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THE BYE-ELECTIONS.

It has been semi-officially announced, through the medium of an Ottawa dispatch to the Montreal Gazette, that in the bye-elections the Bowell government will accept no candidate who will not endorse their policy on the Manitoba school question.

DRAWBACKS TO BUSINESS.

The Rossland Miner draws the attention of coast business men to the defects in the telegraph and postal services of its town as decided obstacles in the way of their doing business there.

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more ground to travel over and more agents to handle the mail. A leading merchant of Vancouver informed the Minister the other day that he lost an important order in Rossland because it took nine days to get a letter from Vancouver to Rossland and a reply.

We do not know what chance there is of securing the reforms desired in the telegraph and mail services, but it is evidently worth while for Victoria business men to make an effort.

RAILWAY FREAKS.

The Globe writer whom we quoted yesterday in reference to western railways, has some observations to make on the subject of railway rates and consignee matters in this province.

THE POSTOFFICE STONE.

Messrs. Smith & Elford, the contractors for the new postoffice, inform us that the report, reported in these columns that the stone to be used in the erection of the building had at one time been condemned by the government, is contrary to the facts.

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PASTORAL LETTER.

Bishop Perrin Explains the Object of the Special Mission Services.

In the Episcopal churches yesterday the following pastoral letter from the Lord Bishop was read from the pulpits: "Dear Beloved in the Lord:—It has seemed good that I should issue a short pastoral letter to explain to you the object which we have in view in the special mission services which (God willing) are to be held in the churches of this city during the coming Advent season.

On Wednesday and Thursday in this week the services will be held in St. John's church, and on Sunday afternoon at 4 there will be an address to men only in St. John's church. It is to be clearly understood that the services are not only intended for the parish in which they are held, but that all are invited to attend.

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REBELS OF LOW TOWNSHIP.

Refusal to Pay Taxes, Which Led to the Recent Militia Demonstration.

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—The township of Low has always had a record peculiar to itself, but during the past few days it has been adding to that record at a rapid pace. But to go back to the beginning. The cause of the presence of the militia there to-day is the determination of the people to resist local taxation. The township itself lies some 30 miles from Ottawa up the Gatineau valley, and before the construction of the railway was little heard of. The front part of the township, on the banks of the Gatineau river, contains about as good soil as any farmer could desire.

The township was formed in 1854, under the title of the municipality of Wakefield and Low. The council was elected each year, and the reeve represented the municipality in the county council up to 1878. After the division of the township, when Wakefield was made one township and Low another, the latter refused to pay the taxes levied by the county council, which was one mill on the dollar. Two years later, in 1880, the county council took action against Low Township to compel the township to pay the county tax.

When the bailiffs appeared on the scene the trouble began in earnest. The notices were taken from them and destroyed. Bailiff Platt, who was afterwards shot dead near his own door, was one of the bailiffs who sent these notices. He was seized by the ratepayers, his property taken from him, and he was put into a cellar, where he was kept for 48 hours without food or drink. A ball was held in the room over the cellar one of the nights, and every now and again one of the farmers would open the door and ask the bailiff if he would promise to go home and never return. There were few bailiffs to be found who would care about going to Low. The name of the place was a terror, yet the township was in every way a quiet and peaceable one, beyond the one point that they refused to pay taxes. The very word was obnoxious to them and they would not listen to it.

In 1881, when the present county solicitor, C. B. Major, was warden, a couple of meetings were got up in the township, and it was decided that they should elect a council and be represented at the county council. This was done. The reeve, Mr. Jaffray, of Low, put a motion for the payment of all back taxes at the county council, which was carried, but three months after this the township council dissolved and refused to meet the obligations of the township. The township never afterwards reorganized its council, and to this day is without any municipal government.

On Thursday last the bailiffs, along with eight provincial policemen, armed with revolvers, endeavored to make seizures in the township. The ratepayers resisted, and the result was that the militia, on the order of three justices of the peace, were dispatched to the scene of the trouble. The presence of over one hundred officers and men, armed to the teeth, will no doubt have the desired effect, and the rebellious ratepayers will have to pay up at the point of the bayonet. SLABTOWN.