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THE CONTEST IN FRONTENAC.

The contest in Frontenac will be between Mr. PETER GRAHAM, the candidate of the Charter-sellers, and Mr. THOMAS DAWSON, of Wolfe Island. Both gentlemen are well known as members of the County Council, where each has served a number of years. But here their similarity ends. Mr. GRAHAM is a "good fellow," but hardly the stuff out of which members of Parliament should be made. He, too, comes out as a supporter of the Quarrette, and shoulders the pack of Tory iniquities from the Pacific Scandal to the bribery of RIEL. With such legends on his banner it is impossible for self respecting men to rally under it, however much his personal traits may disarm hostility. The electors must bear steadily in mind that the contest is not so much between the candidates as between a supporter of Mr. OLIVER MOWAT and a follower of the RYKERTS and LAUDERS of the House, between good Government and a disgraced faction without character, without aim, without ability. And remembering this, can the electors of Frontenac send a representative to aid in the attempt to oust Mr. MOWAT and substitute for him and his colleagues, a bunch of graceless scamps who even the Tory Press dare not argue are fit to rule this province?

Mr. DAWSON'S defeat, then, would be tantamount to a declaration of confidence in Rykertism, Macdonaldism, and all the other rascalities which now distinguish Toryisms. It would be equivalent to a condemnation of a good and able man like Mr. MOWAT, and a preference for the bad men who oppose him. Are the electors of Frontenac prepared to give this verdict? Do they wish to see a man like RYKERT, who barely escaped expulsion from the House for taking bribes for his votes, installed as Treasurer with opportunity to plunder the province at his own sweet will? Can any honest man justify a vote for such a swap? Admitting this, that and the other thing, does any reasonable being believe that affairs would have been better if RYKERT, LAUDER and BOULTBEE had held office instead of MOWAT, CROOKS and FRASER? If a Christian gentleman of Mr. MOWAT'S great experience and first-class abilities cannot successfully preside over the affairs of Toronto, what can be hoped for from men without experience or ability, and, above all, with disgraceful characters?

It is inconceivable that farmers honest and reasonable in their own private affairs should be guilty of such political foolishness as to send Mr. PETER GRAHAM to Toronto to defend what cannot be defended, and to aid in making a change of Government which every one must see is not wanted. Let, then, the common-sense which guides their everyday transactions regulate the choice of the farmers of Frontenac of a parliamentary representative, which it will if Mr. DAWSON is elected, and Mr. GRAHAM, who so eagerly jostled Mr. CALVIN aside, is told to stay at home, where he will be harmless for political evil.

THE TWO CANDIDATES.

Mr. ROBINSON'S Nomination speech was an able one, and a most satisfactory account of his stewardship. It was forcible, practical and to the point; was justly admired by his friends, and admitted by his opponents to be an excellent address, showing that Mr. ROBINSON'S Parliamentary experience had been a most profitable one. His speech did not suffer by close comparison with that of Dr. McCAMMON, the "good scholar," so glib of tongue, if poverty striken for any ideas except those he borrows from the Tory Bible.

The electors of Kingston have now seen the two candidates side by side and heard them on the same platform. Has any good reason been shown them why Mr. ROBINSON should be rejected, and a new untried man put in his place? Mr. ROBINSON has worked hard during the past four years to discharge his parliamentary duties honestly and efficiently. In what particular has he failed to succeed? Did Kingston ever lose anything by his neglect? Did it not, on the contrary, gain much by having so untiring a representative to look after its interests? If the Government have any fault to find with Mr. ROBINSON, it is that he has been too persistent in attending to the wants of his constituents. Owing to his exertions the Government local grants have been increased. A Normal School will shortly be established here in response to his indefatigable agitation. He has done everything that a zealous member could do, irrespective of politics, has been thoroughly liberal to all classes, always preserved his independence, and yet the Tories would have the city discharge him, instead of gratefully thanking him by re-election for the time and energy he devoted so successfully to its service.

This is most unreasonable conduct. If Mr. ROBINSON were a man of doubtful character who had by a flurke got into Parliament the case would be widely different, and a change for a better man would be desirable. But Mr. ROBINSON is a respectable man, altogether free from corruption and self-seeking. He has been no fisher after office, for he could have been in a fat office long ago, but he preferred the honor of representing his fellow-citizens in Parliament. It is from such as he only that, being honest themselves, the country can look for honest legislation. Why, then, reject this tried and true servant and take on one who, it is certain, will not be as attentive to our wants as Mr. ROBINSON has been, however great his "gift of the gab!" We put this reasonable question to reasonable men confident that their answer will be in Mr. ROBINSON'S favour. We can derive no possible good by the change, were Dr. McCAMMON a much abler than he is, while at the same time such an exchange would be a most insane endorsation of the ragged squad who wear the tattered uniform of Toryism in the Local House.

