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MR. H. R. McLEAN. I am only Collector and Convener for THE CANADIAN POST. LINDSAY, FRIDAY, FEB. 19, 1897. MAJOR M'GILLIVRAY.

To touch or even hint at the irregularities of last June in regard to the ballot stuffing affair of North Ontario, is enough to set Major J. A. McGillivray a flame. Who is he on this point that any innocent remark dropped by an opponent is apt to be construed by him into an insinuation that he was a party to the affair.

Last Saturday one of our sturdy residents from the north was discussing election matters in general, when the major became very wrathful at a casual remark dropped. This caused the major to make a show of himself, to the amusement of the occupants of the car, and his language on the occasion was not very refined.

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attempt is made to disguise the fact that they are dismissed for political reasons only, as the three reformers are the only ones interfered with. The announcement was made a short time ago, by some papers, that the bill for the branding of cheese and registration of cheese factories and creameries, submitted last session to parliament, came into force Jan. 1st, 1897. This is not so. As yet the bill has not received the sanction of parliament. In the course of this winter circulars have been sent out from the department of agriculture, purporting to ascertain, previous to presenting the bill a second time, what is the opinion of the parties interested as to the advisability of its being made law, but it is too early yet for owners of these factories and creameries to send in their applications for brands and registration numbers.

The little island of Crete, south of Greece, 160 miles long by 20 miles broad, has a population of 200,000 Christians, 60,000 Mohammedans, 2,000 Jews and a few foreigners. It was conquered by the Dorians 1,000 B. C., by the Romans 67 B. C., by the Saracens 823 A. D., by Nicephorus Phocas 961 A. D. On the conquest of Constantinople by the crusaders, Crete was allotted to Boniface, Marquis of Montferrat, who sold it to the Venetians in 1204 A. D. The Turks took the island in 1669. It was ceded to the Viceroy of Egypt in 1830 and restored to the Porte in 1841. The Christians rebelled against Turkish rule in 1828, and again in 1866, the European powers compelling submission to the Turkish authorities in 1869. If the powers keep out of the scrimmage this year, Greece will undoubtedly assist Crete to success in throwing off the Turkish yoke for good and all.

A bill has been introduced in the local legislature which has for its purpose the lessening of the number of town councillors. The bill provides that in towns of over 4,000 inhabitants the council shall consist of a mayor and two councillors to be elected by general vote, and two councillors for each ward. The council of towns of 4,000 and under is to consist of a mayor and six councillors to be elected by general vote, and the council of every ward incorporated village or town of less than 4,000 inhabitants to be elected by general vote, and the council of every ward to consist of a reeve and four councillors, who shall be elected by general vote, and where the township is divided into wards, of a reeve who shall be elected by general vote, and one councillor to be elected from each ward.

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LOCAL NEWS-LETTERS.

LITTLE BRITAIN. [Correspondence of The Post.] CONCERT.—The Little Britain Home Circle has decided to hold a grand concert on Friday evening of this week. They have secured the services of the inimitable "Jimmy" Fax, Canada's most popular humorist, caricaturist and droll personage. The famous Veale family, of Cartwright, will present to furnish orchestral selections. Mr. B. H. B. will render a grand vocal solo, and Miss Dingie, of Lindsay, so well and favorably known, will act as accompanist and contribute instrumental music. The public are cordially invited to attend.

REVELATION.—The special services held last week were the most successful yet held, several young men deciding to walk in the narrow way. The meetings continued until Wednesday, when they were closed. They began on Jan. 12th, thus lasting six weeks; the membership has been wonderfully quickened and blessed, and over thirty persons have openly professed conversion.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Damon, of Bowmanville, is here on an extended visit to his friends. Mr. Damon, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Lobb, of Miss U. S., have been renewing old acquaintanceship after an absence of 21 years. They spent the night in Uncle Sam's country and people. Miss S. J. Wickett, of Salem, spent a few days with relatives and friends here. Mr. G. H. Graham, of Glasgow, has returned from his cousin, Mr. Gregg. Mr. Wesley and Miss B. Cornish spent Sabbath and Monday with relatives at the home of Mrs. J. S. Wickett, a popular dress and mantle maker, is holidaying in Lindsay. It is a well earned rest. Mr. S. Thorburn spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wickett, at their home in Lindsay. Mr. J. Littlejohn, of Myrtle, is visiting friends in the village and vicinity. Mr. J. Littlejohn, of Myrtle, is visiting friends in the village and vicinity. Mr. J. Littlejohn, of Myrtle, is visiting friends in the village and vicinity.

