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THE FRANCHISE.

Who May Vote for Members of Parliament.

How the Voters' Lists are Made Up—Something That Everyone Should Know.

The coming in force of a new franchise law makes it important that the provisions of the law as regards voters' qualifications, and the procedure necessary to get names upon the voters' list should be thoroughly understood. A Glasgow reporter called upon Mr. J. A. VanWart, the revising barrister, for York County, who kindly furnished him with a copy of the law, from which it appears that the qualifications for voters are as follows:—

Male persons 21 years of age and British subjects by birth or naturalization, may vote if possessed of property qualifications as follows:—

In Cities.

\$300 worth of real estate or in towns \$200 worth;

Or, has been a tenant of real property in a city or town during the year 1885, at a monthly rent of \$2, a quarterly rent of \$6 and a half-yearly rent of \$12 or an annual rent of \$20;

Or, is the occupant of real property within a city to the value of \$300 or within a town to the value of \$200 otherwise than as a tenant;

Or is a resident of a city or town earning an income of not less than \$300;

Or, the son of an owner of real property of sufficient value to give the father and son, or sons as the case may be, a property qualification if divided, provided that the son must have continuously resided with his father during last year.

In Counties.

\$100 worth of real estate;

Or, tenancy at rent similar to those required in city qualifications, except that the rent need not be payable in money;

Or, occupation of real estate to the value of \$150 otherwise than as a tenant;

Or, \$500 income;

Or, is the son of a farmer, or other owner of real property, continuously with his father during last year, provided the property is of sufficient value if divided to qualify such son, or sons as the case may be.

If the owner of property does not possess sufficient property to qualify all his sons, the elder will be qualified in preference to the younger son.

The act contains provisions, of course, to meet exceptional cases, but it would make too great a demand upon our space to recite them all.

The following persons cannot vote:—

The judges of all courts, revising officers, returning officers, or election clerks, or persons who may be employed for reward as constables, agent, clerk or attorney of the candidate at an election.

How to Get Names Upon List.

The reporter asked Mr. VanWart when persons could apply for their names upon the list.

Mr. VanWart, in reply, said they could make application at any time. The application must be in writing, signed by the party and sworn to before a Justice of the Peace and state the grounds upon which they claimed to be qualified.

Need all persons do this?

No, only those who have reason to think that their qualification does not appear upon the assessment roll, any person who may doubt that he can secure his name upon the list, or those who have been removed from the list by mistake.

How soon do you publish a list?

The law says the preliminary list must be published on or before the first of March, and I will be ready in time.

Must all names be on this list, or can names be added afterwards?

Names can be added at any time before the first of August when the final list will be published.

How can persons whose names are not on the preliminary list proceed to get their names on the final list?

By making application in the manner that I have already stated.

Have you received many applications as yet?

No, I haven't received more than a half dozen from the whole county.

What persons ought to make application?

Those who are qualified to vote as farmers' sons, or as sons or owners of real estate, or generally those who possess some one of the qualifications mentioned in the act, but have not hitherto had their names upon the revised list.

Can names improperly put upon the list be struck off?

Yes, after notice to the party whose name is objected to, and filing the grounds of appeal.

Is your decision final?

No, an appeal lies from my decision to the judge of the County Court.

In answer to the reporter's inquiry as to whether he had appointed a clerk yet, Mr. VanWart said that Mr. C. S. Ingraham, who is permanently employed in the office, had been appointed. Mr. VanWart also informed the reporter that he intended shortly to have blank forms of applications printed.

A Fredericton Boy in California.

A San Francisco paper says: "We have received the business card of H. LeBaron Smith & Co., tailors. This is a new firm recently established at 621 Market Street, up stairs, parlors & 3. Mr. Smith identified himself with our church immediately upon his arrival in this city, about a year ago. He is a young man of good business qualities. We wish him great success."

More Prizes.

Baylis & Co., of the Piquette Indian Medicine Factory, Portland, St. John, have concluded as a result of a rapidly increasing sale of their medicines to give in addition to the amount advertised 100 five dollar prizes, also 50 ten dollar prizes.

Address by Mayor Penney.

