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THE ELECTORAL FRANCHISE ACT.

While there seems to be a good deal of activity in St. John, and the other cities, or large centres of population, on the subject of the Franchise Act-and large numbers of applications are being made by persons claiming to have their names added to the lists, in the rural constituencies less perhaps is being done by the people. Although the first lists, throughout the province, will be published this week, and meetings called for hearing applications, it is said, that very many of those who might reasonably have claimed the right to vote have not yet done so. It will be a disappointment by and by to many when they are eager to vote, to find that they have lost their right, simply because of their present indifference on the subject. On or befere the expiration of next week, the first list will be in the hands of county officials and postmasters every where, and will be conspicuously posted in their respective offices for public inspection. Let every old elector ascertain whether his name has been continued on the list, and every new elector take the necessary steps to have his name registered.

We have frequently stated the qualification required in applicants who, for the first time, are seeking the franchise; but old voters should study the lists quite as carefully as any, because many names must be struck off by design of the law, and some may be struck off from accident. The old names, probably in all cases, may be restored under the provisions of the law, but this can only be done by the revising officer upon the application of the voter. It is a necessary precaution for all, and particularly those who heretofore have been assessed on real estate to a value less than \$150, or on an income less than than \$300, or on personal property alone, to ascertain that their names are retained, or under what provision of the law they may be otherwise entitled to vote, and to apply accordingly; for in all such cases as we have just indicated, in the meantime, their names are struck off the list. So that the idea that all "old voters" will find their names on the new lists is misleading. Non-resident voters are also, or should be, much interested, as henceforth they can only vote in the district in which their qualification lies, and not at any polling place selected under the local law; and it is quite prebable that, notwithstanding the

original polling districts.
Although the law is not very intricate as to its scope, it is perhaps compli-cated and laborious in its machinery and execution; and it is, therefore, quite reasonable to expect, that at the beginning of such a work there shall be some friction. But there are now ample time and opportunity to have all errors rectified, if those most interested will act for themselves. We believe the revising officers will liberally interpret the law, so that no properly qualified voter shall be deprived of, or not attain, the fran-chise, if he will but take the little trouble required on his part to maintain it or secure

THE LEGISLATURE ON LUMBER.

It is not true that the decline in the lumber business in this province is altogether due to the low prices in Eogland and the general depression in trade. The low prices and the general depression have not decreased the lumber product from the Baltic ports. The sales of Nova Scotia lumber are as large as ever. The Quebec exports show no such falling off as those of New Brunswick. Ontario lumbermen are not curtailing their operations. The depression has settled especially on New Brunswick. There is a particular cause for the decline of the lumber business in this province which does not exist in the other provinces.

The lumbermen in this province pay s stumpage duty more than twice as high as is paid in Quebec and more than three times as high as is paid in Nova Scotia. And so while the lumber export from Nova Scotia is increasing and that of Quebecand Ontario is holding its own, a larger product being expected this year than that of last year, the industry in New Brunswick is rapidly declining. THE SUN has given statistics on this subject. We have published communica ons from lumbermen of both political parties complaining of the high duties. A journal which is published in the county where lumbering is the most important business has pointed out that the present regulations are destroying the trade. There was at least no party object in the contention of the journal in question, which is a strong supporter of the Blair government. The municipal council of Northumberland-members of both parties agreeinghas affirmed that the lumber interest is injured by the stumpage regulations.

The amendment moved in the house of as sembly by Mr. Park affirms that the policy of the government in respect to stumpage "has been detrimental to the best interests of the lumber trade." Referring to this motion. the premier intimated rather churlishly that the action of Mr. Park would not help the cause he had in hand. He went on to say that the government needed money and must raise it somehow. New, Mr. Blair is the man who thought the late government spent too much money. Through the action of the Dominion government, Mr. Blair and his associates have a revenue much larger than that received by their predecessors. Not only, therefore, do they

expend all the former revenue and the additional income, but they now acknowledge that they are obliged to add some fifty per cent. to the lumber tax in order to make both ends meet. We are of the opinion that if the local government had taken less part or a more honest part in Dominon elections, the province would not be so hard up for

Mr. Mitchell's argument is the same as that of Mr. Blair, and Mr. Mitchell is an other economical man. Mr. Baird, like his leader, wanted to know where the money was to come from if not from lumber. Mr. Burchill's position is peculiar. He believed the stumpage to be too high. He admitted that he promised his constituents that he would do all he could to have the rate reduced. Having so said, he remarked that he would vote with the government and against the contention that the rates were

oo high. Mr. Burchill would like to keep his promise but did not want to embarrass the government. Mr. Labillois hoped the government would see its way clear to reluce the stumpage, but would vote with the duce the stumpage, but would vote with the government that the stumpage was too high. Mr. McManus said he would like to see the burdens lightened, but would vote with the government that the burdens were already light enough.