CONVENTION.—The semi-annual convention of the Ontario Baptist Convention was held at the Little Britain Baptist Church, on Friday evening, 28th inst. Addresses are expected from prominent ministers of this district on the following morning. The Rev. A. W. B. Tucker, of Manilla, will preach here on Sabbath morning. The Rev. A. W. B. Tucker, of Manilla, will preach here on Sabbath morning. The Rev. A. W. B. Tucker, of Manilla, will preach here on Sabbath morning.

CHURCH NOTES.—The anniversary services of the Central Methodist church will be held at 8 o'clock next Sunday. Rev. A. Burns, S. T. D., L. D., of the Wesleyan Ladies' College, London, will deliver the sermon. It is a strong and thoughtful speaker, the address awakening his listeners to renewed activity in their respective large congregations on this occasion.

PROMOTION.—We extend our congratulations to Miss Anna Rodman, of this village, who has been appointed to the position of the chief clerk in the civil service examination, and the appointment to a position in the office of the minister in charge of the great washhouse, Oakwood, Lindsay, etc. This enterprise is commendable, and will not only be a convenience to the public, but many a girl seeking employment.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

The Poor of the North Country. [To the Editor of The Post.] Sir,—In your issue of Jan. 29th appeared what was intended, no doubt, to be a report of an address given by me before the Gleaner's Union of St. Paul's church, Lindsay, on Jan. 23rd. It is very mislabeled, however, as my exact words were not quoted, as the article would lead one to beget that the speaker was, in some cases, generalized so that to the unthinking person they might be taken to apply to a people in general, rather than to individuals in a particular case. My intention was to reply, as he evidently overlooked the fact that the word "some" was used twice, and was no doubt implied throughout the remainder of the report.

My remarks were not confined to the Essoville district, but if "Bashwacker" can prove his statement that there are general stragglers within a radius of four miles from Essoville, in any direction, and that the destitution is confined to members of the Church, I will be glad to have his name and weight—the best proof that it is not the fact that a minister of one of the other denominations mentioned has been distributing bales of clothing to the poor in this mission.

I do not wish to prolong this discussion, Mr. Editor, but I trust that the "Nom de plume" he will be shown many cases where he will be free to exercise his insight and judgment, and ability to help those in distress.—Yours, etc., W. H. VANCE. Essoville, Feb. 11th, 1897.

Shall Curfew Cease to Ring? [To the Editor of The Post.] DEAR SIR,—It was with great surprise and sorrow that members of the W.C.T.U. read of the notice of motion for the repeal of the by-law regulating the ringing of the bell at 9 p.m. each evening.

It may not be generally known that the W. C. T. U. has a General Bell department of work, and that considerable efforts have been put forth by many Unions throughout the province in petitioning municipalities to have their bells rung at 9 o'clock local time, directly at the council of 1896 to move in the matter, still we are highly pleased with the curfew, and we trust that the curfew by-law to be a step in the right direction, and to testify to its good effects on the community.

If there are good reasons why the by-law should be repealed we would be glad to hear of them, and we trust that the weal or woe of society concerns us. The curfew by-law has been adopted by the following cities and towns of Ontario: Waterloo, Berlin, Owen Sound, Sault Ste. Marie, Cornwall, Kingston, Orillia, Lakefield, St. Thomas, Alton Place, Alliston, Cambridge, Collingwood, Brantford, Kitchener, Norwich, Leamington, Walkerton, Windsor, Amherstburg, Woodstock, Peterborough, Owen Sound, Stratford, Hantsville, Paisley, Ottawa, Stratford.

At the close of the morning service in St. Andrew's church on Sunday, the ordination of our new minister, Rev. J. W. Macmillan, will be held at 10 o'clock. The members appointed to this office were Messrs. Thos. Stewart, T. J. Ry and W. J. Williamson. The lesson for the occasion will be from the 13th chapter of Titus, the text for the occasion being taken from John 13th chap, last verse. The prayer book will be used. In the evening the address was on the subject of "The Christian's Life," by Rev. J. W. Macmillan.

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