

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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THE RESULT UNCERTAIN.

It is always a pleasure to an independent journal like The Guardian to find its views upon public matters endorsed by a prominent and respectable political newspaper of either party.

The private character of a public man is a matter of public concern. Men of unclean or disreputable life ought not to be placed in positions of honor and responsibility.

Is what is called a "scandal campaign" effective? That depends upon the nature and the number of the corrupt and wrongful acts that are charged and credibly established.

Our forecast of the result of next Monday's polling has always been that no man will know till the votes are counted what the result may be.

Both parties throughout Canada, therefore enter upon the voting quite even, and no matter what predictions may be made as to the result nobody can possibly know before Monday night next what the result may be.

We have said that the more important question is not which will win? but which party ought to win. The election prophets know no more about the result than the average intelligent voter.

We believe the result to be uncertain. What the voter has to decide is whether in his judgment our federal affairs shall be conducted in the future as they have during the past four years, or whether it would be better to have a change.

THE MORAL ISSUES.

Moral issues in public affairs, both as affecting the parties and individual candidates are more to the front than usual during the present campaign, and we believe the discussion will prove of lasting benefit to the country.

Much has been said of the present being a "scandal campaign." Nothing too hard to be said of the man who wilfully slanders his neighbor, or a public man, but if the truth is scandalous, still in the discussion of public affairs, on one side or the other, it is better that the truth be told.

Monday's voting. If the people will but mark by their votes their determination to turn down the moral delinquents and suspects who are candidates for their suffrages they will render invaluable service toward the political regeneration of Canada.

There are but two survivors of the famous company known as the Fathers of Confederation. One is Hon. A. A. Macdonald, Senator of this City, whom many have been pleased to see upon our streets again apparently quite restored to health after a period of indisposition.

The presence of great crowds in the Market Hall at several public meetings of late has directed public attention to the need of an additional exit or exits. The public convenience, if not also the public safety calls for this improve ent.

In a hundred years past the United Kingdom has had thirty successive ministries, the average duration being between three and four years. In France, since 1870 the changes of ministries have been much more frequent than in England. In Canada, although we have had six different Premiers in the forty-one years since the union, there have been but three changes of the party at the head of affairs.

A legal gentlemen of this city questions the correctness of The Guardian's statement that "no person who has a bet pending on the result of the election is qualified to vote." It is admitted by the same authority that betting is both illegal and immoral, but contended that betting does not disqualify the elector who bets.

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Names of Candidates No. 1 No. 2 No. 3 No. 4 No. 5

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