Mr. Killam was more outspoken. He claimed that it was desirable to make the rates rehibitory in some quarters and thus derease the lumber sales from the province. This view is shared, we believe, by Mr.

There is something suggestive in the fact that the government in the third year of their regime have exhausted the additional revenue, greatly increased the stumpage dues, scattered the proceeds from this source, and are still not able to come out square. As there is no prospect of another haul from Ottawa, as there are a number of hungry retainers of the administration, the prospects are that the stumpage rates will be further increased unless the government is suppressed.

REGISTER.

Under the electoral franchise act the number of electors for this city has been increased by over twenty-five per cent., and it is probable that not more than half the newly qualified persons have as yet sent in their names. The greater number of the new electors qualify on income; there are several who take advantage of the provisions for the sons of real estate owners, and many who qualify as tenants.

Our information is that in the country districts very few applications for registration have as yet been sent in. The lists ag now posted contain a small number of names registered under the new provisions. The result is that the preliminary list contains fewer names than the old roll, whereas if reasonable activity and interest were shown worked industriously to stay the progress of the same increase that has taken place in the fire, but it spread rapidly to the buildings

make themselves electors. The revising make themselves electors. The revising barriater will add the names of all persons shown to be qualified, but the persons qualified must acquaint the revising officer with the persons qualified must acquaint the revision of the persons qualified must acquaint the revision of the persons qualified must acquaint the revision of the persons qualified must acquaint the persons qualified must acquaint the persons qualified must acquain the particulars of their qualifications the country the following male persons over twenty-one years of age being British subjects are entitled to registration:-Owners of real property in the electoral

district of the value of \$150. Tenants of real property paying a rent of utmost care, omissions or other errors may be made by the officers in transferring the names from the sheriffs' lists back to the to January 1st, 1886, and has paid one year's

> Occupants of real property worth \$150, provided that they have been in occupation for a year previous to January 1st, 1886, and have enjoyed the revenues and profits of the property.

> Residents who are in receipt of \$300 year income, and have been in receipt of such income for a year previous to the above

Sons of real estate owners are entitled to registration, in case the estate if divided equally among father and sons is of sufficient value to qualify them, provided they have resided on the estate for a year previous to the above date. Grandsons, stepsons and sons-in-law of real estate owners rank as sons. The death of the father does not interfere with the son's privilege. A son is held to reside at home though he is occasionally absent for six

Fishermen who own real property, boats, nets, fishing gear and tackle, all of which together are of the value of \$150 are qualified for registration. Any person who can qualify under one of the above provisions should send in his application stating particulars, accompanied with a statutary declaration that the facts are as stated. Blank forms for application and declaration can easily be obtained. There are in every settlement a few who take an active part in political contests. The rank and file of the party depend to a certain extent upon those persons for advice and instruction in such matters as this. At the present moment there is no way in which more can be done for the success of the Liberal Conservative party through the country, than

in giving attention to registration. It was charming candor on the part of Mr. Davies when he pointed out that all the grit members, himself included, would have supported Mr. Blake had he openly iolned the Rielite party early in the year. The following announcement has the same merit :

All motions to be moved by Mr. Blake personally, or moved by his lieutenants and endorsed by him, dealing with the Northwest troubles and subsequent events, will receive the support of the parliamentary Liberals rithout a single exception. As Mr. Davies observed in his Sackville speech, Mr. Blake "has only to say the

A REMARKABLE WINTER.—The Charlottetown Examiner says: An old farmer, D. Matheson, of Dundas, P. E. Island, ploughed with his team for several hours on the homestead a few days ago, and another farmer in the same vicinity was stumping on the same day. In most parts of Nova Scotia, it is said, day. In most parts of Nova Scotia, it is said, there has been very little snow at any time this winter and in Halifax only a few days sleighing. There was little snow in this province up to the middle of Jauuary and less than the usual quantity since then. But this ecuntry cannot get along very well without snow.

| Comparison of Nova Scotia, it is said, there has been very little snow at any time this carrots, 95 to \$1 per barrel; beets, 90 to \$1 per barrel; turnips, per barrel; potatoes, early rose, per barrel, \$1.50 per barrel; potatoes, other varieties, \$1.40 to \$1.50; buckwheat, rough, \$1.70 per cwt.; grey do., \$1.90 per cwt.

