

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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BRIBERY AND TREATING.

What constitutes bribery, or treating in a provincial election in Prince Edward Island? Here is the text of Section 104 of the Elections Act, 1908:—

"104. If at any time between the teste and return of the writ of election, a candidate furnishes, supplies, distributes or provides, or willingly permits or allows to be furnished, distributed or provided, directly or indirectly, by or on his behalf or at his expense, or by any ways or means howsoever, to any elector or other person who shall or may claim or pretend to be an elector, any wine, whiskey, brandy, gin, rum, or porter, ale or beer, or any strong or spirituous liquors of any kind or description, shall be guilty of treating."

"Or if any person claiming a right to vote at such election, directly or indirectly asks, receives or takes any money or other reward by the way of gift, employment or other recompense whatsoever for himself or any of his family or kindred, to give his vote, or abstain from giving his vote at such election;

"Or if any person by himself or his friend, by his procurement, or by any person employed by him, by any gift, or reward or by any promise, agreement or security for any gift or reward, corrupts or procures any person or persons to give his or their vote or votes at such election, or to abstain from giving the same, shall be guilty of bribery, and such person or persons shall for any or either of such offences forfeit the sum of three hundred and twenty-five dollars for each offence to the person who shall sue for the same."

Note that asking, receiving or taking any reward or employment is bribery, punishable by forfeiture of \$25 to any person suing for the same and that by section 114 the vote of any elector guilty of bribery, treating or any corrupt practice shall be null and void, and also by section 115, any person convicted of any corrupt practice shall be incapable of being elected, or of holding office during eight years thereafter. There are few persons who realize how heavy the penalties are, and that in the cases above cited any person may sue for and recover such penalties.

THE THROUGH FREIGHT RATE.

Both parties in the local campaign declare themselves in favor of securing a fair and equitable through freight rate for our products seeking distant markets. The inequality and injustice of existing rates, notably in the winter season when our entire transportation business is handled by the Government railways and steamers, is universally admitted. The press of the Province is unanimous in demanding justice on this point. The Boards of Trade have spoken out time and again in strenuous resolutions.

The matter has been urged upon the attention of the Government at Ottawa by all our representatives of both parties in Parliament from year to year. And yet nothing has been done to remedy the grievance. We have had for twelve years during which this agitation has been going on a Liberal Government at Ottawa and in this Province, which condition is claimed by the press advocates and leaders of the dominant party to be an all-important requisite for securing attention and favorable action. And yet nothing has been done.

The injustice is admitted. No attempt is made to defend its continuance. What guarantee have we that anything will be done in the future, near or far? None whatever. We all know where the blame rests. There is no question of divided responsibility in the matter. We are facing the close of summer navigation and also an election. It would seem to be a

lost time for those who have influence with the authorities or who ought to have such influence at Ottawa to get busy and give us some definite assurance of what is to be done and when it will be done.

A VOLUME OF VERSE.

The Drummer Boy is the title of a neat little volume of poems laid out in The Guardian table by Mari A. Cumming of Brooklyn, N. Y. It is quite profusely illustrated and deals with British wars in Europe, Afghanistan, India and South Africa during the past century. Some of the titles of poems are, The Drummer Boy, The Sergeant of the Line, Brussels and Waterloo. These indicate something of the scope of the volume. Its lines breathe ardent loyalty to the flag and Sovereign, and fervid admiration for the martial valor that has extended and defended the Empire. Here is a stanza depicting Napoleon at Waterloo:

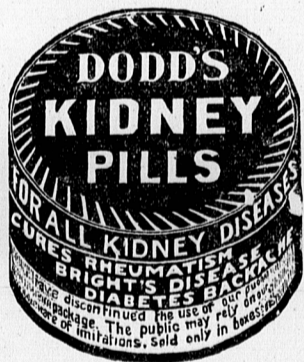
Lightly regarding the foe
He jested with Soul and Ney;
As a gamester dallies a throw
He dallied with chance that day;
Then turned to the grand display
Of his legions marching past
As they wheeled in place
With portentous grace
And formed at the bugle's blast.

