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HICKMAN vs. CAVE. (Before the Chief Justice and Mr. Jus-

In the matter of the election petithat the Court had reached concluboxes, was opened, it was found to ever, anticipated events, and had the be not tightly packed. The accepted Returning Officer for the District of ballots were scattered about, the Bay de Verde on hand. Mr. Isaac

large case was not sealed. The ballots were collected and sealed in the ballot boxes afterwards. The ballots were not put back and sealed in his presence. Three or four marked baltion between A. E. Hickman and W. lots were found loose. He was not H. Cave, the Chief Justice intimated sure if they were spoiled. These were put separately in an envelope. sions on all-matters submitted, but Questioned by Mr. Mewc, he states before the scrutiny finished, he wish- that the counterfoils are at the Coled to see certain ballots which must onial Secretary's office with the origbe assorted, and the Registrar of the inal seals intact. Justice Johnson Court would proceed with the as- here remarked: "This looks like a sorting. The ballots will be held by serious matter and the whole handthe court and only the Judges must ling should be gone into. If the know how any elector had cast his least irregularity is allowed all vote. Mr. Mews, Deputy Colonial kinds of rascality will be practiced." Secretary, had been subpoenaed and The assorting of the ballots, which brought into court the nomination was to take place, was stopped and papers, and 4 boxes containing un- the matter of the handling of the used and spoiled ballots and accept- case containing the ballot boxes was ed ballots. Mr. Mcws intimated that taken up. The court had no intimawith regard to the ballot boxes. Per- turn, as it had not been communicamission being given, he said that ted to them by Mr. Mews, Deputy when the case containing the ballot Colonial Secretary. The latter, how-

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King, Returning Officer, taking the stand described how he took the ballot boxes, locked and sealed them and placed them with all the papers in connection with the election in safe keeping until the morning when he got them ready for shipment. The ooxes, with the accepted ballots, counterfoils, spoiled ballots were placed in a small case with the cover screwed down, labelled and shipped by express from Western Bay, he oming along with them. He could not account for how the boxes got broken. The case was shipped on Thursday's train, after polling day, and was delivered at the Colonial Building on Friday morning between 10 and 11 o'clock. It was left in the hallway in custody of two or three employees. The case was lying at the railway station all Thursday night. The case was delivered to the Express Co. at Western Bay Wednesday evening or Thursday morning. He was told by the Deputy Colonial Secretary to deliver the case at the Colonial Building. Chief Justice Horwood here asked the witness:

"How many cases in all came by express?" The witness replied 5, and stated that rough handling might account for the ballot boxes being open. He was sure they were locked and sealed in the proper manner, when he shipped them. He could not swear to sealing the counterfoil boxes and unused and spoiled ballot boxes Four screw bolts were used to keep the cover on the case. Examined by Mr. McNeilly, the witness said the outside case could easily be opened by anybody. Mr. F. Mews, "Did you he would like to make a statement ation that events would take this indicate on the outside what the case contained?" Witness, "I might have done so, but don't remember." (To the Chief Justice) "I don't remember if the case was packed tight." Mr. John Brocklehurst being called, stated he was employed in the Colonial Building with Wm. Godden. Wm. sparkes and Michael Nolan. He was n his office when the case was opened. Nolan and Sparkes opened the ase in the hallway. When the broken boxes were discovered, he went out into the hallway to see if any loose ballots were left in the case. He stated that the Boxes were not locked and the seals were broken when they were brought to his room. Only one of the four boxes was found inact. The key accompanied the boxes. Examined by Mr. Mews, he stated that he put the ballots back in the accepted ballot boxes and sealed them The court ordered that the counterfoil boxes be brought to court. The Chief Justice complimented Mr. Brocklehurst on his behaviour in the circumstances. The further hearing will be continued this evening, when Sparkes and Nolan will be examined.

Illustrated Lecture at Canon Wood Hall.

Last evening, at 7.45, in the Dunfield Club Rooms, with Rev. Mr. Moulton in the chair, Mr. Llewellyn Colley delivered a spicy and eloquent discourse on London, illustrated by Passed peacefully away at Monlantern slides of a very high order. treal, April 12th, Lilla Woodfine, The meeting was attended by some 100 interested hearers, including the 100 interested hearers, including the elders and parents of the club. With sisters and two brothers to mourn the short time at his disposal owing their sad loss. o the Club meeting being held prior the lecture, Mr. Colley performed vonders in taking his audience on a tour of London, and, what is more, ucceeded in (to use the American ernacular) thoroughly "doing it" with the result that a well satisfied audience accorded, through Mr. Jas. Raines, president of the club, a hearty rote of thanks to the lecturer.

FEILDIANS HAD FIRST PRACTICE. The Feildians had their first Ruby ractice game at the Tannery Field, near Rennie's Bridge, yesterday afteroon. Major Arthur Raley, now attached to the College teaching staff, acted as instructor, while Mr. R. R. Wood. Headmaster, was referee.