LOCAL MATTERS.

SUICIDE. - Dominicus N. Clark, a carpente aged 68, committed suicide at Eastport on Wednesday. He was of exemplary habits and was generally esteemed. Temporary insanity nduced the act.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS -Thomas Kerr commissioner under the Labor act for the parish of Addington, in the county of Restiouche; Daniel Crilley, Police Magistrate for he town of Saint Stephen, in the county of Charlotte, in room of Daniel Sullivan, re-

Sons of TEMPERANCE. - Dundee Division. No. 302, has been organized at Dundee, Restiouche Co., with a large membership. The ollowing are the officers elected : Jas. Crawford, W. P.; D. McCannon, W. A.; Miss A. Doer, R. S.; Miss M. Kerr, A. R. S.; George Wright, F. S.; Alex. Junco, T.: Geo. Kerr, Chap.; Jas. Wright, C.; John Pettigrew, A. C.; John McKeneron, I. S.; S. Kerr, O. S.. Jas. Crawford, D. G. W. P.

A PECULIAR VERDICT.-A Sydney, C. B. coroner's jury has rendered the following verdict touching the death of Capt. McDonald : -" That the deceased came to his death from taking off his two coats and vest and going towards a sleigh owned by one Wm. Grantmyer, with whom he was seen in a scramble; and that he was seen to fall from a push or blow, and died from exposure. The jury further find McLean was blamable for going off with deceased, contract of the blace. going off with deceased's coats and not looking

To LUMBER AND MILL MEN. - A fine property on St. Mary's river, Guysboro county, N. S., is now in the market, as owing to the death of the senior partner of the operating firm, it has been found necessary to close the estate It includes a lumber mill, with new machinery, also lath and shingle cutters, all in perfect order, situated near the mouth of St. Mary's" river, up which lies about 3,500 acres of firstclass timber lands. The mill has a present daily output of 20,000 feet, with a large amount of logs in the boom, which with the spring drive will probably reach 4,000,000 feet. Tenders selicited and all information given. Address S. T. Hall, care Hall & Fairweather, St. John

KINGSTON, K. C.-A correspondent writes: "The friends of the Rev. J. A. Robinson held basket and pie social at the Free Baptis church, Kingston, on the evening of the 15th inst., which realized the sum of \$21. They intend to hold another on the 8th of March at the same place. A. P. Wilson will deliver a lecture on temperance at the close of the social. All the friends of the rev. gentlemen are cordially invited to attend, as a good time is ex-

PETITOODIAC.—A rather disastrous fire of curred at Petitcodiac, K. C., on Wednesday night. The fire was first discovered breaking through the roof of the building occupied by G. L. Brown & Co., as a general store. In a short all the people of the village were out and St. John would be shown on the county lists.

The Dominion act does not make men electors. It gives them the opportunity to make themselves electors. The revising was damaged, were insured for \$5,000 in the Æna, Commercial Union and North British

> DEER AT FREDERICTON JUNCTION.—Parties who frequent the woods around and about Frederiction Junction report quite a number of deer in that section of Sunbury County, Deer were numerous in this province years ago, and were, the Indians say, driven out by wolves. With the extinction of deer the wolves disappeared. The reported presence of wolves this winter on the border of Queens and Sunbury would make it appear that with the re-turn of the deer their old enemies have also put

STATEMENT OF excise duties collected in the inland revenue division of St. John, for the month of February, 1886, compared with cor-

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An increase of \$13,668,69.

