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THE QUEBEC ELECTIONS. The provincial elections in Quebec demnation of Mercier, whose large The action of Lieut.-Gov. Angers has been | The same paper points out how the party patriotism. The sister province has shown a good example to the people of elevated one of the principals in the biggest boodling transaction to the leadership of the Ontario section of the ministerial party.

Stanley to a similar exercise of his " been driven into corruption at Ottawa." | " duty of uprising against that franchise Because, dear Dr. Douglass, a good many | " law should not become the privilege of conservatives in Ontario declare by their | " reformers alone, but of all citizens, bevotes that what is wrong if done by Mer- | " cause the rights of all citizens are cier is right when done by Haggart | infringed-those rights are seized upon and Caron and Dewdney.

them. They should avoid entangling "individuals because he or they may be alliances with Ottawa. If the province "repulsive to the government. It has a " constitutional right to define the quali-

will be intensified.

COUNTING IN CARLING.

the case, by every ruling of their own, by | " grit's own fault, you see." every contention they had advanced up to shadow of a doubt would not have been

A remarkable change in tactics has been made by the London tories. Before the election-at an early stage in the voters' list legal proceedings-Judge evidence as to the qualification of voters. could be put in as to the qualification of a suitable for domestic purposes? The score of the tory voters appealed against, Mr. Carling's properly qualified vote could council meeting Monday night. It sistency of his conduct Judge Elliott has purity of the water. The contract was the conservatives to give fresh evidence at meetings of citizens and members in order to qualify a certain required the town council, and if there is any

\$1,350,000 of the court to accomplish that object.

Several conservative papers have con- the contract, however, is the best possible Several conservative papers have congular to count in guarantee as to the supply. Should they demned the proceedings to count in guarantee as to the supply. Should they fail to supply pure water for either drink-fail to supply fail to supply The Toronto Saturday Night declares ing or other domestic use the citizens need that even if the supreme court should not take a drop of it and the company's the company to place six or seven miles of decide that all the disputed votes were \$75,000 to \$100,000 investment will be genuine "the iniquity of the thing is not simply an elephant on their hands, that's "diminished nor extenuated a particle, for all. They risk everything, the town and the reason that the tories polled those our citizens risk nothing. Under the votes, whereas, had they been grit, not contract, prepared with the utmost care one of them would have been permitted by Town Solicitor Hopkins, the company to reach the poll. And the name of bind themselves not only to make the justice and the majesty of the law that supply of water as pure as it can be made, is now invoked to justify the successful but to employ from time to time such artifice of the tory party would under improvements in the methods of filtration those other circumstances have been and of purifying water as may from time "similarly invoked with perfect success to time be discovered or invented and "to justify the witholding from the grits brought into use for that purpose. The Tuesday resulted in the sweeping con- "what is now awarded to tories. The important clause referred to is as strongly "gravity of the case lies in this, that the and carefully worded and as comprehen-" constitutional machinery of the country sive as it is possible to have such a clause. or 30. Mercier himself was elected, but "has been tapped for horse power to run The annual rental of hydrants for fire all of his colleagues, except Mr. Shehyn, "the party engine. There is a peril, interest upon the cost of construction. were defeated. The DeBoucherville more serious than the overthrow of a For running expenses and profits the ministry will have a majority of 25 or 30: | party, invited by this bold practice." | company will depend entirely upon their | the situation. We want waterworks, but citizen customers. If the water is not satisfactory the latter are not compelled sustained by the popular vote. It is a in power can manipulate the voters' lists to take it, and the company have, theregood thing for the country that Quebec's | while in course of preparation. "During | fore, every risk to run. It is not to be abundant. condemnation of "boodling" has been so these bye-elections," remarks our con- supposed for a moment that they are decisive. The majority of the Quebec temporary, "circulars have been sent for fun, and we are quite sure the public liberals refused to condone and defend the infrom Ottawa into many of the ridings concerned will take this sensible view of boodling transactions of their leader in | " saying that every name on the list | the situation." " what means it is first placed there nor " is conclusive establishment of the right

