

COMPULSORY VOTING.

"Apart altogether, however, from abstract questions, there is one feature about compulsory voting which will command the assent of all who are interested in the subject. It is that it will bring out the voters who do not vote at all, and who think we reach the sentiment of a good citizen when we vote on both sides, when we say that would be a great boon."

We live in a fast age. The old, ordinary way of doing even the most common things, will not be tolerated now. Nothing but innovations from birth to death. We are almost prepared to receive as a fact any announcement, however astonishing or at variance with the theories of the world, in science, art, politics and religions. We may yet be called upon to believe that some restless soul on board the "Jeannette" has not only discovered the true North Pole, but planted the American flag there, and has looked into and examined the whole machinery, and is now able to reverse the revolutions, change the climate to winter, etc., (now and winter orders from the apostle "Bob," Ingersoll probably filled to mobilize the world, instead of peace and missionaries. That some crusade doctor may tell us that tadpoles, under his system, may be set out, and by careful watching, transplanting, grafting, docking, and transplanting, a new race of animals—man's superior—may be arrived at; that a newer and improved Confession of Faith may yet be issued from the halls of Westminster, and accepted as the standard by both the Greek and the Latin churches, and that the heirs and descendants of the former compilers; that the Zulus may become the future teachers of art and trade to England and America; that Grant may not only secure a third term as President, but may be elected for a life, and that even Blake's Minority theory may be forced upon Ontario—we may believe; but, the line of credulity must be drawn somewhere, and we prefer drawing it here, before admitting the most monstrous of all shapes the franchise has ever threatened, and assuming the franchise to be compulsory voting. The franchise and compulsory voting can never go together; and yet the Hon. Mr. (statute of "Jupiter No. 1," of course, says it will be looked upon as a boon. It is absurd. The franchise is freedom—a privilege—a right granted. We may believe that Canada will accept any strange thing, but never compulsory voting. The idea is simply disgusting to freedom. Let us hear no more of it.

SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE INSURANCE FOR ONTARIO.

The Monetary Times, in noticing the appointment of Dr. W. T. O'Reilly to the above office, speaks of the duties as laid down as to form an impression on the non-professional mind that the Government Superintendent is actually to be the business of each Mutual Fire Insurance Company, or something very like it. The same principle that calls for the protection of the public, is an endless one. If the public are to be protected on all occasions when investments of money are made, there is a large field of patronage opened for governments. Grange societies, Odd fellows and other benefit societies, are all formed on the same basis, and Farmers' Clubs, for cheese making and other purposes, all call for Government supervision as much as Mutual Fire Insurance Companies. Why should the Dominion Government not appoint Bank Inspectors? We find that it is also well known fact that there are plenty of grounds for the appointment of inspectors or superintendents among the various, both official and private. Very few indeed of the many states that have been in their hands, say for the last eight years, have been so completely controlled as the law requires. By all means let us have plenty of Inspectors and Government Superintendents.

THE KINDERGARTEN.

The English Herald makes the following allusion to the satisfactory work done by the Kindergarten in the "Royal City." The Kindergarten system of educating children, first introduced in Germany, has now become an important feature in this city. An establishment connected with the kindergarten system, has been opened in the city, and it is capable of doing good work, and all the best experience and the beneficial effects of the system upon the young children, are anxious for a continuance and enlargement of the establishment. For some years the system, as it is called in the United States, and everywhere with unqualified success. The first kindergarten in St. Louis was established in 1877. The first in this city were forty public kindergartens, which between four and five thousand children are to be found. The kindergarten is compulsory, and a large number of school children are sent to it, so far that children under seven and a half, if sent to a primary school, must spend half the school day at a kindergarten, unless they have previously been in one for two years. Already the kindergarten songs have, to a large extent, replaced the silly rhymes that the children used to sing when together. There are men who claim that the kindergarten will make a marked step out of St. Louis in the next generation.

THE CANADIAN MISSION.

In the House of Commons, on the 19th ult., as already mentioned by called Mr. John Bright asked the Secretary of State for the Colonies if it was true that a deputation consisting of members of the Canadian Government was coming to England to ask Her Majesty's Government for a loan, or the guarantee of a loan, for the purpose of constructing the Pacific Railway? That was all he knew of the matter. The deputation was certainly not coming in consequence of any communication between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of Canada, and there has been no correspondence on the subject.