DIED OF LOCKJAW. - A man named Dubic of Madawaska, had the toes of one foot cut off. in a Restigouche lumber camp, the other day, and was sent to Campbellton to have the wounds dressed. He died of lockjaw on the road, and was buried at Campbellton. - Chat-

HALIFAX ELECTORAL LISTS.-The Halifax ist makes a volume of 97 pages and contains the names of about 9 400 electors. The Herald says it is expected that when completed this number will be increased at least 20 per cent. THEY ARE SOLID MEN. - Four men who are employed in Chesley Bros. foundry have a combined weight of 866 pounds.

In the late storm the snow drifted to height of eighteen feet at some places on the Sand Cove road, Lancaster. THERE ARE forty-four post offices in St.

The Country Market.

The country market has been better sup olied during the week than for some time past, Butchers' and country meat has been largely supplied, more being In than any time before this season. A very large amount of general produce came from the main river. There were no shipments of lamb during the week of any importance, and the same may be said of eggs, which, as a result, has made the latter more plentiful and there is a decline in price since last week. Bad butter is well supplied. but there is no choice or even fair in the market. A Sussex seller of this article called a SUN reporter over to a supply of butter in the market yesterday to "see some of the best butter in the market this winter." The reporter accepted the invitation. The butter looked beautiful and rich, and had a color that really seemed to justify the seller's remark. But when it came to be examined more closely, to use the words of a gentleman, 'it would take a pair of oxen to haul it." Potatoes still cona pair of oxen to had it. Postoes still continue scarce and find ready ssle. In poultry, there has been more in this week than any time since Christmas. The quantity of pork on hand is very small and the week's supply

on hand is very small and the week's supply does not exceed thirty hogs.

The quotations are: Country beef, 4 to 6½; butchers' beef, 4 to 7½; lamb, 5 to 7; mutton, 5 to 6 per lb; pork, 7; butter, 18 to 20; roll do., 22; lard, 12 to 13 per lb;; eggs, 20 to 22; chickens, 40 to 60 per pair; turkeys, 14 to 15 per lb; geese, 60 to 70; green hams, 8 to 9; smoked do
10 to 12 per lb; green shoulders, 7; smoked do.
8 to 9 per lb; rabbits, 10 per pair
carrots, 95 to \$1 per barrel; beets, 90 to

Et. John Agricultural Society.

THE IMPORTATION OF STOCK DISCUSSED.

The meeting on Thursday was attended by Messrs. Hamm, Magee, Ward, J. Shaw, McLean Donovan, Dr. Berryman, Shatford, Davidson Hatheway, Golding, Hall and Creighton; the resident, Wm. Shaw, in the chair,

Mr. Hall, of the committee appointed onfer with the committee of the common ouncil with regard to the provincial exhibition next fall, reported that that committee seemed favorable to the proposition made by the society's committee. The matter will be laid before the common council, most likely, at its next meeting. It was thought by the society's committee that the expenses of such an exhibition would be in the vicinity of \$13,000.

Mr. Davidson suggested that as Prof. Recognity exhibition would be in the vicinity of \$13,000.

Mr. Davidson suggested that as Prof.Brown
of Galt, an eminent dairyman, was expected
to lecture in Cornwallis during the coming
summer, an effort should be made to secure a
lecture from him before his return.

Mr. Shatford made inquiries with regard to the society's position on the matter of the importation of stock horses for draught pur-

Mr. Hall replied that the society was alive the importance of securing an improved breed of draft horses, and that the government had been memoralized on the subject. In case such memorial should be complied with, the province would have stock horses for draught purposes of three different kinds, whereas the

purposes of three different kinds, whereas the society's funds would not warrant it in the importation of more than one.

Mr. Shatford thought private individuals might be induced to impert, provided the society would grant a suitable bonus.

Dr. Berryman and Mr. Davidson thought the importation might be a profitable undertaking, but the society was not in a position to grant any considerable bonus.

Mr. Hamm thought as good stock horses might be imported from P. E. I. as from across the ocean and at much less cost.

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Mr. Shaw thought it would be unwise for the society to take any action in the premises until the decision of the government with re-gard to the importation of horses should be ar-The secretary was instructed to correspond with Prof. Brown with a view to his lecturing

in this city on agriculture, sometime the month of March.

