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[Dr Sproule blames on the Grits the following well known specimen of political corruption: the intelligence of his party knows better, and so does he.]

It will be remembered that one John Freeborn a well-known character on the Peninsula, appeared in Manitoba previous to the election of 1896 and ing in the interests of Dr. Jamieson presented himself to Mr N. Boyd, the were it not for the buncombe and but-Conservative candidate in Marquette, saying that he had been sent by the chief Conservative organizer. Mr least to an audience who had been accredited with so much intelligence Boyd telegraphed to the organizer in and insight of political affairs. Great regard to the visitor, and received the stress was also laid on the beneficial

"He was a first-class man in North | the ladies in the matter of the au-Bruce."

lection, and subsequently he and some of his assistants were prosecuted criminally at the instance of the Minister of Justice. Freeborn confessed, and swore that he got instructions from one Turner, who told him that he had got them from the Conservative organizer the good effects of their presence and in Toronto. The instructions were as follows:-

"We have the printing of the ballots; therefore a sufficient number should be printed extra to enable the deputy returning officer to have them marked for our candidate and ready to use after the count to replace those read out; wrongly to the scrutineers. Or the deputy returning officer can prophet that Dr Jamieson would be have them marked and folded in his an Opposition ballot if the opportunity happens. This of course, will occur quite frequently if we have control of both scrutineers.

"To get control of both scrutineers, have one of our men, not a prominent one, but a supposed kicker, for instance apply to the Opposition to be put on as a scrutineer inside. They are generally short of workers, and a few plausible men will turn the election in a close constituency. Or the man can write to their headquarters for scrutineer papers if he lives in the country.

"Efforts should be made to make these methods work in wards that give the heaviest opposition vote.

"Having control of both scrutineers, if both scrutineers were present.

"A friendly constable should be expressed his pleasure and his thanks present to keep the pall clear of loun- for past favors, paid a high compligers and inquisitive people,

be a reliable, sharp, and plausible intelligent of all the Provinces. It man, so that if we do not get control of never seemed to dawn upon him that Don't forget the Big 4, when you the Opposition scrutineer, he can when this is the reason of the long tenure want a new pair of Shoes for the spring. the counting time arrives, ask both of office enjoyed by the Liberal party. scrutineers to take a piece of paper and Intelligent people know a good thing record the vote of their candidate, as when they have it. He referred also he reads the ballots, which have been to the W. Elgin frauds (also condemnemptied on the table. He will then ed by the Government) but totally have a chance to read out wrongly, so | ignored the Wm. Smith incident of that a majority can be secured for our | South Ontario, in trying to defeat caadidate. The ballots should be put Hon. Mr. Dryden. He accredits his back into the box as quickly as they opponent Mr. Binnie and rightly too are read. The extra ones will do to with good native intelligence. one who fix things correctly when he goes would not do a mean thing if he knew

'Spoiled ballots can be made sure by a little doctoring. Opposition ballots can be spoiled by the lead out of a pencil, fastened nnder the little finger with beeswax, drawn across opposite our candidate's name in opening the

"If you cannot get control of Opposition scrutineers, have your deputy WE ISK INSPECTION OF OUT TERS returning officer announce that he is a-gainst you, so as to lead him astray if presence of Ladies in the others, some-

As a corroborative of a part of this, it may be stated that 10,000 ballots were printed for the City of Winnipeg, although 5,000 or 6,000 would have been sufficient in an honest election, and yet the polls had to be closed at c, clock because the ballots ran out.

HOPEVILLE

Mrs D McEachnie, of Little Carrent s here on a visit to her mother Mr Scarlett.

Mr Duncan Hunter and Miss Peckover. called on Mr Kenning and left as man

Monday 12th inst., the hotel keeper here was fined for a breach of the Liquor Liceuse Act. : a first offence. Sometimes complaints are made for a breach of this act, and quietly settled without publicity if the parties are guilty, but in this case be independ it went to court Mrs Scarlett considering art a jewel. there was no breach of the law she not having either sold or given liquor away.

to the evidence that was brought before by chance at the hotel Sunday morning some of them going home from their week's work and being fatigued travelling asked Mrs. Scarlett for some beer. She very plainly refused them and went to yillager came along and being made acquainted with the circumstances volunteered to get them some beer as he knew Tory we suppose. Mr. Legate though where the key of the bar was kept. After seemed perfectly impartial and was sometime he got his hand on the key the not endeavoring to make a point for bar was opened, the beer drawn and either candidate was graciously listen-

