## POLITICAL NOTES.

OTTAWA, Oct. 31.—The writs for a new election in Joliette have been issued. Polling takes place on the 14th of

OTTAWA, Oct. 31. — No protest has as yet seen entered in re the County of Carleton

OTTAWA, Oct. 31.—Mr. Boyd, of Vank-leek Hill, denies that he ever had any in-tention of opposing Hon. John O'Connor.

CENTRE HURON. GODERICH, Nov. 2.—The following are the correct returns :-

Cartwright's majority.

NORTH HASTINGS. Belleville, Nov. 2.—It is reported that no opposition is to be offered to the re-election of the Minister of Customs in North

St. John, N.B., Nov. 2.—The nomina-tion for St. John City is fixed for Monday. There is no talk of opposition to Mr.

MONTREAL, Nov. 2.—A petition against the return of Dr. Christie, M. P. for Argenteuil, was filed to day at St. Scholatique. It alleges britery and corruption by the respondent as well as his agents. SOUTH SIMCOR. A few of the main warm friends of Mr.

A few of the main warm friends of Mr. Parkhill, the newly elected member for South Simcoe, met him on his return home at the Alliston station, and presented him with a congratulatory address, of which the following is the text:

Dear Sir,—We, the Conservatives of Alliston, approach you with our hearty congratulations upon the result of yesterday's election. Defeat was never anticipated, but such a pronounced victory for yourself and the party to which you have the honour to belong, was not looked for even by the most sanguine. A majority in every municipality but one, is something to rejoice at even in the Banner Riding of Liberal-Conservatism. This unqualified success we attribute to the personal popularity of our candidate, as much as to the unswerving political integrity of this constituency.

The happy issue of the late contest is only a fitting reward for your unfinching adherence to the cause of union and progress, and your tolerance of views that may conflict with your own.

May you wear your honours long and taithfully, adding day after day to the large measure of public esteem and confidence you now enjoy.

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AYLMER, Nov. 1.—The Reformers of East Elgin o-day chose Mr. T. Nairn as their candidate to conest the coming election for the Local House.

## VENNOR ON WEATHER.

He Predicts a Hard Winter. The following are Vennor's prophecies

or 1878:—
December 8th, 1877.—One winter, however, I have already in view, namely, that of the years 1878-79—which will in all probability follow an intensely hot and dry mid-summer (1878). This winter (1878-79) will in all likelihood be exceedingly severe with early snow falls.

March 9th, 1878.—The autumn of 1878

will set in early and cold, and the winter of 1878-79 will be, as I have before forecast, severely cold, but with comparatively little precipitation.

March 27th.—And this year I expect the autumn to set in early, with probably advanced snow falls. The true summer season bids fair to be short and sweet—this

of my October forecast.

September 13th.—After an early fall of snow we shall probably have a beautiful "Indian summer" in the month of October, and winter will set in early in November, with abundance of snow from the out-

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September 24th.—Unless I am greatly mistaken, the setting in of the winter of 1878-79 will be as marked for its unusual earliness as was that of 1877-78 for its extreme lateness. Navigation will close early and will not open until late, so that the winter will be a long one.

October 26th.—As I long ago forecast, the winter is about to set in unusually early and very severely. The forests are already as bare of leaves as in midwinter, and almost one month earlier than for the last three or four years. The rivers are very high for the season, and the swamps are overflowing. Bears have been more numerous than for very many years, and crowd into the settlements in search of feed wherewith to fatten speedily for the rapidly approaching cold. Each cold relapse of the weather is increasing in severity, and the winds return more constantly to easterly and north-easterly points. I expect to see good sleighing and severe cold in November, instead of the bare ground and absence of frost as experienced for the last two years. In December we may expect a tempestuous month, with heavy blockades of snow, as in the olden time. Then will come a lull or break in the weather. This term I cannot attempt to locate definitely, but it will be in proximity to midwinter. During this period the snows will melt rapidly, and will probably cause extensive floods in many parts of the country. This term will be much more prolonged than our usual midwinter thaw. Later again a second edition of winter will set in, with more snow and severe cold, and rivers and all waters will remain ice-locked up to an unusually late period. The rains now all waters will remain ice-locked up to an unusually late period. The rains now falling will remain until the temperature is conducive to snow, when precipitation in this form will continue through much of November.

Sudden Death.

Hamilton, Nov. 2.—Early this morning Dr. Charles F. Bullen died suddenly at his residence Catherine street. The deceased gentleman had a very extensive practice in the city and was physician to the I. O. O. F. and G. W. Ry. Co. At seven this morning a sick call was made at Dr. Bullen's to which the Doctor replied, stating that he would attend to the patient at once and for this purpose returned to his dressing-room to arrange his toilet. In a moment afterwards Mrs. Bullen heard a heavy fall in the room and going quickly to the place found the deceased lying on the floor in a semi-conscious state unable to speak. Medical aid was at once procured but 'cre it arrived death had set in. Deceased was born in 1837, having studied medicine in McGill College, Montreal, receiving his degree of M.D. with high honours. He afterwards served two years as surgeon in the Northern Army; returning, he settled at Wellington Square and moved to Hamilton in 1868. The deceased gentleman leaves a wife and two sons to mourn his loss. His death is attributed to heart disease, he having complained of a slight affection lately. Doctor White, Coroner, was sent for to hold an inquest, but learning the particulars of the death he did not consider any enquiry necessary. Sudden Death.

Mr. Hickson's private car is being fitted up for the conveyance of the Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise from Halifax to Ottawa. The Royal Arms have been painted on each side of the car, and the interior is being elegantly furnished.

It is stated that the lawyer, who defended Costaforaz at his recent trial in St. John's, is getting up a petition for presentation to the Marquis of Lorne, praying that the sentence of death on the prisoner be revoked and imprisonment for life he substituted.

The Sanitary Inspector of Montreal, in a report to the City Board of Health, says:—"In view of the large increase in the number of deaths by assal-pox and the approaching session of Parliament, I would respectfully suggest that the Board of Health should at once prepare a bill concerning receination, in order that a system may be obtained as soon as possible, founded upon the best possible basis."

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