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Messages.

ITALY AND THE COUNCIL.

Events in Germany will be discuss ed at a meeting of the Supreme Allied Council at San Remo, says the Echo de Paris, which adds that the occupa tion of Frankfort by French troops will be given particular attention Italy, the newspaper, says will submit to the Council the compromise agreement it has reached with Jugo Slavia, by which it hopes to reach a settlement of the Adriatic question. The ratification of this agreement will be asked it is said. Proposals made by Mr. Luzatti, former Italian Premier, by which international exchange rates might be established will also be brought before the meet-

LABOR'S NEW MANIFESTO.

DUBLIN, April 15. Prohibition of food exports from Ireland until markets becomes nor mal is demanded in a manifesto is sued last night by the Labor Party It says that dislocation of traffic and absence of transport have denuded

THE FIRST INSTALLMENT.

PARIS, April 15. Twelve hundred horses, four thousand cattle, ten thousand sheep and four thousand goats have been received by France from Germany in reparation for stock taken by the Germans during their occupation of Northern France. The stock has been distributed to farmers. Under the terms of the Versailles Treaty, Germany must deliver thirty thousand horses, ninety thousand cattle, one hundred thousand sheep and ten housand goats.

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DIED.

At Aquaforte, after a short illness, Henry C. Windsor, aged 63 years.

This morning, after a long illness Mrs. John Cronan, aged 72 years, leaving husband and one son to mourn their sad loss. The body will be sent to Harbor Grace Friday morning for interment.-R.I.P.

aged 24 years, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Thorne, leaving a hus-

"Gone but not forgotten; Never will her memory

IN LOVING MEMORY

of No. 1975 Corporal John O'Rourke ing at the Battle of Monchy, April 14th, 1917. May his soul rest in peace 'And the dark rock-pines, like tossing plumes, Over his body to wave, And God's own hand in that lonely

land, To lay him in the grave." Cleary.

IN LOVING MEMORY

of my dear brother Pte. Joshua Tucker, of the Royal Nfld. Regiment, who was Killed in Action at the Bat-tle of Monchy, April 14th, 1917; also his brother Pte. Ebenezer Tucker, who served during the whole war with the Canadian forces, and just when the armistice was signed contracted influenza and died at East bourne, England, on February 8th, 1919. "Gone but not forgotten." —Inserted by their brother, Robert A. Tucker.

NOTICE.

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The Case for the Moderates.

(By WARWICK SMITH.)

ARTICLE III.

"We want what is best in practice: not what is best in theory."

ance. The question of right and vince them first, and this will be difwrong will be argued later. There ficult in view of the fact that there are times when it is right to take the are other alternatives which should potatoes out of a man's cellar and first be tested. distribute them amongst others. There are times when it is wrong to do so. it as a matter of absolute right or

They are the people who act on the hands of the heads of families. They prove upon it. There is such a thing those who dispensed liquor in St. as over-running one's objective, and John's. Had the publicans formed a thus losing the "good" by grasping at live "Victuallers' Association," too much. Now all will allow that question very much whether Prohibiemperance is good. The question is tion would have been a live issue. how may general temperance be best attained. There are many who contend that total Prohibition defeats its dispensing of liquors. How it shall true object, which is to make a na- be controlled and how dispensed 1

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very seldom drink aicoholic beverages, but who dislike being classed with children and those who lack In my last article I showed that self-control, as if they were persons there are only two remedies for the who could not drink without eventustate of affairs in which we find our- ally becoming drunkards. Such peoselves under Prohibition. One is a ple rightly regard this as an insult, stricter enforcement of Prohibition Then there are others, total abstainby amending the Act so as to make it ers by choice, who cannot see the more stringent. The other is to justice of denying a respected neighamend the Act so that it will be less bor the right to choose for himself harsh. Before I take up these ques- whether he shall be a total abstainer tions again, let me state that I have or a moderate drinker. Most of these barely touched upon the question of people, however, if they were conthe right or wrong of Prohibition. I vinced that there is no other remedy am speaking now only of what is the than total Prohibition, would apply best possible way to cure intemper- that remedy. But you have to con-

Now we have tried with marked success in various parts of this coun-My argument in these articles is try a modified form of Prohibition addressed to those who do not regard I refer to Local Option. It was successful in very many places, because wrong, but as one of expediency. the control of the liquor was in the famous saying of Abraham Lincoln: purchased their jars of liquor in St. 'If you cannot get the best, get the John's and controlled its consumpbest you can." There is another say- tion. Had a system of control by law ing which might be considered in this been in force there would have been connection: "The best is often the no neceesity for prohibition. The enemy of the good." In fact the best truth was that there was no legal way to obtain the "best" is often to control sufficiently strong to combat accept the "good" and gradually im- the greed for gain on the part of

The remedy that I and those ass ciated with me, suggest, is controlled tion temperate. It causes resentment shall deal with in detail in my next in the minds of many persons who article

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