

THE BALLOT ACT.

By courtesy of the Queen's Printer we are in possession of "The Registration of Electors and Ballot Act of Prince Edward Island, 1877." It is an Act which should be well understood by every elector in Prince Edward Island. It requires immediate attention.

The mistaken policy of Sir John McDonald with respect to the registration of voters has been followed by the McKenzie administration. Instead of a uniform registration under the Election Law of the Dominion, the lists of voters are made up under the Local Acts of the several Provinces. In this Province legislation has been neglected, because we have not heretofore used the ballot. Last year, the partial election in Queen's County had to be conducted under the Ballot Act of the Dominion, while the qualifications of voters had to be tested on the day of election in the manner pointed out by our Local Election Law. Much time and many voters were, in some thickly populated Districts, consequently, lost. And we venture to predict that, should a Dominion Election be brought on this summer, a very large proportion of the electors of this Province will be deprived of their franchise—unless, indeed, steps be immediately taken to have the voters' lists filled up.

The Act before us provides that within two months of its passage—that is within two months of the 18th April, 1877—the Provincial Secretary shall cause certified copies of the names of all persons entered in the Sheriff's Poll Books, now in his office, as having voted at the last General Election or last contested Election, to be made, keeping the names of Electors in each District Polling Division separate, and arranging the same in alphabetical order; and in case of non-resident Electors, specifying opposite each name, the property on which he claimed to vote, as nearly as can be ascertained. It provides that when "no contested election was held at the last General Election for the Province, the candidates having been returned by acclamation, the Provincial Secretary shall cause such copies to be made from the Sheriff's Poll Books now in his office, of the last contested Election held in such District, whether a partial election or not." Similar lists are made up for each Legislative Council District; but with those we have nothing to do.

Of course there will, by this rough method of arriving at the names of voters, be many who are left off the list. Some may not have voted at the last contested election. Others may since have arrived at the voting age. The Act, therefore, provides that the Judges of the County Court shall devote certain days in each year to the revision of the voters lists. In Prince County, these days are: at Alberton, the first Friday in September in each year; at Port Hill the first Friday in September; at Abraham's Village, the second Friday of September; at Summerside on the following Friday; at Centerville on the third Tuesday in September. In Queen's County, the days for revising the voters list are: at Clifton, the first Tuesday of August in each year; at Bonshaw on the first Tuesday of August in each year; at New Glasgow, the second Tuesday in August; at ten mile House, Lot 35, on the following Friday; at Eldon on the third Friday in August; at Charlottetown on the Thursday next following the third Tuesday in August in each year. In King's County, the days are: at head of St. Peter's Bay, the first Tuesday in September in each year; at South East, the following Friday; at Grand River, the second Tuesday in September; at Georgetown the second Friday in September; at Sturgeon, the third Tuesday in September. The Provincial Secretary is required to print the lists he copies from the Poll Books; send it to teachers, postmasters, Justices of the Peace, Clerks and Judges of the County Court, Sheriffs, members of the Legislature, and have them posted in conspicuous places throughout the various

districts. These lists, as before stated, are subject to revision by the Judge; at the instance of any voter, on the ground of votes being omitted or wrongly inserted. Any vote proved to be bad, will by the Judge be struck off, and any qualified voter proving that his name has not been placed upon the list, may have it put on. If any person whose right to be a voter is the subject of inquiry do not attend in obedience to subpoena, the Judge may, if he thinks fit, on the ground of such non-attendance, strike his name off.

There are many other important provisions; but those to which we have directed attention are of the greatest importance to electors. If as reported, there is to be a dissolution in July, we are at a loss to understand how the votes of the people of this Province are to be taken. Certainly numbers of young men, recently come of age, and many who before did not vote, will be deprived of the invaluable privilege of exercising their powers as freemen and electors. If there is not a dissolution, then electors must, if they desire to preserve their inestimable privileges, see that their names are duly placed upon the list of voters for the district in which they live.

REPLY OF REV. JOHN ELLIS.

The following is the reply of Rev. John Ellis to the address presented to him by the members of St. Peter's Church on Sunday evening last—whose address was laid before our readers yesterday morning:—

St. Peter's Clergy House, } June, 1877. To G. W. Hodgson, M. A., Priest; Messrs. Thos. Green, Fred. E. Brecken, T. J. Harris, J. E. Husard, and Members of the Congregation of St. Peter's Church:

DEAR FRIENDS:— I am sincerely grateful for this last of the many acts of kindness and generosity which I have received at your hands. The painful sense of failure which I think every priest must have when he looks back upon the imperfections of his work, is much softened to me by the kindness of your expressions; and I trust that what little I have been enabled by God's help to do may, by His Grace, be much blessed to you. I am glad to believe that the School has been useful and successful in the past, and I hope that it will make still more efficient progress in the future. I have already said, that whenever it is my privilege to plead the Holy Sacrifice of the Altar once for all offered upon Calvary, how pleasurable a duty it will be to remember the flock in the far-off Canadian Island; and I ask that as the Ember seasons come round, when it is the duty of Christians to pray for their pastors, you will not forget.

