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THE MUSKOKA CASE.

As was generally anticipated the reserved decision in the Muskoka election case, given in Toronto Monday by Justices Patterson and Ferguson, resulted in the personal disqualification of Mr. Fauquier, the conservative member-elect, Mr. Justice l'atterson delivered an able review of the case in which he referred to the operations of Anderson, Shields, could be made for the more advanced and possible to get along without an Orange " sed and systemized plan to employ means " which are either corrupt in themselves or 41 stigmatized by the statute as corrupt, in " influencing this election, and that it was " part of the system to bring those means " to bear as generally as possible through " all parts of the electoral district. This "circumstance apart from the actual " proof of individual acts of corrupt or "illegal character, has to be borne in " mind in our present enquiry." Mr. Fauquier endeavored to make it appear that he knew nothing of all these plans and transactions, but Mr. Justice Patter-

"It would be rather taxing credulity to ask us to assume that while a course of the character I have alluded to was being pursued in so many parts of the electoral district by persons who were strangers there, with little or no secrecy, and while the respondent was passing from place to place canvassing and holding meetings, no whisper of it should have reached the ears of the person chiefly interested. One could not so assume, without tolerably convincing proof; and under the statute affirmative evidence is required. But unfortunately for the respondent, whatever evidence there is accords with the presumption of his knowledge—and not necessarily knowledge of any specific act of a corrupt nature, but knowledge of the general nature of the tactics likely to be resorted to. That evidence is mainly what we are told of the interviews of the respondent with Anderson and with Shields. That with Anderson is spoken of by the respondent himself, and by at least one other witness—I think Mr. Marter. Election matters were the theme of their conversation; though, as it was late one evening, after the respondent had done a hard day's work, little may have been said. Nothing in deprecation of illegal practices such as were then planned at Gravenhurst, and such as Mr. Marter tolls us could not be avoided in sending men to the unorganized townships, is shown to have then been said; yet we should hesitate to hold, from what we know of that interview alone, that the respondent knowing or suspecting that corrupt practices were being resorted to, connived at them. But the interview with Shields is told in a different way. We have the respondent's own avowal that he purposely avoided the mention of election matters to Shields, and that Shields was equally guarded in speaking to him. In the face of this, we cannot see our way to say that he limits which the kencered conducted according to law; or that he honestly desired that there evold personally doing, or the desire and endeavour with reference to the general conduct of the elect

The judges could not in view of these scandalous operations give the respondent the benefit of certain saving clauses in the statute, but pronounced the full penalty, which in addition to an avoidance of the election, to use Judge Patterson's words; "attaches to the candidate found guilty " of a corrupt practice the incapacity dur-"ing the next eight years of being elected " to and of sitting in the legislative as-" sembly, and of being entered in any " voter's list as a voter, and of voting at " any election, and of holding any office " at the nomination of the crown, or of " the lieutenant governor of Ontario, or " any municipal office." This is a very severe penalty but no one can say after all the disgraceful revelations of the trial that it is not fully deserved. There may on personal grounds be sympathy for Mr. Fauquier, but he should have known better than to make himself a willing tool in the hands of the corruptionists. The lesson must be taught that constituencies cannot be debauched. The majesty of the law must be vindicated. The statutes for the maintenance of electoral purity must be enforced. If the Muskoka con- his voice and influence against his party,

lawed to go unwhipped of justice's deadly blow would have been struck at our electoral institutions and the very founda-tions of popular freedom would have been

The full court has reserved decision as to granting a summone for the trial of Shields, Smith, Anderson and their colleagues in corruption.

