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The Watchman.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1889.

Enroll.

The revision of the voters' list for the Dominion is now going on, and the preliminary lists are being prepared by comparing the Dominion rolls of 1886 with the last assessment rolls and other reports of an official nature. In the meantime between now and the first of August next, it behooves all those whose names are not upon the last assessment roll, and whose names were not placed upon the last Dominion list, to fill in the necessary affidavit as to qualifications, and forward same to His Honor Judge Dean, revising-officer for the south riding of Victoria, or to F. D. Moore, Esq., revising-officer for the north riding, as the case may be. Application to any of the legal lights of either political party for information as to the proper form and wording of the required affidavit, will no doubt receive attention and prevent any mistakes or disappointment. Every man who values the privileges of the franchise as they ought to be valued, and who has the interests of his country truly at heart, will require no urging to have his right to a voice in the affairs of his country secured to him. But a very large class unfortunately have drifted into the habit of leaving attention to such matters entirely to the leaders of the party to which they may belong, and as a result a large portion of the community are left without the franchise. When the zeal of the leaders of one political party is more marked than that of the moving spirits of the other, the result of an election may not represent the wishes of the majority of the people, but may simply be a catch verdict. Such triumphs may suit the partisan, but are not of the kind which the truly patriotic desire. At a time when important questions are agitating the public mind, it is especially important that every man should be heard from, so that the verdict rendered at the polls may represent the wishes of the majority, whatever that verdict may be. Any other result cannot fail to prove unsatisfactory and in the end injurious to the public interest. Where a certain property or income qualification is required, as in the case of the Dominion franchise, the municipal assessment rolls supply the names of all but a small percentage of those who are entitled to vote for the Commons. But where manhood suffrage forms the basis of qualification, as in the Ontario franchise, the danger to which we have referred can be plainly estimated. The very large portion of the community who have not been hitherto assessed, unmarried men who are not householders, or sons of owners, etc., can be enrolled by partisan assessors or left off, according as the political views of the former suit the tastes of said officials. Activity on the part of the leaders of one political party, and carelessness or indifference on the part of the leaders of the other, where the assessors are perfectly impartial, will produce a like result. In view of the very large new

vote that can under the Ontario Franchise Act be brought to the polls, it is therefore extremely important that every man entitled to the franchise should have his name placed upon the lists. Under all conditions of the public mind, the enrolment of the full strength of the province is the proper thing. In view of the questions that are so deeply agitating the public mind at the present time, by all means let the voice of the people, and of the whole people, be heard. The system of each party looking after its own vote, and trying to get the bulge upon the "other fellows," is certainly not the most desirable one. The time has not yet arrived in the history of Canada, however, when the condition of affairs is that described by the poet as having at a very remote period existed in a state, the name of which we withhold out of deference to the feelings of the *Warder*,

"Then none were for a party,
Then all were for the state."

Let us, therefore, take things as we find them, and let the active members of each political party leave no stone unturned to have every citizen placed upon the voters' list.

The School Commission.

Public suspicion appears to be gaining ground that the result of the investigation into the condition of the French schools in Eastern Ontario by the commission appointed by the Mowat government, will not be thorough, and as a consequence, not satisfactory. While it is not the proper thing to prejudice the action of the commissioners, the want of confidence felt in the good faith of Hon. G. W. Ross, under whose directions the investigation was carried on, accounts for the feeling of distrust which prevails. The very short time spent by the commissioners in Eastern Ontario, where the number of schools complained of is some 60 or 70, tells against the idea of thoroughness in the inspection. The fact that timely notice was given to the schools to be visited, and that information was refused by the Department to the press as to the instructions given to the commission, has also engendered suspicion. But above all the fact that the wholesale use of unauthorized text-books in such a large number of public schools for years has been within the knowledge of the Department, and that the legislative grants have been continued as regularly as in the case of public schools that have been conducted strictly according to the law and regulations, is against the probability that any investigation directed by the Department responsible for the toleration of such gross violations of the law, will expose the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. The public know that there exists in eastern Ontario a condition of affairs in connection with the public school system that is a menace to the future of the Province, and a disgrace to the Government of Ontario. The exposure a few months ago of the true state of affairs by the Prescott and Russell *Advocate*, the leading reform journal of that district, satisfied the public as to the facts of the case. The late publication of the letter of complaint from Mr. Campbell, of L'Original, to the Hon. G. W. Ross, of over four years ago, as to the astonishing position of affairs in that town, has thoroughly exposed the conduct of the Government in regard to the French school problem. The public school buildings of L'Original, built chiefly out of the taxes paid by the English section of the population, who represent the wealth of the town, were literally seized by the more numerous but poorer French section, and turned into a French academy under French teachers and using Quebec text-books; and yet whilst the Department have been for four years deaf to the complaints of the English minority, the French schools of L'Original, conducted in direct and constant violation of the school law and regulations, have with the full knowledge and consent of the Education Department, enjoyed undisturbed the school grants from the public purse of English Ontario. The remarkable speech of Hon. G. W. Ross during the recent session of the Legislature, prepared the public

for almost anything in the shape of exposures in connection with the French school question; but we venture to say that the bitterest opponent of the Mowat administration never dreamt of such a powerful argument as the L'Original case affords. If a government which is virtually on trial for tampering with the best interests of the community, will direct its own investigation so as to lay the facts of the case bare before the public, it will be a remarkable example of a modern investigation. That a most meagre report will satisfy a small section of the public who are indissolubly wedded to party, and that the mildest proposal on the part of the Government to rectify their errors will be by them accepted as a full atonement, is undoubtedly true. But the great majority of English Ontario will demand a full and satisfactory settlement of the question at issue, and that the future control of their educational interests at least will be in the hands of those whom they can trust.

Editorial Notes.

The attack recently made by the Toronto *Globe* upon the Rev. Mr. Campbell, Methodist minister, of Montreal, is perhaps the most disgraceful exhibition of journalistic ruffianism which the extreme party press can boast of for many a day. That a respected clergyman should be styled a "liar," a "stupid" and a "featherhead" for expressing an opinion as to the meaning and effect of certain amendments to the school law made by the Mowat government during recent years, even though the offending cleric should be in error, would be a serious offence against the proprieties in the eyes of those not altogether lost to a sense of common decency. But when the amendments under dispute have been a subject of controversy for several years, and the opinion now held by Mr. Campbell is the one endorsed by the 42 members of the Citizens' Committee and the 900 delegates to the Convention with Principal Caven at their head, the public can judge of the desperate straits into which the *Globe* has been driven in its defence of the Mowat administration. By implication the offensive epithets must be applied to all alike, and in all fairness let the *Globe* print the names of the 900 with the venerable principal at the head of the list, and Mr. Campbell at the tail for being the first offender, with "liar," "stupid," "featherhead" after each. The black list would fill the whole editorial page of the *Globe*, and the effect could not help being a "crusher." Somebody of course would be the "crushed." If the revered founder of the *Globe* and of the great reform party now looks down from the "higher and nobler sphere," which Sir John Macdonald looks forward to as his future vantage ground from which to peep at the iron horses speeding along the C. P. R., it is altogether likely that he is now "dumb-founded" at the complications on earth, provided that the occupants of the "higher and the nobler" are allowed to get into that condition when things don't exactly go right. The Deacon of the *Globe* can, however, feel at rest upon one point, that the dead Chieftain cannot re-visit the scene of his labors when on earth for an hour or so, to set his house in order once again.

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