One of the most humiliating spectacles ever seen in Kingston was the sight of Mr. Short-term TORY DRENNAN proposing Dr. McCAMMON in the City Hall yesterday. It was bad enough after long years of servile adoration of Sir JOHN MACDONALD, after intriguing for the nomination, after weeks of canvassing of Man Friday to the Tory Chieftain, to have the Tory banner snatched out of his hands and given to a political fledgling, who has borne none of the heat or burden of the long days that Mr. DRENNAN has worn Sir JOHN'S livery; but bad as that was, how much more humiliating it was to be forced to nominate the man who had robbed him of his shoes and was publicly standing in them! It would have been much more considerate to have led the decapitated candidate to the door of the Tory tabernacle and kicked him down the steps, than to have forced him to resign with the pretence that it was his own wish, when every one knows that he feels terribly cut up by the unhandsome and ungrateful deception of his "friends." But, then, it is gratifying to know that he will soon forget the rude insult. He has a shocking bad memory as to political matters, and such unbounded confidence in SAMUEL T. DRENNAN that the new raw wound will be shortly skinned over.

Grenville South.

PRESCOTT, Jan. 11.—Hon C. F. Fraser Reformer, and Mr. J. C. Irvine, Conservative of Edwardsburg, were to-day nominated as the candidates for South Grenville. It is certain that the former will be returned by a large majority.

WEDN'SDAY EVEN'G, JAN'Y 13, 1875.

BEATEN BEFORE HE STARTED.

Dr. McCAMMON has been beaten before he started in the race. He aspires to be a member of Parliament and cannot be elected as a school trustee! He was defeated to-day in Rideau Ward by a substantial majority by anything but a very strong man. Keep the ball rolling! Let Monday be a repetition of to-day, and the Doctor, who the people who know him best say is not fit for a school trustee, then told that he is not suited to be a member of Parliament, especially when he is politically opposed to honest OLIVER MOWAT. If the Doctor were wise he would take the hint and resign.

HOW THE BALL IS ROLLING.

A very good indicator of the results of the approaching general election was furnished by the returns by acclamation on Monday—eight Ministerialists to one Opposition, and an indifferent Oppositionist at that. It is not to be expected that this proportion of eight to one will be preserved in the final returns, but it is certain that the Government majority will be as large as ever, Mr. MOWAT'S popularity suffering no diminution. A different result would be as surprising as it would be disastrous. The Opposition have no recognizable claim upon the confidence of the country. They have no policy, except that of beastly slanders. They can show no good reason why Mr. MOWAT'S Government should be turned out. The country is presented with no issue, which it can grasp, the decision of which should be adverse to Mr. MOWAT. The country can, however, take and keep a firm hold of this idea: That Mr. MOWAT is a good and able man; that his management of affairs has been spirited, progressive and beneficent, while the leaders of the Opposition are men of bad characters to whom it would be utterly suicidal to hand over the seals of office. That is the pivot issue on which the elections will mainly turn, for people can understand it and will be moved by its weight. And, understanding it, they will heartily renew Mr. MOWAT'S lease of office, for admitting the faults with which his opponents unjustly charge him, it would be perfect madness to give power to RYKERT, LAUDER & Co., a firm bankrupt in morals and having no brains among its available assets.

MONTREAL CENTRE ELECTION.

We confess to considerable surprise at the result of the Montreal Centre election which ended with the return of Mr. BERNARD DEVLIN by a handsome majority over Mr. RYAN, the unseated member. The same parties contested the seat at the last general election when Mr. RYAN was returned by a majority of 358—a majority so large that to an outsider it appeared very problematical that it could be converted into a minority of some four score within a twelvemonth. Such, however, has happened, and Mr. RYAN is driven from a constituency for which he was twice elected by acclamation, and on a third occasion by the large majority above noted. Mr. RYAN is a personally respectable man, but he is one of those curious moral amalgams who can make the defence of the grossest political profligacies square with private rectitude. He would not cheat, himself, for all the world, but he would shield with his vote a Tory leader guilty of no matter how flagrant political cheatery. Such men are doubly dangerous, as they throw the cloak of private respectability over political immorality. Mr. RYAN was a stout protestant against there being anything wrong in the Pacific Scandal, or in any other Tory iniquity. He indorsed anything and everything when Sir JOHN held up his finger. He has received his fitting reward in his rejection by the chief Irish Catholic constituency of the Dominion. We trust that Mr. JOHN O'DONOHOE will be also elected in East Toronto, when in that case, the Catholics of Ontario and Quebec will be represented in Parliament by two able spokesmen, of whom they will have every reason to be proud.

THE RECIPROCITY TREATY.

