

Guelph Evening Mercury

THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 27, 1873.

The Ballot Act of 1873.

This is the title of a bill introduced into the House of Commons by Mr. Tremblay, and which has received its first and second readings. Upon looking carefully over the nineteen clauses of the Bill, we find, in the first place, that ballot cards are to be provided, on which the names of the several candidates are to be printed in strict alphabetical or dictionary order, and in separate or distinct colors. Balloting compartments are to be provided at each polling place for the convenience of voters, and these voting places are to be so constructed that each voter may mark his ballot card alone and secretly, without any interference or interruption.

Each polling place will be supplied with a ballot box, the key of which shall be in the custody of the Deputy Returning Officer.

Ballot cards, previously initiated by the deputy returning officer, will be delivered to persons entitled to vote, and the number of such voter on the voter's list marked thereon. Each voter, immediately upon receiving the card, shall retire alone to one of the balloting compartments and strike out the name or names of those for whom he does not intend to vote. The card will then be folded and delivered to the returning officer, who shall, without unfolding the same, or in any way disclosing the names of the candidates or the erasures made, verify his initials on the back thereof, and forthwith deposit the same in the ballot box, publicly, in the presence of all persons entitled to be present.

No person will be allowed in any balloting compartment with any voter. In case of voters who are blind, or physically incapacitated from marking the card, it shall be the duty of the deputy returning officer to accompany him to one of the compartments, and there assist in striking off the names of those for whom he does not desire to cast his vote, folding up the ballot card as before directed.

We do not like this clause in the bill, as a very large number of voters might be "physically incapable" on purpose, and where a partisan deputy returning officer was employed, the consequences might be very serious indeed. We would suggest that the agents of each candidate be present when the erasure is made. Should the clause be so amended we would have no objection to it.

Ballot cards containing a greater number of names increased than the number of persons for whom each voter is legally entitled to vote, or which are so marked as to render it uncertain which name the voter intended to strike out, or which is not duly initialed as provided, shall be rejected at the close of the poll.

When the poll has been declared closed, the ballot-box shall be opened and the cards counted in presence of witnesses, and a written statement prepared of the number of votes cast for each candidate. The ballot cards are then to be sealed up, and, with the statement and voters' list, transmitted to the returning officer.

Persons charged with personation may be taken into custody and dealt with as the law directs.

This Act shall commence and take effect from the date of the passing thereof.

FORM OF BALLOT CARD. ELECTIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRE WELLINGTON. Names of the Candidates: JAS. ROSS, G. T. ORTON.

The cards are to be made of unglazed white cardboard, and to be perforated across the middle, as shown by the dotted line. The names of the candidates to be printed in separate and distinct colors.

Ontario Legislature.

March 26. The Orders in Council were ratified and read to the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway, the Northern Extension Railway, the London, Huron & Bruce Railway, and the Prince Edward County Railway.

The House then resumed the debate on the Municipal Loan Fund adjustment scheme. Mr. Byrkt, whose speech was on the previous day, cut short by the arrival of the hour for recess, again took the floor. He continued his criticisms of the scheme at great length, but concluded without moving any amendment.

Mr. Meredith followed, and directed his remarks principally to proving that the constituency—London—was not receiving fair treatment in the adjustment of indebtedness.

Mr. Cameron then proceeded to criticize many of the details. He denied that the Acts of '59 and '66 established the rules on which the scheme of relief was founded, and then showed what he regarded as the uneven justice meted out to different indebted municipalities. He particularly instanced Brantford as receiving exceptionally favorable treatment, and St. Catharines and London as the reverse. He then went on to notice the slight modifications of the original scheme to meet the cases of the township of Hope, and the towns of Goderich and Berlin, as well as the arrangement in Hamilton. All these, he insisted, were induced by the fact that supporters of the Government represented the favored municipalities. He sat

down, however, without making any counter-proposition to the measures of the Government.

Mr. Gibbons showed the unfairness of this charge by a reference to the case of Goderich, which, with the concession now made, was, he held, still getting very scant justice. No town, he declared, that borrowed \$100,000 had paid as much towards its liquidation, and that, too, with less than 4,000 inhabitants.

Other speakers followed, when Mr. E. B. Wood entered into a most elaborate argument in answer to objections taken by Mr. Byrkt and others to the scheme. He analyzed every transaction leading up to the present position of the municipalities whose claims had been referred to, and reviewed the history of the railways to which loans from the Municipal Loan Fund had been advanced, and the causes that had led to their failure to discharge their obligations. He then noticed the claims of Hamilton and Berlin to the relief afforded by the resolutions, and justified the clauses inserted for their benefit. He pointed out the impossibility of meeting the demand set up for aid to counties that had invested in gravel roads, and exposed the absurdity of the member for Lincoln asking for such an addition to the scheme with one breath, and with the other declaring that the scheme as it stood would nearly empty the exchequer. In conclusion, he defended the impartiality of the Premier in preparing the measure, showing how completely the least-semblance of political favoritism had been avoided in its preparation. He should endorse every proposition of the Government, and declared that, notwithstanding anything that might be said by a minority in that House, the scheme would have the approval of the vast majority of the people of the country. It would be an imperishable monument to the courage and ingenuity of the Minister that had grappled with a question so intricate and complicated. The speech occupied two hours and a half, concluding just as the clock pointed to midnight.

Mr. Macdonald moved an amendment in favour of increasing the allowance to the other counties, which was lost on a division. Mr. McEae moved an amendment in the interest of certain townships on the Nipissing Railway. The amendment was lost on a division. The resolutions were then reported, and the reception of the report fixed for to-morrow.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

March 26. On the opening of the House to-day an unusually large number of petitions were presented to the Government, praying for a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Sir John A. Macdonald stated that no person had been appointed County Judge for Prince Edward, nor had any one been promised the appointment.

Mr. Pope stated that Canada would be represented at the Vienna Exhibition by the Imperial Commissioners. In answer to Mr. Daly, who was putting the question clearly was serving the purpose of the Minister of Public Works, Mr. Langevin announced that it was the intention of the Government to change the gauge of the Intercolonial Railway to 4 ft. 8 1/2 in. The announcement of the change of gauge was received by the Opposition with applause, and justly so, since it was another back down from the high ground taken in the late Parliament and another tribute to the general correctness of the demands of the Opposition.

The examination at the bar of the House of the returning officer of Muskoka, was taken up. This proceeding, conducted in the usual formal and tedious manner, occupied the House until the adjournment at 11 o'clock.

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