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ELECTION PETITIONS.

If election petitions were made merely for the purpose of securing greater purity in future elections, or in order to secure the punishment of those who had broken the law, we might view them with more favor than we are at present able to find for them. Unfortunately the average election petition is simply a factor in the game of party against party, to be used just so far and no further than may serve the party ends. It has frequently happened in other provinces after a general election that a large number of the elected member have been petitioned against, but before the day of trial came the petitions were "swapped off" against each other in a deal between the parties and nothing more heard of them.

And yet, in cases where this has been notoriously done it might be extremely difficult to prove the fact, even if it were desirable or necessary to prove it. The lawyers of the opposing parties agree among themselves and the thing is done in a way that is past finding out. It is safe to say that the machinery of the election courts will never purify our politics so long as that machinery is only set in operation, as it has been hitherto, in the interests of party—to worry or punish a political opponent, or to get square with the other party.

A few days ago there were election petitions pending against Mr. Bell, M. P., Mr. Lefurgey, who ran against him in West Prince, and Mr. Campbell M. L. A. And petitions were threatened against Mr. Reid and Mr. DesRoches, the recently elected local members for the Fourth and Fifth Districts of Prince. Then came a big whisper that the pending petitions would be dropped. What followed we have seen in part. Mr. Bell's counsel withdrew his preliminary objections. The petition against Mr. Campbell was abandoned. The other petitions against Messrs. Bell and Lefurgey are still before the court, but it is somewhat expected that nothing more will come of them. We shall probably hear no more of them.

As for Mr. Bell, even supposing it were possible ultimately to prove that some agent of his had committed a corrupt act sufficient to void the election what good would it do to prove that and unseat Mr. Bell next summer, when perhaps a general election might be close at hand? Mr. Bell would sit out the first session, in any case, for such are the resources of dilatory pleas and delays that it would be impossible to reach the end of the trial before parliament would meet, and an election trial cannot proceed during the session.

As to the counter petition against Mr. Lefurgey, the only object in pressing it, as he was not elected, would be to secure his disqualification. We may say, speaking generally, and without knowledge of this particular case, that such a result is in nine cases out of ten highly improbable. Mr. Lefurgey could not be unseated from the fact that he was not elected. So the prospect of further litigation on the West Prince petitions was a rather barren one for the parties. There was little for the political parties to gain on either side, and so they cease their legal warfare.

What has been done in part and is in prospect in the cases referred to has been of frequent occurrence in

ther provinces from year to year in the past. It is as we have said, impossible to purify our politics in that way, and will remain so as long as the machinery of the election courts is only set in motion by the agents of the political parties for party purposes. What is needed is an independent organization, formed in the interests of no political party, that will undertake the punishment of the guilty, will prosecute to a finish without regard to whether one party or the other is at fault, and that will not "swap off" one petition against another.

Prof Robertson's report shows that eggs to be suitable for the English market ought to weigh two ounces apiece, or one and a half pounds per dozen. Put a dozen Charlottetown eggs on the scale and see how far they come short of the 24 ounces.

Provincial auditor Laing of Ontario finds satisfaction in the fact that municipal officials only defalcated during 1898 to the amount of \$25,000. The year before they stole \$100,000, and hence the auditor argues that official morals are improving. The logic is not very convincing.

Chatham, Ontario has adopted the plan of collecting the taxes semi-annually instead of once a year as heretofore. It comes easier to many to pay their taxes on the instalment plan. Where it has been tried this system is claimed to have resulted in reducing the defaulters' list, besides taking collections easier and more prompt.

The city council of London, Ont., has appointed a committee to ascertain what additional factories the city needs and is adapted for, and then to obtain information, or suggest means by which the want can be supplied. How to obtain more factories is constantly occupying the minds of Ontario citizens and if needs be, one town will steal factories from another, or, what amounts to the same thing, induce them to remove by the offer of superior inducements. This may be pushing matters to an extreme, but it contrasts strongly with the supreme indifference with which certain maritime cities treat the factory question.

It appears that the federal government pays the city of Ottawa \$18,000 a year for water supplied to the public buildings. The city demands \$36,000 more for this service and an alderman threatens to have the water turned off unless the demand is complied with. So it takes \$54,000 for enough water to keep the public offices supplied. What an Augean stable they must be! Surely the incident might remind one of the river that Hercules diverted. But the capital city is merely bluffing the government, which has built bridges, provided public parks, one or more museums and a free public library, lighting and policing and keeping the parks in order, all at the cost of the people of Canada. Ottawa is insatiable, while successive governments are yielding more and more to its demands.

The Montreal Star's relief fund for St. James' Methodist church has now reached \$109,000.

A western exchange predicts that parliament will meet at Ottawa March 16th. That will be pretty late in the winter but it has eight times happened that the opening has been delayed till March or April.

The Dominion revenue for January was \$3,550,000, being \$38,000 more than in January 1898. This is the more remarkable as it was the first month of the reduced postage rate, and the duties on British goods were reduced considerably in the meantime. The post office revenues fell off \$69,000 for the month but the loss was more than made good from other sources.

Iloilo, reported captured by the Americans, is a seaport town in the island of Panay, of the Philippine group, and has a population of 8,000 to 10,000. The island of Panay is a little more than twice the size of P. E. Island and is situated in the heart of the Philippine group, south of the large island of Luzon, of which Manila is the capital. Iloilo is some 350 miles south of Manila.

It was a singular coincidence that a Nova Scotia and a New Brunswick town should both be burned almost at the same time, as told in our despatches. There is no doubt that both Digby and Bathurst suffered from the want of water supply and fire extinguishing appliances so common to our small towns. Their losses would have purchased for each a respectable equipment for fighting the flames.

Proceedings have been taken in Toronto to unseat Alderman Spence, on the ground of alleged insufficient property qualification, the legal requirement being \$1,000 worth of freehold, or \$2,000 worth of leasehold property. Mr. Spence is well known in Charlottetown as an earnest advocate of prohibition; and the rum element in Toronto is very bitter against him. This probably accounts for the attack. It by no means follows that the attempt to drive him out of the council will succeed.

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