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EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is amusing to read the different sides of the political situation given by the various Toronto dailies. The World will come out and say that Hardy will not be able to hold the Premiership-that when the protests have been completed the Liberals majority will be reduced to none, and the same day the Globe will come out with an article saying that Hardy's majority is sure to increase to ten or twelve. But the people must waitthey cannot believe both political

The Government majority is increasing. It is now eight over all opposition West Huron has now a Liberal member by the casting vote of the Returning Officer. Mr. Garrow will know to whom he is indebted for his return as member. He should have no trouble in dispensing patronage. The Returning Officer and the Returning Officer is not should have no trouble in dispensing patronage. The Returning Officer is now in the ing. It is now eight over all oppositioning Officer has a good deal to answer for, and is entitled to recognition by the powers that be. Mr. Garrow's friends in the House of Assembly wil have some hesitation as to giving a name. Will they call him the Honorable member for West Huron or the Honorable Representative of the Returning Officer of West Huron.

After a protracted struggle in West Huron the Judge has decided that the vote was a tie. There was a great conflict of opinion as to what kind of a mark should count and what should not. There was a great variety of marks made on the ballots and a great variety of places beside the right one on which marks were made. If the Minister of Education would devote some of wonderful ability to devise means of teaching the electorate how to mark a ballot properly he would be doing a very necessary work. Why not have a stamp with a cross on it and have only one place after each name of candidates where the ballot could be stamped. A black ground ballot with names in white, and one white spot on which to stamp the cross should be safficient to keep the most stupid from making a

Election protests are now the rage. Onite a number have been entered and a harvest for the Lawyers is in sight There should be some way of blocking bogus protests. It any man makes an attidavit to assist in getting a protest against a cardidate who has secured a majority of the votes in his riding he the depositor, should be held responsible tor any and all damage and annoyance caused by his action, if he fails to show good cause. It is too bad that such a character should be allowed to withdraw the charge, and his deposit without paying for his fun. It is rediculous to allow such a farce in order to enable the lawyers to go on a fishing excursion for evidence, and in the event of failure in procuring the necessary witnesses to establish the charge, then to quietly drop out with a whole skin. They should have a good dose of their own medicine administered and have it well

In the case of William Pear, held at Brockville, ou a charge of shooting J. M. Schribner, near North Augusta, a week ago, a mass of curious information has come out. The dead man appears to have been a consistent and confirmed Lothario, and though a several times married man, of somewhat advanced years, and so deaf as not to be able to thear the warnings shouted at them, he was bent on an amorous mission on the night of his death. As a result of certain revelations made by the dead man's brother, Pear, who fired the fatal shot, has been rearrested and committed for trial in June next. Bail has Peen accepted.



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