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THE KINGS ELECTION When a government majority has been reduced in the course of a year and a half from eight hundred to one hundred and fifty it is time for that government to make up its mind to the loss of that constituency at the next election. After making skilowance for the non-resident vote, it appears that Mr. Sproul has since September, 1900, cut down the government majority by about 600 votes. This has been accomplished in the face of an organize government party, armed with all the powers that patronage, coercion and a campaign fund variously estimated at from \$5,000 to \$10,000, could give, with an open ballot. With a secret ballot such as is used in dominion elections Mr. Sproul would probably have had a majority of several hundreds, notwithstanding all the influence of the gov ernment and the use of the cam paign fund. The feeling against the government must certainly be strong in Kings, when a poor man, with no official influence, no patronage or immediate hope of any, and no means or disposition to use other persuasio than fair argument, comes so close to beating the government in a county which the ministry has held for twenty

When Mr. Sproul began his camp against the government a year and a half ago, Dr. Pugsley and his friends scouted the idea that his campaign was serious. They declared that the opposition was purely factious, intended for mere annoyance. Last week we Brunswick frantically calling help from all quarters, and his friends pouring into the county the largest corruption fund that could be raised. The danger they saw was not only the defeat of Mr. King. This they could endure with cheerfulness. But the fear was that the attorney general's own seat was in peril, and that Kings would elect three opposition members at the general election.

And that is exactly what Kings county people have shown that they propose to do. If the government in a by-election under the circumstances that prevailed last week could only save the candidate by a small major ity, what will happen in Kings when the legislature is dissolved and the fate of the government is at stake in the

Mr. Sproul should have been efected.

It is now certain that he had a large majority of the free and unpurchased vote. He had to make his fight against the class of politicians who were not too good to commit the Rothesay forgeries, and who are no better or less zealous than they were a year ago. He had to fight a government which was sufficiently tyrannical and unscrupulous to cheat the county out of its representation for a year and a half, and which was still ready to accomplish the same purpose by other methods. Against Mr. Sproul were used all the campaign resources and devices known to a machine which operates over the whole area, from forgery, perjury and theft to the unconsti delay of a writ. Mr. Sproul knew what he had to meet, and did not expect too much. He went cheerfully forward with his campaign, prepared for either issue, but determined to give a good account of himself. He has no reason to be ashamed of his campaign, or of his vote, and certainly he and his friends have no reason to doubt the growing strength and coming triumph of their cause in Kings county.

THE SHAM BALLOT,

Vote by ballot in New Brunswick provincial elections is a fraud and a delusion. The secret ballot has been refused to the people of this province, and they are practically required to poll an open vote. It would indeed be better to give up the ballot altogether and go back to the old method of declaring the vote. That would place all men on a level, and would banish the miserable sham that we have now.

The primary purpose of the secret ballot was to free the voter from the fear of those who had some control or influence over him. In this country. the ballot was also expected to discourage the purchase of votes, by making it impossible to know whether

the vote was delivered. The Domin ballot serves both purposes as ell as they can be acco ret voting. The voter's protection closure, or some fraudulent operaion is performed by the election offi that corrupt expenditure in a federal election is risky, as the electors can no longer be made to believe that their vote will be traced to their dis-

But the New Brunswick ballot give protection either for the elector or the dependent pur candidate The voter who is to be influenced receives the ballot from the hand of the local manager, who is per mitted to stand over him until it is deposited in the box. This gives an employer all the opportunity he requires to coerce his men. It enables a government to coin into votes all the patronage it may possess, and all the influence it may have over the personal fortunes of the electors. It holds wide open the door for corruption, by enabling the vote buyer to see that the goods are delivered.