CROP REPORTS.

A Splendid Promise for the Coming Harvest. The following are taken from the elaborate reports of the crops throughout Ontario which appeared in the Globe of Wednesday. An average condition is represented by 100; 25 per cent. above an average by 125; 25 per cent. below an average by 75; and so on. In summarizing the Globe places fall wheat at 111 per cent above an average crop; spring wheat 4 per cent above; barley an average; oats 6 per cent above; peas 2 per cent above; apples 4 per cent below; hay 3 per cent above; corn 7 per cent below; potatoes considerably above; roots 3 per cent below; apples 20 per cent below, and other fruits 6 per cent below.

Stratford.—Fall wheat 130, spring wheat 160, hay 90, oats 100, peas 90, apples 100, roots 100, apples 100, other fruits 75. Area fall wheat above average. Spring wheat, barley, oats, peas and potatoes about average.

Norfolk.—Fall wheat 100, spring wheat 100, hay 75, oats 125, peas 125, corn 100, roots 100, apples 100, other fruits 100. Area fall wheat above average. Spring wheat, barley, oats, peas and potatoes about average.

London.—Fall wheat 100, spring wheat 100, hay 100, oats 100, peas 100, apples 100, roots 100, apples 100, other fruits 100. Area fall wheat about average. Spring wheat, barley, oats, peas and potatoes about average.

Waterloo.—Fall wheat 100, spring wheat 100, hay 100, oats 100, peas 100, apples 100, roots 100, apples 100, other fruits 100. Area fall wheat about average. Spring wheat, barley, oats, peas and potatoes about average.

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ALMOST A ROYAL DOUCHE.

On the Metropedia River on Wednesday evening of last week the Princess and the Duke of Argyll were both in the same canoe, which was manned by two Indians. While crossing the river at a point where there is some extremely rapid and turbulent water, the canoe was overturned, and the Duke and Princess were thrown into the water. The Duke was immediately rescued, but the Princess was not. She was found floating in the water, and was brought to shore by the Indians. She was then taken to a hospital, and is now recovering from her injuries.

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Milne's Planing Factory Burned to the Ground!

A Heavy Blow to the Manufacturing Industries of the Town—Building, Machinery, Lumber, Workmen's Tools, etc., Consumed. Shortly before four o'clock yesterday (Thursday) morning the large planing mill and saw and door factory on Mill street, recently purchased by Mr. Wm. Milne, were discovered to be on fire. The alarm was given, and before many minutes elapsed a large crowd of people were upon the spot, but before it could be got into working order the flames had taken possession of the entire building. The building being frame, and containing a large quantity of very combustible material, because such an early fire broke out, but fortunately it was not a slight nature, and readily broke, thus allowing the men to clear himself from the craft. It was, however, immediately destroyed, and although it was such a narrow escape, yet the figure cut by the noble man, as he rather ungraciously went out of the building, and other machinery used in a planing factory, including planers, saws, and other machinery, were all consumed, and a large quantity of lumber, shingles, doors, workmen's tools, office furniture, plans of buildings under contract, and other things were lost. The loss is estimated at \$20,000. The building was owned by Mr. Wm. Milne, and was used for the purpose of planing lumber, and other machinery used in a planing factory, including planers, saws, and other machinery, were all consumed, and a large quantity of lumber, shingles, doors, workmen's tools, office furniture, plans of buildings under contract, and other things were lost.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Marjory's borrow \$3,000 in advance of the assessment, this year. The profits of St. Paul's church, Palmerston, festival last week, exceeded \$2,000. Some festive merchants have adopted the cash basis in selling goods. Fergus horticultural society will hold its annual show on the 15th inst. Stephen Waterhouse of the Palmerston woolen mill, died Thursday. His remains were interred at Ingersoll. A vinegar factory to supply a demand estimated at 60,000 gallons per season has been started at London, Ont. The Dundas and Cornwall cotton mills are pressed with work, and find difficulty in keeping up with the demands upon them. Wm. Medill, treasurer of Marjory, has resigned, and was presented with a parchment address by the council on his retiring.

