

THE HERALD.

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NOTES ON THE ELECTION PROTEST.

Messrs. Crockett, Gregory & Co., have been discussing the corrupt methods which they allege were employed on behalf of the government candidates in this county, and so indignant are they that improper influences should have been used against them to any extent whatever, that nothing will meet the needs of the case but the voiding of the election. What is to happen if the election is set aside, may be gathered from the street declarations of some of these people, that if the members are compelled to resign an opposition ticket would be formed which could have \$20,000 in cash to back it. This is purity with a vengeance. The opposition have been boasting for some days past that a strong four ticket would be in the field in the event of a new election. The names of four gentlemen have been mentioned and it may be remarked that the organization of the alleged ticket is not without pecuniary significance. A happy combination of men, reputedly strong in a financial way, will no doubt be secured if the contemplated scheme works. The Gleaner's cry is: "Give us \$20,000 to put down bribery and corruption," or \$5,000 a piece for each candidate.

Since Mr. Gregory's personal denials of being at the back of the petition are discredited by every one, and since the Gleaner party are pushing the matter themselves for all that are worth, the question arises: Where does Mr. Jordan appear in the business? We have a good deal of respect for Mr. Jordan, and think it a pity for his own sake that he should lend his name and credit to these people in their vindictive designs. Mr. Jordan can hardly be profiting pecuniarily very much by the proceedings, since Mr. Gregory is doing part of the work in his office and hiring another part of it done outside. We advise Mr. Jordan to get his pay as he goes along, and to tender this advice in a spirit of fellowship and good feeling.

Some very interesting developments are promised when the election trial comes on. If it ever does come on. That model purist, Crockett, the Gleaner, appeared at Harvey on election day with a handsome little fund and three or four gallons of whiskey in order to enforce purity in Mr. Gregory's interests at that poll. It would seem that comparatively early in the day he lost his money, because he had to make a substantial loan from our old friend, Squire Taylor, a genial, generous open-hearted Scotchman, who took Mr. Crockett's note for the amount payable at a future day. This amount, it appears, the purist through some untoward circumstances also lost, for a further loan had to be made at a later period during the day. It would also be observed that when this model purist arrived at the polling place, he naturally required a room in which to receive his friends and erect an altar on which to sacrifice to the Goddess of Purity. The owners of the house, in which the poll was held, were kindly people and accommodated him; but as with this exception, they were vastly indignant that when they vacated the premises he left behind him in the apartment four empty gallon rum jugs.

Other members of the purist party will probably hear something of interest. To give an instance or two out of many: When the Squire Gregory, whose soul is now torn and distracted over the corrupt practices of his opponents, visited certain of the polling districts before the election, he evinced the utmost determination that bribery should be put down with a strong hand. This our friend, William Fraser of Prince William, among others, will be able to testify on the trial, since the Squire Gregory insisted upon his accepting sixty dollars in cash from his own hand, with which to put down these illegal practices in Agria, on a calm evening in January before election, in the classic regions of Mouth of Keswick, when some friends were assembled chiefly for the purpose of concocting measures by which the torrent of bribery and corruption might be stayed, the Squire Gregory produced from his own pocket book and handed over to Jacob Estey the five hundred dollars which should be accomplished. "Frank, my son," he said "to my first, but to his second son" who by the way was treasurer of the fund by which bribery was to be utterly exterminated. "Frank, seventy-five dollars is perhaps a small sum for the back of Douglas, although the poll is not a large one. Hie thee to my trusty friend, Hugh Edgar, across the river, and place that amount in his hands and charge him as he values his moral character and reputation to stamp out all illegal practices at that poll." What the Squire Gregory had to say to other trusting friends, with a view of accomplishing these great lofty purposes, it will not do at present fully to detail; but when the little voices from the drug store on the corner of York and Queen streets, from the Elberts, the Bissess, the Sharkeys, the Duffys and scores of others are heard, how interesting will be the tale and how convincing will be the proof that Saint Gregory has indeed struggled manfully to put down bribery and corruption.

OUR RAILWAYS ABROAD.

