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work on the Greenville Canal were let by tender, according to law, and not given to the existing contractors without tenders. That in that case they would have a better chance for obtaining work for themselves and their teams, and that the respondent would have more influence to cause the work to be done by tender than Dr. Christie, and would undoubtedly do so. And Conway declared that this argument exercised a considerable influence over a number of voters in respect of their votes. Held:—That these statements of Conway did not constitute an illegal inducement to vote for respondent. (Do.).....	289
DOMINION ELECTION ACT OF 1874. —One Goodwin, contractor, and George Goodwin, and Sutton his manager, employed about 100 men on the canal; and George Goodwin and Sutton were active supporters of the respondent. These two canvassed the men, and found that a large majority of them intended to vote for the respondent. On the evening before the polling day, with the approbation of Goodwin, the contractor, they told the foreman to tell the men to come to their work as usual, and they would all be taken to the polls by the teams without distinction, whether they voted for the petitioner or the respondent, and be brought straight back again. And the men were given to understand that if they went and came straight back, nothing would be deducted from their pay, without distinction as to the mode in which they might vote. This had been the custom in all former elections as well municipal as parliamentary. Held:—That abstaining from charging the men for their time was, under the circumstances, an act of corruption sufficient to avoid the election. (Do.).....	289
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—At one of the polls in Chatam, a certain number of persons had their ballots marked by the deputy returning officer, without having been made to take the oath that they could not themselves mark their ballots; some of them voting openly by causing their ballots to be marked in the room where several persons were besides the returning officer and clerk, and the representatives of the two candidates. But all these took place in good faith, and without the voters having been induced to act in that way by any fraudulent or corrupt practice, on the part of the respondent's agents, or of the deputy returning officer. The voters appeared to act in this way of their own will, and without having been asked or urged to do so by any one, and the returning officer also appeared to have acted in good faith. Held (1):—The votes so taken were irregular and illegal.	

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