AGRICULTURAL INSTRUCTION-

We notice that some time ago a deputa tion "composed of Mr. Chas. Drury, M. " P.P., Mr. J. Carnegie, M.P.P., and Pro-" fessor Mills, of the Guelah sericultural college, waited on Hon, James Young, commissioner of agriculture, in regard to the scheme of the agricultural and arts association for the examination. in egricultural subjects of such of the farming community as desired to present themselves for examination. This project was inaugurated by the board some time ago, the idea being to encourage the study of agricultural topics " among the young tarmers of the province, and the deputation sought to secure the assistance of the government " so that examinations on those subjects should take place at the same time as the intermediate examinations of the public schools. After hearing the views of the deputation the commissioner expressed his approval of the scheme, which he thought was one which, if " successfully carried out, would be highly beneficial to the agricultural interests " of the province; and he indicated that " such facilities as were within the power " of the government to grant would be " rendered the board in carrying out their " views." It seems to us that the deputation have put the cart before the horse. What is needed first is more practical instruction in at least one institution in each county in subjects specially appertaining to farming, then the examinations sould be held for the pupils would be prepared for them. It would be well to have in each county one. or two, or even three competent teachers of agricultural work; or three or

four counties might be grouped and supplied with a staff of specialists who could exchange places for a time, as the occasion might render advisable. This would secure for many who do not and cannot go to Guelph a year or two of practical schooling in matters connected with farm work that would be of the greatest benefit. It would tend to make farm work as well-as school work far more attractive; and would tend very much to keep boys tution. The minister of education should in this and several other matters step into the advance guard of the army of reform. The successor of Mr. Crooks -and of course there will be a successor

EDITORIAL NOTES. "Mowat m-u e-t g-o-oh! oh!!"-

soon-will have a fine opportunity to

make some important and desirable im-

provements in our educational system.

The Guelph Mercury condemns the late phase of the Guelph lottery swin-

It is stated Rev. Dr. Carbery, a distinguished Dominican, residing in Ireland, has been appointed to the vacant Catholic see of Hamilton.

The petitions against Mr. Harcourt for Monck and against Mr. Ballour for South Essex,-two able and popular liberalshave been withdrawn and costs paid. Thus one by one have a large number of cases against reform members been

We regret to have to chronicle the sudden death of Mr. Wm. Taylor, the esteemed reeve of Carden. A correspondent elsewhere records the sad event and pays a just tribute to the many good qualities of the deceased. To Mr. Taylor's colleagues in the county council, and to all who knew him, the mouraful in-telligence will be received with deep and genuine regret, for no one was held in higher esteem than the worthy and unaffected old gentleman who has gone to

We were not aware last week that Mr. Samuel Irwin had formally taken the pledge to abjure politics in the railway matters now under consideration, and to work with a single eye to promote the best interests of the town. We understand Mr. Irwin "swore off" to a few leading citizens, and consequently some allowance must be made for his fervid denunciation of the evil influences of party politics. If he had simply expressed the hope that party politics would not influence the conduct of citizens to the detriment of the town's interests his declaration would have had some weight, but when he of all persons in the world denounced the influences of party as " besotting," and called upon people " to shake them off" it looked to most people ike a son of Belial condemning deeds of darkness or the Father of Lies chastising Ananias. A sympathetic and deeply interested public will watch the upward and onward stages of Mr. Irwin's reformation-reform-ation, we are disposed to put it, and will give him cordial en-couragement, for does not the inspired

"While the lamp holds out to burn The vilest sinner may return." Seriously, now, does any one believe Mr. occasion calls for it, throw the weight of work solely for the interests of the town? We trow not. It were better for Mr. Irwin not to make professions that seem hypomitical, and to go on and see what can be done with an extremly difficult. The Peterboro Review and other tory

London, Out., is to be appointed a judge in the chancery division; that Mr. Justice seron will go to the cours of appeal ; and that Mr. Justice Fergusonswill take the yacancy thus caused in the

The Methodist conference at Belleville has adopted the union, and [the united conferences are now arranging details to complete the work. The Bible Christian conference has decided in favour of union. and the opposition of the parent church which would affect the church property tere, will no doubt be waived.

tharge recently made in the Warder that Mr. Fielding was acting as deputy for the stipendiary magistrate of Haliburton and receiving as such a percentage of fees or salary has no foundation whatever in fact. There is no arrangement or understanding of any kind; and Mr. Fielding does not act for the absent stipendiary magistrate.