Recent discussions in parliament have represented some New Brunswick railway lines in a very unsatisfactory light and indirectly have cast more or less discredit upon all enterprises of this nature in our province. This is greatly to be regretted for nothing can be more unfortunate than that at a time when so much English capital is seeking employment abroad, New Brunswick as a field for investment should become discredited. Undoubtedly several cases can be cited where bonds have been floated upon roads, which by no possibility can pay interest for years to come, and if any new road or any established line were to enter the English market and ask for a loan upon bonds, it would probably be confronted with the failure of other roads to make good their promises to pay. The country is greatly injured by this sort of thing; but it is not very easy to suggest the proper remedy. The English investor, that is the man upon whom the loss in the case of wild cat schemes must be got at. He looks to his broker, and the latter is more apt to be concerned about his commission than anything else. If he puts a worthless concern upon the market he justifies his course usually by showing that this, and that and the other member of parliament was connected with it and that the enterprise was of such importance that both the federal and the provincial governments aided it with subsidies. In two conspicuous instances, the New Brunswick railway, and the Northern & Western railway, the promoters of the enterprise put their own money into it and built the road without raising a dollar upon bonds. This is legitimate business and highly creditable to all concerned; but in too many cases the promoters of local railways have put into the work the ingenuity necessary for the compilation of a flattering prospectus, and when the work was done they were money in pocket, instead of being, as in the two cases mentioned, themselves the only and large creditors of the railways. Such transactions as the latter are beneficial to the country in every way. On the other hand where the object of the promoters of railways is simply to make money out of a sale of bonds, which can only have a substantial value sometime in the remote future, the country suffers in proportion as their schemes are successful.

THE INSULT TO YORK.

Mr. Gregory is getting even with the Hon. Mr. Blair. He adopts the tactics of the boy, who when soundly thrashed by another lad, is wont to uttering "You may lick me; but I can make faces at your sister." He cannot defeat Mr. Blair but he can slander the county of York. In this way also he gets a degree of satisfaction for the thrice repeated refusal of the electors of the county to have him for a representative on any terms. He has caused it to be published to the world, he says his organ, that over eleven hundred of the electors of York are not only open to bribery, but were in fact bribed to vote for the government candidates at the late election. This statement has been spread far and near. To every part of the Dominion it has been sent by wire and papers which scarcely knew that such a constituency existed, will be holding York up as an example of the depth of corruption to which a county can sink. The charge is as false as the heart of the man that made it, and no stronger simile can be employed. He knows it is false. He deliberately put it into circulation knowing it to be false. He does not even stop at charging that living electors have been bribed, but he has libelled the dead, and charged the government candidates with bribing men long since in their graves. The county of

York would not touch Mr. Gregory with a ten foot pole, and this is the way he takes his revenge. This is his crowning blunder. He is like one who, not satisfied with digging his own grave, must needs get into it and cover himself up. The electors of York will do well to consider what manner of man it is who hearse this insult upon them. In a gentleman with a long record for purity of life and high morality. The question is a pertinent one, and it is forced upon us by the manner in which Mr. Gregory and his wretched newspaper are running amuck among the reputations of honorable men. He need not think to escape the consequences of a revival of matters which he above all men ought to desire to see buried. He will not let the public forget.

WHAT MR. GREGORY THINKS OF YORK COUNTY.

Now that the election petition is coming on for trial it may be of some interest to remind the people of York county of what Mr. Gregory had to say of them when he realized the fact that he was overwhelmingly defeated. Speaking through the columns of the Gleaner, and in articles which bear the unquestionable imprint of his hands he said: Every hour that has passed since the election yesterday serves to show more clearly that Messrs. Gregory and Allen were defeated by the use of rum and money. The poll showed that Mr. Gregory was over eight hundred votes behind the Hon. Mr. Blair who headed the list of successful candidates, yet Mr. Gregory had the hardihood to say: Every hour that has passed since the election yesterday would have shown, had not rum and money done its work. Here is a delicate statement that Mr. Blair's enormous majority was obtained by corrupt means, by debauching the electors and openly buying them. Not content with his barefaced slander of the constituency he goes on to say: Rum and money won the day. It is the enormous quantity of rum and money which, with shame be it said, the constituency was bought for the government ticket that objection is taken. Here we have him not conferring his slander to Mr. Blair's majority, but to the whole constituency. It is a sweeping allegation that includes everybody. Then he goes on to show it was done and not slander those whom he thinks have not quite so much money as himself. To him apparently the amount of money a man is able to earn is the test of his honor, for he said: Right here in this city poor electors were brought up like sheep—most of them swallowed the oath without hesitation—the poor men of the community were literally led by the nose to the polls. It was under the oath that they were taken, and they swore most of them, the oath being taken without the slightest hesitation. What do the "poor men" of Fredericton think of this assault upon them? Because they were taken under the oath, they are being punished to the utter. They are being punished to the utter as being bribe takers and willful perjurers. With the bribe money in their hands, the precious fellow goes on to say, they would swear that they never had received a dollar. Then he exclaims: The same was true of nearly every part of the country. Rum and money have won. These extracts, which are from the Gleaner of January 21st, are given as a sample of the slanders which Mr. Gregory has been publishing about the people of this county. It is incredible that a man should thus malign a constituency which he has lived, and which he at one time aspired to represent. It is yet more damaging that a man should thus scandalize men who voted for him on previous occasions. Those "poor men," were alleged bribe takers and perjurers, were the same men who voted for Mr. Gregory when on two occasions he makes up for the attack which he makes upon them is without parallel in political history.