The Ottawa *Citizen* has the following "despatch" dated at Washington and purporting to be from its "correspondent" in that city. Of its truth we are not just now prepared to speak, but will premise that the *Citizen* is the most unscrupulous manufacturer of fiction in the country, being quite the equal of our own Dr. McCAMMON:—

"Your correspondent has it on the most reliable authority that the Senate intends throwing out the proposed Reciprocity Treaty. It appears that Commissioner BROWN has been endeavoring to secure certain changes before being submitted, and GRANT'S Cabinet considers the whole thing muddled. It is thought here that Mr. BROWN has purposely misinterpreted some of the clauses in order to save the Government of Canada by now securing the treaty's downfall in the American Senate. A prominent man is reported to have said that the "sliding scale" which is so unpopular in Canada was proposed by Commissioner BROWN himself, and that GRANT'S Cabinet never even asked such an arrangement. The Canadian Government also desired changes in the New York State canals and coasting privileges. In fact they have since the treaty was published endeavored to entirely remodel it—hence the Senate will reject the document *in toto*. Mr. Carey, of Philadelphia, says he is prepared to prove than large sums of money were expended in order to purchase the support of certain newspapers during the negotiations. The Canadian Government has known for some weeks that the treaty is to be rejected."

It may be well to add that the *Citizen* has no correspondent at Washington. In its editorial reference to the subject it inadvertently puts its foot in it by stating that its "information came from one "high in authority." Does it employ "one "high in authority" as its Washington correspondent? But, however that may be, we would not be greatly surprised at the refusal of the American Senate to ratify it, as we have all along contended that it was too favorable to Canada to be accepted by our neighbors. Now, we suppose, it will be in order for the Tories to praise the Treaty and cast the blame of its failure on the "Grits."

The Tory print is more exercised about Mr. ROBINSON'S imaginary pledge to support the dead and buried SANDFIELD MACDONALD than it is about his conduct as to the live issues of the day, which people are interested in. If, as it devotes a column daily to prove, Mr. ROBINSON was pledged to support Mr. MACDONALD, why did the latter long before the meeting of the House offer him the Police Magistracy? Was SANDFIELD MACDONALD, whose official life was then trembling in the balance, the man to volunteer the gift of an office to a pledged supporter? Hardly. He was not so foolish as to throw away a vote, if he thought it sure for him, at so critical a moment. And yet the Tory print is daily endeavoring to make him out such a fool.

INDIA AGAIN.—There is some uneasiness in the East India Company office at London, because of an apprehended outbreak, or revolt, against the English authorities in India. The Mahrattas, with whom the English have so much trouble, are being furnished with sacred symbols, and as just before the great revolt of 1857 sacred cakes were distributed throughout all parts of India, it is feared the present proceeding may be a like signal to the natives, and a precursor of trouble to the English.

The School Trustee Elections.

To-day there has been a furore unprecedented in the School Trustee elections. The party spirit has run so high, by reason of the two big party fights occurring at this season, that politics must needs be rushed into even school affairs, which have hitherto, with one or two notable exceptions, been deemed sacred from, if not superior to, an exhibition of such gladiatorial struggles as party candidature engenders. That it was not the desire of Reformers that this political feeling should be aroused is very plain, inasmuch they had the most to place at the mercy of such contingences as ward elections are so fameus in developing, yet the result is to them a matter of mush-gratification. The cry of Politics in the School Board has died a sudden death by strangulation at the polls to-day. There have to be powerful remedies for careless subjects.

Two Conservatives and one Reformer were returned unopposed, in wards, too, which incline to Reform majorities, and this does not look like Reform factiousness. In the four contests two old Reform Trustees were attacked with earnestness, and Mr. Robt. Shaw, who came out in Mr. Cunningham's place, was opposed after he had taken the field as the only announced candidate. In one case only was a Tory opposed, and there was the best invitation to that opposition, inasmuch as Dr. McCammon was the Party candidate against Mr. Wm. Robinson, and it was but right since politics were introduced elsewhere that the Ward which these two gentlemen claim as their special care and interest, should have an opportunity of pronouncing a preliminary verdict to that of Monday next. The splendid result of these four elections is contained in the returns below given of the election of all FOUR REFORMERS.

In Ontario Ward Mr. Conley was re-elected without opposition as was also Mr. McRossie in Sydenham Ward. Both returns were merited by past efficient service. In St. Lawrence Ward, soon after the opening of the poll, Mr. Ald. A. Chown resigned his claim to re-election, and Mr. E. J. B. Pense was returned, two other gentlemen who had been named retiring also.

RIDEAU WARD.—From the opening of the poll the greatest earnestness was shewn in the contest, and both sides strained their utmost endeavor, as will be seen by the vote polled. Mr. McCrea lead from the start, and so rapidly were the votes polled that at half past one o'clock the election was decided. The vote was finally: McCrea 209; McCammon 143.

CATARAQUI WARD.—Here Dr. J. K. Oliver, after a two years' service which his colleagues speak highly of, was most vigorously opposed by Mr. Francis Tracey. It was a most exciting contest, the candidates being almost tie and tie for hours together. The result is excellent—Oliver 103; Tracey 91.