Yours most faithfully in Our Lord Jesus Christ, JOHN ELLIS, Priest.

GYPSUM.

"A good deal of anxiety is felt by our farmers about the grain, owing to the want of rain."—Patriot, 2nd inst. GYPSUM FOR THE FARMERS.—Messrs. Hyndman Bros. have now in operation a first-class Gypsum Mill on the Steam Navigation Wharf. The mill seems to be in good order and turns out over sixty bags of gypsum every day. A large quantity is sold to intelligent farmers, and when better known, will be sought after by all classes. With regard to the fertilizing qualities of the gypsum we can quote no better opinion than that of a noted agriculturist named Windy Knowles, in a letter to the Farmer's Advocate:—

"It was in 1858, I think—a remarkably dry year. The corn was about six inches high when I applied the gypsum—miserable, dried-up, yellow stuff; in ten days you would not have believed it to be the same piece at all. A neighboring farmer, who generally assisted me in haying, and who always raised a pet acre of corn, with which he was very successful at the shows,—often taking the first premium and often reporting sixty bushels of shelled corn, noticed it soon after it began to change to the dark, rich green, which it soon became, and said it had gained and was getting up with his, which he could not account for. In a few days he admitted it had outstripped his, and shortly after inquired if mine did not wilt with the drought and heat, acknowledging that his had for some time. The crop was a good one for any year, though not up to sixty bushels. I never got as large crops of corn as some people tell of. It was at least ten days earlier than it would have been without the gypsum, and there was little or no pig corn."—Windy Knowles in the Farmer's Advocate.

Messrs. Hyndman Bros. intend to run a Bone Mill in connection with the above. As both Mills are for the general good of the farmers of this Island, they should patronize an encourage this enterprise. Send for a pamphlet.

A HAPPY PARTY of young people left, Saturday, by the early train, en route for Shediac, where one of the number—a fair daughter of our Island—will be lost in name, and Upper Canada gain another resident from the same family that has already given it two happy brides.

Local and other Items.

SOUTHPORT is becoming a favorite Sunday resort.

FRESH Salmon and Mackerel are in the market.

STRAWBERRIES and Ice Cream at "The Confectionery."

JUDGING from the show of blossoms all small fruits will be plentiful this year.

A WOMAN arrived at Kensington Station Saturday night all the way from California—alone.

Lots of ice on Saturday in Souris harbor! How high is that for a "winter port," the 2d of June?

REV. MR. MCKAY, of Ship Harbor, N. S., leaves the city to-day for Cherry Valley—his present parish.

TELL it not in mournful numbers That the dust clouds in our streets Should be laid, though madding slumbers And the City Council "greets."

FRESH Bedouque Oysters, by the quart or bushel; or served up at all hours, stewed, fried or raw, at "The Confectionery, Lunch Room.

ASPA AGUS, Rhubarb, New Bermuda Onions, Bananas, Pine Apples, Spanish Lemons, Oranges, &c., just received at "The Confectionery."

NEW ST. JAMES CHURCH.—The cornerstone of the new church edifice for the use of the congregation of St. James Church, will be laid with appropriate services on Thursday next, at 2 P. M.

THE REV. MR. MACLENNAN, of the Kirk leaves next week to attend the Synod at Halifax, and thence to Glasgow as a delegate from the Upper Canadian Churches to the General Assembly, and will be away some three months.

A TERRIBLE SCANDAL in high life has come to hand. If the parties directly interested wish a stay of proceedings, they will, in company with their friends, call at the "Diamond Bookstore" and see the beautiful stock just opened, consisting of Bibles, Prayer Books, Wesley's Hymns,—a large assortment of choice Stationery, Fancy Goods, &c. Information regarding the above scandal given gratis, at the Diamond Bookstore.

METHODIST CAMP MEETING.—Arrangements for holding a camp meeting at Keswick in July next, are being vigorously made by a large committee of ministers and laymen, of which Rev. R. Duncan, President of the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference, is chairman, and Rev. R. W. Weddall is secretary. The camp ground is about a mile and a half from the Cardigan Station, on the N. B. Railway, over which all persons attending the camp meeting will be carried for one fare.—Telegraph.