The flouring mills at Moorefield are at last completed, and are now only waiting for the farmers to bring along the wheat. T. J. Claxton & Co., have settled with their creditors here and in England at \$5 on the dollar, at 4, 8, 12, and 16 months. ZELU WARE PROSPECTS.—The period allowed to King Getaway to send in his submission of a prospect, and to have his name arrived from him. Much more hard fighting is anticipated. Lieutenant Carey who cowardly deserted to the enemy, and was afterwards captured and court-martialed for his unmanly, un-soldier-like, and un-British conduct. A very valuable man was killed in Queen's county, N. B., in the matter of adopting the Fenian doctrine. The vote stood 31 for and 181 against.

The closure of the Railway act providing for the impounding of cattle running loose within a mile of any railway crossing is being enforced at Dunville. Notice is given of the incorporation of the N. Lawrence Sugar Refining Company, limited. The company's capital is \$400,000, to refine sugars and manufacture syrups. An extensive fire occurred at Ingham, Ontario, on the 10th inst. by which several hundred houses were destroyed. The officials of Tulsa, another Russian town, have received letters threatening the destruction of the place by the Fenians. Twelve hundred sheep from Boston were slaughtered at Liverpool on Monday, as they were infected with the foot and mouth disease. The sheep were sent to the United States being scheduled as an infected country for sheep. Wm. Marshall, 4th con. Minto, raised a barn fire, Friday. A flash of lightning struck the barn, and the oil lamp where the men had sought shelter from the rain storm. All fell to the floor unconscious; but fortunately in a few minutes they regained possession of their faculties. Dr. De Wolf, who shot his wife at Wolfville a few days ago, confessed to the crime on Thursday. He was sentenced to the jail at Kentville. He tied a sheet to an axe handle, placed it across a step in the chimney, and the put a chair on the stove, tied his hands behind his back, and jumped.

South Hiram Morris Men.—The South Hiram moving machine came off at Exeter on Tuesday, and was well attended. The first prize was awarded to L. Sawyer & Co., Hamilton, and the second to J. C. Brantford, "Kirby No. 1," 3rd Street, Albany, Ontario, "Ironclad, Jun."

The person who supplied the pistol to Alexander Saloujevitch, who attempted to assassinate the Emperor of Russia, on the 4th of April is a physician from Weimar, Germany, who is also present in the police prison with Saloujevitch. Saloujevitch attempted to commit suicide after his failure to kill the Czar, and to have owned the horse by means of which he was assassinated. General Mesopot attempted to escape. A telegram from St. Petersburg authoritatively states that he has been sentenced to be hanged for life.

J. C. Robinson, general store, Moorefield, Ont., owing to a chapter of misadventure, has lost his confidence in friends and lost by being uninsured, became insolvent, and his failure was announced on the 4th June. A statement of his affairs shows that he had a net worth of \$1,700, and \$1,000 in stock and book debts, \$1,700 chattels and \$1,000 in real estate. An offer to compromise at 50 cents on the dollar on time with security.—Journal of Commerce.

The Sunday School excursion is to take place on the 14th inst. to A. S. Kingsville. The train will start from Guelph, calling at Drayton at 7:18, Moorefield 7:30, Palmerston 7:50; returning we leave Palmerston at 10:30, and the train will reach home before it is late. Fare for the round trip 90 cents for parents and teachers, and 40 cents for scholars. The trip under the management of the Wellington Sunday School Association, of which Mr. Smellie, of Fergus, is the secretary, and who will give any necessary information regarding the trip.

A NEW QUALIFICATION.—We never knew that a man could be called a "cricketer" until one of the qualifications necessary to make a good preacher, but from the following which is going the rounds of the press, we are enabled to see the case in the estimation of some people:—"Bishop Holmuth of London, has appointed Rev. J. St. John, King's College, Sandwich, made vacant by the resignation of Rev. F. Gore Elliott, M.A., to the vacant position of rector, and of very fine address. He is also one of the finest cricketers in Ontario, a fact which will probably be best appreciated by the Sandwich Cricket Club.

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