

self about statistics. The house has had about thirty hours of statistical argument and Mr. Bergeron took another line. After all, he asks, does the Canadian farmer pay less for his blower than he formerly paid? Does he get his mowing machine any cheaper? Do the people find cotton and woolen goods more easy to buy? Are their farm products bringing a higher price, and with the same quantity of farm produce buy more goods in the village store? These are the questions which come home to the people. The minister comes here with an increase in the preference. Mr. Tarte gives himself a dinner at Val-Joyick and tells the manufacturer that this protection will not be reduced. Mr. Dobeil condemns the fast line. Then he takes it up and pretends to have a contract. Then the contract falls and all the time Dobeil says it is all right. The minister for the exterior, as Mr. Bergeron calls Mr. Dobeil, comes to the house now and talks about free trade, while he is elected as a protectionist and a conservative.

The minister of railways assures the house that the canals are completed, and Mr. Tarte last year inaugurated the completion of the Beauharnois canal. Immediately afterwards he ceased operations and has not been completed yet. The government had cancelled the conservative contracts on these canals, laying themselves liable for damages, giving them out at a higher price to get contracts. The canals will not be completed as soon as they would have been if the original contract had been carried out.

Then here is the premier. In 1891 commercial reciprocity with the United States was his policy. He told us after the election that year that it would be his guiding star to the end. A few years later preferential trade was his guiding star. Then he went to England and opposed this policy, finding a guiding star in the opposite side of the heavens. He has had a whole firmament for guiding stars and never steers long in one direction.

The finance minister comes to the house to tell us that a preference has been created for us in the hearts of the English people, though they buy from the United States more than ever they did before. He tells us that we are increasing our purchases of English goods, whereas they have been during the last two years that they were in the previous three, while our imports from the United States have increased forty per cent. It is not the British manufacturer who is capturing our markets and swamping our industries, it is the United States producer. If you want to protect yourself, says Mr. Bergeron, keep sufficient protection against all the world and raise your duties still higher against foreign countries. My policy said he is to protect the Canadian manufacturer and the Canadian farmer.

The premier of Canada had not only changed his attitude in regard to imperial preferences but in respect to assisting the empire. When he was at the public he told the people of England that we were ready to shed all our blood and pour out all our treasure to help the mother country. He came back to Canada with the words, "Don't be afraid, but let us say such things because Sir Charles Tupper forces him to do it, but he doesn't mean a word of it."

And Mr. Sifton they say has gone away for an operation. Others say it is an operation in the Yukon, where Mackenzie and Mann in financial circles that he is carrying on. But whatever it is, he could not undertake it while his friends in Manitoba wanted him to fight their battle, and he has gone away now when the house wants to enquire into the Yukon scandals. He evaded the enquiry a year ago. He escapes it now. Meanwhile loyal, industrious, and honorable Canadians in the Yukon are writing home disgraceful accounts of the booting and blackmail that goes on up there.

We have also lost Mr. Tarte. We don't know where he is. One day he is in London federating the empire. One day he is in Paris, where he is more French than the Frenchmen. The next day he is with Dr. Leyds, making terms for Paul Kruger. Whether he is in Brussels or Berlin or Johannesburg we do not know. But wherever he is he has a retinue about him larger than Li Hung Chang ever carried, and has the handling of \$50,000 of appropriation.

Altogether, according to Mr. Bergeron, this is a remarkable ministry, only to be compared with the Quebec government led by Sir Wilfrid's former mentor, Count Mercier. Mr. Tarte has succeeded to the control of Sir Wilfrid and is running this government a wild race. According to Mr. Bergeron, it has been very entertaining, but to the people of Canada it is becoming wearisome. It is time to bring the race to an end.

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CIVIC ELECTIONS.

Dr. J. W. Daniel, Elected Mayor by a Large Majority.

Ald. Allan Beaten by Col. Armstrong - Dr. Christie Re-elected.

Thos. R. Hilyard and Ald. Seaton Chosen as Aldermen-at-Large - Ald. Tufts Re-elected - Ald. Stackhouse Defeated.

