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Grit Political Party

FROM week to week during the latter part of the session of the Dominion Parliament just closed, we have laid before our readers some account of how the Grit machine was manufacturing political purity in West Huron.

Five polls only have been investigated, and the principal evidence has been with respect to No. 4 in the Township of Colborne, and No. 3 in the town of Goderich.

Daniel Cummings was the deputy returning officer at No. 4, Colborne. He received from the returning officer a pad containing 125 ballots.

On the afternoon of election day, one of the conservative scrutineers, while standing near Farr, picked up a ballot initiated by Farr and marked for Maclean.

Goderich polling booth No. 2 was on the same street, and immediately opposite No. 3, where Farr presided.

At No. 2, Colborne, two ballots for Holmes were put in the box, on both of which the name of the deputy returning officer had been forged.

At this poll the 54 for Holmes and 44 for Maclean, and the 14 votes had been stolen from Maclean and given to Holmes by some person or persons.

At No. 3 polling sub-division in the town of Goderich, James Farr was deputy returning officer. He also put the counterfoils in his pocket instead of destroying them.

About fifty-five witnesses have either solemnly declared or affirmed that they voted for Maclean at this poll, although only forty ballots were found marked for Maclean.

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What has been the attitude of the liberal party towards the rascality which has been so distinctly proved?

Witnesses were bullied by prominent liberal lawyers in a manner seldom seen in a police court. The investigation was taken completely out of the hands of Mr. Borden whenever it was thought politically advantageous to do so.

This attitude will convince the public that the men who committed these offences are not misguided enthusiasts who have no connection with the liberal organization.

The efforts of the liberal organization in this direction are also shown by the fact that Mr. James Vance, the assistant chief organizer for Ontario, who was in charge of the campaign in West Huron, has been chiefly instrumental, according to the evidence, in inducing and assisting the deputy returning officer, James Farr, to evade service of the summons issued by the committee.

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Greatest expenditure in any one year during the five years' parliamentary term, 1891 to 1896, \$38,132,000. Expenditure in the last year of the late government, \$36,949,000. Expenditure in the first year of the present government, \$38,349,000. Expenditure in the second year, \$38,832,000. Expenditure in the third year, as acknowledged by the finance minister, \$42,026,000. Expenditure already authorized for the fourth year, \$43,430,000, with an additional supplementary vote to come at next session.

Average for three years of this regime, \$39,736,000. Increase over the average of the previous parliament, \$2,486,000. Increase of last year over the last year of the late government, \$5,077,000. Excess of the amount already voted for the current year over the expenditure of the late conservative year, \$6,480,000.

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LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

General Jaminet, an aspirant for the Presidency of San Domingo, was created at Cienfuegos on orders from Havana just as the steamer he was consoling on was about sailing for Cape Haytien.

THE LABRADOR mail steamer reports at St. John's that the Peary expedition steamer Dina passed Domino Run, Northern Labrador at 2 p.m., July the 24th. All on board were well at that time. The Dina hoped to reach Disco, Greenland July 29.

A FIRE in a barn in the rear of Mr. John McLean's residence created some excitement in Souris last Friday night. The damage sustained by the barn was not very great, but some hay and fishing seines were destroyed. The cause of the fire is unknown.

A cable from Arroyo, P. R. announces that the schooner Brudenell, Captain King, loading molasses there for Halifax has been driven ashore in the big tornado and is a total loss. The Brudenell was about half loaded at the time. The vessel was owned by Hon. D. Gordon, of George town.

ACCORDING to a Winnipeg despatch the Northern Pacific crop reports make the prospect on better than for years past. Twenty bushels is the lowest estimated yield in any part of Manitoba, the estimates running all the way to forty bushels. Wheat cutting has already commenced in many points.

In excavating for a sewer in Straburg, workmen recently uncovered a large quantity of Roman remains, some of them of great age. At a depth of 15 feet was discovered an old Roman mint, some of the precious metal remaining as it had cooled in the melting pots when the mint was abandoned.

