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Election Protests.

For a week or two past the principal political topics in the province have been the election petitions, which are being lodged at Osgoode Hall in such numbers that now one-third of the members elect at the recent elections have their right to their seats questioned.

Petitions have to be filed with the Registrar of the Court of Appeal within twenty-one days after the return of the election has been received by the House. Sundays being excluded from the count in all calculations under the Act. A deposit of \$1,000 must be made as security for costs within three days of the petition being filed, and within five days after the respondent has been served. The candidate whose election is protested, or any elector, can enter a cross petition against the other candidate within fifteen days after the service. As yet there are no cross petitions entered, but the time has not expired, and there is time enough for a good crop of them yet. It is the general impression that a candidate is safe if no petition is entered within the twenty-one days, but this is not the case, as the return may be paid of money is made or other things done in fulfillment of a corrupt agreement at the election, twenty-eight days are given to enter a petition after the payment of such money, and the return is not made until the expiration of that time. If a petition is not entered within that time, the return is not made until the expiration of that time. If a petition is not entered within that time, the return is not made until the expiration of that time.

The Court of Appeal and the Queen's Bench, Chancery and Common Pleas Divisions each select one of their members annually to act as judges of election petitions, who, unless they otherwise agree amongst themselves, must take the petitions in order of their filing. If the crop is two large, they apply to the courts to appoint an additional member. Wherever corrupt practices are charged, which is practically in all cases, two judges must sit in all cases. Trials, of which fourteen days notice has to be given, must take place in the electoral district, and must be commenced within six months from presentation of petition. If a petitioner does not move within three months to fix a day for trial, any elector may apply to be substituted as petitioner. A trial cannot take place during the session of the court, and must be held at the residence of the member, and the time occupied by the session is not to be counted in the six months. A petitioner may make application to withdraw, but any elector may apply to be substituted, and if the court thinks the withdrawal is induced by any corrupt bargain, it may order the deposit money to remain for the new petitioner, otherwise he has to deposit another \$1,000.

A corrupt practice by an agent without the knowledge of the candidate does not void the election, if they were of such trifling nature or trifling extent that the result cannot reasonably be supposed to be affected either by them alone or in connection with other illegal practices at the election. Where a candidate or his agent with his knowledge has been guilty of a corrupt practice, if in the opinion of one of the judges he did it without corrupt intent, and in an ignorance that was voluntary and excusable, and the candidate honestly desired to conduct the election according to law, he is not to be disqualified. If an agent is proved guilty of corrupt practices without the knowledge of the candidate, he may be condemned to pay the cost relating thereto, and it is now the duty of the County Attorney to prosecute all persons found guilty of corrupt practices, unless instructed by the court not to do so.

If the two judges disagree, either party to the case may bring it before the Court of Appeal, or an appeal may be taken against the decision of the judges, but there can be no appeal against a decision acquitting a candidate, or acquitting any other person of a corrupt practice. Formerly if a member was unseated he could appeal, and if he could state of the hearing of the appeal could sit in the House in the meantime, and that is yet the case in the Dominion Parliament, but now in Ontario a member who has been unseated by the first court cannot sit pending the appeal. When the judges have come to a decision, they report to the speaker, after which writs issue for a new election.—Empire.

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The seat of the Conservative member elect for West York to protest, Messrs. Irwin & Kyllis, as solicitor for George Selwood, of Toronto Junction, cooper, present a petition of the voidance of the election and return of Joseph Wesley, J. P., as M.P.P., for West York. Bribery, corruption, extortion, treating, of hoc genus omne, are alleged as reasons why the election should be voided, and, in addition, there is the charge that Mr. St. John is a member of the Protestant Protective Association, and was a candidate under the auspices of that organization, by the members of which, as his agents, his return was promoted.

The election of ex-Speaker Ballantyne's opponent is also protested. Messrs. Dington & Palmer, of Stratford, by Messrs. Hoyles & Aylesworth, their Toronto agents, lodged the petition of William Malcolm, of the town of St. Mary's, laborer, complaining of the election and return of John McNeill as M.P.P. for the south riding of Perth. In addition to the usual charges, on which the petitioner claims the election should be voided, he alleges that the reason of ballots cast by member elect and improperly received, and ballots cast for Mr. Ballantyne, the defeated candidate, and improperly rejected, the latter should be awarded the seat, and he claims a scrutiny. Mr. McNeill is a Patron of Industry.