The civic elections passed off quietly Tuesday, though the results in some cases were of a surprising nature. Probably the greatest interest centered in the mayoralty contest and that in Lansdowne ward. In the former there had been a general opinion that the fight between Daniel and Sears would be close, while quite a few people entertained great expectations of James Moulson's candidature. Count DeBury also was rather an unknown quantity. The latter failed to secure a majority in any ward. He had second place in Stanley and Lansdowne wards. James Moulson had a majority in Victoria ward, and generally third place in most of the others. Mayor Sears did not lead in any ward, but tied with Dr. Daniel for first place in Prince ward. Mayor-elect Daniel had a majority in every ward except Victoria and Pripps. Moulson and DeBury divided about a thousand votes between them, while Mayor Sears polled four less than one thousand, and Dr. Daniel, with 1,608, had the handsome as well as unexpected plurality of 612 votes. Mayor Sears some years ago was an alderman for Queens ward and has filled the civic chair for two years. In 1897 he unsuccessfully opposed Mayor Robertson, who was trying for a fourth term. In 1898 Mayor Sears defeated Dr. Daniel, and in 1899 was opposed by W. B. Wallace, whom he also defeated. Always an opponent of a third term, he failed in securing one for himself.

The aldermen-at-large election was hotly contested. Thos. R. Hilyard and C. Ernest Wilson were late in the field as candidates, and Mr. Wilson was not very well known to the electorate. The result is the re-election of Ald. Seaton, who has served many terms at the council, and the defeat of Ald. Keast by Mr. Hilyard, who has not previously had civic experience. Guys ward was a subject for even betting for some time before the polling. In this ward Ald. Colwell, who was a member of the council in 1893 and again for several terms since union, was opposed by Ald. Stackhouse. The latter represented the ward from 1885 until 1892, when he was defeated. He again succeeded in 1896, and has represented that ward until the present time. About a year ago he moved into Guys ward, and being no longer qualified in Brooks ward, entered the contest for Guys. The Carlston contest was close, there only being five votes of difference in Guys and Brooks wards. Generally speaking, Ald. Stackhouse won in the north end and lost in the central portion of the city, Ald. Colwell being re-elected by a majority of 140. In Dukes

ward, Ald. Tufts was opposed by Alex. W. Baird, who was late in entering the field. Ald. Tufts leads the poll with 1,877 votes, beating Mr. Baird by 373 votes.

In Kings ward there was an exciting contest. Ald. Allan, who won last year by a majority of about 55 over J. R. Armstrong, his present opponent, was defeated by 78 votes this year. Ald. Allan lives in Guys ward, does business in Queens, and has an office in Kings ward. Ald. Allan has served one term at the board, and Col. Armstrong, who replaces him, contested the ward in 1898 against Joseph E. Hann and in 1899 against Ald. Allan, both times unsuccessfully. He is new to civic life.

The big contest was that in Lansdowne ward, where Ald. Christie, who was a member of the old city of Fortland county, and has served continuously in the city council since the union, was again opposed by Dr. John M. Smith, the well known dentist, who has twice before contested the ward. Last year Dr. Smith was within 75 votes of winning, but this year he came out 177 behind. Ald. Christie was defeated in the eastern part of the city, but was elected by the large vote of the north end. He was especially opposed by the Civic Reform Club, lately formed and for some time his defeat was thought to be certain. Dr. Smith relied largely on the silent vote, which, however, does not appear to have been as large as was anticipated. There were demonstrations at Dr. Christie's residence that evening, as well as in front of Mayor-elect Daniel's, while a rousing meeting was held in the headquarters of the latter in Ring's building, Germain street, at which the mayor-elect, several aldermen and ward workers made brief addresses.

GAVE TWEEDIE A BLACK EYE. CHATHAM, N. B., April 17.-W. S. Loggie defeated Provincial Secretary Tweedie in the mayoralty contest here today by 25 votes. In spite of the lavish payment of defaulters' taxes by Tweedie's friends, George Watt and James F. Milner were elected in Queens ward, Watt polling the largest vote of any candidate in the contest. Edward Gallivan and Robt. A. Murdoch were elected in Kings ward; Alexander Burr and Michael Morris in Wellington ward, and Andrew MacIntosh and Alexander McKay in Dukes ward.

