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Christmas is with us once more—the season of joy and gladness, and roast turkey. In England it is beef. We prefer turkey. What pleasant memories this sacred season brings up from the dim past to those who have withstood the ravages of plum-pudding, doughnuts, other nuts and candy for three score years and ten! What pleasant anticipations it brings to the youngsters who are expecting wagon loads of toys and barrels of sweetmeats, without (the innocent rascals) giving a thought to the terrible after-pangs! We all love Christmas and try to make his annual visit as pleasant as possible. Let us hope to be successful in the present instance. That Christmas may shed its happy rays into every home where this paper is found is the fervent wish of its editor. In fact we feel ourselves at peace with the world and wish everybody a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

**MUNICIPAL MATTERS.**

Nominations for reeve and councillors will take place in the Town Hall on Monday next. While the editor of this paper takes a deep personal interest in our municipal politics, he does not think it reasonable that these columns should be expected to advocate one man more than another for the reeveship or for the council. There are no burning issues at stake on which the battle will be fought. It will be personal merit against personal merit, and we believe the ratepayers of the township are capable of deciding for themselves as to the qualities of the men presenting themselves, and deciding sensibly, too, without newspaper influence. If we were asked, however, for our private opinion candidly stated, the answer would be: "I can see no just cause why every member of the council of 1891 who is desirous of re-election should not be returned again if they so desire, as their work during the past year has been of a nature which should win for them the hearty thanks of our electors and a continuation of their confidence." This is private opinion, and we concede to every man the right to form his own. For the reeveship Mr. Beland is in the field against Mr. Richardson, as will be seen by his card elsewhere in this issue. With regard to councillors we have nothing new to announce this week. Ratepayers should turn out on Monday and interest themselves in selecting good nominees for the pending election.

**THE ELECTION PROTEST.**

The South Grey election protest trial came to an end on Wednesday night of last week without any practical result other than the reserva-

tion of one charge for judgement on Jan. 4 next at Osgoode Hall. The following condensed report of the trial is taken from the Bruce Herald:

After a preliminary skirmish with Mr. J. J. Smith, of Durham, to establish the agency of party workers, charge No. 49 was taken up.

This was a charge of paying \$9 to Wm. Caldwell, livery keeper, of Durham, for taking scrutineers to the polls on election day. It was charged in Dr. Landerkin's election expenses, and paid by his financial agent, Mr. Smith. The defence contended that it was lawful to pay for rigs to take scrutineers to the polls. But Mr. Gilbert McKechnie, M. P. P., one of the parties who went out to a poll in Glenelg, to act as scrutineer, had a vote on his own account at this poll, and voted without a certificate as scrutineer. Mr. Aylesworth held that this should void the election, as it was a payment to take an elector to the poll. Judgement reserved.

Charges No. 44 and 45 were then taken up.

This was a charge of corruptly inducing one Wm. Bell to vote a second time, when it was known that he had already voted. Bell, who appears to be a simple fellow, admitted voting twice, but did not shew clearly the means by which he had been induced to do so. The responsibility for the act was fastened chiefly upon one Dan McDougall, an active worker for Dr. Landerkin. Hugh McKechnie was in it to some extent, but the Judges held that a corrupt intent on his part had not been established. Judgement reserved as to the responsibility of McDougall.

Charges 1, 2 and 3 were then taken up.

These related to the payment of a voter named Wm. Tocher from Wiarton. Mr. Tocher's evidence being a unique revelation of the methods of an enterprising voter, we give it in full. He said—"I live in Wiarton and came down to Allanpark on election day, where I voted. I came down on the train to Hanover, and drove out with Malcolm Campbell. He was taking some Germans out, and I got back on Saturday. I got money in Hanover before I left. I got \$5.50 out of the whole thing. The night of the election I was in Dr. Landerkin's house and met Nelson Bowman. I asked him if there was anything going, and he said I had better see H. H. Miller. Next day I met H. H. Miller and talked about money. He took me to Adam's Bank and made out a note for \$2.75, which I signed. Mr. Adams then gave me \$2.50. I said to Miller it looked rather small. He put his hand in his pocket and gave me a five and a two dollar bill, and told me to shut my mouth. I saw Miller around with the Dr. on election day. Miller and I did not have any talk until the day of election. He just said Good-day, and I said "you've got your man in." He said "yes." He was then in front of Landerkin's. Before I got the money from Miller, I told him I voted for Dr. Landerkin. There was not a great deal of money going to Durham. I never saw the note since. It was to run a week or ten days, but I did not pay any attention to it, as I did not consider that I would ever have to pay it. Mr. Miller signed it too. I have no politics to speak of. I had heard there was a letter written to Wiarton by Dr. Hayes, partner of Dr. Landerkin, and that there was hoolie going. When I heard it I said I'd go down and see. Several knew I was going down. Dr. Wigle knew. I asked Nelson Bowman about the letter, and he said there was nothing in it about money. I was at Dr. Landerkin's house about an hour and a half the night of the election. When I first saw Mr. Miller next day he was busy in his office and said he'd see me later. It was afterwards I saw him at the Bank and got the money.

