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-[BROWNING.

London, Saturday, June 20.

OSLIGATORY VOTING. The question of obligatory voting ha

been brought under the notice of the House of Commons by Col. Aymot, who last night submitted his bill in favor of making every man responsible for the poll-

Obligatory service of the State is thus no new thing. The only question left for Parliament to consider is not whether obligatory voting is a right or wrong principle to affirm, but whether or not it is expedient. Of its expediency, of the benefit which it would prove to the community, no one who has had anything to do with the "getting out of the vote" at election times can have any doubt. Every active party man knows that the absentee voters are chiefly composed of two classes: (1) Those who look down with lefty contempt upon the service of the public and hold aloof from politics because of the supposed vileness or inconsistencies of their fellow-men who interest themselves in affairs of State; (2) those who look upon a vote as a marketable commodity, to be sold for a price, and who decline to go to the polls except for value received. The men who aid to bring out the vote know how much trouble these two classes give. They know how unsatisfactory all this shirking is, and if they were at liberty to expose the tactics of the past they could show how much corruption has resulted from the state of matters to which the lack of an obligatory voting law has given rise. The evils are many, and Parliament should not shirk the responsibility of applying the only effective remedy so far proposed.

We favor the adoption of the principle of obligatory voting because it would make each man responsible for polling his own vote, just as it makes each juryman summoned responsible for answering his name when the panel is called. We indorse the principle because it would do much to econpmize the time and money of both politi-cal parties now spent in coaxing men to do their duty. The adoption of the principle would aid in making electoral campaigns less corrupt; it would put down personation and perjury, now all to o previ lent, and it would firmly establish the democratic principle of "one man, one sote," to which the Liberal party here and in Great Britain has given its adhesion, and to the adoption of which we have yet to DISSIPATING A GREAT FORTUNE. Difficult as it may be to make a great forune, it seems to be even a harder task to

lispose of it at death in the way that will do the least harm. A complete history of the Stewart millions would naturally include as its last chapter an account of the distribution of the money after the great merchant's death, but this last chapter is stretching out to the proportions of a second volume, which threatens to become much more intricate and sensational than the first. A. T. Stewart, the millionaire New York merchant, left no children to erpetuate his name and fortune; his widow survived him only a few years, and now that his colossal business is carried on by other men, his name, which used to be almost a household word throughout America, is heard chiefly in the courts of law. Ex-Judge Hilton and the other heirs who have battled incessantly for his money ever since his death, have compromised their differences by agreeing upon a division of the property, and are now c

last night submitted his bill in favor of making every man responsible for the polling of his own vote.

There was a disposition on the part of Sir John Thompson and other members of the House to raise objections to the measure because the penalties which the mover proposed for non-compliance with its provisions were too severe, but Col. Amyot very soon disposed of the supposed bugbear by asserting that so long as the principle was affirmed he was prepared to let Parliament modify the penalty. Col. Amyot takes the proper ground. If it is right and proper that each man should go to the polls, or express religious or conscientious scruples against that course, then it should not be difficult to crystalize this view into law or provide a reasonable penalty. Col. Amyot's bill suggests fine or imprisonment and disfranchisement for a period would meet the case. But that is a minor consideration.

Parliament should have no difficulty in affirming the principle that a vote is a trust to be used in the public interest. If it is not used, then it seems fair that the public should know the reason why. But some say they are opposed to compulsory votting—a better term is obligatory voting.

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Notwithstanding the depression preva-lent in various branches of business, and with losses unusual in amount to provide for, this old-established institution has experienced a successful year. The result has enabled the directors to pay two dividends of 5 per cent. each and place \$100,-000 to the credit of the rest account, which fund now amounts to \$1,600,000, equal to 80 per dent. of the capital stock.

WHAT THE "ADVERTISER" THINKS ABOUT IT.