The petition of James Aylesworth, of the village of Tanworth, conveyancer, praying that the election of James Reid, Conservative member for Addington, may be voided for corrupt acts by agents, was lodged by Messrs. Johnston & Ross, Toronto agents, of Kingston. Nothing out of the ordinary is lodged in the petition. The return of Joseph Bell, of the township of Colborne, farmer, petitions against the return of J. T. Garrow, Liberal as member for West Huron. The petition is filed by Mr. E. L. Dickinson, of Wingham, by Messrs. Laidlaw, Kapelle & Bicknell, his Toronto agents. It is alleged in the petition that Mr. Garrow is ineligible by reason of his holding an office under or being interested in a contract with the Ontario Government. In other respects the petition is in the usual form.

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day night. She had evidently departed in a hurry as she had neglected to carry away her trunk and to settle a fortnight's board bill. In the trunk were about two score of letters and telegrams from visitors. The letters teemed with love and money affairs. Eight or ten photographs of the distant correspondents were among the missives. One of the photographs was that of James Lober of Markham Township; another was that of George Henderson of Toronto, who in his letter referred to having sent the woman \$10.

The woman is believed to have left for Detroit, as a female answering her description purchased a ticket from the conductor of the C. P. R. westbound train Saturday night.—World.

We have made enquiries in town as to the truthfulness of the above and have come to the conclusion that it is a canard.

Preparing for Battle. Whatever the date of the Dominion elections may be, it is certain that the local heads of the Conservative party have warned the faithful to be ready early in the month of March. The organization and the Conservatives in Ontario is being carefully looked after by Messrs. G. F. Marter, M.P.P., A. F. Campbell, ex-M.P.P., and Robert Birmingham. At present attention is chiefly directed to the localities where the party was weakest at the provincial elections, and at the time held at these constituencies the workers were urged to look well after the preparation of the voters' list and be ready for a fight in March. The Liberals are not a whit behind in the anxiety to be ready for the contest.

Mr. J. Sutherland, M.P., the Liberal whip, has been in Toronto for several days, and is holding constant consultations with the chiefs of the party. The local Conservatives are in consultation with Sir John Thompson on the subject of the dissolution, and the proposed Conservative convention to be held here during the Exhibition.—Mail.

Revision of Voters' Lists. The work upon the voters' lists to be used in the coming Dominion elections has commenced. Precisely the same list is adopted this year as in 1891, when those who were qualified to vote were: Property owners who vote wherever they own land, householders and manhood suffrage voters. The revision is not a registration, but persons are being added to the list who are equally qualified by their qualification thus securing their right to cast a ballot. On former occasions this work of revising took place in June, but this year, by a law passed last session, the time is extended until Oct. 1. G. L. Tizard, Esq., is the revising officer for Halton.

CANADIAN ITEMS. Guelph, by defeating the London Alerts, has virtually won the Canadian baseball championship. While canoeing in a pond near Brantford, Miss Minnie Beeny and Louis Tyson were upset and drowned. Alexander Bellevue, a fifteen-year-old lad, was accidentally drowned on Monday night in the canal at Archville, near Ottawa.

The C. P. R. steamship Empress of China is reported aground on the bar at Shanghai. No damage has been done to the steamer. Burglars went through the postoffice and McClung & Bell's store at Newcastle early Monday morning. They blew open the postoffice safe and secured about \$150. There is no clue.

The body of the late Patrick Purcell has been found in the old grave at Flannigan's Point. In order to secure it from further molestation a mound of solid cement six feet in diameter has been built on top of the coffin. During the fiscal year just closed only two thousand and one hundred and nine dollars were expended in the city for the maintenance of the city for damages to Flannigan's Point. In order to secure it from further molestation a mound of solid cement six feet in diameter has been built on top of the coffin.

The trial of John Walker, now in Brampton jail for complicity in the murder of Eliza Williams in the Middle road Toronto township, on Dec. 1st, is fixed to take place before Chief Justice Armour at Brampton next month. A crowd of ten thousand people assembled at the Reform demonstration at Crystal Beach on Tuesday. The speakers were Messrs. R. Harcourt, M. P., W. M. German, M.P.P., William Paterson, M.P., W. M. German, M.P.P., and J. A. Lowell, M. P.

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