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COMPULSORY VOTING.

Compulsory voting has been proposed as a remedy for the prevalent corruption of the time. The claim is made by those who favor such a law that it is the duty of all electors to cast their votes in parliamentary elections and that penalties should be imposed on those who refuse or neglect to do so, without having reasonable excuse. This looks plausible enough at the first blush, but may be worth examining further. At present there are usually from one quarter to one third more names on the electoral lists than there are of persons voting at the elections. The delinquent 25 to 33 per cent is made up of various classes. A considerable proportion of them are sick or absent from their polling divisions, or have important business which in their judgment requires to be attended to on the day of polling. These may be held to have a sufficient excuse for not voting.

But the classes of whom we have just spoken do not probably together make up more than one half the non-voting electors. The other half have diverse reasons for not going to the polls. A number of them have no particular choice as between the parties or the candidates engaged in the contest. A number more have an interest in one or other of the political parties and would like to aid it in retaining or gaining power, but do not favor the man whom their party has set up as a standard bearer. Many other motives might be mentioned, but these are sufficient for our present purpose. Bear in mind that an election means a free expression of the wishes of the electorate. Would it be consistent with such free expression if men were forced to make a choice between two men or two parties where their minds did not incline toward either one or the other?

We are told that if all were compelled to vote it would take away one silly and corrupt pretext by which electors sometimes save their consciences for taking bribes under color of getting "pay for the day." We have grave doubts whether this would be effective. Polls have been so multiplied that it does not now require more than one hour for the average voter to go to the booth, record his vote and return. The voter who is now corrupt enough to take pay for his day would not be likely to suddenly reform himself because he was compelled to go the polls. It must be admitted that compulsory voting might check the one form of corruption in which the Liberal voter, who would inevitably vote for the Liberal candidate if he voted at all, and the Tory voter, who if he voted would give his vote for the Tory candidate, accept bribes from the opposing parties to stay at home. But then it is to be observed that a compulsory law

would bring to the polls the large class of non-interested voters who care for neither party, and once at the polls would for that reason furnish the most ready material for the briber to work upon.

It is easy to see that a compulsory voting law would be a very difficult one to enforce, because it would conflict with the practice of quite a large proportion of the electors, and would inevitably be resented by many as an infringement of their immemorial right to vote or not to vote. It would also at best be a very partial remedy for the evils of bribery and corrupt practices. What would seem to be most important is that the electors shall be thoroughly educated by all available means—beginning with the boys at school—in the duties, responsibilities and honors of citizenship, and taught the meanness and degradation of vote-selling. There is room for a great work of moral suasion and enlightenment along these lines, and we are glad to find both the pulpit and press giving it increasing and earnest attention.

A little bird whispers to the GUARDIAN that a change has come over the prospects of the Governorship. It seems to be settled that Governor Howlan will enjoy some extension of his term and will again open the legislature when it meets. Hon D Davies is now reported to be rather indifferent to the honors and responsibilities of Government House and the powers that be are reported to be casting about for another to appoint—a rather difficult task in view of the number who have claims. One effect of the changed situation is to revive the hopes and aspirations of several persons before named. Another is the introduction of new names. It has been hinted that a recently appointed Judge might be selected for the Governorship—if he would take it—thus preparing the way for two appointments. There are many other rumors and speculations, one of which mentions Commodore Welsh as the coming man. It is pretty certain that nothing is yet settled in regard to the appointment.



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PUBLIC MEETING

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Overture—Miss Amy Moore and Miss Burbridge.
 Address—The President, Miss H. Palmer, H. Anderson and M. Palmer. Address—Sanitary as a preventive of Disease, with special reference to Consumption... Dr. McLeod.

Vocal Solo—Mr. Cecil MacNeill.
 Discussion—Is it advisable that Women be eligible for the Office of School Trustees? Mr. R. Campbell, Dr. Taylor, Judge Warburton, Mr. P. Pope.
 GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Doors open at 7.30. Meeting commences at 8 p. m.
 N. B.—A collection will be taken in favor of the Guild, Feb. 7 and 8.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of His Honor the Lieut. Govr. and Mrs Howlan; His Worship the Mayor and Mrs Warburton.

St. Peter's Boys' Club. ENTERTAINMENT

St. PETER'S HALL
 Monday Evening, Feb. 13th.

- PROGRAMME.
1. Quartette: Me sr. Boy's Own, Owen, McLean and Earle.
 2. Song—Rev. T. H. Hunt.
 3. Recitation—Master Jack Norton.
 4. Song—Miss Cotton.
 5. Violin Solo—Prof. Vinnicombe.
 6. Reading—Miss Flo McKenzie.
 7. Vocal Solo—Mrs. E. H. Norton.
- PART II.
1. Certain Raiser, Company, "Hot Time" and "Up de Hill."
 2. "Honey You Have Served Me Wrong" Bones Sr.
 3. Quartette—"Old Black Joe" Bones Sr., Tambo Jr., Bones and Tambos Jrs.
 4. "Your My Color, but You Ain't My Kind" Bones Jr.
 5. Whistling Solo—Tambo Jr.
 6. "There's a Warm Spot in My Heart for You Baby" One of the Little Coons.
 7. Sand Sift—Brudd'r Ragus.
 8. "My Little Yaller Girl Has Gone and Left Me" Brudd'r Snowball.
 9. Mass's in de Cold, Cold Ground. Brudders Bones Sr. and Jr., and Tambo Jr.
 10. "My Little Yaller Coon Good Night" The Other Little Coon.
 11. "Ma Honolulu Queen" Tambo Jr.
 12. "When You Ain't Got No Money" Tambo Sr.
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