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#### Our Ottawa Letter.

The time is drawing near when you will be given an opportunity of saying with your vote whether or not we are to be governed for another five years by the combination you see sitting on the treasury benches at Ottawa enjoying the spoils of office and laughing at your only mention this fact as one of the credulity. Everything points to as weeping victory for the Liberal party, but that should not cause you to stop working one moment until the polls are to get out. He knows he will be beaten closed. A very few votes might turn the in Haldimand, and not only that, he scale the other way. In the elections of knows the government will be beaten, 1891 there were 33 Conservatives elected | and if he can now change places with the fight and you will surely win. After working for eighteen years to burst the combination of corruptionists you would feel like hanging yourself if the government's majority turned on the electors of your country and that when the ballots were counted it was found you had elected the Conservative candidate by a majority of one or two.

If there ever was a time in the history of Canada when every Liberal vote should be recorded it is now. Not only the straight Liberal vote but every vete that says, down with dishonest govern-

JOINING HANDS. Patron order charges that the Patrons attention more quickly. candidate every effort has been made to plant growing where it is not wanted, or induce the Patron candidate to stand to a plant in the wrong place. last election in North Ontario, and we plants no one will dispute, and why adhaving the principles of his order at others' attention. Important character

up the den.

carnival at Ottawa for the past 18 years.

GET THEM OUT.

I have talked to you before of their boodling and extrayagance; I have pointed out the political scandals which, as a result of their administration, have disgraced the country, and I am sure that at this late day there is no necessity of trying further to impress these facts upon you. I now ask you Conservative readers why you are still showing your allegiance to these men who by their conduct have disgraced you and who by their dishonest and corrupt ways have imposed the maximum of taxation upon you. I have heard men say: "A Conservative I was born; a conservative I will die." Well, that sounds very poetical. There is a vein of sentiment in it that sounds pretty to hear and looks pretty to read when we see it in print. It shows how far an element of our population is wedded to traditions and how the king can do no wrong. But to those who are thus imbued with old associations I would say you have been the victims of a misplaced confidence. There is sufficient evidence before the country to justify this assertion.

COMING EVENTS.

ISAAC CROSBY ment. It is certainly a very clear indi- Posters will be out in a few days.

cation of how the result of the coming elections is regarded in that quarter, which is by no means a safe political barometer. Capt. Benoit, John Francis Walters, Sydney Smith, Hayter Reed, D. C. Scott, John R. Hall, Breadner, Balderson and a score of others who sail in the same boat, are to be pitied. I shadows cast by coming events. At the same time I may mention the desire of Dr. Montague, Minister of Agriculture, with majorities ranging from 1 to 77; 21 | Kirkpatrick he will get a sure thing on Conservatives elected with majorities the Lieut. Governorship of Ontario, ranging from 101 to 200; 22 Liberals worth \$10,000 a year, for the next five elected with majorities ranging from 1 to years. I do not know of anything that 98, and 18 Liberals elected with major- more clearly points to the defeat of the Richmond Hill Office open every ities ranging from 101 to 198. Keep up government than the desire of Montague to desert the sinking ship and settle him self in a good job for five years to come.

#### Contributions from the Schools.

ENJOY THE FLOWERS.

face of Nature undergoes a wonderful, as beauties of the change are wrought by I note that the Grand Secretary of the something that attracts and absorbs our Mrs. T. Smyth. Tatting work-E. Mc-

and corruption, and to secure a minimum and Northern South America whole rate of taxation? That, at least, I have sections of the country are covered with always understood the Patron platform | the Fuchsia, one of our common house The fact is that when a candidate set up grows as freely. In those countries the by a Patron the field is left to him, and miserable and worthless weeds; here we where it unmistakably appears that a take pride in cultivating them. Hence Liberal can only defeat the government's | weed is nothing more than an ordinary