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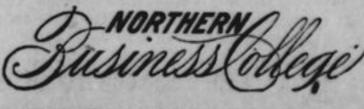
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and absent voters, etc., ean have their speech well delivered and attentively ballots marked; there is no redress listened to.

of Egremont, drove here last week and In a Magistrate's court at Holstein on

As the case has got into the papers we the court. It seems four young men met

When Mrs. Scarlett became acquainted | A vote of thanks to Mr. Jas. Durant. with the theft of the key she was told who occupied the chair, closed a meetthat sigars only had been taken and she knew nothing of them getting beer till it was told in court. Much sympathy is extended to her for since she has managed tended to her for since she has managed to the chair, closed a meeting which was as flat as a pancake no enthusiasm, no cheers, no point gained, no nothing as the boy says. the hotel it has been quiet and respectable and it seems hard for her to pay So mote it be.

Your Ballot for Binnie.

DROMORE POT BOILING OVER. The inhabitants of this otherwise

quiet little village might this Friday effects accruing from the presence of dience behaving itself. They are good in that respect, dear bless them, but be it known to all men that the boys of Dromore can behave themselves even in the absence of the

in this case undoubtedly so, for who knows how far the speakers might DARLING'S. have gone had it not been for them. Mr. Richardson, who had just farrived from Ottawa, opened the meeting pleasantly enough and made a few generalities, thanked the audience for the support accorded him and ventured to stake his reputation as a

ladies, indeed their patience on this occasion was long suffering and tull of

charity. However we have admitted

elected, really the only issue touched pocket to slip into the box in place of upon was that of the school book charges and ignored the fact that both at Chicago and Buffalo, Ontario in spite of it all, stood highest in educational facilities and advantages. A pleasant speech, nothing irritating, and like the proverbial chip in the porridge did neither good nor harm. Lawyer Davidson, Durham, was next on the Liberal side and spoke

various salutary measures introduced and carried out by the Government, with the benefits and advantages arising therefrom Measures that had been opposed by the opposition. He also referred to their want of unity and of purpose as evidenced by Mr Marter and others and having nothing "Having control of both scrutineers, better to propose to take its place in a large vote can be polled—dead the way of policy. A good racy

Dr. Jamieson, the next speaker,

very fluently for half an hour on the

ment to the general intelligence of Feb. 81, 1902. "The deputy returning officer should Ontario (as well as Dromore) the most it, except defeat the Dr. probably.

The Dr. broached several subjects

but seemed to leave them unfinished. But now comes the man of stories, Mr. Allan. The ubiquitous Billy. The stories included among others the well known one "holy Moses is that you" and the unnamed baby that proved to be a "socker", a little 100 flippant of sacred names in the one only in fun. Of course it is well known that Wm is and always was an independent! and cited as proof that he read the "Sun", "The Montreal Witness' and the "Review" and he liked them all (Why shouldn't he?) Admitted the Reform party had done many good things, but condemned the referendum—a plan by the wav generally advocated by the 'Sun' and Patrons, if we mistake not and was going to oppose the Government and

support the Dr. on account of its introduction. He cited several ministers as being opposed to it, but totally ignored the many others who recognize that there really is no other better way out of the difficulty than by adopting the referendum. The fact of Mr. Binnie being a farmer, a class which Mr. Allan held a few years ago, should have equal advantages with Dr's. & Lawyers seemed never to fizz on him (Who would not

be independent?) Consistency thou

Mr R Renwick always well informed,

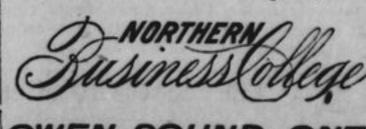
showed to his discomfiture that the Dr.

whom he (Mr. Allan) supported rethink it just and proper a short account of cently shirked or opposed a vote dealit should appear in the Review according ing with the temperance question. This elicited considerable applause. Mr. Legate wants to revolutionize politics and is going to draw up a pledge for each candidate to sign. pledging themselves to oppose grants to corporations, lands. railways and her own apartment. Then a certain soforth, if both sign then you can still other does then you can still yote

ed to, though 11 o'clock.



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