FRONTENAC WARD.—Mr. A. McConaghy was opposed by Dr. Dupuis. The latter came out late, did not canvass at all, and his supporters were unaided in the political struggle precipitated. Then Frontenac Ward showed its Grit. Mr. Conaghy polled strongly, and when at one o'clock the vote stood 156 to 49, Dr. Dupuis retired. The Dr. would do honor to the board, and we hope to hear of his return next year to the Board unopposed, in some vacancy. Mr. McConaghy's return gives great satisfaction to the dominant party.

VICTORIA WARD.—Mr. Robert Shaw had an easy victory over Mr. Cunningham.

ADDINGTON.

Napanee, Jan. 12.—The nomination for Addington was held yesterday, and a large gathering of voters were present at Newburgh. The following gentlemen were nominated as candidates for the Local Legislature:—H. M. Deroche of Napanee, nominated by Chester Godfrey, of Hinchinbrook, seconded by Wm. Hinch, of Camden; Geo. Lake, Independent, of Camden, nominated by James N. Lapum, of Centreville, and seconded by John D. Ham, of Newburgh.

The Cape Vincent Burglary.

RECOVERY OF THE BODY.

The *Despatch* informs that on Sunday morning, officers Schram and Bishop of Cape Vincent, went to Millen's Bay to search in the river near that place for the body of the person supposed to have been the hero of the recent burglaries at Cape Vincent and Millen's Bay, and to have fallen through a hole in the ice in his endeavors to escape across the St. Lawrence. Upon arriving at the spot, a grappler was thrown in three times before success crowned their efforts. At the third trial a body was brought up which was taken to Cape Vincent. The body proved to be that of W. H. Rattan of Seeley's Bay. He was dressed in three coats, two shirts and other clothes in like proportion. In his pocket was found a seven shooter—a pair of brass knuckles and a small quantity of cigars and tobacco.

Hon. Mr. Mowat.

South Oxford has done itself honor by its re-election of Mr. Mowat without opposition. No purer statesman ever ruled in Canada, nor one against whom even political opponents could find less to say. Those hostile to him condemn his colleagues without mercy, but it is a splendid tribute to his character that amid all the bitterness of party strife, the Opposition are compelled to acknowledge his integrity and honesty. So long as he is at the head of affairs, the Province has the fullest guarantee that its affairs will be well and honorably administered.—*Hamilton Times.*

The Election.

Farmers, who are interested in the continued prosperity of our Province, aided in a material manner by the payment of large sums of money, to assist in constructing railways and colonization roads and by the distribution of The Municipal Loan Funds, and the removal of liabilities that pressed upon towns and municipalities that had obtained large sums, under the old act, which they were unable to pay, will consult their best interests by voting to assist in maintaining in power the present administration.

Mr. Mowat's Return.

Woodstock, 11th Jan.—The Sheriff read over the writ calling for the election of a member for the North Riding of the County of Oxford, in the Local Legislature. Very little excitement was manifested, owing to the extreme cold. Hon. Oliver Mowat was nominated by Mr. Thomas Robinson, Reeve of East Nissouri, in an able and humorous speech, seconded by J. J. M. Kennedy, Reeve of Blenheim. There being no other nominations, the Sheriff declared the Attorney-General elected by acclamation, amid loud and continued applause. The Attorney-General addressed the audience in an able and exhaustive speech in defence of his Government.

A VALUABLE INVENTION.—The editor of the Rome (N. Y.) Sentinel has been shown a design for an upholstered front gate, which seems destined to become very popular. The foot-board is cushioned, and there is a warm soap-stone on each side, the inside step being adjustable, so that a short girl can bring her lips to the line of any given moustache without trouble. If the gate is occupied at half-past ten p.m., an iron hand extends from one gate-post, takes the young man by the left ear, turns him around, and he is at once started home by a steel foot.

CITY AND VICINITY.

TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD.—Mr. John Atcheson, the Reeve, was re-elected by acclamation.

INSTALLATION.—On Friday evening some of the masonic brethren of Kingston are to attend the installation of officers in Albion Lodge, Harrowsmith.

POLICE COURT, Wednesday.—A boy summoned for throwing snow balls on the street was fined $1 and costs. John Horan, drunk, was fined $2. John Waters, drunk, was fined $2.

AMHERST ISLAND.—The Church of Englanders on the Island are pleased with their new pastor, for they have given him the handsome Christmas offering of nearly $42, a larger offering than was ever made there at any service.

WOODMAN, spare those Belle's Island trees, for two men yesterday narrowly escaped jail taking fancy to two promising shinney sticks. The $100 city reward for the detection of tree destroyers is still in force, and is a strong temptation to an informer.

THE PICTON *Times*, in its new energies, is doing its able best to repute the Tory slanders and deceptions circulated in Prince Edward County during the present party canvass. But the game is scarcely worth the powder; the extravagant speeches are all Clapp-trap.

DON'T DO IT.—Some persons are suggesting the hiring of conveyances for the election on the 18th inst. They cannot be aware that the law now punishes both the party hiring and the person hired. Penalty one hundred dollars, and if electors, both are to be disqualified from voting.