And this of Wellington:—

The Duke was alert and wary
Assembling his varied host,
Weeding and culling with care,
Soberly weighing the cost.
Where the brave were needed most,
And the doubtful best in place,
That the shock of war
Might insure a ear
To defection and disgrace.

The reviewer is tempted to quote more extensively but space forbids. The workmanship of the volume is good throughout, and The Drummer Boy will be read with pleasure by many loyal and patriotic British subjects. The author is a brother of Mr. Cumming, engineer of the Northumberland, whom he visited in this city in August last.

Two supporters of the Hazen Government in New Brunswick resigned their seats in the Legislature and were unsuccessful candidates for the House of Commons. These were Morrison of Northumberland and Smith of Carleton County. By-elections will be held to fill these vacancies, the polling to take place December 1. Great interest attends these elections, both of which will be contested. The Liberal press affirms that the Hazen Government, which is supported by nearly three-fourths of the members of the Legislature, has lost much of its popularity since the general election in March last.



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The danger is not over for those who were guilty of corrupt practices in the recent federal elections. And a close watch will be kept with a view to prosecute any who may violate the law in the coming provincial elections. We are advised that offenders will certainly be subjected to the legal penalties of their corrupt acts.

The Quebec agent of the Marine and Fisheries department referred to in our despatches of yesterday morning as taking rewards from persons having business with the department is an old man, born in 1830 and has been in the service of the Canadian Government since 1864. Schindler admits receiving \$1,000 in similar fashion, was first appointed to the service and to his present position in 1865.

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It has been thirty years since a Map of Charlottetown has been made. Most of the old ones have been long since worn out or lost. A few framed copies remain, but these are sadly behind the times and do not show the extensive improvements made since they were first issued. A new Map of the city has become a public need.

To meet this The Guardian has secured a Map and Plan prepared by J. P. Nicholson, Esq., City Surveyor, accurate and up-to-date. This has been carefully engraved. It clearly indicates all the Streets, Wharves, Railway Tracks, Parks and Squares and the location of the Colleges, Churches, Public Buildings and Offices leading Hotels, places of Amusement and Cemeteries, etc.

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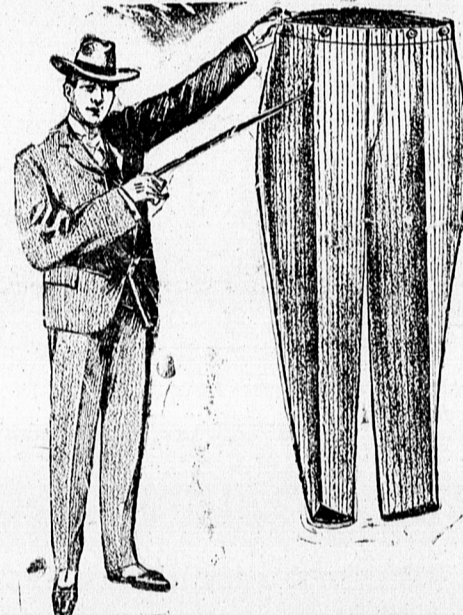
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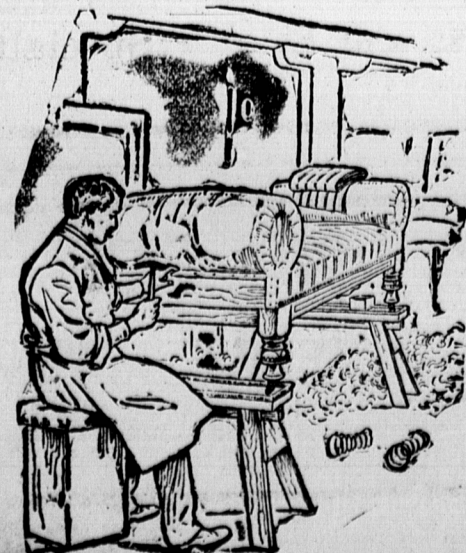
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