

## DOMINION VOTERS' LISTS.

In order that the Dominion Voters' List be made as complete as possible, notice is here given to all parties who are eligible to vote at the next Dominion election that the necessary papers for nomination to be put on the Voters' List are now at the offices of Mr. Hugh McMillan, corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, and of Field & Son, 225 King Street. Persons wishing to make the necessary declarations will please call without delay and have the papers filled up. The doing so entails no cost on any one and only occupies a few minutes.

## The Evening Mercury

FRIDAY EVENING JUNE 28, 1886

At a Cabinet meeting, on Thursday, it is said that an agreement has been completed between Anderson & Co. of the Orient Line and the Dominion Government, for a fast steamship service between England and Canada. The terms of the contract have not been transcribed.

Two members of Parliament, politicians and office-workers, have been besieging the Government at Ottawa this week. Among them was Dr. Montague, ex-M.P. for Haliburton, who had an interview with Sir John Macdonald, on Thursday. The Prime Minister is hurrying through his work so as to get away out of the reach of the politicians.

From a statement supplied by the Finance Department the imports for the eleven months of financial year amounts to a million dollars more than for the same time last year. The duty collected exceeds that of eleven months last year by a million and a half, while exports are about a quarter of a million less.

As the Government printers, with the exception of 10, have been notified that their services will be retained. It is understood that as the 10 have not yet got any notification their services will be dispensed with. The mode of selecting the printers to be retained was principally through the political patronage they could produce. Among the dismissed are some of the best hands in the Department, holding leading positions, one of them being the foreman and another his son, and for no other reason but because they were Liberals in politics. Men who were with J. B. Taylor when that gentleman held the Government contract for printing, and afterwards with MacLean, Rodger & Co., whom they became contractors, and who have built up houses for themselves in the city, are removed, and some 'blacksmiths' in the trade, only a few months in service, are retained.

The Hamilton Times thus illustrates the advantages of reciprocity:—On Tuesday a Hamilton dealer, Mr. Morton, shipped 5,000 bushels of Canadian strawberries to Buffalo, where the price now rules at 12 to 13 cents per bushel. A few weeks ago, before the Canadian crop was ready for market, berries were imported from the United States, and the protestants claimed that this trade was an injury to Canadian fruit growers. As a matter of fact, reciprocity in the berry trade advantages to growers on both sides of the border. It is the means of prolonging the season during which the people can buy and eat fresh berries, and it need no arguments to prove that eating fresh berries is good for the health. Reciprocal free trade in other commodities would be equally as advantageous.

### The Committees Act.

Toronto, June 27.—A mass meeting of the local Knights of Columbus and Unions was called together at St. Michael's Hall in night for the discussion of the Anti-Combines Bill, as passed by the Dominion Government at the last session of Parliament. The discussion was opened by a communication by Mr. Charles Wallace to the effect that the Committees Act should not apply to the exercises of handicraft and the performance of labor. He said that the Knights should not be liable to section 22 of the Trade Union Act, and not have power. The speech disturbed him, and simply ignored the "exercises etc." and the Act should be taken as if nothing had ever been enacted.

Mr. Wallace said we must frankly admit that the bill was weakened by the Senate, but considered it would be better to let it pass without further action. The Knights had a large number of friends in the Senate, but they had met with opposition like pure prima facie. He referred to the meeting with the bill that had been introduced, and how the committees came down like water on the sand, to leave it in Committee, and, although they all voted for the amendment, not one of them voted to make it better.

The following resolutions were then carried:—That the meeting of this committee, in the opinion of the Anti-Combines Act is against the Trade Union Act; therefore be it resolved that we ask Mr. Charles Wallace to bring forward a bill against the Anti-Combines Act which they have lost by the destruction of Section 22 of the Trade Union Act.

Miss Maggie Wilson, a young teacher in the public school at Mr. Mory's, was the victim of a probably fatal accident the other evening while out driving with the members of the Methodist church choir. The choir was unmanageable and ran away, striking her out of her head.

## The Holliday Case.

The adjourned case against Thomas Holliday for selling beer in his operation, the 10 gallons was up again this morning. The magistrate gave his decision on the case, and the defendant was fined \$200. As it is of great importance to know, we publish the Magistrate's decision in full, for the benefit of all concerned.

The defendant is charged with a breach of one of the provisions of the Liquor License Act, namely, that he, being a brewer licensed by the Government of Canada, and the proprietor of a brewery, did it in his brewery, in the city of Guelph, on the fourth day of June, last, unlawfully sell fermented liquor, to wit, beer, in a quantity that was presented in an unbroken bottle of 1/2 gallon, or more, in a quantity of one-half gallon at one time.

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Subsection 2 of section 51 enacteth that every brewer, distiller or other person shall obtain a license from the minister by whom he is licensed, who is to be consumed in this Province; under which license the said liquor may be sold by samples in original packages in any quantity, as well as in that in which it is manufactured, less than one-half gallon at a time.

To this omission, I did not yield at the hearing, nor can I do so now upon mature consideration.

The only principle established by the Queen's Bench is that the defendant that does not receive a license from the minister, should be liable to a fine of \$200, or seven days imprisonment.

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If I am wrong in my conclusion the court will not me right. The evidence in this case satisfies me beyond any reasonable doubt that the defendant is a brewer, duly licensed by the Government of Canada, and the proprietor of a brewery, and that he has unlawfully sold beer in a quantity of one-half gallon, or more, in an unbroken bottle of 1/2 gallon, or more, in a quantity of one-half gallon at one time.

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