PUT SHOULDERS TO THE WHEEL.—Only three more working days remain for work before the election. Every Reformer should improve the time in earnest, honest efforts for the cause. We should all realize the importance of a victory. Much can be done in the time that remains. Every hour should be improved.

MONTREAL CENTRE.—The news of the election of Mr. B. Devlin was received about half-past seven o'clock, and created surprise and disgust in Tory circles. It was totally unexpected, except by Reformers, who had confidence in the loyalty of Montreal to the Government. The Conservative Association received the news while in session, and no one called for three cheers for Montreal Centre.

THERE were four political contests in the School Trustee election to-day, for the Tory convention at Toronto declared that politics should be driven into Municipal affairs, and Reformers must in consequence act on the defensive. The Reformers, who were taken at a disadvantage in the mayoralty and aldermanic elections, were on hand to-day to make their strength tell, and didn't it tell!

HYMENIAL.—This morning in St. George's Cathedral its late organist, Mr. Edgar Doward, was united in the happiest of bonds to the daughter of the late John Metcalfe, Esq., whose grace and beauty have found so many admirers everywhere that she has appeared. The organ was presided over by Prof. DesRochers, of St. Mary's Cathedral. The happy couple, whom we wish every joy that mortals can share, left for Mr. Doward's home in Coburg to-day.

SUNBURY.—The Sunbury Benevolent Literary Association holds its weekly meeting every Saturday evening in the commodious stone school house near Sunbury. The last evening's programme was a debate by the members of the Society whether Canada as she is, or as annexed to the United States, would be the most advantageous to the Canadian people. The subject was ably handled by the various speakers in their turn. The chair was filled by John McNeely, Esq., Township Treasurer, in a very efficient manner. The members of the Association extend a cordial invitation to all literary men throughout the county to take part.

THE NEW BOAT.—In the Messrs. Folger Bros.' office to-day was displayed a very artistic India ink sketch of the model of the new steamer of the Ferry Company, now being built at Portsmouth. As a work of art, with the land and water scene accompanying, the picture is well worth the seeing, but besides this it displays the handsomest form of any steamer yet projected for public service on the lake. There is a promise of a very elegant boat—a screw steamer, affording more room and easier motion than a side wheel craft—and one which by its superior comforts and accommodations will in conjunction with the popular *Maud* render the ferry routes still more popular, and make excursions from the city a greater pleasure than ever.

LAST NIGHT'S NEWS.

—The snow blockage on the Intercolonial Railway has been raised.

—The trial of the Two Mountains contested election commenced on Monday, before Mr. Judge Johnson.

—A portion of the breakwater at Cow Bay, Cape Breton, 150 feet long, has been carried away by a recent gale.

—A man named Chamberlain, convicted at New York of sending scurrilous postal cards by mail, has been fined $5,000.

—A Halifax correspondent sends the names of the crew of the Agnes Raymond, lost with all hands on the shore of Nova Scotia. A similar disaster appears to have befallen the brig Hilda.

—A portion of Murillo's celebrated picture, stolen from the Cathedral of Seville, has been purchased by Mr. Schans, of New York, from two Spaniards, and that gentleman has promptly offered to restore the work of art to the Spanish Government.

—The news from Spain is anything but re-assuring. It is reported that General Moriones, who commands the Army of the North, has pronounced against the accession of Alfonso; a Republican deputy has raised the standard of revolt, while a German fleet threatens retribution for the Gustave outrage.

LENNOX.

Napanee, Jan. 11.—The nomination for Lennox was held in the Court House to-day. A large number of voters was present. The following gentlemen were nominated as candidates:—Mr. J. S. Cartwright, by Mr. J. T. Grange, seconded by Mr. Williard Huffman; Mr. T. W. Casey, by Mr. A. L. Morden, seconded by Mr. Jacob Schermehorn; Mr. J. T. Grange, by Mr. J. S. Cartwright, seconded by Mr. Luke B. Spafford; Mr. P. D. Booth, by Mr Ham, seconded by Mr. J. J. Watson; by Mr. A. D. Fraser, seconded by Mr. George B. Sill. Each candidate addressed the electors in order as nominated. The time for speaking was limited to thirty minutes. The candidates then retired except Mr. Grange (Independent), and Messrs. Casey and Booth (Ministerials), who demanded a poll.

LITTLE CHARLIE.—The detectives searching for Charley Ross have expended more than $20,000, Commissioners have search from ocean to ocean and across; 700,000 circulars have been issued; printed and photographing have cost $8,000; a corps of clerks has been employed in the correspondence about the boy; 200 bands of gypsies have been searched; one stray boy has been found and taken home to his mourning parents; 600 Charley Rosses have ben reported; and at least 500,000 persons at one time or another have been on the search. And yet no Charley Ross.

OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—No less than sixteen candidates were nominated for the Ontario Legislature, among whom were Mayor Featherstone, D. J. O'Donohoe, Dr. Sweetland and Hon. J. O'Connor.

