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The Mayoralty Election.

The Majority 686

The following is the vote polled to-day

for Mayor: Comment is quite uncer-

tary:—

McElroy 686

Clark 339

St. Lawrence Ward, 199 87

St. Patrick's 144 43

St. George's 144 30

St. Andrew's 109 46

St. Mary's 248 38

Total 926 239

McElroy's majority 686.

THE NEW SOLICITOR GENERAL.

Mr. A. Norton Richards, the newly

appointed Solicitor General West, is a

highly accomplished professional gen-

tleman. A sounder or more painstaking

lawyer there is not in the Province. Pos-

sessed of good judgment, a clear logical

mind, and a general intelligence far above

the average of our politicians, Mr. Rich-

ards is endowed with peculiar qualifica-

tions for the important office to which he

has been elevated. It is urged against him

that he is a comparative stranger to Parlia-

mentary life. We regret to say this is

true, but through no fault of his. He con-

tested Leeds several times unsuccessfully,

and became member for the first time in

his life last July, when the Province, from

one end of it to the other, was struggling

to rid itself of the grasp of a corrupt fac-

tion. Every politician must commence his career

somewhere, and it is no more a sin to be a

young politician than it is to be a young

lawyer or a young doctor.

That there are other members of the

party—faithful and true through years of

storm and sunshine—who had claims on

the Solicitor Generalship, we willingly

admit. Prominent among these and occu-

ping the front rank is an old and much

esteemed friend, the member for North

Wentworth, Mr. Noteman. The Globe

complains that the Solicitor Generalship

was not offered to him. We agree in the

justice of the complaint, but will the Globe

have the kindness to tell us if it can say

the Speaker was not offered to Mr. Not-

man? The members for North

Wentworth, at his time of life, would make

a much better Speaker than Solicitor Gen-

eral. The labors of the former are nothing

compared with the labors of the latter, yet

nobody knows better than the Globe that

Mr. Notman would not have accepted the

Solicitor Generalship if it had been offered

him. We happen to know this, but it is

no reason why he should not have had the

offer. Much the same remarks will apply

to Mr. John Sturges Smith. He, too, has

been a faithful servant, but there is this

to be said about the member for East Dur-

ham. He has been long out of practice. Ten

years have brought many changes in the

science of jurisprudence. The whole prac-

tice of the Superior Courts has undergone

very important modifications. A barrister,

therefore, who has not addressed a jury

since 1853, would find his path beset with

many obstacles if he undertook the respon-

sibilities connected with the highest tri-

bunal office under the Crown. We believe

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Our London Correspondence.

London, Jan. 4, 1864.

DEAR TIMES:—Since my last letter we

have been rather busy in London, "doing"

Christmas and New Year's, and conse-

quently, beyond the usual festivities on

these occasions, there is little to write

about. Christmas being a pleasant day,

it was well received by the neighboring

skating parties of our population, especially

by the latter, the risks being crowded to

excess. New Year's day was, however,

one of the most severely cold days it has

been my lot to experience; but as I see

by the papers, the same cold was felt

throughout Upper Canada, it is useless for

me to expatiate further on that subject.

I will just add, however, that the weather

is now moderating, so that in a few days

we will, in all probability, have the weather

usual at this season.

OUR EARLY WINTER.

Your readers will doubtless remember

that in the summer of 1863, a record was

set in the history of the Province, of being

behind the times, Hamilton, manufactured

as was testified by the letters of two

"reliable" correspondents of the Times;

and now, however, London, ever ambitious,

must have one. I will give the story as it

is currently reported here. At the Palace

Barack, north-east of the central part of

the city, the conclusion was felt at about

two o'clock on last Saturday morning,

causing great alarm among those living

in the vicinity. The shock lasted a few mi-

nutes, and was accompanied by a loud re-

port. The astonished soldiers tumbled

from their beds, while the guards prepa-

red to give the alarm. On the night previous

(Friday) between nine and ten o'clock,

a similar shock had been felt between

the eastern extremity of the city, and in

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The Banquet to the Hon. Mr. Desautels.

The grand dinner given at the St. Law-

rence Hall, Montreal, by the friends of the

Hon. Mr. Desautels, on the occasion of

his departure, was in every way success-

ful, both as regards the attendance and social

enjoyment. The Hon. Mr. Desautels, pre-

sided, and among the guests present we

noticed the names of the Hon. Attorney General

East, Rodolphe Lafontaine, Mr. Perrault,

M. P. E., and a number of other well-known

citizens of Montreal. After the usual

toast to the health of His Excellency, Lord

Monck, and the members of the Execu-

tive Council, were presented and heartily

responded to. — Quebec Mercury.

A Few European Statistics.

The British Government has just pub-

lished a "Blue Book" with the title "Sta-

tistical Tables relating to Foreign Coun-

tries" from which some interesting figures

may be gleaned. It appears that Belgium

has the densest population, 358 persons to

the square mile. England has 277; Spain,

280; Russia has 10 persons to the square

mile. If we follow the list up to the end

of the list, we find that Norway has 13

persons to the square mile; Sweden, 23; Greece, 26; Spain,

28; Poland, 29; Moldavia, 100; Portugal,

104; Denmark, 119; Switzerland, 161;

Prussia, 165; France, 176, and Brun-

swick, 194.

In Prussia the marriages in a year are 1

in every 106 of the population, and the

births 1 in 24. In Russia the marriages

are 1 in 111, and the births 1 in 25. In

Austria the marriages are 1 in 117, and

the births 1 in 24. In France the marriages

are 1 in 123, and the births 1 in 26. In

England the proportion of marriages is 1

in 124; in Norway 1 in 124; in Han-

over, 1 in 128; in Holland and Den-

mark, 1 in 129; in Sweden, 1 in 130; in

Spain, 1 in 141; in Bavaria, 1 in 160; and