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We were disappointed during Exhibition week, in the number of subscribers who called upon us. We expected to see a much larger number of our friends.

On Thursday last, the Supreme Court of Canada sustained the decision of the lower court, and disqualified Daniel Gallery, member of Parliament from St. Ann's Division of Montreal, for seven years, for corrupt practices in the last general election.

The by-election in Queens and Shelburne, N.E., necessitated by the unseating of Hon. Mr. Fielding will be held on Wednesday the 31st, inst., nominations on the 24th. Dr. R. C. Weldon, Dean of the law school of Dalhousie College, Halifax and former M. P. for Albert County, N. B., has been nominated by the Conservatives to oppose the Finance Minister.

The Patriot does not appear to have learned that by-elections for the House of Commons were held in East Elgin and North Renfrew on the 4th and 9th of this month, respectively. At least so far as we have been able to observe no mention of these elections has appeared in its columns.

The famous Prince Albert election trial came up before the Supreme Court at Regina on Thursday last. It is an appeal from the decision of Judge Pendergast who held the controverted elections act was not embodied in the constitution given Saskatchewan by the Federal Government.

In the election for the House of Commons held in North Renfrew, Ontario, on Wednesday last, the Conservatives won a splendid victory, electing their candidate with a majority of 1,026. North Renfrew has been a close constituency and has frequently gone Liberal.

The conference of the Provincial Premiers held at Ottawa last week came to an end on Saturday evening. The result of the meeting was an agreement between the Provincial representatives and the Government of Canada to have the British North America Act amended that the subsidies granted the Provinces at Confederation

be increased, and arranged on a somewhat different basis. The new arrangement is intended to be final, so that no further demands can be made on the Federal Government in the matter of Provincial subsidies. The total increase in subsidies will add to the annual expenditure of the Dominion the sum of about \$2,374,000. After much discussion the basis of increase was agreed to by all the Premiers except the Premier of British Columbia, who wanted exceptional treatment for his Province in consequence of exceptional conditions existing there.

The Provincial Exhibition

The Provincial Exhibition of 1906 has come and gone. It was a splendid exhibition both in the number and excellence of the exhibits. The show of fruit was grand, the beauty and excellence of the samples and the care and taste with which they were displayed rendered the exhibit in the highest degree creditable to the fruit growers of our Province.

Not only the products of the farm, the orchard and the dairy were on exhibition within the building, the fine arts, the mechanical arts, the products of factories, and the goods of merchants were also displayed in abundance, variety and beauty. Among our enterprising merchants who had splendid exhibits might be mentioned Messrs. M. Trainor & Co. whose show of furs and other goods was very large and attractive.

hibitions; Toronto, Ottawa, Halifax, Charlottetown, etc. Wherever they went they were sure prize winners. One bull weighed 1700 lb. Another weighed a ton and was valued at \$6,000. These are young animals too, and will weigh much more yet.

With all these attractive and valuable exhibits within and without the building it is safe to say the exhibition was not as successful as was hoped. This is accounted for by the unfavorable weather. Tuesday was rather cold; but the attendance was quite large and the trotting and other attractions were good. Wednesday was not very favorable, still there was a large attendance. Thursday was the day when the largest attendance was expected and for which the best trotting and the most interesting programme had been arranged.

Ottawa Weekly Letter.

The London Orime.

Particulars of the Stealing of the Seat for Hon. C. S. Hyman—This Conspiracy Part of an Organized System—Worked in West Elgin, North Hastings, West Huron, South Ontario, Brockville and Elsewhere.

Ballot Switching instructor Confesses.

Tells How He Gave Lessons in the Art to Deputy Returning Officers—Showed Them to Count Tory Votes for Grit Candidates—Hired by the Same Men Charged With London Conspiracy Preston, Reid and Other Public Men Mentioned.

NORTH RENFREW ELECTION.

Conservative Majority Increased from 220 to 1042—Largely on Account of Departmental Scandals and Election Frauds.

Liberal Member Disqualified for Personal Corruption—Cannot Sit or Hold Office for Seven Years.

Interprovincial Conference.

Ottawa, Oct. 13, 1906.

The Laurier administration received a harder blow at North Renfrew by election of Tuesday than in the East Elgin contest of last week. North Renfrew became vacant by the death of the Honorable Peter White. The record of the constituency since Confederation is as follows:—

1867 Bankers' Conserv. 86 maj.
1872 Findlay Liberal 102 "
1874 Peter White Con. 102 "
1874 (by-election) Murray, Liberal 1876 "
1878 White, Conserv. 363 maj.
1882 White " 143 maj.
1887 White " 248 "
1891 White " 79 "
1896 Mackie Liberal 63 "
1900 Mackie " 132 "
1904 White Conserv. 220 "
1905 Gerald White " 1025 "

chewas land deal, the "Arctic" and "Montana" affairs, the Merrin contracts and the numerous other transactions in which the public has been plundered are making a great impression upon the electorate and that the North Renfrew vote was greatly affected by them.

