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CHARLOTTETOWN, July 24.—The provincial elections were hotly contested, and some of the majorities are so close that it will not be certainly known until declaration day which candidate is returned. This uncertainty is owing to the system of special votes on property owned by absentees in certain districts being polled in other districts where they reside. But it appears certain that the Peters government is sustained by a

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It has also been decided to reserve to the Dominion every alternate claim in placer grounds henceforth staked off.

Among those posted in mining matters the opinion is freely expressed that the government has bitten off considerably more than it will be able to chew in regard to this royalty, inasmuch as it will be next to impossible to so supervise the output of these thousands of individual claims as to collect royalty upon the exact yields.

Moreover it is thought that if collected at all the brunt will fall upon the Canadian claim holders who while they

TORONTO, July 27.—There was a fearful rain storm here this morning, lasting from 3 to 5 o'clock. The press rooms of all the morning newspapers were flooded, and publication is suspended for the time. The damage is considerable. Many down town places were washed out, and a number of damage claims have already been filed at the city hall.

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