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-[BROWNING.

London, Thursday, Nov. B. ELECTIONS IN THE STATES.

Tuesday's elections were hotly contested in several of the States, and the results do not show as great a change as was anticipated in many quarters. New York re-mains Democratic, as also do Maryland, New Jersey, Iowa and Virginia; and Removelyania remains Republican. The Pennsylvania remains Republican. Republicans, however, have won Ohio and Massachusetts, were national issues were introduced more decidedly than in the other

The greatest interest centered in Nev York State, where close elections are the rule. Every effort is made by both parties to carry the State owing to the strength of its vote in the Electoral College. There was a reasonable probability that the Republicans would carry this election, but Flower, the Democratic candidate, has made a clever run, and a victory is recorded in his favor. The majority is placed at apwards of 40,000, and the Assembly is

and though Massachusetts has been conceded to them, it is by no means certain that that State has been carried by them as late returns indicate that Russel! (Demo crat) may yet have a majority.

Latest telegraphic returns concede the re-election of Russell, Democrat, in Massachusetts by a majority of about 4,000.

false pretenses. They won by the skin of their teeth. But the winter campaign killed their

leader. They persisted in the atrocious Dominion Franchise Act, thinking to gain advantage

from its operation. But the effect is not all partisan gain, hundreds of hitherto supporters of Sodom we should have said Ottawa-having become so disgusted with the expense, incom renience and unfairness of the present

method of making and marring the lists

that they will never again support the candidates of the high tax party. Nemesis does more than merely look on.

WHERE THE RESPONSIBILITY LIES. A contemporary jibes at Premier Abbout for having signed an annexation manifesto 40 years ago, and moralizes over the spectacle of an old-time advocate of political union with the United States to-day mounting the pulpit as a preacher of "loyalty."

It is declared to be as if the Devil were to undertake to conduct a Wednesdayevening prayer meeting, but with cloven hoofs encased in patent leathers and forked tail carefully tucked away beneath long coat-tails.

The ADVERTISER would like to see Canada an independent nation, but it sees no reason for condemning Premier Abbott because he advocated political union with the United States 40 years ago if at the time he really thought such a conjunction to be in the best interests of both countries.

To take other ground is to circumscribe the area of freedom of discussion to an extent to which we wish never in this Dominion to see it circumscribed.

Freedom of speech and of discussion is ne world-wide Liberal doctrine. Repression of freedom of speech has been

rom time immemorial a distinguishing trait of what Macaulay terms "the stern and unbending Tories. As to the undercurrent of feeling on

the question of equal political union, it is admitted on all hands that never in recent years has such an idea been regarded with less aversion than at present, and the question arises, to what is this to be attributed? Apart from the "Quebec question," the

change in opinion and feeling has arisen largely from the shock given to public confidence by the terrible revelations of the recent session at Ottawa. No intelligent person has ever denied that the material advantages of complete union would be as great as those which followed the union of England and Scotland, and our sheet-anchor of argument has always been our superior political holiness as compared with our friends and neighbors of the United States. No one but a hypocrite of the first mag-

nitude would longer vaunt any such theory of Canadian political impeccability. Truly, those who have brought things to

such a pass are the bearers of a large responsibility.

"REVISING" THE LISTS WITH A VENGEANCE.

Within the next week or two, the ex-Dominion Franchise Act will be proved to several hundreds of the citizens of London. It is just as well for them to bear in mind that the vexatious measure is the product of the high tax party, and that it alone is responsible for the annoyance caused. Nevertheless, the ADVERTISER advises every citizen whose vote is unfairly attacked, or who can give evidence to aid in the purification of the lists to attend the court and assist in this work, conscious that the first vote to take place on the list will likely be the last appeal to the people under this expensive, irritating, unnecessary measure

A revision has lately taken place Kingston, and we are not surprised to learn that so much discontent was bred by the operations under the act that the high tax managers attempt to make believe that the annoyances to citizens were very argely the result of Liberal action. The Whig lays that error out in good set terms, and shows that the Franchise Act, with all its wretched imperfections, is a product of the high tax party, "that it was designed for partisan purposes, that under the pre-tense of making the franchise alike the Dominion over, the machinery of the new law when placed as far as possible in the hands of men who are recognized party men, and who have not always been as im-

in his favor. The majority is placed at apwards of 40,000, and the Assembly is once more Democratic, though the Senate is probably Republican as before.

Ohio has always been strongly Republican, though a Democrat has held the Governor's seat since last election. The State has never re-elected a Democratic Governor. Two other candidates were in the field, the people's and temperance candidates, and it is, therefore, impossible to say whether Ohio has been in reality carried by the Republicans or Democrats, though the victory is given to McKinley. Whether the people's and temperance candidates have drawn most heavily from the Democrats have lost little of the pestige they have enjoyed for some time. While the result in some elections is not yet positive, it is safe to conclude that the Democrats have lost little of the prestige they have enjoyed for some time. The Republicans have held Pennsylvania by a very narrow majority, they have carried Ohio under circumstances referred to above;

absentse was of age, and his contention being disputed he sent repeatedly after the absentee and failed to produce him. Why? The young man knew he could not say what was desired of him, and so conside what was desired of him, and so consider ered discretion the better part of valor."

The act is bad enough when adminis-tered with some degree of fairness, but if its provisions are to be carried out as the Kingston journal alleges has been the case in that city, it is time the people took the The Ottawa politicans unfairly sprung matter into their own hands. Were the the general election in mid-winter and on statements made and contradicted under arrested for perjury, and the revising officer should have been the first to move. If, on the other hand, the revising officer has retained on the list the name of a young man who will not be of age till next pring, despite evidence to the contrary, he has been clearly guilty of a misdemeanor. Revising officers are unfortunately given almost autocratic powers, but they should be taught that there is a limit beyond which they will not be permitted to go.

THE UNIVERSITIES.

Kingston University has over 700 students n attendance, and McGill University, Montreal, has 783 students enrolled in its various faculties. A knowledge of these facts should secure many friends for the proposed improvement of the Western University. From the point of view of location and of population to draw from, London is better situated than either Montreal or Kingston.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

A GRAND demonstration will shortly be held in South Lanark in honor of Hon. John Haggart, Postmaster-General. — [Dispatch from Ottawa. There is a lack of details here. Wil

Sir Hector Langevin, Mr. Cochrane and the rest of Mr. Haggart's associates be on hand to help in the festivities?

SIGNOR BOUGHI, the distinguished Italian statesman, who was appointed to preside at the coming Peace Congress, has resigned. He was the author of an article suggesting, as a means of preventing war, that Germany should give back Alsace and Lorraine to France. and that both should then shake hands and make friends. There was strong teeling in Germany against the suggestion that this territorial recession should take place, and Signor Boughi, not wishing to impair the good results of the forthcoming Peace Congress, has resigned. The German projectors of the congress were afraid that the question of giving back the French provinces might be introduced as a practical subject for the deliberation of the congress.

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