

THE MORNING GUARDIAN

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LOCAL REPRESENTATION.

Mr. Haszard's proposal that the number of members in the Provincial Legislature shall be reduced from 20, to 15 is worthy of consideration, and it may be worth while to see what light the practice of other Provinces and States will throw upon the question.

The American practice in different States varies very widely. In the great State of New York the popular branch of the Legislature contains 125 members, or one for each 46,800 of the population. In Maine the unit of representation is about 4,400 and in Rhode Island 4,800. In other words one State has a representation more than ten times as great in proportion to population as another. But as every State has two Houses in its Legislature, and as the great majority of the Legislatures meet only every second year, the conditions are not parallel with our single Legislative Chamber and annual sessions.

We shall find in the older Provinces of Canada conditions much more similar to our own, as all the Legislatures meet annually, and in New Brunswick and Ontario there are no Legislative Councils. There we find that Ontario has one local representative to about 24,000 people; Quebec one to 20,000; Nova Scotia one to 12,000; New Brunswick one to 7,000 and P. E. Island one to 3,600 persons. These figures show that our local representation in proportion to the number of our people is about twice as great as that of New Brunswick, more than three times as great as that of Nova Scotia, more than five times as great as that of Quebec and nearly seven times as great as that of Ontario.

If the examples set by other Provinces are to count for anything it would appear that we have more representatives than are necessary, and Mr. Haszard's contention is more than made good. But there is another matter that has a bearing upon this question, and that is the number of the members of Government. If we were to reduce the membership of the House to 18 and continue to have nine members in the Executive Council the latter would have one half the seats in the House, and need only have one or two supporters outside of their own number. If the House were reduced to 15 and the Executive remained as numerous as it is, the latter would always have a majority within themselves. This would be utterly absurd and destructive to the right working of our representative system. It seems clear that if the House is to be reduced there should be a proportionate reduction in the number of the Executive.

The opposition of the Patriot to any plan of making a composite Government on non-party lines, effectually disposes of the contention that the proposal is "a Grit scheme." Probably even the Examiner will now admit this.

The esteemed Examiner asks THE GUARDIAN to furnish one good reason why the Province should pass a Provincial Prohibition Act. We have much pleasure in complying. We offer as a good reason that such an act would render it illegal to sell liquor in the only part of the Province where liquor can now be legally sold. It is essential to the right working of the Scott Act in the counties and notably in Queen's County that there shall not be lawful sale of liquors in Charlottetown. Many other good reasons might be and have been offered, but our contemporary has only asked for one.

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THE EDITOR'S MAIL. GENERAL BULLER'S REPLY

Gossip and Slander.

SIR.—Some time ago a comparative stranger here asked me if I could account for Charlottetown having been for so long at a standstill. As it was apparent it had not grown or improved in any way for years, and had in some ways retrograded. After discussing the several financial and political reasons there might be for the state of things he asked me if I had ever thought that the petty jealousy that seemed to be rife here had much to do with it. At the time the idea seemed a far fetched one but during the last few weeks has several times occurred to me. Whether it is the isolated condition of the place, the long winters or the nature of the people that is accountable for the slander and gossip that goes on it is hard to tell. I have lived in a good many other places and only a few years here and have never met with anything like it. No one escapes. The anonymous letter is I believe quite a common thing—of course these rarely do harm or good. One has generally only a feeling of pity for the writer. But what has amazed me is to hear a big man calmly slander and malign a defenceless woman who has never done him or his any harm and who is quite unconscious of his attacks on her. It is an unusual and pitiable sight. Some have only a feeling of disgust for him. Others say he is not worth noticing but I have often thought had he lived out West he would have been shot long ago. In fact Mr. Editor I have heard so much of this kind of thing lately that the question comes to me again and again "Can this really be the reason for the lack of prosperity here." I think it an interesting study.

AN OBSERVER.

MARRIED.

At Nine Mile Creek on April the 17th, 1900, Janet S. Darrach to Clarence E. Myers of Victoria.

DIED.

In this city, April 17, 1900, of paralysis, Philip Blake, in his 70th year. [Funeral Sunday at 2.30 p. m. to People's Cemetery.]

At Nine Mile Creek, on April the 18th after a lingering illness, Dougal McPhee aged 50. He died trusting in the merits of his Redeemer.

On April 11th, Daniel Wilber, aged 4 years and 10 months, the beloved son of Rev. G. B. and Mrs. McLeod of New Castle, Ont., formerly of Cove Head, P. E. I.

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To The Telegram Sent Him From Charlottetown.

His Worship Mayor Warburton has received the following message from General Buller in reply to the telegram of congratulation upon the relief of Ladysmith sent by the Mayor on behalf of the loyal people of Charlottetown:—

LADYSMITH, 5th March, 1900.

DEAR SIR,—I have to thank you for your telegram of kind congratulations. I can assure you that no one in Natal is more truly glad that Ladysmith is relieved than I am.

Yours truly,
REVEREND BULLER,
General.

Warburton,
Mayor of Charlottetown.

Herbageum, a fresh stock just received at Hughes' Apothecaries Hall. 20 11

The great millinery display is on Thursday evening, April 20th. Watch for it.—Moore & McLeod. 20 11

Probabilities for Sunday, April 29th, Fine and clear, just the weather to turn out in one of Weeks & Co's new spring hats. 20 11

Men's patent leather walking boots just opened. \$3.00 a pair at R. K. Jost's. 20 11

Ladies! by Weeks & Co's advertisement in to-day's issue you will see they intend holding their Grand Millinery Opening Saturday evening, April 28th, from 7 p. m. to 9.30 p. m. 20 11

Ladies' chocolate laced boots just received at R. K. Jost's. 20 11

Remember the Sons of England are not only giving a right loyal good concert but its for "Our Boys in Kharki." Secure a ticket, Opera House, St. George's Day. Admission tickets at McDonald's and Johnson & Johnson's Drug stores, and Carter's and Mitchell's bookstores. 20 11

Floor coverings, oil cloths, carpets, rugs, curtains, matting, everything for home comfort at Paton & Co's. 18 11

The very newest thing now opening in pulley rings, buckles, waist sets, etc., at G. H. Taylor's. 21 11

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