privilege. The bill is said to be specially at this institution, and as it will undoubtedly pass the legislature, the bank may have to close its Calais branch.

Spruce lumber is apparently firmer under a good demand for the season. Prices in Boston are very firm both for spruce and hemlock. Laths are quiet and fairly steady at \$2.70 to \$2.90 for 15-8 in., and \$2.50 to \$2.60 for 11-2 in. Clear shingles are in fairly good shape. Wholesale quote extras at \$2.75; clear, \$2.50; second clear, \$2 to \$2.15. Spruce ten and twelve inch dimensions are held at \$18; 9 in. and under, \$16; 10 and 12 in. random lengths, 10 feet and up, \$17; 2x4, 2x6, 2x8, 2x10, 2x12, 10 feet and up, \$14.50 to \$15; 2x4, 2x6, 2x8, 2x10, 2x12, 10 feet and up, \$15 to \$15.50; 5 in. and up merchantable boards, \$15; matched boards, \$17 to \$17.50; eastern hemlock boards, \$14.50 to \$15; random, \$13.

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