ROUND THE WORLD.

Subjects Discussed in the Great News Centres. During the debate on the East Africa credits in the Reichstag Baron von Marschall explained that the mission of Emin Pasha in Africa on the part of the Germans would be confined to establishing friendly relations with those tribes in the interior who are within the German sphere of interest and to estimating the cost of eventually forming some fortified stations in the interior. In the negotiations with England regarding the boundaries of their respective possessions in Africa the predominant wish of Germany was to go hand in hand with England, and to cultivate the common interest of both countries. The object was not to acquire as much territory as possible, but to keep together what was naturally connected by a course of waterways as a means of communication. On this point Germany was prepared to come to an understanding with England. In the debate on the estimates for the expenses of the colonies, General von Caprivi stated that he agreed with Prince Bismarck that the colonial policy of the empire could only be maintained with the support of the nation. As matters now stand the government cannot retreat from its position in regard to colonial affairs without the loss of honor and money. The change of his views on the system was not to be in any way implied from his assumption of office. The government would everywhere respect foreign rights and protect German rights.

ABOUT THE FLOWERY KINGDOM.

Yet a most important step affecting the world's commerce has just been taken by the Chinese government, through the signing of a convention at Peking which has been opened to the world, he says his organ, that over eleven hundred of the electors of York are not only open to bribery, but were in fact bribed to vote for the government candidates at the late election. This statement has been spread far and near. To every part of the Dominion it has been sent by wire and papers which scarcely knew that such a constituency existed, will be holding York up as an example of the depth of corruption to which a county can sink. The charge is as false as the heart of the man that made it, and no stronger simile can be employed. He knows it is false. He deliberately put it into circulation knowing it to be false. He does not even stop at charging that living electors have been bribed, but he has libelled the dead, and charged the government candidates with bribing men long since in their graves. The county of

merce of the world since the Chefoo convention, and is an indication of the desire of the present Chinese government, under Li Hung Chang's influence, to open all China to the approaches of western civilization. The London Times, in a description of the region of which Chung King is the commercial center, says: The Yangtze has a course of little less than three thousand miles, and for twelve hundred of these is navigable by steamers. It is the most important of Chinese rivers and penetrates and connects regions of enormous wealth. The country it traverses is dotted at frequent intervals with rich and populous cities. The soil almost everywhere is fertile and the cultivators are industrious. Its basin of more than half a million square miles would, if the whole of Great Britain were properly developed, keep the mills and furnaces of the whole United Kingdom in constant employment.

A STIRRING RACE.

Look place between the steamships Aurania and the City of Rome on their last trip from New York. The Aurania left New York Saturday, May 3 at 4 p. m., and City of Rome at 5 p. m. They kept each other in sight all the way across, the Aurania being always about five knots astern. As the ship neared Brod Head early Sunday morning the City of Rome led by about ten minutes and the betting aboard both ships was fast and furious. When they approached the Mersey the City of Rome was 15 minutes ahead and the passengers wagered with each other on board, while the spectators ashore who had been swarming to the pier to see the other from New York. The Aurania left New York Saturday, May 3 at 4 p. m., and City of Rome at 5 p. m. They kept each other in sight all the way across, the Aurania being always about five knots astern. As the ship neared Brod Head early Sunday morning the City of Rome led by about ten minutes and the betting aboard both ships was fast and furious. 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