Take the case of the by election in Kings last week. In that county a number of electors are brought into business relations with the department of agriculture. A larger number have direct or indirect dealings or relations the government in connection with public work on roads, bridges or wharves. Mining projects, railway enterprises, stumpage collection and egulations, ferries, succession taxes, natters in litigation, and a score of subjects besides, afford to a minister or his agents an opportunity to exert The attempt will not always succeed, but it will usually e made, as probably two or three hundred Kings county electors know of their own knowledge. The open ballot is necessary to the use of this nethod of coercion or undue influence. In the case of electors who are in any way at the mercy of the government or who care more for the other interest then they do for their vote, it is effect ive. Equally helpful is this open lot to the corruptionist. Kings is not a corrupt county more than others, but it has like others a certain purchase able vote. On Saturday last a party with six or seven thousand dollars, some say ten thousand, to spend in an election, was able to see that every vote paid for was delivered.

adoption of a secret ballot for New inswick elections. The government has steadily opposed this reform. It

MR. ROSS AND PROHIBITION.

The great meeting of Ontario prohibitionists, which was held at Torcuto this week to discuss the Ros prohibition bill and referendum, would ave been unanimous in its condemne tion of the government had not ou good grit minister tried to defend the premier. Some of the delegates were prepared to accept a referendum and so far overlook the solemn promise of the government and its breach. But that a loaded referendum was unfair and vicious in principle. After the meeting a committee went to Mr. Ross in other places it is easily seen how and reminded him of his pleases, but the government candidate was elected he refused to modify the terms of his measure. Then they went to Mr. Whitney, the opposition leader, who told them that for his part he was not churches in this country can only be making promises. There is also trouble between the Manitoba government and the prohibitionists. But there, is this difference between the Manitoba referendum and that of Ontario, that whereas a vote in Manitoba such as was given either in the provincial plebiscite or in the dominion plebis cite, would confirm the law hy a large majority, the requirements in Ontario are such that the majority vote a either of the plebiscites will be 70,000 short of the number needed to bring the act into force. The prohibitionists in Manitoba need only do what they have already been able to do twice Those of Ontario must increase their strength by at least one-half. Mr Ross knows that they cannot do it.

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEe athore MENT.

The "Courrier" of Bathurst is perhap not the journal to which one would first turn for Ottawa news. But our Acadian contemporary has a corres pondent at the capital who makes an interesting disclosure, and as the cor-

respondent is apparently the member of parliament for Gloucester, his statements have a certain authority. Speaking of Mr. Bourassa's amendment to the address, and the purchase of the Canada Atlantic by the New York syndicate, the Courrier correspondent says:

We know that it was the intention of M Blair to buy the C. A. R. and extend the I. C. R. to Georgian Bay. \* \* and it was with this view that Mr. Blair hastened to place our road on a superior footing so he would be able to respond to the needs of an immense traffic. In treating with this foresight the resources of our country, and the openings required for their development, Mr. Blair rushed the work of improving and equipping our road in order to meet all the possibilities of a future which was approaching with electric speed. Thanks to a coal combine at the moment when he would have addressed himself to the country, the expense account exceeded the receipts, and the opposition blamed; the deficit to bad administration. So Mr. Blair waited for an instant, in order to explain to parliament a deficit which was only due to a combination of unforescen and uncontrollable fauses, the chief cause being the regrettable allowness of the Blair to buy the C. A. R. and extend the I. uld foreseen and uncontrollable fauses, the chief cause being the regrettable allowness of the people to submit to the necessary expense for the rapid development of the country. It would have been better to spend fifty millions at a stroke to arrive at practical results at once. \* Mr. Blair awaited the session in order to justify himself. Then came the terrible visitation of Providence. \* and in the meantime the Canada Atlantic rallway passed into the hands of American capitalists, to the great chagrin of Mr. Blair and of all Canadians who are interested in the future of the country. \* The national existence of Canada is involved in this question.