AT NEWCASTLE. NEWCASTLE, N. B., April 17.-In the civic election held here today, Donald Morrison was elected mayor, and Hon. Allen Ritchie, Wm. Hickson, Phimey Hennessy, S. Leunsbury, Major Malby and H. Williston, aldermen. All the old tickets were defeated by a large majority.

AT CAMPBELLTON. CAMPBELLTON, April 17.-In the civic election held here today, Alexander polled 145 votes and George G. Mackenzie polled 144. At the declaration proceedings this evening W. A. Mott endeavored to secure a recount. Messrs. Montgomery, McLachy and Murray contested the application. Returning Officer Verge granted the application, but Mr. Mott, on behalf of Mr. Mackenzie, consented to Mr. Alexander being declared elected when he saw that Mr. Alexander's friends were going to contest every step. The whole local government machine opposed Alexander.

will be open to Canadian gentlemen, as already stated.

Directions as to applications and necessary qualifications will be inserted in the Canadian Gazette as soon as possible.

NEW INVENTIONS. Below will be found a list of American patents recently granted to Canadian inventors through the agency of Marion & Marion, solicitor of patents, New York Life building, Montreal: 647,423-Fresman Pavyant, Lockport, N. S., solderless can. 647,074-Samuel W. Butterfield, Three Rivers, P. Q., slab-barking machine. 646,995-Edwin C. Johnson, Shutesbury, Mass., self-measuring faucet. The following U. S. patents have also been granted to Canadian inventors this week: 647,079-John Currie, Montreal, P. Q., car-fender. 647,131-Cyrus S. Dean, Fort Erie, Ont., cleaner or scraper for boiler tubes or flues. 647,132-Cyrus S. Dean, Fort Erie, Ont., combined fire stop and scraper for boiler flues. 647,352-Robert P. Woodil, Winnipeg, Man., machinery for manufacturing bolt bottles. The inventor's help will be sent to any address upon receipt of 10 cents.

"Of wish O'd never learned to use ty," said Mr. Dolan. "Fur what reason?" asked Mr. Rafferty. "Because I would be so much asierly break off the habit now."-Washington Star.

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FAMOUS CHESS PLAYER DEAD. BUDAPEST, April 18.-Charousek, the well known chess player, is dead.

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EARLY SPRAYING.

By F. C. Sears, School of Horticulture, Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

It may be doubted whether the old adage, "A stitch in time saves nine," will apply with as much force to any other farm operations as it does to spraying for many of the fungous diseases of plants unless the spraying is done before the plants are attacked. It is a waste of time and material. And with all of the pests for which we spray, either insect or fungus, prompt applications at the proper time are necessary if they are to be effective. Let every grower in the maritime provinces, therefore, resolve that this coming season he will practice the most approved methods of spraying and then let him carry out that resolve.

The first two pests which claim our attention are the oyster-shell bark-lice and the bud moth. If your trees are infested with bark lice, or if they are covered with moss or old bark and look as though they needed a general cleaning up, nothing would do them so much good as spraying with potassium sulphide, which can be bought for about 30c per pound, or with the leachings from wood ashes. One who has never tried it will be surprised at the wonderful improvement which will make in the appearance and thriftiness of the trees. It cleans off all old bark or roughness of any kind, thereby removing countless spores, and it makes the trees look almost as though they had been varnished. Try it and you will have all your neighbors stepping in to ask how you did it. And the beauty of it all is that whatever material is applied in this way will eventually find its way into the soil, where it will make the best of fertilizers for the orchard. If you use the rock potash take one pound to 3 to 5 gallons of water, and if the leachings from ashes, that leached from a barrel should make a cask or more of excellent spraying material. But there are two precautions to be observed in applying this potash. It must be done when the trees are dormant, which means that if you are going to use it this year (and that is what you should do) it must be applied during the present month, and the greatest care must be taken not to get any of it on the hands or any part of the person, as it is extremely caustic and is likely to produce serious results.