Mayor Penney will address the electors of Fredericton on civic matters, in the City Hall on Wednesday evening next.

Old Remedy Sore—Sore and Ulcers, or Abscesses hard to heal, are due to bad blood or Scrophulous. Purify the blood with Blood Bitters and the worst sores speedily heal as the general health is restored.

THE RIEL BUSINESS.

"Jake" from Nappadoggin Argues the Case for the Government.

To the Editor of the GLEANER:

Sir—Was it right to hang Riel? is the question of the day. In our camp the other night Jake said it was Riel (real) mean of the Macdonald Government to hang Riel.

The U. S. Government did not hang Riel, but the British Government did. It is a wonder to-day that they had done so; because the chain of love that binds them together is better than the many old shackles of revenge. The principle of a true American is not noble for revenge, as revenge belongs to the savage; although there are some people who pretend to be civilized whose bosoms are stuffed as full of revenge as the veriest Indian who ever redressed a wrong with a tomahawk or a scalping knife. It is a wonder to me they don't take a cudgel and beat the hurricane that knocked the hat off the gutter. Indeed there are some people I could mention who if they were knocked down with a thunderbolt the first thing they would do after coming to their senses would be to look about for a brickbat. Here Jake, you shut up!! I didn't want you to lecture us on politics; I hired you to help the cook. That's no boat! I have provided the wood and the water. If you have any more chores for me to-day why say so. No there is nothing more to do, but there is no use in fuss or any other thing trying to condemn the hanging of Riel. If I thought it worth while I could show you, or any man in the camp, up for I have studied the matter in all its bearings. There was silence in the camp for some time. Jake says it would not be too presumptuous, I should like to reason the matter with you, that is, provided you let me say what I have to say, if you'll promise me you'll shut me up, although I am only a boy in learning on this question I'm your man; you have challenged the camp. Now Boss I want to ask you a question as you say you have studied the matter in all its bearings. Where is the difference between the execution of John the Baptist and Riel? There is no difference, but not such. Can you tell? The Boss is silent. Boss you don't know the difference!! but I will tell you. John the Baptist had his head taken off with an edged tool, Riel had his neck broken with a rope; there was no difference between the two in the doctrine they were advocating. True there was some difference in the means they employed; so you see on Riel's part it was a mistake of the mind not of the heart; you don't consider it right to take the head off John the Baptist and fail to take his head off Riel. What are you going to do with Riel? Put him in prison, Boss, and keep him there till he pays the last farthing. That is the greatest reformer the world ever saw. Him to hold to be the reins of our destiny, the Lord of right and glory; and if you don't believe me you'll find it in the Bible, or rather the New Testament. Oh Jake, what's the use of bringing in scriptures? Boss, I thought you were a Christian. So I am Jake! But it seems to me you haven't much respect for the Bible. How can we regulate our law if we ever expect to be just ones without having recourse to the Bible? I would not pretend to reason the matter with you only for the teachings of the Bible as I hear it from the Catholic Church. Jake you have nothing to question, I am sure! Boss I have to question the Bible, as the Bible is the standard by which all British laws have been made and reformed by. It is our great charter of liberty and defense against tyranny or persecution, and I, as a British subject, have a right to question our laws with the Bible. I believe the Bible to be God's word and we find there the expression, "Beware of false teachers, etc." Boss what do they keep saying? Bishops in the House of Lords in England for? Is it not to shame our human laws in accordance with the Divine? It is not for that I don't see any use in having them there. I have looked the New Testament from Matthew to Revelation and I cannot find anything that would go to justify the hanging of Riel. I can find "Love your neighbor as yourself." "Love your enemies." "Do good to them that hate you." "Overcome evil by good." and again our Savior said a new commandment I give you, "that you love one another as I have loved you" and "if any man or set of men would come to me with a doctrine contrary to that which I have said, let him be accursed." Well, if he said he was an angel from Heaven, there is a very simple way of testing him: I would simply do what John on the Isle of Patmos did—that was to fall down at his feet. If he was an angel from Heaven he could tell me to get up out of there. Such a doctrine as that is only due to God alone, but if he comes up on the down train (that is from the world) he would tell me to get up. He would be might descended to introduce the point of a silk slipper and give me the privilege of kneeling. Well, I would say to him what do you mean? do you think I am a Corn Doctor? If you do you're mistaken. I'm only a bushman, but I'll run down to Jim Sharp's camp next Sunday—I'll get a little of his bottle warranted to cure corns, and if you have any new doctrine you can keep it to yourself. I have no faith in religious peddlers; but to come back to the subject, Boss, of John on the Jordan and the execution of Riel. There is considerable improvement in the law and in the power the vestal. At that time the supreme power was vested in the king alone. He could put a man to death without judge or jury, but now it has been placed to a merciful Father to place the power in the people, and if the people violate the law of God, why they are no better than Herod. As all public power must proceed from God—true they may act wrongfully for a while, but it won't be long—justice would overtake them. Now Boss, I want to ask you one question and I've done for the night. Would you support a man like Herod? No, Jake, I would not! Well, how can you support the Macdonald Government which hung Riel for a rebellion which they themselves may have created by their gross neglect? If I live until next election I will have a cup, and unless this thing is thoroughly cleared up, and the Government can show a clean sheet, I'll be on the side that believes in penance, and to turn out some of these Government suckers will be the best penance, too, the people have the lawful power of imposing. Boss, if you can show where I'm wrong I'm willing to stand corrected. However, let it go to the public for what it is worth.