Mr. Devlin, immigration agent at Dub-lin, reveals only a part of the truth. Mr. Devlin was a somewhat wordy olitical campaigner in Canada. He ems to be much engaged with questions of home rule in Ireland. What he told the Montreal Witness reporter is not so important as what he does Tails to do in his field of oratory The people of Canada pay Mr. Dayl \$3,000 a year and expenses. His office is at Dublin, and last year cost alto gether \$6,133. At Londonderry there is another agent of this country, Mr. O'Kelly, who is paid \$1,800. Adding his expenses, this office costs \$3,646. A third official, Mr. Webster, costs \$2,050. The immigration work of the government in Ireland costs this country nearly \$12,000, not to speak of the outlay for Mr. Preston, the superintend ent, who formerly hugged the machine. Now we turn to the immigration returns and find that of the immigrants who arrived in Canada last year 933 were Irish. How many of these remained in the country is no known, but whether they went or remained, it cost the people of this country nearly \$13, paid to Canadian agents in Ireland, for each man, wo-man and child. It would appear that Mr. Devlin's efforts to induce the peo ple of Ireland to remain at home have not been in vain. Probably if he and his associates had been withdrawn two years ago, the number of immigrants from Ireland to Canada would have been at least 930. We may credit each of the three officers with one extra immigrant. The Irish people are good immigrants, and we like to have Yet if they feel it their duty, their charming kingdom, no one can biame them. Only the people of Canada do not expect to pay immigration agents to go to Ireland to encourage

The people of the shire town Northumberland are taking steps change the name of their place Miramichi. Commodore Stewart of the Chatham World does not approve of the idea. He says that if confusion caused by the fact that there is another Newcastle in Queens county, the smaller and newer place should be the one to change its name! If the shire town should change its name, Mr. Stewart is not willing that it should monopolize the name that is claimed by a large and important district in which Chatham also is situated. The World suggests Adamsburg or Mit-World suggests Adamsburg or Mit-chellstown in honor of distinguished former residents.

the people to stay there.

The enquiry into the vote of poll 37 at Montreal has so far produced 18 persons who voted for Bergeron About 20 others have been found wh did not vote at all but whose name are down in the poll book. The elec-Bergeron 4, whereas it is supposed that A majority of 5 to 10 has been raised to 86. As the same game was played

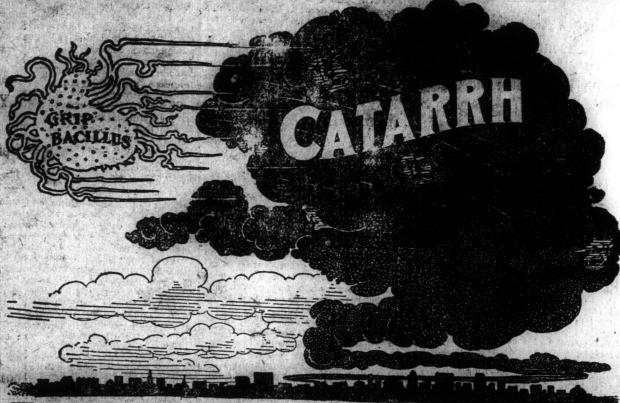
The question of official precedence among the representatives of the finally settled in one way. Chapter 97 of a certain book of instruction is headed "Concerning Snakes in Iceland." Beneath this title appears one sentence "There are no snakes in Iceland." The chapter on official etiquette, which deals with the precedence of church dignitaries in Canada, should read: "There is no ecclesiastical precedence in Canada."

The Chatham World is having fun with the St. John Telegraph because the Telegraph displays the announce ment that it was founded by William Elder. The World thinks that a newspaper ought to know its own father, and informs the Telegraph that it was founded by John Livingston, who afterwards bought Mr. Elder's papers and engaged Mr. Elder as chief editor at \$2,000 a year. Subsequently Mr. Livingston sold out to Mr. Elder.

Last week the Sun mentioned a statement made by Dr. Pugsley nomination day to the effect that he was a resident of Kings. This journal took the liberty of telling the attorney general that he could not legally vote in this election, as he could not say that at the time of tendering his vote that he was a resident or domiciled in the electoral district. In spite of this good advice the attorney general presented himself at the Rothesay poll and tendered his vote. Objection was taken by Mr. Sproul's agent, and Mr. Pugsley, who is a good lawyer, retired without voting.

