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A GREAT CRIME.

With respect to the villany committed in the ballot-stealing case in West Prince our readers may desire to know what provision the law makes for its punishment. Here is the law:

"Every one is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to a fine in the discretion of the court, or to seven years imprisonment, or to both fine and imprisonment, who steals, or unlawfully takes from any person having the lawful custody thereof, or from its lawful place of deposit for the time being, any writ of election, or any return to a writ of election, or any indenture, poll-book, voters' list, certificate, affidavit, or report, ballot, or any document or paper made, prepared, or drawn out according to or for the requirements of any law in regard to Dominion, provincial, municipal or civic elections."

The law thus makes provision for a dignified punishment of any person who steals, or tampers with any ballot-box, ballot or election papers, treating such action as a grave crime. Under the law as it stands the West Prince criminal or criminals are guilty of many of the offences there specified and liable to penalties which, if enforced with full rigor would send them to the penitentiary for the term of their natural lives. Nor is his law too severe, for the crime is one committed against the state, an assault upon the very foundations of the government of the country, and partaking of the nature of treason. Besides it carries with it a public disgrace to the County, the Province and the Dominion in which it occurs. Hereafter the fair fame of West Prince, and of the Island will be tarnished with this grave scandal, and the community cannot be cleared of the ill-fame until the offender is brought to justice.

A grave and important responsibility rests upon the Dominion Government in this matter. The Government appoints

the returning officer and he in turn appoints the deputies and clerks who have the entire official charge of all that pertains to the conduct of an election. All these officials are officials of the Government, and the Government is responsible for their capability, fairness, trustworthiness and watchfulness. If anything goes wrong in an election, as has occurred in the present case, it becomes the immediate duty of the Government to search out and bring to justice each and every person who may have been guilty of wrongdoing, or neglect—in that connection. This duty becomes the more imperative because of the fact that it is always to the interest of the Government to secure the return of a supporter, and suspicion of unfairness will be quickly aroused and will remain if the Government fails to do its full duty in the premises.

In the present case, and entirely without regard to whether the criminal who broke the ballot-box and purloined the ballots may be suspected to act in the interest of one or other of the parties, prompt and energetic action ought to be taken to discover and prosecute the guilty party. Has this been done? The Government employs detectives and secret agents to discover and prosecute offenders against the revenue laws; and justly so; but the ballot-thief is a wicked offender compared with the mere smuggler. If a bale of goods escapes the payment of customs duties the loss can be measured in dollars, but the ballot thief attempts to thwart the public will and seeks to send a member of parliament by fraud. If we could imagine an entire parliament elected by such means our free institutions would be overthrown and a revolution or aarchy must result.

Let the Government clear its skirts in this matter. We do not for a moment suspect that the Government or any one connected with it had any guilty knowledge of the shameful fraud that was attempted in West Prince. None the less if prompt and energetic measures are not taken to ferret out the guilty parties and bring them to justice, a suspicion

may arise that such negligence is not far removed from being an accessory after the fact. We rely upon the government to do its whole duty in the premises. Let it not be said that ballot-boxes can be stolen and their contents plundered in Prince Edward Island, and no effort made to discover and punish the guilty.

ALCOHOL AND MORPHINE HABITS.

Rev. Father McCallen's Tribute.

On the occasion of a lecture delivered before a large and appreciative audience in Windsor Hall, Montreal, in honor of the Father Matthew Anniversary, Rev. J. A. McCallen, S. S., of St. Patrick's Church and president of St. Patrick's Total Abstinence Society, paid the following grand tribute to the value of Dr. Dixon's new discovery for the cure of the alcohol and drug habits.

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- " Brown and Black Curl, value 14.00, our price 10.75, Brown and Black
- Men's Dark Gray (popular shade) value 12.00, our price 8.75, Dark Grey
- Men's Black and Blue Beaver, value 13.50, our price 9.00, Black and Blue

Men's Reefers and Suits

- Men's Blue Nap Reefers, value \$3.60, our price \$2.65, sizes 36 to 44
- " Grey Frieze Reefers value 4.25, our price 2.65, sizes 36 to 46
- " Brown Frieze Corduroy lined Reefers, 5.50, " 4.50, sizes 36 to 44
- " Shorey's Guaranteed Frieze " 6.75, our price 4.60, sizes 36 to 44
- " Blue and Black Beaver Reefers, 10.00, our price \$7.75, sizes 36 to 44
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- " Blue and Black Shorey Serge Suits, 10.00, our price 6.75, s
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- " Tweed Suits, mixed lines, 11.50, our price, 8.00, sizes broken
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- Boys two piece suits, \$2, our price \$1.50, six shades
- Boys three piece suits, \$4.50, our price \$3, one shade
- Boys three piece suits, \$5, our price \$3.75, three shades
- Youths suits, \$7, our price \$4.75, four shades
- Boys Nap Reefers, \$1.25, our price \$1; ages 4 to 7 years
- Boys Frieze Reefers, \$3 our price \$2.30, ages 4 to 12 years
- Youths Nap Reefers, \$3.90, our price \$2.75, ages 12 to 17
- Youths Frieze Reefers, \$3.50, our price \$2.60, ages 12 to 17

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