PETERSVILLE. (FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Welsford, Feb. 20.-Never did a munisipal election run so high as on Tuesday last at this place. Through some informality in the election -last fall the seats of the councillors for the parish of Petersville were declared vacant at the council board. In January last Henry Johnston, the defeated candidate in October last, was again in the field for defeat—the eighth time. Johnston and his friends ran the election on party lines. They had the whole strength of the Liberal party and he (Johnston) having a very large connection of Conservatives that naturally would support him, he and his friends with that great advantage, struck out for victory in behalf of the Liberal party. They have been sadly mistaken in strength of the Liberal Conservatives of Petersville, as the vote shows, Armstrong, 193; Corbett, 177; Johnston, 165. The Johnston party felt very blue over the election and to ease themselves down resorted to all manner of untruths, such as stuffing Conservative side. Of course, the Liberals followed up their old course such as folding a little ballot inside of a larger one, &c., but with all their tricks it was no

use—they were nowhere.

At the close of the election, J. D. Armstrong took the stand amidst tremendous cheering. He thanked the electors for the noble manner they had stood by him in the last two elections. He said there was not much for him to do, as the county had done without a representative. He said it was the determination of the council to send them back before trial, for even the ballots to draw a committee to try him were all prepared before the council met. He again thanked the electors and said he would do all in his power to forward their interests. John Corbett was received with cheers. He said he felt proud of the day's victory. The whole cry of the opposition was to kill Corbett, but, thanks to his friends who stood so nobly by him, he was elected. He said while he sat at the council board it would be his highest aim to look after the interests of the county of Queens and especially the parish of Petersville. He left the stand amidst deafening applause. He said he did not wonder at being defeated

Henry Johnston then came to the front. by two such strong men as opposed him. He then wandered away back to 1880, taking up issues that were dead years ago. He said he would run again at the first opportunity. He left the stand amidst great excitement.

EDMUNDSTON NEWS.

EDMUNDSTON, Feb. 20.-T. M. Richards has leased his store and dwelling house to Benjamin Condon of Andover, and intends going out of business the first of May.

The woods are literally alive with cariboo. their tracks being almost as plentiful as rabbit tracks. Two came out on Saint Basil flats one afternoon last week, and were chased by men on horseback for some time. but finally escaped to the woods.

Roads are in fine condition, and travelling has been better this winter than ever was known. We escaped the heavy thaws and sleet storms so prevalent down by the sea, and have had just enough snow to make

first-class travelling.

P. Lynott, jr., is busy canvassing for the local legislature. M. Nadeau, M.P.P., will also be in the field again. Mr. N. has been a very painstaking member, and we wish

It is also reported Levite Theriault, ex M.P.P., will be in the field in opposition to the Hon. John Costigan. It promises to be a lively time in election matters.

Upper Gagetown.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT) UPPER GAGETOWN, Feb. 22 -A thunder storm with vivid flashes of lightning, and accompanied by heavy dashes of rain, passed ever this vicinity during the night of the 15th inst. As no mention is made of it by your other correspondents, I presume it was confined to this

respondents, I presume to what a long immediate locality.

Twenty-two members of Union Guard Lodge, No. 140, I. O. G. T., paid a fraternal visit to Sheffield Union Lodge, No. 154, on Friday evening, 19th inst. The moonlight drive on the river and the warm welcome extended by their agreedates in temperance work in Shefthe river and the warm welcome extended by their associates in temperance work in Sheffield, rendered the visit a highly enjoyable one. A meeting of our district lodge will be held in Sheffield hall this evening.

Wellington Mills, of Lower Sheffield, raised, last year, a fine field of prime wheat, which averaged fifty bushels to the acre. Why emigrate from a soil giving such a yield as that?

Walter L. Currier of this place, tipped the beam at 75 lbs. on his seventh birthday. Next.

Indiana's brand new insane hospital, near Connersville, is cracking and tumbling down. The boiler house has utterly collapsed, and it has been found that the structure was built on flimsy sand and poorly constructed.

Campobello.

FORMATION OF A DISTRICT LODGE, I. O. G. T. (FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.) CAMPOBELLO. Feb. 22.-On Saturday, Feb. 20th., according to previous notice, a fair number of the members from Victoria No. 91. Deer Island, and Go Ahead No. 106, Welchpool, met with Prince Albert Lodge, No. 99. at Wilson's Beach to determine whether it was advisable to form a District Lodge of the I.

advisable to form a District Lodge of the I. O. G. T.!

