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THE NEW ELECTION LAW.

For a number of years past it has been the opinion of even the more Conservative of our politicians, that some change in the plan of conducting elections had become absolutely necessary, inasmuch as the law which has been in existence for some time, winked at abuses which ought not to prevail in any community where the liberty of the subject may look for protection. We believe that the late administration, had it remained in power, would have attended to this matter; though it cannot be denied that the delay of legislation involving election reform, as urged by Sir John Macdonald, formed one of the many powerful canvasses against his continuance in power.—It must indeed be no trepidation, if not suspected, in dealing with a law which the verdict of the House of Commons, the least in-[illegible] present Government understand. A [illegible] law, is expected [illegible] the grievances [illegible] election [illegible] contest [illegible] to know [illegible] the lobbies of the House of Commons. The plots of the obstructionists are surely, in themselves, sufficient to condemn the *hocus pocus* principle for which they say [illegible] A good cause only requires to be known to be commended, and no doubt the existence of this [illegible] in the morality of the world is the reason why free schools have been established and have flourished everywhere, as is its antithesis the reason why separate schools have met with much disapprobation outside the [illegible] Catholic Bishops. [illegible] conduct of the [illegible] forms a marked [illegible] and honest friends of free [illegible] that one is al[illegible] to believe that the [illegible] not to mention the Christians of those who are determined to [illegible] any attempt to undermine the present school system, is of a [illegible] that of those who, [illegible] question of Education, are [illegible] to any plan or plot [illegible] desire. With the Se[illegible] means, however con[illegible] are nothing to the end, [illegible] may be plainly seen in their [illegible] in the city of St. John, if [illegible] County of Northumberland. [illegible] school ticket for St. John [illegible] Weldon, Burn and Keans, [illegible] advocates in favor of free, [illegible] contest [illegible] fully with two such [illegible] once appears to the [illegible] impossibility, un[illegible] adopted whereby [illegible] of the constitu[illegible]

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by the master over the servant, by the merchant over the farmer, by the mill-owner over the lumberer. In other words, the leading virtue of the ballot lies in the secrecy of the vote given in this way. The new law provides for secrecy in the best way possible, and in this is its chief merit. It will prevent all ballot stuffing, at least on the part of the voter, as the voting paper must be enclosed in an envelope and placed in the ballot-urn in view of the officer. Every system has its defects; yet the new election law will surely be an improvement upon the old, though there still exist abuses which it does not attempt to remove.

The Situation in Saint John.

While the people of Northumberland are making praiseworthy efforts to choose candidates who, as members, shall honestly represent the interests of the *County* in the Local Parliament, and at the same time watch the movements and resist the machinations of those who oppose our noble system of free education; while, we say, these efforts are being put forth by us in a regular, open, and straight-forward manner, there is some satisfaction in knowing that other districts in the Province are also actively engaged in taking action as meritorious with respect to the coming contest. The honest, manly expression of a liberal-minded people can by no means be restrained by the manifesto of certain ecclesiastics, the ravings of the *Freeman*, the combination of members and Parliament and Bishops, or the secret correspondence which flows between the "Vatican" of St. John and the lobbies of the House of Commons. The plots of the obstructionists are surely, in themselves, sufficient to condemn the *hocus pocus* principle for which they say [illegible] A good cause only requires to be known to be commended, and no doubt the existence of this [illegible] in the morality of the world is the reason why free schools have been established and have flourished everywhere, as is its antithesis the reason why separate schools have met with much disapprobation outside the [illegible] Catholic Bishops. [illegible] conduct of the [illegible] forms a marked [illegible] and honest friends of free [illegible] that one is al[illegible] to believe that the [illegible] not to mention the Christians of those who are determined to [illegible] any attempt to undermine the present school system, is of a [illegible] that of those who, [illegible] question of Education, are [illegible] to any plan or plot [illegible] desire. With the Se[illegible] means, however con[illegible] are nothing to the end, [illegible] may be plainly seen in their [illegible] in the city of St. John, if [illegible] County of Northumberland. [illegible] school ticket for St. John [illegible] Weldon, Burn and Keans, [illegible] advocates in favor of free, [illegible] contest [illegible] fully with two such [illegible] once appears to the [illegible] impossibility, un[illegible] adopted whereby [illegible] of the constitu[illegible]

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