The affair of Miss Stone does not now appear to be so serious as it did when she was thought to be in the hands of professional brigands. It would have been difficult to raise the money to release the lady if it had been known that she was in the hands of ordinary Macedonian or Bulgarian statesmen who intended to use the ransom money for political purposes.

The attorney general seems to have een anxious to be accused of the Rothesay forgery. It was perhaps equally the duty of the chief law officer to be anxious to discover the real forgers.



IKE A TERRIBLE CYCLONE grip I also used it for my catarrh, and I can street, New York, suffered with the Grip. bacillus has passed over our country, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, leaving behind it a dark cloud of anguish and despair.

Catarrh follows grip as effect follows A multitude of catarrh victims will

spring up in the trail of the awful epidemic of grip that has just passed over our fair country. The hope to these people is Peruna. Most people know this already.

Everyone who has had the least touch of grip, should not fail to take a cours of treatment with Peruna. Peruna eradicates every vestige of the

disease and leaves the system in a normal condition. Hon. Joseph B. Crowley, Congressman

from Illinois, writes from the National Hotel, Washington, D. C., as follows: "After giving Peruna a fair trial I can erfully recommend your remedy to anyone suffering with coughs, colds, la grippe and all catarrhal complaints."

J. B. Crowley. Hon. George H. White, Congressman from North Carolina, writes:

"I am more than satisfied with Peru edy."-George H. White.

Hon. J. P. Megrew, Superintendent U.

advised by a friend to use your Peruna. Eighth District, residing at 36 Rivington

now cheerfully recommend your remedy two bottles of Peruna cured him. He to anyone who is suffering from the grip also writes that he knows a large numand catarrh."-J. P. Megrew.

Miss Anna Russell, Past Worthy Counelor, Loyd Mystic Legion, 293 Endicott Building, St. Paul, Minn., writes:

" For years I have unfortunately found my system in a peculiarly receptive condition for catarrh when I was exposed in any way to inclement weather. At those times I would be severely afflicted with la grippe and its unpleasant con-Now for the past year and a half I

have used Peruna in such cases and have found that it not only cures me quickly, but it also cleanses my blood and renders me less liable to catch cold. It is the finest preventative of colds that I know of and a very superior tonic." Anna Rossell.

Miss Emily Milburne, President of the Westside Young Woman's Club, No. 152 West Congress street, Chicago, Ill., writes of several members of the club of which she is president, who have he the Grip and have been quickly restored to health by Peruna. Mr. Nicolas F. Rossiter, of 468 Nor

wood avenue, Cleveland, O., had a sever ns, and find it to be an excellent remedy strack of the Grip, was very sick and for the grip and catagrh. I have used it under the physician's care. He, like in my family, and they all join me in many others, passed the acute stage but ading it as an excellent remidid not receive strength. Peruna ne only quickly restored him to his former health, but to much better health than S. Capital Police Force, of Washington, he has had for years. He gives Pernns all the praise.

Hon. Max J. Porges, Alderman of the

ber of people who have been cured of the Grip by Peruna.

Hon. Charles W. Culkin, Alderman of the Seventh Assembly District of the Borough of Manhattan, residing at 45 Eighth avenue, New York, writes that he was laid up several days with the Grip. On the fifth day he was advised to try Peruna. He did so and found himself better within twenty-four hours. This remedy soon restored him to his usual vigorous health.

Mr. Martin Edwards, President of the ounty Clare Men's Benefit Society, 52 West Forty-Ninth street, New York. writes that he was cured of the Grip by a short course of treatment with Pernna. Miss Blanche Dumont, President of the Athenia Club, 4110 Aldrich avenue North, Camden Place, Minneapolis, Minn., says she was cured of the Grip. Nothing thelped her mutil she tried Peruna. Felt better next day after beginruna. Felt better next day after begin-ning its use. Was able to be out of bed the third day. She also tells of others who were cured by Peruna.