Mr. Tocher, in cross examination, said "I work in a saw-mill at \$1.25 per day. I got \$9.50 for this vote from Mr. Adams and Mr. Miller. And I borrowed \$5 from D. Wigle, a leading Conservative in Wiarton, before I started. I told Dr. Wigle after I got the money that I was coming down to vote for Mr. Blythe. When I talked to Nelson Bowman in Dr. Landerkin's house, he said he owed the Dr. an account, and was going to get it marked off. Bowman said I might try and get something from Miller. He said Miller was doing the business. Next day I saw Miller and got the money. I did not think it was a mean thing to take money for my vote until I was subpoenaed here. I thought if money was going, I might as well have my share. I saw Mr. Smith, of Elmwood, lately. He said this thing might be fixed. He told me I could say I was drunk when I made the declaration. He asked me if \$50 would do it? I got nothing for making the declaration. He also said I owed him \$4.14, and he made me a present of that. Sumpton is a leading supporter of Mr. Blythe's at Allanpark. He used to be a Reformer but changed. I know Eugene Doberer and Mr. Mitchell, Editor of the Hanover Post. Doberer spoke to me about signing a counter-declaration, and I said something to put him off. I told Mitchell they'd better not block too much or they might get left."

Mr. Tocher stepped out of the box crowned with glory.

Nelson Bowman contradicted Tocher in some particulars, but admitted that the latter had spoken to him about money. His own talk on the subject was only a joke. So he said.

This concluded the proceedings of Tuesday.

On Wednesday morning proceedings opened with the evidence of H. H. Miller. He testified that Tocher had asked for money on voting day but got none. He called next day and repeated the request.

Miller took him to Adams' Bank. Adams drew up a note for \$2.50 which Tocher signed and Miller endorsed. It was a note for seven days but has not yet been paid. He gave the proceeds to Tocher but gave him no more. He denied positively Tocher's statement about giving him the \$5 and \$2 bills. When getting the \$2.25, Tocher asked him to make it \$3, but Miller would not give any more. He never had any conversation with Tocher about it since. Miller understood on polling day that Tocher was going to vote for Dr. Landerkin.

Mr. James Adams, banker, corroborated Mr. Miller about the note transaction, and all that took place between Miller and Tocher in his office when the note was made.

Mr. Wm. Smith, of Elmwood, testified that Tocher came to him last Saturday evening at Wiarton, and said this thing could be fixed for \$50. That he would swear Landerkin clear for \$50, and if he didn't get it he'd salt him. He said he had made a declaration for Sumpton, but if he got \$50, he'd swear he was drunk when he made it.

Mr. John Mitchell, editor of the Hanover Post, testified that he had a conversation with Tocher last May about the declaration, and Tocher then said he intended to go back on it, as he had been drinking at the time it was made.

This concluded the evidence, and the argument began.

The Judges held that the payment of the \$2.25 by Miller to Tocher, had been made out. The argument therefore was confined to the question of Miller's agency. On this point, the defence contended that agency ceased at the close of the poll on election day, and that therefore the payment to Tocher next day could not be held a corrupt practice.

Mr. Aylesworth, for the petitioner, contended that agency did not cease until the close of the election, and that the election did not close until a return had been made to the writ from the crown.

Judgment reserved.

The next charges taken up were 37 and 38. These related to the voting of a man named Thomas Flanagan, in place of his father Patrick Flanagan who was dead, and whose name was on the roll as owner of lot twenty-nine, con. twelve, Bentinck. After his death, the son became owner, and voted on the property, though his name was not on the roll. It was charged that Dan McDougall, an agent of Dr. Landerkin, had induced him to take the oath and vote.

The afternoon was taken up with the investigation of a number of cases that failed to fasten any charge on the Respondent. The court sat until a late hour, and reserved judgment on the 3 charges of taking Mr. McKechnie, a voter, to the poll in a rig hired by Dr. Landerkin's financial agent; of Dan McDougall, an agent of Dr. Landerkin, inducing Wm. Bell to vote a second time; and of H. H. Miller paying Wm. Tocher \$2.25 for his expenses the day after the election.

Judgement was given later on the two former charges, dismissing them, and the latter was reserved for judgement at Osgoode Hall on Jan. 4th.

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