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London, Thursday, Feb. 20. THIS is election day in Haldimand. The contest—the fourth in four years—has been short and sharp. Let us hope it will be

DETROIT NEWS: When there are no drones in the world with power to compel others to supply them honey, there will be little poverty needing to be relieved, and few criminals needing to be incarcerated.

THE latest triumph of the English language is its use in the draft of a treaty between Russia and China. Hon. Mr. Laurier is right in his estimate that English is bound to be the predominant tongue of

HAMILTON TIMES: The East Middlesex Farmers' Institute passed a resolution yesterday to the effect that the Dominion Government be petitioned to reduce the duty on wheat from 15 cents to 8 cents per bushel. This was done in the interest of the millers, but it also shows the farmers are aware that the wheat duty does them

THOUGH the utmost care has hitherto been taken by the Ontario Government to Rhodes, \$115; F. G. Scott, \$380; S. T. Sellon, maintain the secrecy of the ballot in elections, the Provincial Attorney-General has brought in a bill to amend the Election Act \$1,552. One would think that common with the object of still further ensuring the absolute secrecy of the ballot. If in any way a returning officer fails in his duty, he is liable on conviction to be imprisoned for two years, and he must make oath after transmitting his he must make oath after transmitting his return to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, that he has in no way permitted the ballots to be tampered with. Any officer or clerk who is guilty of malfeasance or willful omission in contravention of the Act is liable, in addition to every other penalty, to a fine of \$400. The penalties are severa, but none too much so.

DEFENDED AT LAST.

Mr. Rykert, the Tory M. P. contract broker, whose timber-limit "deals" have been repudiated by his friends in the House nons, has found a friend in the Ontario Legislature. His name is W. R. Meredith, and he says that it is cowardly to say that Mr. Rykert obtained the famous limit, for which his wife received \$72,000, without competition. Inasmuch as the agreement with "Nannie Rykert" is on record in the courts, and Mr. Rykert, in his recent speech at Ottawa, declined to explain the money end of the scandal, Mr. ber resources, but it is safe to say that if the Ontario timber had been sold to Mr.
Rykert and his kind, as they could grab profited little by the transaction. By the way. Mr. Meredith could not gainsay the ch of Hon. Mr. Hardy the other night. The Commissioner of Crown Lands was able to show that while in seventeen years the Ontario Government had disposed of fill a page with the narrative of this man's but 3,270 square miles of timber limits, for which \$2,490,860 were received, the Dominion Government, while it held control of the Ontario Northwest territory in 1883-84 cold 5,335 square miles of our timber limits, for which they only received \$29,000. But the enthe "competition" was of the influential, a hage between kind exemplified by Mr. Ryki bert in the correspondence recently published by Mr. N. Meredith, and the latter once before a highed in whitewashing him, but he undertake ees too big a task if he wishes to champion the discredited Lincoln P. M. P. now.

PENSION CURIOSITIES. At the risk of being denounced by some aditor, who has been taught in reent years to look k on all Dominion Government expenditures short of a few millions as small and not worth discussing, we call the attention of our readers to another rat hole down which the high taxes of the hole down being poured with ever-increasing people gality. We refer to the civil service programmuations. For the purpose of pro iding pensions to men who, while serving the country, received steady employment and good pay—in some instances, 700 days' salary for 300 days' work—about a quarter of a million dollars is taken from the public purse every year and appropriated to their wants. In many instances the present Administration at Ottawa has appointed its own friends to responsible positions, and finding them comparative failures, or desirous of leaving the service, has granted them a retiring allowance for the remainder of their lives. The case of Judge Travis, who was sent from the Lower Provinces to the Northwest Territories, is a case in point. Travis had been an active election agent, He knew a Tory secret or two, and the leaders deemed it prudent to give him a judgeship in the Northwest. But he and some judgeship in the Northwest. But he and some of the party managers, out there could not involving agree, and the result was that, in the prime or misery.

of life, and after having occupied his official position but a few months, he was pensioned off with an allowance of \$1,700 per annum. Farmer, scarcely able to make ends meet, and taxed at every step to make good such unwarrantable expenditure as this, do you regard it as a small matter? City merchant, beset in the same manner, compelled to economize or go into bankruptcy, do payments like these show that the Government of Canada is managed by men who are careful of her resources? Workingmen, who toil early and late to rear a family, and do not hope to obtain a pension from any one, or a cent more than you have earned, do you have equal rights with such pampered individuals as Pensioner Travis? Assuredly not, and the sooner you set your faces against the men who try to laugh down the discussion of such scandalous squandering, and who scoff t every investigation made into the rascalities by which millions of dollars are fritered away, the better it will be for you. But the Auditor-General's report throws light upon another branch of this pension business which cannot be too widely spread broad. The ADVERTISER has repeatedly called attention to the fact that the Tory managers at Ottawa care so much for their own family interests and so little for the public that they are in the habit of passing over Canadians who have complied with the Civil Service requirements, and have appointed old world relations to vacancies at the capital. To such an extent has this proceeded that the "dude" element largely dominates in the inside service at Ottawa. And what is equally worthy of remark, about \$30,000 of the superannuation money annually paid out is drawn by Englishmen who have toiled their little day in Canada, managed to secure a substantial pension and have then shaken the dust of the Dominion from their feet, and betaken themselves to their native hedgerows. In proof of this fact we need but adduce the following list of ex-employes of the Dominion who now live in England and who draw the under-stated

county which has provided for them. WHAT WILL THEY DO WITH JOHN

pay from the treasury of Canada: T. C. Bramley, \$1,121; J. B. Cherriman, \$1,759;