La Grippe is epidemic catarra. Peruna cures caterrh, hence Peruna is a specific for la grippe.

If you do not derive prompt and sale actory results from the use of Peruna write at once to Dr. Hartman, givings Ad

as can be obtained for state a bottle at all first-class drug, stores in Canada. "The Ills of Life," which red at all up-to-date drug stores and upon request is sent free to all, gives a short description of all catarrhal dis-larges Dr. Hartman, Columbus, Odio, U. S. A.

### JAPAN.

#### Methodist Missionary Strikes Suceessful Blow at Vile Female Slavery

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 26.-The Me illist Protestant Board of Foreign Missions of the United States met here today. The report for the year showed that about \$16,000 had been expended in the foreign work. A letter was read from U. S. Grant Murphy, a missionary located at Yokohama, Japan; telling of the wonderful reform movement now in progress in Japan. For many hundred years fathers in Japan have been allowed by law to sell their daughters to disorderly houses. One of the girls escaped abou a year ago, took refuge with Mr. Murphy. He made an appeal to the supreme court of Japan and nas just se a decision that the practice is yirtual slavery. This decision liberates over 55,000 girls; and about 11,000 have already escaped from their bond-

### BITS OF NEW

PROVIDENCE, March 3.—After a tempestious voyage which many times nearly resulted in disaster, barges Sovereign of the Seas, Frank Pendleton, and R. Thomas, the tow of the tug Edward Luckenbach are safely in port. They left Newport News Feb. 21

Feb. 21.
WASHINGTON, March 3.— A cablegran from Tokio received at the Japanese lega-tion today, says upon the authority of the minister for finance that the report that the

tion today, says upon the authority of the minister for finance that the report that the Japanese government is negotiating a loan in New York is entirely unfounded.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 3.—The U. S. minister, John G. Leishman, has presented a note to the Porte regarding the capture of Miss Elien M. Stone by brigands, demanding the punishment of the guilty parties. The Poyte in replying repudiates responsibility and denies all liability.

BERLIN, March 3.—In the course of the budget discussion in the Reichstag today, the imperial chancellor, Count Von Buelow, in reply to questions raised by the vote asked for to maintain the German-troops in China, said Germany had only economic and not territorial interests in China and Corea, and would not interfere in the quarrels of others. So far as Germany knew, the only effect of the Anglo-Japanese convention was to maintain the status quo.

COLON, March 3.—Local government officials declare that severe fighting has occurred at Facatativa, near Bogota, and that the rebells were routed. No details of the engagement have yet been received here.

PHILADELPHIA, March 3.— The barge

# SEND FOR CATALOGUE

St. John worth having, not to mention their successes throughout the length and breadth of Canada and the United States.

S. KERR & SON ODDFELLOWS Carbon, from Philade Carbon, from Philadelphia for New Bedford, loaded with coal, was burned at sea today and at last reports was adrift and fast sinking, ten miles off Cape May, N. J. The crew was rescued by the tug Sea King and taken to New York. The barge grounded on McCrois shoals, which caused a stove to overturn and set fire to the vessel.

ELMIRA, N. Y., March 3.—The drop in the temperature has improved the flood situation here. About 500 families were affected, by the flood, and there is much suffering, which is being alleviated as speedily as possible.

SATURDAY'S AUCTIONS. R. M. Harding, who is acting as actioneer of T. L. Coughlan's jewelry stock, eloquently described Mr. Coughlan's property on Broad street, which he offered for sale. The auctioneer stated Mr. Coughlan had a private offer of \$3,000. Only \$2,100 was bid and the property was windrawn. Mr Potts announced he had sold at pri vate sale the Paddock street property owned by J. F. Weston, and then offered in vain 50 shares of Sto John Milk and Dairy Co.'s stock, par value \$5 per share.