BUILDING LOTS.—Hon. Col. Grey's building lots, which were sold by Mr. Dood yesterday, realized very handsome amounts: B. McPhillips purchased 4 lots for \$1,260 Daniel Davis " 1 " 435 Owen Connolly " 12 " 4,920 Edwd. Charlton " 1 " 285 Henry Charlton " 1 " 305 F. T. Newbery " 2 " 670 John Ings " 2 " 920 John Ellis " 1 " 400 24 acres, \$9,195

It is a very great pleasure to note again the prominence of young people in Educational matters. Misses Bourke and Lowden, daughters of our fellow-townswomen, have been making very high positions at Mount Allison Ladies College, Sackville, N. B., as the St. John daily papers at hand fully report.

"THE GREAT DESIDERATUM."—By a recent patent which was taken out in September, 1876, a great desideratum in the style of packing cigars has been obtained from which dealers and smokers derive equal advantages. This new style was introduced by Messrs. Geo. Hamburger & Co., St. Paul Street, Montreal. It is certain to come into general demand. The cigars are packed in an ingeniously constructed box—which opens both from the top and side—in packages containing three each. The layers of cigars are placed in apartments independent of each other, so that the buyer can sample his hundreds without any injury to the package, and thereby insure himself that the article is genuine throughout. The boxes are lined with tinfoil, which helps to preserve the moisture and the fragrance of the contents. An agency is about to be established in Charlottetown. The boxes are manufactured by the "Trio Company" of Montreal.

Local and Other Items.

THE Great Sale of Solid Gold and 18-Carat Roll Plate Chains and other Choice Jewelry is continued every evening this week, at A. McNeill's Auction Room. A new lot opened for this evening. Come and get bargains.

CALL at Mr. Haszard's Conservatory and see his new Zonal Geraniums, Inspiration, Happy Thought, &c., beautifully marked and shaded, some like unto the sky at morn and eventide, and then go round and see Ridgway's "Remethias," and Pink Axalis, and the general view of flowers, in Geraniums, Roses, &c.

ON TIME.—The Steamer from Point du Chene arrived at Summerside yesterday evening on time. The Steamboat Express Train also arrived here on time. As the late irregularity was owing to the large amount of freight lying at Shediac, we have no doubt the Steamers and trains will be run on good time henceforth.

STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE'S COURT REMOVED.—The Stipendiary Magistrate's Court, which has been held for the past week in the Council Chamber, was removed yesterday to its old quarters. The room has been thoroughly cleaned and looks in good repair. The former clerk of this Court and his assistant now hold their office in the Council room.

Very Latest By Telegraph.

THE WAR!

Kars Invested, but Not Taken!

THREE THOUSAND RUSSIANS KILLED.

Russia's Reply to Lord Derby.

TROUBLE IN CONSTANTINOPLE

LONDON, June 4. Kars is completely invested. The Russians lost three thousand men in a recent attack upon the fortress.

There have been serious disturbances at Constantinople. Two hundred adherents of Midhat Pasha are under arrest.

A Paris paper contains a violent article, in which a coup d'etat is recommended. The Queen of Holland died on Saturday, 2nd inst.

Dean Stanley, yesterday, preached at Westminster Abbey the funeral service of Motely, the historian.

The "Times" Vienna correspondent says, the Russian reply gives assurance about Constantinople, and declares that Russia's only motive is the amelioration of the condition of the Christians.

Our Montreal Despatch.

FLOUR QUOTATIONS.

Reception of Dr. Conroy.

Strong Evidence against Laflamme.

&c., &c., &c.

MONTREAL, June 4. There is to-day only a local business in the flour trade. Sales continue slow—prices about steady:

Table with flour prices: Superior Extra, \$8 40 to \$8 50; Extra Superfine, 8 05 to 8 15; Fancy, 7 75 to 7 80; Spring Extra, 7 45 to 7 70; Superfine, 7 05 to 7 15; Strong Bakers', 7 50 to 7 75; Pine, 6 60 to 6 70; Middlings, 6 25 to 6 40; Pollards, 5 90 to 6 00; U. C. Bags per 100 lbs., 0 00 to 0 00; City Bags do do, 4 00 to 4 10.

The reception of Dr. Conroy was very enthusiastic. Ten thousand people took part in the fete dieu procession yesterday, and the illumination in the evening was a grand success.

The Jacques Cartier election case is closed. The evidence is very strong against Laflamme. If he be unseated he will be beaten next time.

The Irish Catholics, under the lead of the Irish Canadian, have transferred their allegiance to the Conservatives.

A lad playing with firearms killed his companion at Quebec, yesterday.

Gold 106 3/4. Exchange unchanged. PLYMOUTH, June 2. The departure of the Channel Fleet for the Mediterranean has been indefinitely postponed. The cruise will be confined to the English coast.