The bud-moth, which seems to be very troublesome in parts of the province, is one of the most difficult of insects with which to deal. The eggs of this insect hatch in the late summer and the little worm produced feeds on the leaves of the apple until about half grown when it stops feeding and passes the winter in a half-developed state, in little cocoons or nests which may be found by careful investigation attached to the twigs of the trees. In the spring, on the first signs of growth in the orchard, the little worm gnaws its way into the centre of the expanding bud and there plays havoc with the prospective crop of fruit by eating the young buds. Our object should be, therefore, to prevent the worm from getting into the bud, and to do this requires very careful spraying with Bordeaux mixture. It should be applied just as the buds are opened sufficiently to afford a lodgement for the little larvae, and if the insect is very troublesome I should spray a second time a few days later when the buds are fairly well opened, using for both sprayings Bordeaux mixture with 1-4 lb. of Paris green to the cask. The Bordeaux mixture will adhere to the buds better than pure water and thus increases the chance of keeping the insects green. The greatest care must be taken where it will do the most good. This treatment may not effect the entire destruction of the pest, but I am confident it will greatly reduce its ravages. And we must remember that beyond the reach of sprays of any kind.

For the past two years Nova Scotia has been blessed with an abundant apple crop, while the world's crop has been light, and the result has been high prices for our fruit and "no question asked." We cannot hope for this to continue indefinitely, but must be prepared to meet the coming season to complete with at least an average crop from the other apple growing districts. And this means that the best of the best must be grown in Nova Scotia today can successfully compete with that grown in any other section, and what we must do is to make it all as good as the best. Growers can do this if they practice all through the season, and nothing will help more to accomplish this object than thorough spraying.

Will you do it?

FATHER O'LEARY'S FUNERAL. The funeral of the late Rev. Wm. O'Leary of Kingsclear, York county, took place Tuesday morning from the residence of his sister, Mrs. John McDonald, Princess street. In the lengthy procession that followed the remains to the Cathedral were many prominent citizens of St. John and delegations from the C. M. B. A. and A. O. H. of Fredericton. There were no pall bearers. When the cortege reached the Cathedral six priests in the surplices - Rev. J. J. O'Donovan, Rev. W. C. Gaynor, Rev. J. Wood, C. S. R. and Rev. J. Feeny, C. S. R., of St. John; Rev. W. F. Chapman of Woodstock, and Rev. F. L. Carney of Debec - carried the body into the church, being met at the door by other clergymen. The body was taken into the sanctuary, and the office for the dead chanted. There were in the sanctuary His Lordship Bishop Casey, Revs. F. J. McMurphy, A. J. O'Neill, A. W. Meahen, H. Cormier, J. J. Walsh, J. Wood, C. S. R., Joseph Borgman, C. S. R., J. J. Feeny, C. S. R., J. J. O'Donovan, W. C. Gaynor, St. John; A. Roy, C. S. C., Memramcook; C. Collins, Fairville; P. Farrell, Petersville; H. A. Meahan, Moncton; W. Dollard, St. Stephen; W. F. Chapman, Woodstock; F. L. Carney, Debec; E. Savage, Sussex; J. J. O'Ryan, St. Mary's; E. Byrne, Norton.

His Lordship Dr. Casey, at the conclusion of the Office, accented the pulpit, and made a feeling address. He said he very much regretted that it was impossible to have celebrated a Solemn Requiem Mass in connection with the funeral of their dear brother. Only one Solemn Requiem Mass is permitted by the rubric, and that service had already been celebrated in Fredericton. The best, therefore, that could be done was to chant the office of the dead for the repose of the soul of the deceased.

Descending from the pulpit, Bishop Casey donned his robes and said the burial service, after which, Bishop and clergy having retired, the lid of the casket was raised and the congregation given an opportunity to have a last look at the features of the deceased. Then the body was taken to the hearse and conveyed to the cemetery, where the committal service was said by Rev. F. J. McMurphy.

The Cathedral toll bell tolled before and after the service. Mr. Landry was to play the Dead March on the chimes, but as he commenced a wire broke and it was impossible to continue. A beautiful floral cross, on the casket, was sent by the members and ex-members of the City Cornet band, who were present at the funeral.

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