

A COSTY YACHT.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—The royal yacht, Victoria and Albert must be rebuilt from the keel up, owing to defects. It has already cost \$3,750,000.

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THE WARD SYSTEM.

It is quite natural that a City Council made up of members selected by single wards should be opposed to the abolition of the ward system. This has been found to be true in other cities when the question of abolition came up for discussion. The reason is sufficiently obvious so far as some individual members are concerned. They can be elected in the wards which they now represent; they could not be elected with the entire city for a constituency. This fact will appeal to thoughtful citizens rather as a reason that the ward system should be abolished than that it should be retained.

The discussion at the annual meeting of the Council on Monday night showed a confusion of ideas on the part of several members. They mixed up the notion of ward abolition and cumulative voting, which have no necessary relation to each other at all. Both Councillor Whear and Councillor Tanton, for instance in the questions which they propose to be submitted to the electors have mixed together these two and entirely separate matters. So far as the abolition of the ward system is concerned the simple question is, Would it be better for the entire body of electors to vote for and elect the entire eight members of the Council? Under this plan the entire City would be treated as one ward, and each elector would have eight votes, but could give no more than one vote for any one candidate.

What is called cumulative voting is a system by which an elector entitled to vote for, say, eight candidates, might, if he chose to do so, cast his eight votes for a single candidate, or might divide them in any way he chose between two, three or four of the candidates. The system was originally designed to secure the representation or protection of minorities and has not come into general use in English-speaking countries. It will be seen that whether we shall have cumulative voting or not is a matter altogether apart from the ward question.

We note that those who favor the continuance of the ward system cite the cases of the Province and the Dominion which for purposes of representation in the Legislature and in Parliament are divided into electoral districts. But these cases are not at all parallel to that of the representation of a city. There are wide diversities of interest between Prince County and Kings, or between Victoria and Cape Breton. The different parliamentary constituencies may be separated by scores or even by thousands of miles. One is a rural, the other an urban constituency. The principal interest in one county may be farming, in another fishing, or lumbering, or mining, or manufacturing. One may be wholly English-speaking and another wholly French-speaking. No such contrast of interest, customs, and language exist in our little city of Charlottetown. We live compactly together, speak one language, are served by one port, one post office, one railway station. We walk the same streets, are protected by the same police, the same fire department, have one system of water supply, with sewerage and lighting in common.

With interests so much in common we are, or ought to be all concerned in the capability, the honesty and general character of the men who shall form our governing Council. Why should not every elector have a voice in selecting every member of the Council? Why should the electors in ward five have three votes and the electors in the lower ward have but one vote? Why should we have equal rights in the choice of a Mayor and such unequal rights in the selection of Councillors? These are questions which the advocates of the existing system ought to

Scruffa in the blood shows itself sooner or later in swellings, sores, eruptions. But Hood's sarsaparilla completely cures it.

CANADIAN SEIGNIOR

Scion of French Nobility Dead.

DETECTIVE SUSPENDED

For Protecting Vice in St. John—Bad Fire in Shediac, N. B.

A DETECTIVE SUSPENDED. ST. JOHN, N. B. Jan. 15—(Special)—Detective Ring has been suspended and an investigation will be made into charges that he accepted money from illegal resorts in return for police protection.

BAD FIRE IN SHEDIAC. A fire in Shediac destroyed Tait's potato warehouse and six thousand barrels of potatoes, also several adjoining barns.

CANADIAN COUNT DEAD. MONTREAL, Jan. 15—(Special)—Count Quigneraud De Bangeu, Seignior of Soulanges, a descendant of France's nobility, died this morning.

answer to the satisfaction of reasoning men if they are to maintain their ground.

It is notorious that the ward system in actual working places in the Council men in whom the majority of the electors have no confidence; men who could not be elected by the City at large, sometimes men of whom respectable citizens are ashamed. Might we not hope for better things with all the citizens voting together? Would we not get in that way men of broader views, of larger minds, who would have the real interests of the city more at heart? This much we do know that the cities which have abolished the ward system show no disposition to return to it, but prefer the new method to the old.

The Examiner raises the question, who will be the next Opposition leader? Apparently the Opposition party are little nearer to a decision than they were when Sir Charles Tupper resigned. The ground is, however narrowed somewhat by the announcement of Hon. Hugh John Macdonald that he too has retired from political life for good. This undoubtedly brings Hon. George E. Foster more decidedly to the front.

The question for the voters of the City to consider during the next few weeks is whether they are to have a voice in electing all the Councillors, or only one, two or three, as the case may be.

The publication of Andree's will shows that the bold Arctic adventurer had a presentiment that he would not return alive.

A GOOD STOMACH Is essential to health and happiness, but don't blame the stomach for biliousness. It is the liver that is deranged, and causes poisonous bile to remain in the blood causing indigestion, headache and irregular action of the bowels. Dr. Chase's Kidney Liver Pills regulate the liver, kidneys and bowels and by their direct action on these organs effect prompt and lasting cures of biliousness, dyspepsia, headache and all kidney ailments. One pill a dose, 25 cents a box at all dealers.

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TWENTIETH CENTURY. GREAT SCOTCH CONCERT. THE BURNS ANNIVERSARY. IN THE OPERA HOUSE, FRIDAY, 25th JAN. PROGRAMME. 1. Overture—Scotch Airs... Orchestra 2. Vocal Solo—Scotch, Mr. J. R. Davison 3. Quartette—Bonnie Doon... Miss H. Collins, Mrs. W. H. Watts, Mr. G. H. Moore, Mr. E. H. Beer. 4. Recitation—The Highlanders at Dargar... Miss Flo McKenzie 5. Vocal Solo—McGregor's Gathering... Miss Florence Earle. 6. Violin Solo—Auld Lang Syne... Prof. Vinnicombe 7. Vocal Solo—Jessie's Dream... Mr. Brent McInnis 8. Medley Bonnie Laddie and march... Orchestra 9. Grand Gathering of the Clans, Scotch Lads and Lassies introducing Boys' Highland Brigade, Bag Pipes, Scotch Songs, Marches, Scotch Reels and other Highland Dances, Dances arranged by Miss Helen McDonald, Scotch Song by special request—Mr. Robert Lamont. PART 2 10. Oration... Rev. T. F. Fullerton 11. Duets—Cookin' In a bed... Mr. Charles and Miss Amy Earle 12. Carionet Solo—Echoes of Scotland... Prof. Watts 13. Vocal Solo—Will you no come back again—Mrs. Jas. Byrne 14. Whistling Solo, Scotch Fantasia... Mr. Barlow 15. Vocal Solo—My Home is where the Heather Blooms—Miss Helen Dawson 16. Annie Laurie Waltzes... Orchestra 17. Vocal Solo—March of the Cameron Men—Mr. Charles Earle 18. Auld Lang Syne and God Save the Queen by Orchestra and Audience. Pianists—Profs. Earle and Watts and Mr. Blanchard. Leader of Orchestra Prof. Vinnicombe, Piper Peter Ferguson. Tickets and plans at Jamieson's (Dodd's) and Rankin's drug stores on MONDAY, 21st AT 10 A. M. Reserve seats 5c, Unreserved 25c. Door opens at 7.30. Concert at 8 o'clock sharp. JAS. PATON, Chairman Committee. ALEX. McDONALD, Secy. Jan. 14. eod & w.

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