At 2.30 the meeting was called to order by J. P. Nowlan, and the following officers protem were appointed: J. P. Nowlan, D. C. T; Rev. H. H. Neales, D. W. C.; Mrs. Alice Babcock, D. V. T.; C. H. Edgett, D. W. S.; Miss Annie Babcock, D. F. S.; Walter Leonard, D. W. T.; Rev. J. M. Barnes, D. W. C.; Alva Laslie, D. W. M.; Hezikiah Mitchell, D. W. G.; Edmund Porter, D. W. S.; J. E. Gosline, D. P. W. C. T.; G. A. Wathin, D. A. S.; Miss Lilly Allingham, D. D. M.; Irvine Nowlan, D. M. The district deputy, then appointed as credential committee, Rev. H. H. Nealis, J. E. Gosline, J. I. Savage, After examining the credentials of representations. H. H. Nealis, J. E. Gosline, J. L. Savage.
After examining the credentials of representatives, they reported favorable. Moved by
Rev. H. H. Neales, seconded by Rev. J. E.
Gosline. "That in the opinion of the delegates assembled from the subordinate lodges of this district, it is advisable to proceed to

gates assembled from the subordinate lodges of this district, it is advisable to proceed to the organization of a district lodge."

After a brief discussion, the resolution was unanimously carried.

The following were then elected as district officers for the next term: -Rev. H. H. Nesles, D.W.C.T.; Wallace Calder, D. W. C.; Alice Babcock, D. W.V. T.; C. H. Edgett, D.W.S.; Alva Laslie, D.W.F. S.; G. A. Wathin, D.W. T.; Rev. J. N. Barnes, D. W. C.; Geo. Johnson, D.W.M.; Nelson Matthew, D.W. I. G.; Albert Allingham. D.W.O.G.; J. P. Nowlan, D.P. W.C.T.; J. E. Goeline, D. W.A.S.; Hattie Tucker, D. W.D.M.; Irvine Nowlan, D.W. M. The officers elect then presented themselves for installation, and were duly installed by J. P. Nowlan. The D. W. C. T. then appointed the following committees: On good of the order—J. P. Nowlan, C.H. Edgett, J. Sprague, N. Matthews, W. Calder. Constitution—C. H. Edgett, J. P. Nowlan, J. E. Gosline, J.N. Barnes, H. H. Neales, On finance—J. L. Savage, W. Calder, Geo. Johnson, On distribution—G. A. Wathin, J. P. Nowlan, J. E. Gosline.

Moved by Rev. H. H. Neales, geography.

Gosline.

Moved by Rev. H. H. Neales, seconded by J. E. Gosline, that the next meeting be held with Go Ahead Lodge, Welchpool, on the last Thursday in March.

Moved and seconded respectively by C. H. Edgett and J. P. Nowlan that that session last all day, having a public meeting in the

evening.

Moved by J. P. Nowlan, seconded by W. Calder, that the District Lodge open in the Calder, that the District Lodge open in the second degree.

Moved by J. E. Gosline, seconded by J. L. Savage, that we meet at lodge room and march to the F. C. Baptist church.

The committee on good of order reported, which report was received. Moved and seconded that a collection be taken up at the public meating.

public meeting.
In the evening the members met as soon as possible at the lodge room and forming in pro possible at the lodge room and forming in pro-cession, marched to the church. At seven p, m. the meeting was called to order and the following programme was carried out: Rev. H, H. Neales called the meeting to order; choir sang Friends of Temperance; prayer by Rev. J. M. Barnes. The D. W. C. Templar spoke J. M. Barnes. The D. W. C. Templar spoke on temperance—its universal range and the grand ideal of the temperance workers. J. E. Gosline being called upon, spoke on the effects of intemperance and the best method of iretarding its progress. After singing by the choir, J. P. Nowlan made an address, speaking on the right and progress of the temperance cause. C. H. Edgett followed in an appropriate address; singing by the choir, followed with addresses by J. E. Consily. G. A. Wethin and J. N. by J. E. Conally, G. A. Wathin and J. N. Barnes; singing by the choir. All were pleased with the entertainment, and it is believed a

NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE.

