Corrupt Practices at Municipal Elections.

Many of our readers may not be aware that, last session, the Ontario

aware that, last session, the Ontario Legislature passed a very stringent law for the prevention of corrupt practices at Municipal Elections. Instances of corrupt practices at such elections are, fortunately, much more rare than they were at the recent Dominion Elections, still, in times of great excitement, and when local or political feeling ran high, aspirants for office, or their friends, have been for office, or their friends, have been known to perpetrate as gross acts of corruption, in a small way, as ever disgraced a parliamentary election. Such practices have, in many instances, kept aloof from municipal elections men who otherwise would have taken a share in the work which devolves on councillors and whose volves on councillors, and whose sterling integrity and ability would have afforded ample guarantees that they would have done the work well. But having a higher opinion of the office, and being opposed to the em ployment of corrupt means in order to secure it, they have often left the field to the unscrupulous, unprin-cipled aspirant, who had no qualms of conscience about the agencies he employed for the accomplishment of of his object, and who often was de-termined to get into office at all hazards. This act will put an end to the nefarious practices of these gen-try, and will, in an indirect way offer an encouragement to honest and conscientious men, who are willing to give their services to their fellow citizens, but who will not bribe and buy themselves into office. The act provides that at least six copies of it shall be posted up, in a conspicuou place in each municipality previous place in each municipality previous to the election for councillors, in order that all voters may make themselves acquainted with its provisions. As the time for holding the elections is drawing near, we give a synopsis of the bill, and hope that it will be so enforced as to give an improved tone and character to our municipal bodies where such improvement is required. The following are the chief points of the Act:—

All persons are to be deemed guilty of bribery who give, lend, or agree to give, or lend, either directly or indirectly, money or any valuable consideration, large or small, or who promise to secure any place or employment, to any voter any place or employment, to any voter in order to induce such person to vote or refrain from voting at any municipal election, or who shall advance money for bribery, or cancel debts in nunicipal elections, or who shall advance money for bribery, or cancel debts in nunicipal elections, or who shall alwance money for bribery, or cancel debts in functional endingency of the same way any voter who shall fixedly or indirectly, by himself or bribery any other person, receive any money, gilt, situation, employment, etc., either for himself or for any other, for voting or refraining from voting, or for having done so, or who shall hire teams to carry voters to the poll, or who shall receive any pay for the use of such teams, carrisges, etc., shall also be liable for bribery under this Act.

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The legitimate expenses of candidates are declared to be simply those for actual professional services performed, and bone fide payments for the fair cost of printing and advertising.

The successful candidate at a municipal election, if found guilty by the Judge upon trial on a wit of quo warranto, to the election for councillors, in order that all voters may make them

The successin candidate at a municipal election, if found guilty by the Judge upon trial on a writ of quo warranto, of any act of bribery, or of using any undue influence directly or indirectly as aforesaid, shall forfeit his seat and be ineligible at any municipal election for two years.

The vote of any person so found guilty shall be void, and such person shall incur a penalty of twenty dollars, and be disqualified from voting at any municipal election or any by-law for the next two years.

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These penalties can be recovered by any person sneing for them by action of dobt in the Division Court having jurisdicticn where the offence was committed, and any person against whom a judge ment shall be given shall be ineligible either as candidate or voter till such judgement by attibled. The names of all persons so convicted are to be returned by the Judge to the Clerk of the Municipality in which the offence was committed, and it shall be the duty of that official to keep a book in which the names of all so reported shall be recorded for reference. If a by-law has been passed in contravention of this Act, or any one of its provisions, it is liable to be quashed according to the regulations made in the law to that effect.

Witnesses must attend when served with the order of the County Judge, as if under subpecna, and are equally liable to punishment for contempt as under said writ of subpena. Nor can they excuse themselves from answering under the plea of privilege or the possibility of self-crimination. In every case they must answer, though their evidence given messed in current shall not be used against them for any criminal offence execpt perjury.

On Tuesday in the Onebee Legislative of the Township, authority te grant licenses; and felt of the manner and client of the Municipal Electors of the Town of Guelph, and the Countly of Wellington.

On Tuesday in the Quebec Legislative Assembly, Mr. Molleur directly charged the Government with receiving a bribe of \$13,000, for renewing the contract to the Beauport asylum, and pledged his word as a member and a gentleman, to sub-stantiate the accusation if granted a com-mittee of enquiry. The Ministers pre-sent did not answer this impeachment.

me of the members of the firm, (now in rocess of dissolution), who intended arrying it on in his own interest. We carrying it on in his own interest. We learn that the price paid was \$25,800 and that it was stated by the auctioneer at the sale, that the entire profits made by the late firm during the past year, in the lumber and lime business, were \$40,000. We also learn that their Milton lumber mill has been sold for \$40,000 or \$45,000. Quite a number of Guelphites were at the sale at Lämehouse.

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lexander, Esq., on Saturday next, the 21st ist., at 2 o'clock, p.m. nassn—At Detroit, on the 13th inst., James Fraser, brother of Thos. Fraser, wood turner, Waterloo Road, Guelph, aged 24

years.

The funeral will take place from himother's residence, Waterloo road, on Friday, at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this notice. ANNON—At Glenlyon, Carrick, on the 17th inst., Mr. Samuel Shannon, aged 64 years. Deceased was well known for many years as Postmaster of that place.

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