provincial politics, and manifested a "represented a vote, and that any man creditable spirit of independence and who finds his name there can vote " with a clear conscience and a cheerful "oath, for his right to vote is beyond Ontario, who have condoned and defended u question. Taking this as a true interthe Ottawa boodling, and who have pretation of the law, that the presence " of a name upon the list, no matter by " by what means defended and retained. The popular approval of Lieut.-Gov. | "to vote, it will be easily seen that if the Anger's course should encourage Lord | government starts manipulating things "as it did in London it can grow fat and prerogative in regard to the boodling that | "defiant of the great bulk of the people. has been for years going on at Ottawa. "If the ruling party will seize without Mercier's operations were a little more | "compunction the many discreditable barefaced; the exactions at Ottawa were | "opportunities of defending improper more adroitly made and more cleverly "tory names and knifing proper grit covered up; but enough has come to light | "names, then government will no longer to prove that they have far exceeded "be truly representative." That is just Mercier's in number and in magnitude. | what the "ruling party" has been doing | temperance questions, there was a very The scorching indictment laid before the ever since the machinery of the franchise grand jury of the nation by the Rev. Dr. fraud was placed at the command of their Douglass of Montreal, and printed in partisans. The reform party in each THE Post last week, contained the un- riding has had to devote a great deal of answerable proposition that if Mercierism | time and means to the expensive and was to be investigated and condemned at annoying work of looking after the lists; Meredith dropped from the sublime to the One her why should searching investigation and whenever that work has been neglect-Quebec why should searching investigation and whenever that work has been neglectat Ottawa be balked and thwarted. "Why, ed they have been placed at a serious thundered the aged seer, "if a royal comtinues: "A man need not be a grit to house as a champion of the temperance in the name, of eternal justice," disadvantage. The Saturday Night con-" mission is right in Quebec should not | " condemn the Dominion franchise act; " the cold steel of a like commission have | " he need only be an henest man. The

"by the government, and doled out Mr. DeBoacherville's large majority "to the people or witheld at pleasure will enable him to prove his reputation | "A great principle is made abortive, for for honesty at once. He can afford to get | "instead of the government being purely rid of some objectionable material in his | " representative of the people, by means ministry. If he has courage and firm- | " of a tinkered voters' list the people are ness he can gather around him honest | " to a great extent made representative and capable men, and administer | " of the government of the day. This is provincial affairs in the wise, prudent and | " a crime against we, the people, and I economical, as well as honest and pro- utrust there is a limit to our patient gressive way that has rendered the "endurance. The government has a Mowat administration in this province a "moral and legal right to stipulate the signal success. Mr. DeBoucherville and "property or other qualifications of voters, his colleagues have before them a task of "but it has no moral or legal right to the greatest difficulty. No one will envy " make invidious distinctions against any

" of the country. But we have been The injustice that strong parti- a smuggled so far from safe ground that sanship can work under the franchise act in the Empire the other day rebuked the has received a fresh illustration in the ugrumbling grits of Elgin, saying that i counting in of Carling for London, though | " they did not receive proper representa-Mr. Hyman, the reform candidate, re- "tion on the rolls it was because they did ceived an undoubted majority of the unot display proper vigilance during the qualified voters. By every judgment in | 11 preparation of the lists. It was the Judge Elliott has decided that all th

polling day, Mr. Hyman should have challenged votes are to be counted for been at once declared the member-elect. Carling. This is an extraordinary deci-But that did not suit the powers that be sion, and is denounced as a rank outrage. at Ottawa. By using the appealed voters It flies in the face of the decision of the -whose names should never have appear- court of appeals and the court of queen's ed on the list, and whose names beyond a bench; it reverses Judge Elliott's own decision and the ruling of the revising left on the list if they had been reformers, officer. The strongest partisan in Lonmajority was secured for Mr. Carling. don could not have exceeded the judge in partisanship.

THELINDSAY WATER-WORKS. The letter of Dr. Herriman, received Elliott decided not to receive further too late for publication last week, raises an important point in connection with That ruled out a number of reformers. the Lindsay waterworks, viz., the purity Now, however, it appears that if evidence of the water to be supplied. Will it be question came up for discussion at the be placed a little ahead of Mr. Hyman's. contended that the contract does not Regardless of the unfairness and incon- contain satisfactory guarantees as to the decided to re-open the case and permit | most carefully considered in all its details number of their appealed-against voters. defect in it the responsibility will rest This is making a stringent law for the upon many shoulders. But it is held by good sanitarians fit for drinking and purpose of telling against the reformers | that the town's interests have been careand relaxing it for the benefit of the fully guarded. The Watchman in reviewing the question says: "So far as the We hope there is amongst conservatives in general a sufficiently strong sense of fair play to condemn the tactics that have been employed to deprive Wr.