BALIFAX, Feb. 25.—The local legislature was opened this afternoon. The speech refers to the bountiful harvest, the output of coal, nearly equal to last year; the product of gold. larger than for many years, and says our fishermen have been placed at a disadvantage by the free admission of the fishermen of the United States to our valuable fishing grounds, while the products of our fisheries, when taken by our people, have been subjected to heavy duties in ports of the republic. This matter comes directly under the control of the federal government and parliament, but in view of its paramount importance in the province of Nova Scotia it may be properly referred to here. It is desirable in the interests of both countries that the fishery question be settled by a that the fishery question be settled by a treaty which shall include arrangements for treaty which shall include arrangements for the largest practicable measure of reciprocal trade between the United States and the provinces of British North America. But if such a settlement cannot be obtained on terms fair to the two countries it is of the highest importance that the rights of fishermen in their coast waters be effectively protected. The increase of fruit-growing and of the fruit trade, and the success in competing with other countries are referred to. Reference is made to the provincial railways, and a measure will be submitted to assist a railway in Cape Breton. On the better terms matter the speech says: "I have recently received the answer of the Dominion to the address unanimously adopted by both branches of the legislature in the session of 1884 in relation to the financial position of this province in the union. This answer, which I regret is unfavorable to the province, will be laid before your for such action as may be deemed necessary."

Death of Canon Scovil.

The announcement by cable of the death at Brighton England, on the 27th ult., of Rev. Wm. Scovil, P. L. D. Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton, although not unexpected will be heard with regret by the people of the province generally. Rev. Canon Scovi was the son of the late Wm. Scovil, for many years a church worden of Trinity Church, and was in his 71st. year. He was educated at King's College, Windsor, and was ordained in 1841. He was for several years curate with Rev. Dr. Gray, after which he was rector of Norton. While in charge of that parish, the church at Lower Norton which he was mainly instrumental in building, was erected. At his father's death, which occurred about 1851, Rev. Mr. Scovil came to St. John and from that time on did no parochial work. Subse quent to that however, he conducted services in the provincial lunatic asylum for many years and also assisted the Church of England and also assisted the Church of England clergymen in this city. He went to England in 1877, but has since then visited St. John twice. On the last occasion, 1881, he was in a delicate condition and since then he has not enjoyed good health. Canon Scovil was an earnest, generous-hearted Christian worker and was universally respected. He was largely instrumental in the formation of the Church of England Synod and was a vice-president of the Diocesan Church Society. He married a daughter of the late Henry Gilbert of this city, who survives him. He leaves a son and several grand children.

The Toboggan Cures Deafness.

Tobogganing ought at once to become a favorite sport with the deaf, if the experience f Charles A. Moulton, of Stanstead, Canada, worth anything. Dashing down the hill his oboggan upset, and he was thrown headfirst into a heap of snow and dirt piled alongside of the slide. When he recovered consciousness he found that he could hear sounds with his left ear, in which he had been deaf for eleven years. The next day he heard distinctly with that ear, and has had perfect hearing ever

SOCIALISTS ON TRIAL. The Recent London Rioters to be Placed on

London, Feb. 24.—The hearing in the case of Burns, Hyndman, Champion and Williams, socialist leaders, and accused by the authorities of having incited the recent riots at Trafalgar square and Hyde park, was resumed today. The session was devoted principally to hearing testimony of newspaper reporters as to the exact language used by defendants in inflammatery speeches. Hyndman, before the proceedings were formally opened, entered complaint against the editor and proprietors of Punch, and asked for their arrest. He alleged that they had attempted to excite the public against defendants and prejudice their trial by publishing a picture of "Mr. Punch" in the act of publicly hanging them, in this way suggesting to the people a form of vengeance to inflict upon defendants. The magistrate declined Hyndman's request, saying he had no power to interfere on the grounds.