THE ELECTION SCANDALS. In addition there is a general protest against the various election frauds and crimes which have come to light. These include the Manitoba "Thin Red Line" scheme by which 9,000 voters were disfranchised, by the simple process of a party organizer since appointed to a government office striking out their names with red ink; the Prince Albert fraud where the alleged role of a whole district was recorded by officials who were never within hundreds of miles of the place but sat down in a camp on the prairie filled the ballot-box, and wrote up bogus names; the exposures of corruption and perjury at St. Ann's (Montreal) and now the sensational developments in the London election case. These revelations have followed each other fast. They indicate an organized system from the Atlantic to the Rocky Mountains.

THE HYMAN ELECTION SCANDAL. The inquiry goes on at Toronto into the frauds by which Mr. Hyman was elected last year. Additional evidence has been given of wholesale purchase of votes and of the connection of the general party organization with the crime. It appears that Jeremiah Collins, deputy returning officer in the London by-election, who has confessed that he purchased scores of votes at \$10 each and examined the ballots to see that they were marked for the Hon. C. S. Hyman before the money was paid, was thrust into the position on the recommendation of Mr. Hyman's managers in the campaign. The man who previously held that poll was a citizen of good repute in whom every one had confidence. He was rather surprised to find himself set aside on this occasion, and replaced by one whom the government press now describes as a man with a black police court record. The reason of this change is now plain to everybody. The old returning officer was not a vote-buyer. He would not have examined the ballots of purchased voters and signalled to the other conspirators how they were marked.

THE BALLOT SWITCHING MASTER. A most interesting witness on Thursday was J. O. Pritchett, contractor, who some years ago made affidavit to the part he took in stealing the seats of West Huron and Brockville in a federal by-election. It will be remembered that Sir Wilfrid Laurier choked off the parliamentary investigation into these frauds at the time they became dangerous. However, Mr. Pritchett is still alive, and the story he was not allowed to tell has now come out. Pritchett swears that he had close relations in elections with O'Gorman, who is now on trial for arranging the crimes. He says that O'Gorman and others paid him money on several occasions to go into constituencies and teach the deputy returning officers the art of "switching" ballots. He was paid \$50 at one time, and \$100 about a year for such services. Deputies were paid five dollars per vote for every one that was switched. A switched ballot is one which the voter marks for one candidate and the returning officer counts for another. Sometimes he does it by destroying the ballot given and substituting another in its place, sometimes it is arranged by the simpler methods of calling the wrong name when the vote is counted. Occasionally the trick is to destroy the Conservative ballot by making an additional mark with pencil or piece of lead under the finger nail.

PREVIOUS ACHIEVEMENTS. Pritchett swears that Malloy, who is also concerned in the London scandal, was much with him in these rounds. Among the constituencies stolen was West Elgin, where a number of trained switchers were imported and made deputy returning officers under assumed names. Mr. Pritchett had one subdivision in this election and says that he changed thirty-eight votes at his poll. "It was safer," he remarked "than buying the voters" Pritchett's evidence continues:—

"Well," continued Mr. DuVernet, "there was some trouble and talk of arrests."
"I believe so," said the witness.
"Was that done?"
"Mr. O'Gorman came to see me and advised me to leave the town for a time."
"Did he give you any money?"
"I could not have done otherwise."
"How much did he give you?"
"About \$100."
"Any more?"
"He sent me more through my brother-in-law in the city."
"Who paid you for your work?"
"Generally Mr. O'Gorman."
"Did he pay you in South Ontario?"
"No."
"Did you bribe some there?"
"Let it be little pay."
"Who sent you to South Ontario?"
"Wall, I went down under Mr. O'Gorman's instructions."
SAYS PRESTON GAVE IT.
"Who gave you the money to bribe with?"
"Wall, Mr. Preston and Mr. McDonald gave it to me."
"Was Preston?"
"Mr. W. B. Preston."
"Was he gave you the money. Where?"
"At the Commercial Hotel, Whitty."
"How much money did Mr. W. B. Preston give you?"
"About \$40."
"About \$40. I spent about \$30."
This Mr. Preston is the gentleman whose conduct as Immigration Commissioner was under investigation last session and whom Sir Wilfrid Laurier has just made Canadian Commissioner to Japan and China. Pritchett explained that Preston usually paid him in new Dominion two dollar bills, Pritchett worked under the chief party organizer and others. Regarding the South Ontario contest he said that Mr. O'Gorman arranged with him in Toronto to go to Whitty, that J. H. Grant, a school teacher, brought to him the deputies whom he was instructed to fix. Pritchett went to Brockville and was there twelve days. O'Gorman, Smith and Lewis, two of whom are implicated in the London scandal, conferred with him regarding the Brockville conspiracy. Following are further

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