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THE demand for the new edition of Magurn's Parliamentary Guide and Work of General Reference, just issued, has been so large that the remainder of the edition will only go a certain distance. All orders should be accompanied by a remittance of \$2.50 and each order will be filled in its turn so long as the edition lasts. Revised and enlarged, 465 pages. Address A. J. Magurn, P. O. Box 1050, Ottawa.

AT the Ontario general elections held in January, 1905, Mr. H. W. Kennedy, Liberal, was elected for the constituency of Port Arthur by a majority of 14. A petition to unseat him was tried by Justices McLennan and Teetzel at Port Arthur ending on the 15th inst. The judgment of the court was that the election had been a fair one in every respect and the petition failed, not only on account of alleged corrupt practices but also as to the scrutiny of votes. It is satisfactory to know that one of the first attempts to prove an Ontario provincial election corrupt in the present year has utterly failed. But we fancy there is no case in which some breach of the law could not easily be proved.

THE appointment of Col. Fred White, controller of the Northwest Mounted Police, to be Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, apparently means that it is the intention of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who is the minister in charge of the police to administer that country, so soon as it is of all the territory embraced in the new provinces, in connection with the Mounted Police. Col. White will remain controller and will have at his disposal the force by which alone the most remote portions of the territories can be administered. This will include the district of Keewatin and remove the anomaly which existed for many years by virtue of Keewatin being under the nominal jurisdiction of the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba who used to

make an annual visit to the district where he was looked after, of course, by the Mounted Police.

THE Canadian Railway Freight Association is reported in the daily press as deciding to conform to an order of the Railway Commission. Do the authority of Parliament and the force of statute law depend on the decision of an association? Presently we will have culprits deciding to spend the term in prison to which they have been sentenced.

AN Ontario morning newspaper asks why certain newspapers in Canada should be concerned about the policy of Mr. Chamberlain, involving the return of Great Britain to a policy of protection, and objects to certain criticisms upon Sir Gilbert Parker's references to the subject before the Canadian Club of Ottawa. If Canada is not concerned why are we invited to participate in a Colonial Conference to discuss the subject? A second look at the paper in question shows that wonder is expressed that these bold Canadian papers should "attack" Mr. Chamberlain's policy. Why, the same paper has more than once attacked the imperial policy of Russia and the Czar. Are we not to take as much interest in the welfare of the Mother Country as in the affairs of alien lands? As to Sir Gilbert Parker offering his opinion before the Ottawa audience which was gathered to hear him, that could do nobody any harm. There is no good reason why any person should be made nervous by reference to any question of public policy in any country. We are all concerned very much that Great Britain should be well guided in departing from a fiscal system under which great things have been accomplished. Hon. Gifford Sifton discussed this question before the Canadian Club of Ottawa, and why not Sir Gilbert Parker or any other member of the British or Canadian parliaments? You can't discuss private affairs before the Canadian Club, and the discussion of national public affairs is only possible by reference to political subjects.