The magistrate, after the reporters had concluded their testimony, announced that he intended to commit all the prisoners for trial. Williams' counsel upon this arose and contended that his client was "outside the indictment" and ceuld not therefore be included in the order for trial. The lawyer argued that the words voiced by his client were not so strone as the language in almost daily use in the press. Pointing to Chamberlain, the counsel said: "When the right honorable member for Birmingham has employed, in the house of commons, even stronger language than that imput.

my nen the right honorable member for Birmingham has employed, in the house of commons, even stronger language than that imputed to my client, he has been applauded." This panic and prosecution the counsel declared are intended to shield Childers, home secretary, and the police, who are answerable for the whole trouble. Hydman, who defended himself, denys there was any case against the whole trouble. Hydman, who defended himself, denys there was any case against either himself or his companions. He said: "It I am to be condemned on my speeches, then Chamberlain should stand in the dock alongside me," Hyndman also contended that the whole blame rested on the police who could and should have prevented the rising. Chamberlain consented to be sworn as a witness. When he had taken the oath, Champion asked him what was the government's intentions with regard to relieving the distressed among the unemployed and ing the distressed among the unemployed and whether he himself favored a revolution in the land laws of England. The magistrate refused to allow the questions, as put, to be answered, by the witness. The magistrate again refused to permit such an examination of the witness and as defendants desired to print the land to the such as the such and as defendants desired to subject him to no other he was allowed to retire. Gladstone's private secretary was the next witness, but nothing of interest or importance was elicited The socialist leaders were remanded until

Saturday, when they will be committed for trial for misdemeanor at the central criminal

The Franchise Act.

ISSUE OF THE FIRST GENERAL LIST FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY.

The first general list for the City and County of St. John was issued yesterday, and along with the list for St. John city, can be seen by interested parties at THE SUN office.

The list, which contains 7276 names, shows a total increase of 2186 electors, though in three of the parishes there is a small loss, due to negligence on the part of old ratepayers as well as the newly enfranchised in having their

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ing officer published in this morning's Sun that he will hold a sitting for the preliminary rerooms at eleven o'clock, Thursday morning, April 8th.

rooms at eleven o'clook, Thursday morning, April 3th.

Any person objecting to any name on the said list may at any time before April 3th, and any person desiring to add any name thereto, or desiring otherwise to amend the same, may on er before the 3lst of March deliver to the revising officer (Judge Watters) or mail to him by registered letter at his office, or place of address, a notice in writing in the form for that purpose contained in the schedule to the said act, as nearly as may be, setting forth the name or names objected to, and the grounds of objection, or the name or names proposed to be added to the list, with the grounds therefor, and particulars of the qualification and residence of the persons whose names are proposed to be added, or the particulars of any other proposed amendment, and the grounds therefor, and every such notice, must be signed by the person so giving notice, and must set forth his residence, occupation and post office address. In the event of the person so giving notice objecting to the name of any person already on the list, the person so objecting must also deliver to or mail to the last known address of the person whose name is objected to, by registered letter and at the same time as the notice. the person whose name is objected to, by regis-tered letter and at the same time as the notice is given to the revising officer, a copy of the otice given.
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Death of J. W. Lanergan.

The father of theatricals in St. John has passed away. James W. Lanergan, who died in Boston yesterday, in the 57th year of his age, will be mourned by many of our citizens, age, will be mourned by many er our citizens, and especially by every patron of the old Dramatic Lyceum, of which he was the founder. No man ever did more for his chosen profession in this section of America, if indeed in the entire American continent. When he built the plain but comfortable lyceum, on the south side of King square, Mr. Lanergan had what he contend against and many old prejumuch to contend against and many old preju-dices to overcome. But he lived them all down—not to his credit, be it said, by giving "Spectacular dramas" and "society plays," but by the production of the great masterpieces of Shakespeare, Jonson, Bulwer, and Sheridan. Under his management St. John made the Under his management St. John made the acquaintance of such actors as Charles Mathews, Dillon, E. L. Davenport, W. J. Lemoyne, Fechter, Carlotta Leclerq, Fredric Robinson, Proctor, &c. The old Lyceum was opened June 15, 1857, by the production of Bulwer's Money, with Mr. Lanergan as Alfred Evelyn, and Mrs. Lanergan as Clara Douglas, the after-piece being Mr. and Mrs. Peter White. And there are people, who, looking back to the Lyceum, running in all its glory, mourn for the days that are not likely to soon return. Shortly that are not likely to soon return. Shortly after the Academy of Music was built Mr. L. left St. John and took up his residence in the

States.

Mr. Lanergan always, since his first visit to St. John, regarded this city as his home, and only a couple of years ago came here with a view to settle permanently. He made a strong effort to form a stock company, to erect a theatre, in which he was willing to invest all his capital, but the project fell through. He leaves a widow and an adopted daughter.

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