Viewing the question says. So far as the supply water of a purity that will be satisfactory either to your local board of health or to the provincial board of health. This provision was on in the contract as conprovision was on in the contract as conprovision was on in the contract as conhave been employed to deprive Mr. ment analyist, of Toronto. According Hyman of his rightful seat; and particu- to this eminent authority we need not larly of this later employment of an despair of getting even Scugog water \$1,500,000 obviously unfair and inconsistent ruling purified by the best methods of filtration. The position the company occupy under

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mr. Mercier has resigned his seat in the Quebec legislature. His health is very and he intends to retire into

A petition from the Patrons of Industry has been presented to the Dominion parliament asking in the interest of farmers that coal oil, binder twine, and iron and its products be placed upon the free list.

John Carling to the Returning Officer and Judge Elliott: "Now, boys, a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether, and you can land me in the house by 15 or 20-a few more than Hyman's majority. When Mr. Meredith, fresh from the

London campaign for Carling, rese in the Ontario legislature the other evening and charged the Mowat government with insincerity and dilatoriness in dealing with quick "sizing up" of the opposition leader's position, and when Hon. G. W. Ross in "one of the best speeches ever heard in the house' shewed up Mr. Meredith's inconsistency the laughter was long and deep, and Mr. that Carling ran as a temperance candidate and thereby captured not a few tory temperance votes then Mr. Meredith had

"and allow the voters to express the will cause. The next step will be the introduc-

Proceedings at Ottawa have been un important during the past week, the sittings of the house being short At Toronto the local house has made considerable progress with general business.

Mr. Mowat, like Mr. Gladstone, becomes more radical with advancing years. He has even gone so far as to state that the local legislature might be opened without a speech from the throne by the lieutenantgovernor; and the house could get along without the mace. Does this mean that these cherished and venerable institutions are to be abolished. No "speech," and no "macel" How could the legislative machinery get started; and how could the house get into and out of committee, and maintain its dread authority bereft of this awe-inspiring symbol. Mr. Meredith not of doing "away with that bauble," and suggested that Mr. Mowat himself should read the speech from the throne.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Proposed Water-Works System. [To the Editor of The Post.] SIR,-In reviewing the waterworks contract I have been painfully impressed that in its present shape it is not likely to prove either successful or satisfactory. It may not be altogether because the council failed to consult the board of health, or your medical health officer, nevertheless from a sanitary point of view it does seem that the board of health should have been asked to consider the matter, and I certainly did think that the council would have done so But as that has not been done I wish to draw the attention of the drinking public to the fact that the water of the Scugog river, in its natural state, is not considered general domestic use, being liable to induce

provision made in the contract by which templated last year. It is questionable if the water could be made very desirable for drinking, even by filtering. No doubt but it could be very much improved if a proper and well devised system of filters were established and properly attended to, but as at present arranged the town must take it straight from the river, which I think pipes and numerous hydrants if the people failed to use them, but perhaps it would pay them all the same. As to the legality of the contract, I am not expected to be able to give an opinion, but I may draw your attention to section 30 of the public health act. It reads: "Whenever the establishment of a public water supply or system of sewerage shall be contemplated by the council of any city, town or village, it shall be the duty of the said council to place itself in communication with the provincial board of health and to submit to the said board, before their adoption, all plans connected with the said system." This legal and statutory requirement was neg-lected, and therefore, in my opinion, in-validates the whole contract. The section then goes on to state the duty of the pro-vincial board of health; among other things they "must report if in their opinion the said system is calculated to meet the sani-tary requirements of the inhabitants of the municipality." I understand the board has reported unfavorably on the use of the Scugog water, although no plans were sub-mitted until the 17th ult. What is to be done in such a case. Now, let our new council show their ability to grapple with also suitable for domestic use. What is the matter with our artesian well supply? The water is good and to all appearances W. L. HERRIMAN.

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