one side. We learned a lesson in the The loveliness of nearly all cultivated should profit by it. I can understand, of | mire less that which is often much more course, where a Conservative candidate | beautiful, viz., the wild flowers of the is running under the guise of a Patron | field or forest. There are several features that he should denounce opposition from of attraction in flowers; the gaudy or the Liberal party. But it must strike delicate colors may attract some, while every reasoning elector that a Patron | the odor will be the means to attract heart cannot be a supporter of the pres- istics as these may form, still the reguent government. If the defeat of the larity of the same part in the same class government was left to such men they of plants, or perhaps the oddity of one would have a perpetual lease of power, part of a flower will enable us to dis-But it is not alone the Patrons who | tinguish it from all others. Take several might now be charged with collusion with | flowers of the wild mustard, each has an | Generalsales o stock, etc., promptly attended the Liberal party. D'Alton McCarthy is outer green covering consisting of four ed, and the clerk be and he is hereby innot a Liberal yet he is working with us sepals; then the next whorl of leaves in in this fight trying to break up the each flower consists of four yellow petals, Tupper-Haggart combination. So is as a still further protection to those vital Clarke Wallace and no one will accuse organs that be nearer the centre. Next him of being a Liberal. Both McCarthy | we find six slender stalks terminating in and Clarke Wallace have been long expanded sacs each filled with a powder enough associated with corruptionists to known as pollen, and which is always esknow something of their methods, and sential before the plant will near a seed; you may rest assured that they have not how peculiar that each of these flowers gone into the fight without having good produces always, four long stamens and grounds for opposing them and breaking | two short ones which are always on opposite sides. At the centre there is an It is one of the strongest combinations apparently solid body, but upon examinthat ever joined forces to overthrow a ation we find it consists of two cells with government in Canada and it will suc- seeds attached along the partition. It ceed. This time we see Liberals. Patrons, the Shepherd's Purse or Water Cress be McCarthyites and Wallaceites all work- examined, similar parts will be found, ing to the one end, to rid the country of | and from the resemblance of their parts, the gang who have been holding high | they form a family of plants known as the Cruciferae. So by careful observation the similarity of other flowers and plants may be observed and thus classified into another family.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Maple The Mission in St. Stephen's Church, which was conducted by Rev. Canon Macnab, of Toronto, was brought to a close on Tuesday evening. All the services were well attended. On Sunday afternoon the missioner addressed his remarks chiefly to men, the subject of his address being "Manly Christianity." The first part of each service took the form of an instruction, when many points in the doctrine of the Church were explained. The chancel was beautifully Public school Inspector, enclosing the decorated with flowers every evening.

On Tuesday evening a political meeting was held in the Masonic Hall. The strong is their faith in the theory that speakers were Mr J. Brown, Patron candidate for West York, and Mr. R. O.

Mr. R. Watson has commenced work at the cellar of his new house.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Presby. of Mr. A. McKay on Wednesday after-

I am often amused to see how scores of The congregation of St. Stephen's out-and-out Tory civil servants are affect. Church intend holding a tea and enter-Richmond Hill. Possession given April 1st, 1896. ed by the probable change of govern- tainment on Tuesday, the 16th inst.

#### Prize List.

The following is the prize list in the ladies' department of the Spring Exhibition, held over last week :--