POST ROAD, PETITCODIAC. On Wednesday, February 25th, a very successful basket social was held at H. R. Trites on Post Road, Petitcodiac. As the evening was fine, a large number from the village, as well from along the road, attended. baskets were auctioned off by Mr. Steeves, and \$27 was realized towards getting new furniture for the school-Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Trites a very pleasant evening was spent.

PROBATE COURT YESTERDAY: Letters of administration of the estate of the late Alexander Chalmers were granted to his widow. The estate consists of \$700 personal property. John

Letters testamentary in the estate of Annie Brogan were granted to Annie E. Shrewsbury. The estate consists of \$1,200 real, \$500 personal property. John Willet, proctor: A. W. Macrae for the

An order was granted in the matte of the estate of Albert D. Wilson, callng on the executors, S. B. Bustin, Matilda J. Wilson and James C Rob inton, to file accounts on or before March 15th. F. R. Taylor for petition er, Dr. Thos. Walker, J. J. Porter for executors. Letters of administration in the estate of Frances Haike were granted her daughter, Ella A. Smith. The estate consists of \$400 personalty. .. Geo.

Fairweather, proctor.

Samuel Bishop of Brigg's Corne Queens county, on Friday morning shot imself with a revolver. He was pre-Laring to shoot a wildcat, when weapon accidentally discharged and the ball lodged in his left hand.

OR. A. W. CHASES OF CATARRH CURE ... ZOC. is sent direct to the disea parts by the Improved Blow Heals the ulcers, clears the

COMING HOME.

Rev. Dr. Manning, secretary of the Foreign Missionary board of the Maritime Baptist convention, has received word from Miss Martha Clark, a missionary in India, that she will leave for home about the 8th of this month. Miss Clark belongs to Bay View, P. E. I, and is a sister to J. S. Clark, author of Rand and the Micmacs. She has been in India over seven years, and now returns on a furlough because of severe throat trouble. She will come by way of New Zealand and San Francisco or Vancouver, arriving here about June 1st.

ARE THERE OLDER CITIZENS? Referring to the death of Henry Maxwell the other day it was stated the deceased was St. John's oldest citizen. This statement was not correct. Asa W. T. Betts, of 188 Queen street, is still alive and hale and hearty at the remarkable age of nearly ninetyeight, and was therefore Mr. Maxwell's senior by simewhat over a year. Mr. Betts is a native of St. John, and, though his hearing and sight are impaired, his general health is fairly good.-Globe.

COL. McLEAN MAY RETIRE.

It is understood that Lieut. Col. H. H. McLean will retire from the position of commanding officer of the 62nd regiment. Col. McLean's term of five years in command will be up in September, and it is not probable that he will apply for an extension. Major Sturdee, the present second in command, will most likely succeed Col. McLean, and there will be a number of other changes.-Star.

ALL DEBTS PAID

At one of the services in the Victoria street Free Baptist church on Sunday the pastor, Rev. David Long, made the announcement that there was now sufficient money in the treasury to pay off the church mortgage and all other debts. During the pastorate of Mr. Long the church has made regular and consistent progress. Additions have been made to the membership and the church building has been extensively repaired.

LANDED SHIPWRECKED SAILORS PALM BEACH, Fla., March 2.- A party of

PALM BEACH, Fla., March 2.—A party of shipwrecked sellors were landed at Palm Beach this afternoon from the El Cid, Capt. Baker, which picked them up yesterday morning about 200 miles east of Savannah. They were Capt. Brown, First Made Sherman Martin and a crew of eight men of the schr. B. R. Woodside, bound from Fernandina to St. John, Porto Rico, with a cargo of lumber. Last Wednesday a heavy gale from the northeast sprang up. The schooner was blown out of her course and labored in the heavy seas until she sprang aleak, settlink and becoming waterlogged. The officers and crew finally lashed themselves to the after deckhouse and remained there with many seas breaking over them, for three days, when their signals were seen by the El Cid. The schooner was going to pieces when the men were taken off.

BERLIN, March 3.— The Reichsanzeighis evening publishes decrees providing in the gradual abolition of house slavery in the mercons and Togo colonies.

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