W. H. Griffin, \$2,239; J. W. Harper, \$1,-189; John Johnston, \$276; John Kidd, \$1,

563; J. J. Letson, \$289; F. H. Mickleburgh \$400; W. R. Mingaye, \$2,508; W. H. Mc-

Crae, \$507; Alex. McNabb, \$1,571; F. W. Parson, \$1,539; H. B. Paulin, \$1,260; John

007; H. S. Wetherly, \$1,260; A. Woodgate,

decency would suggest to these pensioners

the propriety of spending the money in the

CHARLES RYKERT, M.P.?
The political career of John Charles Rykert, M.P., would be a very brief one if it recited his good acts only, but if it re it would be one of the longest in Canadian annals. He has been in public life now for well nigh 30 years, and from first to last he has been doing questionable things. At one time, if we are not mistaken, he left the Tories to support the Administration of Hon. John Sandfield Macdonald, and it was said of him that having one day attended a caucus of the Tory members he next day went to the Government caucus and told there the secrets of the Tories. With this treachery he was charged in the House, as doubtless Sir John Macdonald remembers quite well. In those days it was well known that he used his position as a member to render services to the promoters of private bills, and a few years later his conduct was a subject of inquiry in the Ontario Legislature. Meredith cannot be regarded as a very prudent defender of John Charles. The gated his conduct at that time sustained the charges made against Mr. Rykert with Mr. Mowat's management of our tim- by a member of the House and even the report of the minor. (composed of the late Hon. M. C. Cameron and Mr. W. R. Meredith) while seeking to control of it, instead of being disposed of by public auction, the treasury would have evidence taken before that committee proved conclusively that Mr. Rykert had accepted fees for service rendered in promoting legislation in the interest of railways and other corporations, and he narrowly escaped expulsion. We could easily fill a proportion of this country in the country of the co misdoings as a member of Parliament, but no good would be served by it; his constituents appear to like him the more with every fresh exposure of his tricks, and if he were hanged, drawn and quartered now for his political offenses the chances are that those constituents would next year canonize him among the gods. The correspondence recently in the Toronto Globe, telling the tale of his getting a timber limit and shamelessly victimizing a Michigan lumberman, has yet to be disposed of by the Dominion Parliament: and inasmuch as members of the Cabinet as well as private members of Parliament are compromised by that correspondence the matter is of a much graver character than if it concerned Mr. Rykert himself alone. If he is whitewashed the inevitable conclusion will be that what he said of Sir John, Mr. Bowell and others is true; and if he is expelled or sent to jail or banished to the North Pole his

> THE latest volcanic eruption in Japan has occurred well toward the southern extremity of the main island, fully 600 miles south west of the scene of the awful explosion in July, 1888, which it somewhat resembles. At that time, however, one of the big peaks of the Bandaisan volcano was blown bodily of the Bandaisan volcano was blown bodily into the air, as though it had been dug up by the roots; while on the present occasion only the top of Mount Zoo has been blown off, and as the debris spread over the country is far less in volume, the losses have not been so enormous. A calamity, however, that in the twinkling of an eye has destroyed over \$3,000,000 of property, is sufficiently appaling, even though the loss of life is small. Nature seems to reserve the grandest exhibitions of her destructive energies for these belts of volcanic vents in the Orient, where, within recent years, mountains like Krakatoa and Bandai-san have been blown into atoms, involving many thousands of people in death or misery.

constituents will venerate him as a martyr

Better put a brand on his forehead and

exile him to the Senate.

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It is of this work that Rev. Dr. Burns, the well known principal of the Hamilton Ladies' College, says:

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Notwithstanding the combined efforts of jealous rivals to put as under, we are out on top as usual. Look the deditor of Toronto Saturday Night, who is pretty hard to please in these matters. The last named points out that up to the time he read Dr. Poole's book he thought there was a great deal of humbug in the theory enunciated, but that the work had to a great extent removed it. "The style is pleasing and lucid," he continues; "the arguments instead of being far-fetched, as I imagined they would have been, seem to bear out the conclusions he is evidently seeking." The work is indeed one that should afford pleasure and profit to every one who is interested in Biblical study and the progress and destiny of the race. Dr. Poole is now in London in the interest of his work, and has already met with many friends.

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