London has several prohibitory laws. For LONDON has several prohibitory taws. For example, under penalty, no man can put water on his lawn except at certain hours. Sometimes the law is contravened, but no one has called for its repeal

CONSERVATISM will take a fresh start. The "rotten" portions will be shaken off and all the boodling brigade will be relegated to that obscurity which is their natural and proper place.—[St. Catharines Star (Conservative).

Tut, tut. Don't you know that the edict has gone forth that it shall be contended that there is no boodling brigade, and that Rykert shall be restored to his place as Conservative leader in Lincoln county?

PERHAPS the Government organs will be good enough to inform us whether the reciprocity negotiations of next October are to be a sham, or whether protection is or is not the "old policy."—[Montreal Witness.

They will not do it. We are to have bye-elections soon, and the high tax news-papers must be left a free hand, for in some constituencies, as at last general election, the Ministers, if they are not defeated meanwhile, will preach reci-procity in natural products alone, while

in others they will labor to prove that Canadian famers would be sufferers by AWFUL ITCHING SKIN. reciprocity of that description. ###

THE attention of those who think that alcohol is necessary for ordinary medi cal use is drawn to the statement by Dr. Bucke, superintendent of the Asylum for the Insane in this city. In his last annual report, Dr. Bucke says that "During the past year neither mechanical restraint nor alcohol in any form has been used at the asylum. This makes seven years during which we have used no alcohol nor alcoholic beverage either in sickness or in health."

THE PRESBYTERIANS.

Closing Sessions of the Gen eral Assembly.

Interesting Facts Regarding the Church Membership and Pastorate—The Hamilton Presbytery to Remain Intact,

division of the property, and are now compelled to combine against outside attacks on the estate, brought by Irish and Scottish claimants to the Stewart fortune. Only the other day affidavits were presented in the United States Circuit Court going to prove that there is a big conspiracy to defraud the Stewart estate. Laying up treasure on earth was never more forcibly shown to be a laying up of profitless onmity and strife.

INDIANS AS SOLDIERS.

Miss Elaine Goodale, superintendent of schools among the Sioux, is perhaps the best authority on the Indian question of any American living. She has devoted the best part of her life and work and thoughts to the subject, and the reasons she gives why the Indians should not be enlisted in the United States army are deserving of attention. Her argument is that the noble qualities called into exercise by war can be swill be infinitely better employed as stock will be infinitely better employed as stock as serving of the church in the Dominion In the Synod of Monitreal and Ottawa there are to the church in the Dominion. In the Synod of Monitreal and Ottawa there are to the church in the Dominion. In the Synod of Monitreal and Ottawa there are to the church in the Dominion. In the Synod of Monitreal and Ottawa there are to the church in the Dominion. In the Synod of Monitreal and Ottawa there are to the church in the Dominion. In the Synod of Monitreal and Ottawa there are to the church in the Dominion and Condon Synod there were 3 Presbyteries with 317 churches and stations supplied with pastors, being 5 less than was reported last year. The Synod of Monitreal and Ottawa there are to the church in the Dominion and London Synod there were 3 presbyteries with 317 churches

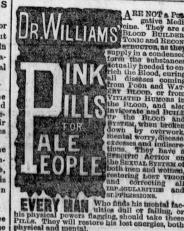
municants on their own profession of faith and 7,004 on certificates.

Dr. Gregg, Toronto, made an interesting comparative statement of the condition of church pastorate and membership, etc., during the nest consumer. In 1821.

The Equal Rights Committee reported and were reappointed.

A memorial from Calgary Presbytery sought assistance from the Assembly to found a Presbyterial library for the special benefit of the miners and lumbermen of that district A resolution was passed expressing sympathy with the movement, and donations in kind for this purpose sent to Dr. Robertson, 544 Church street, Toronto, would be gratefully received and shipped freight free to Calgary. This being the last item of business before the house, the usual votes of thanks passed, the benediction was pronounced, and thus ended the seventeenth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

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