While George Frank, Jay Gould and two young ladies were crossing the Lake Shore truck Thursday night their carriage was struck by an engine. Gould and one of the ladies were badly injured that they died. The other women, Julia a precocious condition. Frank was not seriously injured, but his horses were killed.

THE SOLARIL announces that within ten days tenders will be called for the enlargement of the graving dock Quebec, for which Parliament recently voted \$117,000. It also explains that work on the new Intercolonial Railway station at Levis involving an expenditure of \$80,000 will be commenced within the same period.

THE greatest racing race ever witnessed in this country took place at Rochester on Thursday last, between John R. Gentry, Searchlight and George Patchen. It was won by Gentry in two straight heats. Time 2:03 1/2, 2:04 1/4. After the race an other was made to match Searchlight against Gentry for ten thousand dollars.

A SENATIONAL development in connection with the affairs of the suspended Ville Marie Bank Montreal took place when warrants were issued for the arrest of William W. President of the Bank, Fred. Smith, Director, and Ferdinand Lemieux, Cashier, on a charge of making false statements regarding the bank's affairs.

THE Quebec bridge contracts will be awarded next week. Within ten days from now tenders will be called for the enlargement of the graving dock there, for which Parliament recently voted \$117,000. It is also expected that the work on the Intercolonial Railway station at Levis, involving an expenditure of \$80,000, will be commenced within the same period.

Up to 1 a.m. Monday, 50 persons were reported injured in Paris, including several policemen. No one, as far as is known, was injured by firearms. Nearly all were hurt by being crushed or trodden under foot. A body of rioters who had taken refuge in the courtyard of the Gare de List was expelled by the police, who made 25 arrests. Quiet has been restored.

The plague at Poom, India is daily becoming more virulent. The natives are panic-stricken, and are fleeing to the country in all directions. The streets are deserted. The relatives and friends of the dead leave hurriedly the moment the first pangs of lightening death there. There were 28 deaths at Hong Cong from the plague during last week, and 25 new cases were recorded.

In our obituary column today will be found a notice of the death of Reuben Tuplin of Kensington. Mr. Tuplin had been an extensive and prosperous business at Kensington for many years. He was a man of sterling integrity and was much esteemed by his neighbors and all who had any business transactions with him. He retired from business about ten years ago, and since then the store has been under the management of Dr. Darrah, Mrs. Tuplin and two daughters, Mrs. (Dr) Darrah, Kensington and Mrs. W. D. McKay, Charlottetown, survive him. Deceased was a native of Bideford England.

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Mortgage Sale.

To be sold by public Auction, on Thursday, the Twenty-eighth day of September next, at 10 o'clock, at the hour 12 o'clock noon, in front of the Law Courts building in Charlottetown, all the tract, piece or parcel of land situate lying and being on Lot or Township Number Forty-four, in the parish of East, in King's County, bounded as follows: By a line commencing at a stake fixed on the east side of the Bear River Road, in the southwest angle of farm lot number 11, leased to James Morrison, and running thence by the magnetic meridian of the year 1784 east eighty-four chains, or to the west side of a reserved road, thence along the same south one degree and six chains, thence west to the road aforesaid, and thence along the same easterly to the place of commencement, being known and distinguished as farm lot number ten, and is more particularly described and detailed on the plan thereof in the margin of a lease from Sir Samuel Curran to Lemuel Chaisson, dated the 10th day of November, 1858.

The above sale is made under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in an Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the twenty-second day of January, A. D. 1878, and made between Lemuel D. Chaisson, of Belle Bay, King's County, in Prince Edward Island, Payor, and Ann Chaisson, his wife, and Alexander Chaisson, of the same place, purchaser, of the one part, and Peter McIsaac, Roman Catholic Bishop in Charlottetown, of the other part, which said Indenture of Mortgage has been duly assigned to the undersigned by an Indenture of assignment duly recorded in the office of the Registrar of Deeds in Charlottetown. Dated the 22nd day of August, A. D. 1899. SIMON CHAISSON Assignee of Mortgage. Aug. 23-61

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