On Saturday night the contents of Russell & Watson's magnificent dry goods show window was destroyed by fire; loss about $30,000.—About midnight another fire was discovered on Wellington Street, in T. Rajott's clothing store. The entire stock store, including Temperance Hall was destroyed and Rajott's loss is $30,000; insured for $15,500. No insurance on the furniture of the Temperance Hall, which was destroyed, including piano and melodeon. O'Cayea, watchmaker, loss $3,000; Joseph Turgeon, boot and shoe maker, loss $4,000; Mrs. Yean, dress maker, loss $3,000. The buildings were owned by Mr. Perkins and only insured for $30,000. On Sunday evening about five o'clock another was given; a lamp exploded in Mr. Meadow's dwelling house and the floor was partly burned, but the fire soon subdued.

An attempt was made to hold a mass meeting on Saturday night, under sectarian auspices, to nominate a protestant candidate for the Local Legislature, but it proved a failure.

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—Messrs. O'Hanley and Dr. Ferguson, Reformers, have retired from the Russell contest. The fight is now between Mr. Morgan, Independent, and Mr. Baker, Conservative.

There was considerable excitement here last night over the Montreal Centre election.

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—The Reformers have decided to run Mayor Featherstone, O'Donoghue running as workingman's candidate. The Conservative candidate is Hon. John O'Connor.

MONTREAL.

DEMONSTRATIONS OVER DEVLIN'S ELECTION.

Montreal, Jan. 13.—An immense crowd assembled on St. James street, opposite the Reform head-quarters, last evening to hear the announcement of the result of the election. Devlin, the successful candidate, met with a very warm reception. He returned hearty thanks for the support he received from his countrymen and Protestant electors, and pledged himself, amid cheers, to represent faithfully in Parliament the full interests of all classes and creeds, opponents as well as friends, in his division. Addresses having been delivered by Hon. Mr. Holton, F. Mackenzie, Mr. Stewart, of the *Herald*, and others, a procession was formed, passing through St. Ann's Ward to Point St. Charles, and meeting en route with considerable enthusaism.

A STARTLER—HEAVY VOTE.

It must be confessed it was not generally anticipated, as Ryan was re elected on 29th January, 1874, by a majority of 358; total vote then polled was 3,922; total vote yesterday 4,528; giving Devlin a very handsome majority of 84. Ballots rejected 62.

A PROTEST.

Ryan announced to his friends that he accepted the result, and would not think of re-contesting the election. His agent, however, stated that the election would be protested. The city at present time is wholly represented by Ministerialists. One voter was arrested for personation. The day passed off very quietly.

The Elections.

EIGHT MINISTERIAL AND ONE OPPOSITION MEMBER ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION.

With the exception of Algoma, the whole of the nominations for the Ontario Legislative Assembly took place yesterday To the twaddlers who have been boasting of the great Conservative reaction we commend the result.

In 1871, eight Ministerialists supporting John Sandfield Macdonald were elected by acclamation, and seven members of the Reform Opposition. In 1875, eight members supporting the Reform Administration of Mr. Oliver Mowat have been returned without a contest, and only one Conservative—a gentleman, by the way, who has as frequently voted for as against Government measures during the past four years—has secured an unopposed admission into the new Legislature.

The following are the Reformers elected:—

Hardy—South Brant.
Williams—Hamilton.
Mowat—North Oxford.
Clarke—Centre Wellington.
Gow—South Wellington.
Patterson—West York.
Bonfield—South Renfrew.
Fleming—South Waterloo.

Six of the gentlemen who have received this well deserved compliment are old members, and will be welcomed back with great pleasure to the Local Parliament. Messrs. Fleming and Bonfield enter upon Parliamentary life for the first time, but they come with credentials that satisfy us they will prove useful acessions to the Assembly.

From the intelligence to hand it would appear as though only one Conservative, Mr. Monk, for Carleton, has been elected without a contest. Of the remaining members of the late Opposition, so far as they are in the field, not one has been sufficiently acceptable to his constituents to secure an unopposed.—*Globe.*

Excitement at Cape Vincent.

AN EARLY RETRIBUTION—BURGLARY AND DROWNING.

Cape Vincent will have a sensation once in a while, and when there is anything going on in that usually quiet village it is generally of that class which is sensational enough to disturb the whole town. This time we record a case of burglary, the perpetrator of which, in his attempt to escape the lynx-eyed detectives of the Cape, met with a sudden and fearful punishment. On Wednesday night the jewelry store of Jacob Beringer was forcibly entered, but as Mr. B. has had a little experience in this sort of business,—his store having been entered once or twice before and a quantity of goods taken from him,—the intruder this time found but little to reward him for his trouble—the more valuable portion of the goods having been removed to a place of safety. The thief found only about $25 worth of property to "put where it would do the most good," and naturally feeling somewhat disgusted with so poor a result, he proceeded to interview the store of P. H. Reed situated close by that of Mr. Beringer. Here his labors were not crowned with as much financial success as before—the sum total of the amount taken being about $5. Then the burglar seems to have taken his course toward Carleton Island, as tracks were found leading from the stores referred to to the bank of the river. The police force of the village at once commenced "working up" the case, and it is probably due to their efforts that the guilty party is at present resting from his labors beneath the frozen surface of the St. Lawrence river.