Nappadoggin, Jan. 11, 1886.

By all your feet both wood and coal from M. BAZZAS.

Y. C. A. S.

Annual Meeting on Thursday Afternoon.

Expenditures and Receipts For the Past Year.

Election of Officers and Other Business Done.

The annual meeting of the York County Agricultural Society was held at the County Court House on Thursday last. There were present Mr. John H. Reid, President; Sheriff Sterling, Vice President; John Richards, Sec.-Treas.; Mr. Stevens, Mr. John A. Edwards, Mr. N. T. Wheeler, Mr. John Cameron, Mr. J. D. Reid, Mr. Jas. T. Sharkey, Mr. W. S. McKee, Mr. Geo. J. Burns, Mr. Geo. Davis, Mr. L. C. McKee, Mr. Wm. McKee, Colonel March, Mr. Alanzo Staples, Mr. J. B. Grier, Mr. T. Murphy, Mr. M. McDade, Mr. M. McCathern, Mr. J. B. Grier, Mr. H. A. Copley and Mr. R. A. Eddy.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Report of Track Committee was read and ordered to lie on the table. The report showed that \$95 had been received for sales of driving tickets and \$18.00 from former committee, expended in repairs on track in 1885; the balance on hand, \$48.28. Two new culverts were placed in the track and considerable dirt was hauled for raising the turns of the track. During the whole summer the track was in a better condition than it has been for some years previous.

Mr. Edwards presented an account from the Farmer Office amounting to \$9.50. The bill was referred to the Executive Committee.

The accounts for the year 1885 are as follows:—

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid Mrs. Campbell rent, \$240.00

R. Chestnut & Sons, \$2.28

J. B. Dewitt, repair of fence, \$10.50

Interest, \$4.20

Secretary's commission, \$10.50

Total payments, \$287.58

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1884, \$189.50

Patrons, \$140.00

51 subscribers, \$46.00

Balance on hand \$131.01

The following resolution was moved by Col. March, seconded by Mr. George J. Burns, and carried.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to accept of the services of the York County Agricultural Society.

Whereas, it has been the custom in the past to wait upon His Honor the Lieut. Governor to exhibit the products of the county.

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Whereas, the present is the triennial year of the Provincial Exhibition in Fredericton.

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County Valuation.

The Board of Valuers, Mr. Wm. Kingdon, Mr. John A. Campbell and Mr. Thomas Scott, have submitted their report, and the valuation of rateable property in each parish in the county, as agreed upon by them is as follows, the valuation agreed upon in 1870 being given for comparison:—

St. Mary's, \$250,000

Douglas, \$250,000

Bright, \$250,000

Queensbury, \$250,000

Southampton, \$250,000

St. John's, \$250,000

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