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THE BY-ELECTIONS.

It appears that the Ottawa Government have for some unexplained reason chosen to bring on two of the by-elections in advance of eight others which ought shortly to be held. This course was foreshadowed in despatches sent out from Ottawa some days ago in which it was mentioned as probable that the elections in Rouville and Westmorland might be first brought on. It so happens that these vacancies, caused by resignation of Hon. Mr. Emmerson and Hon. Mr. Brodeur on accepting portfolios in the Government, are the latest of all in the order of time, and on that ground if no other there is a good reason why the by-elections in Rouville and Westmorland ought not to be brought on before those in other constituencies where the vacancies have longer existed.

It is also a fact that from the beginning of the confederation in Canada the leaders of the Liberal party have contended for simultaneous elections. Their contention from 1867 down to the date of the Laurier Administration obtaining power in 1896 was invariably that at a general election all the members should be elected on one day, and that in case of two or more vacancies existing at the same time all such vacancies should be filled by elections held on the same day. And not only was this the settled policy of the party when in opposition and when in power under the leadership of Mr. Mackenzie, but the underlying principle was undoubtedly a sound one. At a single by-

election the Government, with its influence and patronage in able by concentrated effort to exercise a control over the minds and votes of the electorate which is so great as to prevent a free and independent expression of opinion.

We regret that this sound principle and practice to which the Liberal party has been in the past so strongly and so long committed is now to be departed from. There is no good reason assigned or available for the departure. The Government has a very strong majority at its back. If it should by any chance lose eight or ten by-elections its position in the present Parliament would still be absolutely secure. Moreover most of the seats which are now vacant were at the last election so strongly Liberal that they must in all human probability return Liberal representatives again, even if by majorities that might be considerably reduced. And we may repeat what we stated a few days ago that the trick of dividing the by-elections into two classes, seeing that all must be held within a few weeks, cannot be construed as an evidence of that confidence and strength which its friends would otherwise have assumed that the Government possesses.

COMFORT FOR THE AGED

Judging from the letters of people up in years there is no medicine which so promptly frees them of aches and pains and insures regularity of the liver, kidneys and bowels as Dr. Chase's Kidney Liver Pills. Even when all other means have failed old people can turn to this great medicine with full assurance of relief and cure.

DENTACURA

Is advertised in all the leading American journals as the most modern and scientific tooth preparation on the market.

Endorsed by all the leading dentists in the U. S. We have imported a quantity of this splendid preparation by request and offer it to you at 25c per tube—same price as asked there

A. W. Reddin, Phm. B.

The Square Druggist, Sunnyside.

CAPT. READ AND THE D. P. CO.

By some means a rather remarkable letter of Joseph Read & Co published in the Island Farmer of January 6 was overlooked by us, or it would have received attention earlier. This letter is a lengthy one and can be only summarised here. In the first place Messrs Read & Co take note that their customers on being notified by them to bring their live hogs to market in proper shape, did so, responding to the appeal "in the most honorable manner—unanimously right." One farmer who was sick, and whose hired man not knowing the regulations, had brought in an unfasted hog, afterwards offered to make good the loss. So much for the farmers' honesty, which The Guardian is glad to find fully vindicated.

As to their relations with the Dominion Packing Company, Messrs Read & Co say the Company "have not been paying a reasonable price for hogs." In proof of this they quote the Trade Bulletin of Montreal December 19th which quotes the prices of first class grain-fed animals on December 14 at \$5.25 to \$5.37½ per 100 lbs and on the 16th at \$5.00 to \$5.40. On these days Messrs Read & Co say they were asked to buy at \$4 at per 100 lbs. In consequence they notified the D. P. Company that "we positively refused to buy more for them after that week." The letter proceeds that in refusing longer to buy for the Company "we hope to see them as the result of our rebellion improve their methods." In conclusion it is added that some of the practices objected to have been amended. "Already thanks to a rude awakening of some one, prices are being advanced." And the hope is expressed that the farmers and the Company may hereafter understand each other better, get nearer together and prosper.

The letter affords very interesting reading to those whose memories go back as far as the last session of the Legislature.

Bicyclists and all athletes depend on BENTLEY'S Liniment to keep their joints limber and muscles in trim.

Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday four last days of Paton's big sale. 22 d 3i

Violets.—Remember that this is Violet Day. We received by express yesterday a good supply. Come and get a bunch.—Sentner Trainor & Co. 22d ii

Violet Day—to-day. Lots of violets at Stanley Bros. received by express last night. 22 d ii.

Messrs Lowe Brothers inform The Examiner that their contract on the Post Office is well forward and will be completed within the time set. It is a matter of public interest to know the date set for the completion of the contract. Knowing this the public would be in a better position to judge whether the work is well forward or not.

In the West Queens by-election polling day is fixed for February 16. The Examiner seems disposed to think the notice is rather too short. We do not think so, as it has been already known for some days that an election would be held before the coming session. A long campaign in winter time is neither necessary nor desirable. Besides there should be sufficient time allowed for the member elect to reach Ottawa at the opening of the session on March 3, and our communications with the outside world are always uncertain at this time of year.

The Patriot says that "owing to the delay of the trains on the N. B. and P. E. Island Railway," there was no mail via Tormentine yesterday. The questions arise, Had a special train on the Sackville-Tormentine line been previously arranged for? Was there really any delay of the regular trains on that road? If so we would like to be informed. If no notification was given in time to secure a special, and no delay of the regular trains occurred, then it would appear that "some one has blundered." It must be distinctly understood that no needless delays in the transmission of the mails will be submitted to now with the leniency shown in past years.

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Ladies' cambric night gowns with high neck and double yoke. Trimmed around neck, down front and around sleeves with cambric frills and embroidery—January sale price 72c, 85c, \$1.10, \$1.65—½ off.—Prowse Bros. 22 d 3i

ONE THIRD OFF ALL WINTER GOODS

Our discount sale ended Saturday night—we will continue to discount all winter goods as follows.

- All Furs.
- All Coats.
- All Capes.
- All Shirtwaists.
- All Carpets.
- All Rugs.
- All Mats.
- All Carpet Squares.
- All Men's Clothing.
- All Boys' Clothing.
- All Waterproofs.
- All Men's Fur Coats.
- All Ladies' Fur Coats.

F. PERKINS & CO.,

The Millinery Leaders, Sunnyside.

A STORM OF BARGAINS, GET YOUR SHARE

The big Sale still goes on, never a stop till the 8th day of February. Everything in the store priced to please lean purses. We're looking for you every day now. Everybody admires the snap and life that we put into our discount prices.

Clothing, 25 to 50 p. c. off.	Furs, 25 to 50 per cent off	Jackets, 33 1-3 to 50 per cent off.
Shirts and Underwear 25 to 33 1-3 per cent off	Hats and Caps 25 to 50 per cent off.	Gents' Furnishings, 25 to 50 per cent off.
Carpets and Oilcloths, 25, 33 1-3 and 50 p. c. off	House Furnishings, 25, 33 1-3 and 50 p. c. off	All Dress Goods 33 and 50 per cent off.

Your dollars will have more value during this sale than that fixed by the government. **COME NOW**, you will never find a time when we need money so much as we do now. We are going to get it too, and the power of price is our drawing card. **COME NOW.**

Prowse Bros.,

The Farmers' Boys.

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