LADIES' WORK

Painting in oils-E Mortson, Mrs C Wismer. Painting on china-Mrs C Wismer, E McVean. Painting on plush, velvet or felt-Mrs T Smyth, Mrs C Wismer. Painting on cotton batting -E Mortson, E McVean. Painting on satin or silk in oil-Mrs C Wismer, E McVean. Painting on glass, bottles, &c-Mrs C Wisner, E Mortson. Hand painted placques-E McVean, Mrs T Smyth. Embroidery on bolting cloth-E McVean, Mrs T Smyth. Embroidery on cotton, etc-Mrs C Wismer, Mrs T Smith. Table Scarf-Mrs T Smyth, Mrs C Wismer. Pair Worked Slippers-E McVean, Mrs C Wismer. Crazy Patchwork-Mrs T Smyth, Mrs C Wismer. Chair tidy, silk-Mrs C Wismer, E Mortson. Sofa Cushion -Mrs T Smith, E Mortson. Honiton Lace-E McVean, Mrs T Smyth. Point Lace-Mrs T Smith, E McVean. Set of Table Doyles-Mrs T Smith, E McVean, Guipure Work-E McVean, Mrs T Smyth. Crochet Work in Silk, etc-E With the opening of Spring the whole McVean, Mrs T Smyth. Ottoman-E MoVean, Mrs T Smyth. Fancy Quiltwell as beautiful, transformation. The Mrs T Smyth, Mrs C Wismer. Fancy Wool Knitting-Mrs C Wismer, E Mc. the gradually increasing heat from the Vean. Collection of Plain Knittingsun, which causes all forms of vegetation | Mrs C Wismer, Mrs T Smith. Netting to spring forth; and then as the tiny leaf | Work-Mrs T Smyth, E McVean. Five unfolds itself, we see it followed by O'Clock Tea Table Cover-E McVean, Vean, Mrs. T. Smyth. Ornamental are in collusion with the Liberal party to All people seem pleased to see the first | needle work- E. McVean, Mrs. T. defeat the government. Certainly they flowers open in the Spring, but why pass | Smyth. Braiding with silk, &c.-E. are or should be. Would Mr. Weich | them by so heedlessly as the season ad- McVean, Mrs C. Wismer. Drawn linen have it the other way? Are we not all vances? Perhaps it is because they are | -E. McVean, Mrs. T. Smyth. Japanworking to the one end? Are we not so numerous, or that they are only weeds. ese work-E. McVean, Mrs. T. Smyth. both working to put down extravagance | Let us see what weeds are. In Mexico | Etching on linen or cotton-E. McVean, Mrs. T. Smyth. Foot rest-E. McVean, Mrs. T. Smyth. Neatest patch on garment-E. McVean, E. Mortson. to be. I know it is the Liberal platform. | plants, and in South Africa the Geranium | Slipper holder-Mrs. T. Smyth, E. Mortson. Mexican needle work-Mrs. by the government can best be defeated Fuchsia and Geranium are considered T. Smith, E. McVean. Drawing room screen-E. McVean, Mrs. C. Wismer. Painting on satin or silk in colors-E, McVean.

JUDGES-Miss Lloyd, Miss Heacock, Mrs. J. C. Jenkins, Mrs. John Duncan, Mrs. (Dr.) Hutchison, Mrs. W. R. Proctor, Mrs. W. A. Sanderson, Miss F. Palmer.

#### Village Council.

Council met on May 26th for the purpose of revising the assessment roll. Members present: the reeve and coun-

cillors Palmer and Savage. The assessment was taken up and re-

Moved by Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Palmer, that the assessment roll be now passed as finally revisbe valid and binding on all parties concerned, notwithstanding any defect or error committed in or with regard to the said roll.—Carried.

general business. The clerk read the minutes of the 27th of April, which were approved and

The council then proceeded to take up

adopted. The following accounts were read: John Thompson, repairs on fire

engine ......\$ 1 00 Levi Gaby, gravel and sewer pipes 14 00 Band, playing at skating rink ..... 24 00 W. J. Mortson, teaming gravel ... 1 00 R. Rumble, 26 loads of gravel ... 2 60 W. A. Sanderson, treasurer Public

Library, tax levied ...... 50 00 Moved by Mr. Savage, seconded by Mr. Palmer, that the treasurer be and is hereby instructed to pay the said accounts. - Carried. The council adjourned.

#### Board of Education

The Board of Education met on Monday afternoon.

Members present. Wessrs. Glass, Switzer, Ne vton, McConaghy, Naughton, Mc-Donald, Storey. Minutes of last meeting were read and

adopted. On motion, Mr. W. E. Brown was appointed examiner to act with the Principal-Mr. Coombs-at the coming En-

trance Examination. A communication was read from the sum of \$74, being the amount due this Board in fees for the July examinations. The communication showed that there are 49 candidates for the Departmental

Examinations. The following resolution of condolence was passed :- "Moved by Mr. Naughton, seconded by Mr. Newton, that the members of this Board tender their sincere terian Church was held at the residence | sympathy to the family of the late Wm. Trench, who was for many years a respected member of this Board. Also that the secretary be and is hereby requested to enter this resolution on the minutes and forward a copy to the family of the late Wm. Trench.