Yesterday word was brought to Cape Vincent that the residence of a Mr. Millen, at Millen's Bay, had been broken into and some clothing and other articles taken. The school house at the latter named place was also entered. The thief evidently had a literary turn of his mind, as several books were taken from the desks of the pupils. Officers Bishop and Schram at once repaired to Millen's Bay and discovered tracks leading across the river at that point. Following them up they came to an opening in the ice about one mile from the shore where it was evident that the object of their pursuit had eluded arrest, for some time at least. A pair of mittens, which were recognized as the property of Mr. Millen, several boxes of collars, a pair of pants, and a bag containing various articles were found on the edge of the hole, but as no tracks could be found leading away from it, it was evident that in his attempt to escape from the officers, who at the time could not have been more than two or three hours behind him, he had dropped into the river and drowned.

Dispatches from Cape Vincent last evening inform us that it is thought the body lies in about twenty feet of water. Arrangements have been made to grapple for it this morning.—*Watertown Despatch.*

The County Nomination.

The nomination of Messrs. Graham and Dawson, yesterday reported, was followed by speeches from those gentlemen and Mr. Britton.

Mr. Graham said that at the solicitation of his friends he had accepted the nomination of candidate to represent the County of Frontenac in the Local Legislature. He did not come before them unacquainted with the duties of public life, as he had served the public in his position as Reeve of the Township of Pittsburg, and had the honor to serve the County as Warden during the past year. And it was owing to his position of Warden of the County that he had been called upon to be the standard-bearer of the Conservative Party. In politics he might say that he had been a Conservative all his life, but he thought it was due to the electors to say that he would support all good measures which emanated from the present Administration. Some of the acts of that Administration he could not raise any objection to, but he would give a synopsis of those measures to which he could not assent. He thought that the Government expenditure was an extravagant one, and could not be justified. He also thought that the Municipal Loan Fund was not distributed in so fair and impartial a manner as it might have been. He condemned the Crown Land policy of the Administration, and thought that some provision should be made to secure to settlers the timber on the lands which they settled. He charged the Government with taking the power from County Councils of getting their printing done where they pleased that the Government might be enabled to patronize the leading Government organ. Mr. Graham then entered into the merits of the Reciprocity Treaty, and from there shunted on to the Kingston & Pembroke Railway, and after an unsuccessful effort to climb an up grade he ran off the track to make way for Mr. Thomas Dawson.

Mr. Dawson said he came before the electors of the County of Frontenac, free and untrammed by any party or bound to any party ties; an as Independent candidate he came before them to solicit their support, and to ask the honor of being their Representative in the Local Legislature of Ontario. But, as Mr. Graham had just said that he had been a Conservative all his life till now. (Mr. Graham, "Leave out "till now.") He (Mr. Dawson) considered that it was the duty of both himself and Mr. Graham at this time to emit "no uncertain sound" but to lay down their principles fairly and squarely, and leave it to an intelligent constituency to judge between. He, if elected, would support the present Government, as he thought they were entitled by their acts in the past four years to an honest support, and as long as they carried out their present policy of expending the public money in the public interests he would support them in that policy. Mr. Graham had alluded to the importance of granting to settlers the timber on their lots. He (Mr. Dawson) was also in favor of pursuing a liberal policy to settlers and if elected would do all in his power to legislate to that effect. He was also in favor of Reciprocity, and could accept and endorse the present draft of that Treaty as it stands before the public without any amendments whatever. There was another point, on which it was his determination to take a firm and unqualified stand, and that was the liquor traffic. He would if elected use his utmost endeavors to prohibit the manufacture or sale of liquors in Canada. This he wished them to understand was no electioneering clap trap, but would refer to his antecedents in the past, to those who knew him for the past thirty years, to sustain his remarks as being consistent with his life. He would conclude his remarks by reminding the Conservative Party that the gentleman they threw overboard would not take the slight they had shewn him in as meek a manner as would be desirable for them. And they might rest assured that the candidate who in their eyes was so insignificant to-day, would on Monday next stand at the head of the poll.

