

THE BALLOT IS SECRET.

Some of those working for Col. Prior are striving to create the impression that the ballot system to be used next Monday is not absolutely secret. Of course the idea is to intimidate some of the voters who want to vote for Mr. Templeman but would be in danger of Tory vengeance if their votes became known.

A DEGRADED ORGAN.

The Colonist has no excuse or explanation to offer for its suppression of the names of Captain Irving and Mr. Paterson from the list on Mr. Templeman's nomination paper. It is willing, therefore, to have the public believe that the suppression was intentional, that it deliberately garbled an official document for partisan purposes.

IN THE FRYING PAN.

New Westminster Columbian: "Our more courageous than prudent friends, the Victoria Liberals, who, in the face of very great odds, have undertaken to contest Col. Prior's return as a minister, and have been valiantly being carried on the fight since, have certainly reason to take renewed courage by the way things are going in the eastern by-elections.

WHOLLY UNRELIABLE.

The Colonist in its desperation is prepared to adopt any device, however despicable, that seems to promise a little comfort. This morning, in what must have been one of its worst fits of ugliness, it omitted Capt. John Irving and T. W. Paterson from the list on Mr. Templeman's nomination paper.

SMASHING UP.

A few weeks more will bring the break-up of the Bowell government. No ministry in the history of Canada has ever suffered a series of reverses like that which the late by-elections have brought to the men now in power.

arians are expected to bow down to and worship.

MORE LIGHT NEEDED.

The Colonist's Ottawa correspondent, speaking of the prospective remedial legislation, says: "This measure will, from all accounts, be of an exceedingly moderate nature. Indeed, the result of the recent bye-elections would seem to justify the government in proceeding cautiously."

AN EXPRESSION OF DOUBT.

The Colonist ventures the assertion that no eastern paper has "any expression of doubt as to the genuineness and the constitutionality of Col. Prior's appointment to a seat in the cabinet."

THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

The Colonist makes a strenuous attempt to controvert Mr. Bodwell's argument on the Manitoba school case, with the small success that might have been expected.

NO COERCION.

Mr. Laurier is as much opposed to the coercion of Manitoba as the Manitobans themselves. He believes coercion would be bad for the whole country, and that it would not help the minority.

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MANITOBA'S REPLY.

Victorians would do well to look carefully into the reply which the Manitoba government has returned to the Dominion authorities. It is couched in a firm and dignified tone, and places the case of the province in a clear light before the public.

"The desire of the legislature and the government of the province throughout the whole course of the proceedings, beginning with the enactment of the statute of 1890, has been to provide the best possible means of education for the children of our citizens."

VICTORY IS SURE.

There can be no doubt in the mind of any impartial observer that a victory is surely in prospect for the opposition candidate next Monday.

FORMALLY ANNOUNCED.

The Governor-General's speech formally announces to parliament the intention of the government to propose remedial legislation for Manitoba.

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member, in the house on July 7th last. Then before Mr. Wallace made his wild speech against coercion and against remedial legislation in Ottawa last July he showed his manuscript to Sir Mackenzie Bowell, and the premier said it was all right and kept him in the government.

A CONSERVATIVE OPINION. Mr. R. D. McGibbon, Q. C., a Protestant Conservative of Montreal, is not at all shy in expressing his opinion of the government at Ottawa. He spoke at a meeting in Lachine the other night in the following style: "It is only natural that after a party has been in power for as long as the Conservatives have that they, the appointed trustees and agents of the people, should have come to believe that they own the country, and that the electors were only serfs to be dictated to."

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of the Bowell government as regards the Manitoba school question. The gentleman referred to called at the Times office yesterday and expressed his desire to have the incident noted.

Residents in Victoria district are complaining that since the bye-election contest started the roads have been entirely neglected by the gentlemen who occupy the important office of provincial road superintendent. It can hardly be expected that the roads will receive much attention from that official until after January 9th, as it is well known that he is devoting his entire time to a canvass in the interests of Col. Prior.

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and trousers tucked under to prevent the snow getting in under my boots. I was jolting apart, I think many people are too sore on these bespattered and belaboured gentlemen's heads. This is the way intended to be a free country and all my friends as they please, provided they do dress, and if all these dukes, also all the gate-wearing farmers were eliminated from our midst, it would make a rather poor showing. It may not be so much the style of dress as the undeniable fact that many of them work and scheme around and by sinister influence get all the soft snags and easy fat bills. No sort of position can be got in government employ save by "backing." It is that and not the qualifications that are looked to, hence the people are disgusted and give their vote to a stranger (whose interests are not in this district) merely because he is evidently not "well-born." However, if he tries his level best to bring about the reforms your correspondent speaks of, he may, I think, depend on keeping his seat for a long time.

would, however, seriously advise Mr. H. to let our government agent alone, because he is the best qualified man in the district and I can judge such matters as well as anyone. What in thunder can your correspondent mean about practical men being a "man of the people?" As regards the former, he had a lawyer's training and has not only read law, but also studied it. As to the latter, he does not wear gaiters, treats everyone with politeness and affability, and exhibits not the slightest trace of any "pride of office." A government agent named H. was removed at the back of a newly-made M. P. P., especially one who has seen long service. Let Mr. H. do his work and work hard and abilities to the other improvements and time will show us if he can manage to effect so much. In the words of the Glasgow body when going to investigate a ghost scare, "We will see what we will see."

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INSANE CRY OF FIRE. In an Over-Crowded Theatre in Boston Has Terrible Consequences.—A Stamped.

About Thirty Persons Killed and Many Desperately Hurt—People Were Crazy.

Baltimore, Dec. 28.—Twenty-one persons were killed and twice as many more injured last night during a panic at the old Front street theatre in this city. Most of the victims are of the Polish nationality and Hebrew extraction. Many of them were taken out by friends, some being pulled up from the floor, while others were pulled up from the pit to come with people assembled to listen to a Hebrew opera, which has been given twice a week for the past month. The ticket office receipts show that over 2000 tickets had been sold when at 8 o'clock the sale of seats was stopped because there were no more left. General admission tickets were taken at the house, when it is supposed that at least 3000 people were within when the curtain went up on the first act.

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RESIGNATION. Sir Mackenzie Bowell's Resignation. The Duty of the Government.

Even the Phlegm Gazette is Also Dangerous. Ottawa, Dec. 31.—To-day is that Sir Mackenzie Bowell's resignation in Jacques Cartier nearly one thousand votes in that constituency were added by the latter.

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