The Russians threw seventeen guns into the River Kapov and destroyed the bridge after they had retreated over it. LONDON, June 3. Great discouragement prevails at Con-

stantinople on account of the suffering which prevails among the forces collected to resist the Russian advance. The weakness of the Turks in war material and supplies will render it difficult for them to maintain a long resistance.

Cairo advices state that the departure of the Egyptian contingent is postponed to await the arrival of the Turkish war ships which are to act as an escort.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 3. The Czar left for the Daube on Saturday.

LONDON, June 3 (midnight). The Turkish cavalry, under Moussa Pasha, have been defeated and dispersed near Bucharest. Kars is said to be amply provisioned, but the garrison has been put on half rations as a precautionary measure. It is officially announced at Constantinople that the reported recapture of Ardahan is untrue.

Telegraphic News.

FRANCE. PARIS, June 2.

President Durandal, of the Paris Municipal Council, has been arrested. Four more Republican journals are to be prosecuted.

UNITED STATES.

NEW YORK, June 2.

Seven hundred people are homeless consequent upon the burning of every house and building of Enneton, on Lake Superior. The Byron furnace is also burned; loss \$100,000.

Extensive forest fires are raging in the timber lands of Michigan, and great destruction of property is feared.

NEW YORK, June 3.

A fifteen year old son of Samuel Ninny, in Greensburg, Pa., poisoned his father, his sister, Mrs. Patterson and her child, and a visitor, Mrs. Harris, with arsenic in their coffee. The lives of all except Mrs. Harris are despaired of.

SCRANTON, PA., June 2.

An accident last night on the Lehigh Valley Railroad caused the death of five and the wounding of seventeen persons.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, June 2.

Gladstone's demonstration is generally looked upon as his first step towards assuming the leadership of a new Radical party whose programme will involve such great reforms as the disestablishment of the National Church of England, just as the Church of Ireland was removed from State control; second, a complete reform in the tenure of land, such as the abolition of primogeniture and right of entail; and third, perhaps, the abolition of the House of Peers as a governing body. If not indeed the entire abolition of titles of nobility as well.

Tut Queen has assumed the new monogram of "V. R. I." (Victoria Regina et Imperatrix) upon her letter paper. This is the first personal indication of the Imperial dignity.

It is said that the Princess of Wales is sinking from physical prostration.

Trouble is threatened in the established Church, from the resolution to prosecute all high church ritualists. It is believed if the resolution is pressed, it will lead to the dismissal of 250 clergymen.

ITALY.

ROME, June 3.

The Pope to-day, at the celebration of the 50th anniversary of his elevation to the episcopate, received about 5,000 pilgrims, mostly Italians.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

FREDERICTON, June 3.

At a meeting of School Trustees, held Saturday afternoon, the question of Separate Schools for Catholics came up, and ended in the Trustees making propositions to the latter which were accepted. The Trustees are to rent four rooms from the Catholics, and give them to their own teachers; the children attending said schools not to be graded into other schools except Grammar Schools, without the wish of the parents; the Trustees to furnish new school rooms in the Temperance Hall with desks, &c., and have them properly fitted up for school purposes. The Catholics do not come under the law till after the midsummer holidays.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF CHARLOTTETOWN.

ENTERED. June 4.—Rustic, McDonald, Bactouch, ship plank; Fear Not, Halliday, Shediac, lumber; Phinistine, Boyle, Wallace, stone; Acadian, Whidden, Wallace, stone; Daniel, Walsh, River John, boards; Gipsy Bride, Steel, Pictou, coal.

CLEARED.

June 4.—Phinistine, Boyle, Wallace, bal.; Autumn Bell, Andrews, Shediac, N. B. bal.; Victory, Murdoch, Shediac, mds.; Sea Bird, Hyde, Murray, Harbor, mds.; Rising Dawn, Hughes, Pictou, bal.; Lucilla, Sprague, Bactouch, mds.; W. Wright, McKee, Bactouch, bal.

By Cable to Peake Bros. & Co.—Brig Alpha arrived at Penarth on the 3rd inst., 22 days.

Stipendiary Magistrate's Court.

The Court opened yesterday morning with a female at the head of the roll: Mary Young, for being drunk and incapable, fined \$1, or 20 days; Peter Carey, arrested on complaint of John Cullen, for being drunk and disorderly, fined \$4, or 14 days; Wm. Perry, drunk and incapable, fined \$2, or 8 days; Wm. Boyle, drunk and incapable, fined \$3, or 10 days.

Died.

At his residence, corner of Queen and Kent Streets, John K. Stanley, in the 36th year of his age. Funeral will take place to-day, Tuesday, at 3.30 p. m.