The Hamilton Spectator has put its foot in it nicely. It maintains that the N. P. prevents the American manufacturers from making Canada a slaughter market, as "they did in Mackenzie's time." In the next breath, however, it declares that the sharp Yankees reduce the price of their goods to Canadian customers the amount of the duty! The Spectator thinks it is a poor rule that will not work both

Hamilton Times : Fauquier's position with regards to Shields and the rest of the bribery brigade was this : " Go on, boys. Buy votes with money; send whiskey around where it willdo most good; hire teams and poll illegal votes, but don't let me know anything about it. I wish you all success, but I must keep clear of the penalties of the court."

An incident not down on the programme occured at the laying of the new post office corner stone at Port Hope last Thursday by the Hon. Mr. Langevin. The stone had been well and truly laid. and the trowel skilfully handled, but there was no gavel to give it the necessary taps. An article of the kind could not be found any where until recourse was had to a neighbouring Orange lodge, the gavel from which was found to answer the purpose admirably. The incident provoked some amusement, but it is propernot again give the Orange bill the six months hoist.

One of the meanest things that came out in the Muskoka case was the little game of Frank Madill of North Ontario, or "Collingwood," as he registered himself, in palming off half-watered bottles of whiskey on the weak but confiding tory voter of the district, who would not "enthuse" without something inspiring. If the water had been hot, and a little sugar and a squeeze of lemon had been thrown in, a good many people would have said the circumstances were extenuating, but "frozen whiskey" on a February polling day, with the mercury 10° below zero is enough to make the average tory elector shiver. Mr. Madill must abandon all hope of doing "good work" in North Ontario after this. No person there wants any of his "watered stock.". We expect to see that energetic and faithful anti-Dunkin organ, the Peterboro Review, express in the strongest terms its deep abhorrence of Mr. Madill's deceptive practices in Muskoka. The Review's condemnation will be meted out not te the giving of the whiskey but to the putting into the bottles of so much water that the contents froze. It was a

Of course Ananias had to lie about it. Could not by any possible chance tell the truth and nothing but the truth. It is not his nature to do so. In some references matters in Minden recently, the Warder had a dreadful story of a shooting affair in Minden, close by a church where Sabbath school superintendent was endeavoring to instruct the children-(the fate of Ananias was the lesson for the day, too)-but was interrupted by bullets, and oaths and obscenity. . The constable did nothing, and the magistrate, who is afterward referred to as Mr. Fielding, sat nietly looking in. This is the Warder's highly colored account of what happened in Minden a few Sundays ago. We are assured that these statements are simply pack of lies. Similar in characare statements in the Warder that there is a terrible and disgraceful

smount of drunkenness and profanity roing on all the time at Minden, Haliburton and other places in the provisional county. The Warder even described a drink-crazed man axe in hand chasing his helpless family in the streets. This is another Ausnissm. The only foundation for it is the fact that a magistrate, who is States. also president of the liberal conservative esociation in Minden, chas ed some individual believed to be Ananias through the streets and around the lanes of the village streets and around the lanes of the village under the impression that he "had" the author of the slanders referred to. It was a very exciting time, but Ananias doubled with the cunning of a fox and got the start for Kinmount, making the twelve miles on the dead-run. It was a wicked and cruel thing for the president of a conservative association to chase a conservative organist in that way, but if our conservative friends will have these "happy family" amusements let them, so long as it is not our funeral. One thing is pretty

any of the clauses of the act processings would not have been taken against them? The counter-petition was abandoned, as so many others have been because ahandoned by the tory counsel, there was nothing to go upon.

and 3rd.

East Peterboro, at Warsaw, Oct. 2nd and 3rd.

East Pourham, at Milbrook, Oct. 4th and 5th.

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[Secretaries will please notify us of dates of other shows in the county.]

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