

Refreshments for Free and Enlightened Voters

Now that the candidates are paying up election bills and smiling, or otherwise, a perusal of the following may be interesting to them. They may thank their stars they don't live in times when an unfortunate candidate had to pay for "shaving and cropping off the heads" of free and independent electors. Nor do they now-a-days have to pay for a nurse, when a free, etc., has been on the "drunk" and got a big, sore head. The bill we refer to is decidedly the most original and mirth-provoking document ever submitted to the public gaze, and was sent by an Irish inn-keeper at Trim, in 1826, to Sir Mark Somerville, who had given orders that all persons who voted for him in a contested election for Meath, should be boarded and lodged at his expense. The bill is still kept in a frame at the family seat.

10th April, 1826.

To eating 16 freeholders for Sir Mark at 3s. 3d. a head, £2 12s.

To eating 16 more below stairs and two priests after supper, £2 15s. 9d.

To 6 beds in one room and 4 in another at 2 guineas every bed and not more than 4 in any bed at any time, cheap enough God knows, £22 15s.

To 18 horses and 5 mules about my yard all night at 13s. every one of them and for a man which was watching them all night, £5 5s.

For breakfast on tay in the morning for every one of them and as many more as they brought, as near as I can guess, £4 12s.

To raw whiskey and punch, without talking of pipes and tobacco, as well as for porter and for breaking a pot above stairs and other glasses and chaney for the three days and a half of the election, £79 15s. 9d.

For shaving and cropping off the heads of 49 freeholders for Sir Mark at 13d. for every head by my brother that had a vote, £2 13s. 1d.

For a woman and nurse for poor Tom Kernan in the middle of the night when he was not expected to live, 10s. 10d.

I don't talk of the piper or for keeping him sober as long as he was sober.

The total is £110 18s. 7d. you may say £111 os. 0d. so your Honour Sir Mark send me this *eleven hundred* by Bryan himself who and I prays for your success always in Trim and no work at present.

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in the place Jemmy Cars wife
his
Bryan X. Garraty
Mark.

ROD AND GUN CLUB.

A Meeting of the Committee of the Calgary Rod and Gun Club was held on Monday evening last, and the fact that every member of the committee, and all the ex-officio members, were present is strong evidence of the great interest taken in the matters connected with the operations of this club. Mr. Hodder the President, occupied the chair, and the other members present were Capt. McIlree, and Messrs Trott, Christie, Stone, Watson, McCullough, Kelly, Guin and W. H. Hogg, (Hon-Secy.) A long discussion took place respecting the suggested amendments to the game ordinance and a sub-committee was appointed to go thoroughly into the various suggested amendments, and to report to a full meeting of committee which will be held as soon as possible. Matters connected with the introduction of new varieties of fish into our rivers and streams were discussed. It was decided that Field Trials be held under the auspices of the club early in September. It was also decided to hold a Bench Show on June the 18th, and a sub-committee was elected to carry out the arrangements. We may just remark that exhibitors must be residents of the Northwest Territories and the dogs must be bona fide their property for a certain time prior to the date of the Show. Full particulars will be published immediately.