Mr. Britton was then called upon to address the electors, and in a terse and able speech he combated the attacks on the Administration. He said Mr. Grahamhad brought several charges against the Government and had not sustained one of those charges by proofs. Now he was prepared to deny those charges, and thought his word was as good as Mr. Graham's, but he did not wish them to rely on his word alone, as he could sustain it with proof. Mr. Britton then explained the financial position of Ontarto, showing that the surplus now in the hands of the Treasurer in cash and available assets amounts to nearly $5,000,000, defining a good government as one that instead of miserly hoarding the public money spends it in the public interest. He also showed that the Municipal Loan Fund in its distribution, was given in greater proportion, as it should be, to those municipalities which received no benefit from the Railway Aid Fund. That the Crown Land policy was a wise and fostering one, encouraging to settlers, and that the McCandless affair was so contemptible as to be beneath the notice of any body of honorable men. Mr. Britton closed his long and interesting speech, of which we give a mere synopsis, by informing both Mr. Graham and Mr. Dawson that although they had both enlarged upon the Reciprocity Treaty, that was a question they would not be called upon to discuss in Toronto, and Mr. Graham might rest assured that the Legislature of Ontario did not care whether the County of Frontenac sued the contractors, the contractors sued the company, or the company sued both. And in view of this stupendous lawsuit coming off, he would advise Mr. Graham to remain at home and look after the interests of the county, which will certainly be jeopardized if they pass from under his vigilant and ever watchful eye.

TERREBONNE.

MASSON COLLEGE DESTROYED BY FIRE—LOSS $100,000.

Terrebonne, Jan. 11.—The Masson College was burnt this morning at six o'clock. The fire took while the tapers in the chapel were being lighted; no lives lost; very little saved. The building is a total loss; insurance, $28,000, losses estimated at over $100,000. About two hundred and fifty scholars were in college at the time, and are now preparing to return to their respective homes.

LYN, Ont.

Lyn, Jan. 11.—On Saturday at 2 a.m. a fire broke out in Curtis Hotel here; the building was totally destroyed. Loss $1,200.

—The young ladies of Albany who received Christmas presents from Count Barlf, a love of a nobleman who has been breaking hearts in that city, are now returning them to the jewellery store from which they were stolen.

Another Mysterious Case.

Boston, Mass, Jan 11.—There is considerable excitement in Amsburg, Mass, over a supposed poisoning case. The victim is a well known citizen named Thompson, who had accumulated a fortune of $75,000, to $100,000. It had been understood for several years that he had been living with a woman not his lawful wife. He had for many years refused to make a will, until about ten days ago, when he made one, being to all appearance in his usual health. On Tuesday last he died suddenly and without being sick any length of time. The widow without informing the children of the deceased, called in physicans who made a *post mortem* examination, and reported that he died from natural causes. The children were then notified, but not being satisfied called in a physican who made a *post mortem* examination, but finding nothing which seemed sufficient to cause death, they removed the stomach and vitals, and having submitted them to a chemist for examination. There is a strong suspicion of poisoning and the results of the examination is anxiously awaited.

For the Whig.

A BLESSED MUNICIPALITY.—Ten miles from Kingston there is (although the world knows it not,) a "Happy Land." A municipality where there is no "Division Court," where there is no "Township Constable," where there is no "Magistrate," where the Revision Court has annually nothing to do. Where all the township officers are honest, where "Ward Politicians" are unknown, and where fifty copies of the BRITISH WHIG are distributed weekly. Can the Dominion beat that.—G.W.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—We regret that we cannot publish the communication of our Morven correspondent, re the Casey-Grange meeting. "G. X." letter is a personal one, and though very deserved by the impertinent meddler at whom it is directed, we must forbear transgressing the rules of journalism so far as to publish it. Our correspondent will agree with us that the game is scarcely worth the powder.

DON'T DELAY.—On the morning of the election don't delay. Vote immediately on arriving at the poll. One man who has recorded his vote is worth, for working purposes, half a dozen who have not voted. Show the negligent by your example that you mean to do your duty, that you are willing by acts as well as deeds to assist in maintaining in power a Liberal administration.

ORANGE DISRICT LODGE.—At the annual meeting of this Lodge the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:
District Master, James Connors.
" Deputy Master, Joseph Moore.
" Secretary, Daniel Callaghan.
" Treasurer, John A. Greenwood.
" Chaplain, Samuel Shaw.
" Director of Ceremonies, S. Thornton.

THE KINGSTON MARKETS.

	Jan. 14th.
FLOUR—XXX per bbl	6.00 @ 6.50
" " 100 lbs	3.25 @ 3.50
Family " 100 "	2.50 @ 0.00
GRAIN—Barley per bushel	1.00 @ 0.00
Rye " "	0.00 @ 0.65
Peas " "	0.76 @ 0.77
Oats " "	0.37 @ 0.00
Wheat " "	0.40 @ 0.00
MEAT—Beef, fore, per 100 lbs	4.50 @ 5.00
" hind " " "	5.50 @ 7.00
" per lb. on market	0.10 @ 012
Pork	9.00 @ 10.50
Mutton " " "	0.06 @ 0.07
Ham " in store	0.17 @ 0.10
Bacon " " "	0.15 @ 0.10
HIDES—No. 1 untrimmed	5.00 @ 7.00
" 2 " "	3.00 @ 4.00
Lambskins	0.75 @ 1.25
" pelts	0.75 @ 1.25
Calf Skins	0.