

JULY 31, 1891.

The City Bill.

THAT representation in the City Council is now unfair, and that civic reform is needed, is admitted by all.

The Legislature has provided a means in the Act, familiarly known as the City Bill. It is now the duty of civic electors to carefully consider that bill, in order that they may be able, intelligently and definitively to vote, on the 12th of August, "For" or "Against" it.

Whatever our differences of opinion may be, we should not, now that it has passed the Legislature, reject the bill unless we have good and substantial reasons for so doing.

Do such reasons exist? We cannot claim, we do not pretend to argue, that the Bill is perfect, or that a better bill could not have been enacted. But we do submit and maintain that it will improve materially the constitution of the corporation, and that the reasons to be urged against it are not sufficient to justify any conscientious man in taking upon himself the responsibility of voting to reject it.

We are all agreed that the proposed reduction of the number of members of the City Council, is a step in the right direction. With fewer councillors, greater responsibility will rest upon each councillor, and consequently each councillor will be more careful in the performance of his civic duties. But we need not argue this point.

Again, the abolition of the "half and half" system under which the five old City Councillors have remained in to thwart the will of the electors as expressed in the recent election of the five new councillors, has over and over again been proved to be as vicious in practice as it is wrong in principle, affording opportunity for mutual "log rolling" and petty corruptions on the part of councillors, new and old, and tending to deprive the electors—the body of the corporation—of that power over Civic business and affairs which they ought to hold as freemen possessing the right to govern themselves and to control the head of the corporation—their Board of Directors—the Mayor and City Council. The objection that civic elections will, under the bill, be held once in two years instead of once in each year, as heretofore, will not balance the great improvement which will result from the abolition of the "half and half system." Elections for members of the Legislature are held only once in four years and elections for members of Parliament only once in five years. Yet we do not see that the rights and liberties of the people of this Province or the Dominion are infringed or even threatened by reason of these facts. Why, then, fear when it is proposed to hold civic elections once in two years?

But there still remains the crucial question of representation. At present, Ward Five, with a population of more than four thousand, is represented by two councillors; and Wards One, Two and Three, with a population of about three thousand seven hundred, by six councillors. No man will say that this is right. Let us grant, as we do most willingly, that property is entitled to consideration in the decision of this question; let us grant that the property owned in Wards One, Two and Three is proportionately more valuable than that owned in Ward Five,—still it is evident that a readjustment of representation is, in the interests of fair play and justice, demanded.

Now, what is proposed in the terms of the bill? Ward Five, with a population of 4,000, is to have three representatives—one for 1350 of the population; Ward Four, with a population of 2,500, is to have two representatives—one for 1250 of the population; Ward Three is to have one representative for a population of 1250; Ward Two is to have one representative for a population of little more than a thousand, and Ward One is to have one representative for a population stated to be about 1200. Thus, representation will, under the Bill, not be absolutely fair and equal, but it will approximate very closely to equality, and the difference will be in favor of Wards One and Two. Only by the abolition of the ward system, and the election of all the councillors by all the ratepayers, can civic representation be made fairer than it has been made in terms of the bill which is to be accepted or rejected on the 12th of August next.

On these good grounds, then, we commend the City Bill to the favorable consideration of the ratepayers of Charlottetown—as a means which will adjust, as fairly as possible under the ward system, the representation of the town, which will tend to the more business-like conduct of civic affairs, which will, therefore, benefit the corporation at large.

We note that it is objected by our contemporary, the Herald, that "it is the outcome of fanaticism," "that it will have the effect of 'hiving' the Catholics," and that if proof of this were needed, "it can be found in the fact that the Bill is warmly espoused by the Guardian." It is true that the conduct of the Guardian, and more particularly its recent tactics, lends

color to the objections of the Herald. To maintain a quarrel with the Catholics at this juncture, to arouse their religious feelings by an attack upon the Mass at a time when their votes are needed, is, it will be admitted, a blunder of the worst kind. It is, indeed, another illustration of the saying that "as a sword in the hand of a fool, so is a newspaper under the control of an injudicious man." A newspaper so controlled is apt to do more harm than good for any cause which it may take up.

We have not yet the details of the census. But we venture the assertion that Catholics as well as Protestants will be found in nearly equal proportions in all the wards of the town, and that Catholics will not be "hived" by the operation of the bill. As for the other objection, it is a matter of fact and history that the agitation for civic reform—of which the bill now before the people is the outcome—was begun many years ago, and that the necessity for reform was then clearly discerned and insisted on by the Messrs. Blake, the Messrs. Hughes and other intelligent and influential Catholics who had taken active personal interest in the conduct of civic affairs. So long as the wrong then made evident is perpetuated, the agitation will continue until justice is done. Let us now, therefore, accept the bill, and give it a fair trial.

We ask the Herald, and those for whom it speaks, to pay no attention to the gabble of the Guardian, but to consider this: That if, as we have demonstrated, the City Bill is calculated to benefit the town, it must, necessarily, benefit the Catholics who live in the town. The question is not how the bill originated, or who originated it, or what the motives of those who prepared it,—the question is, what will be its effect? If it will effect a reform in civic affairs, if it will remedy a manifest unfairness of representation, then let us all—Catholics, Protestants, all—vote for it.

Notes and Comments.

We assumed that the Guardian is a newspaper, and that being a newspaper it had received the news of the recent division in Parliament. But the Guardian says, in its own way, that THE EXAMINER is mistaken, and that it did not, as we stated, suppress the news which it did not publish. We apologise for the mistake. No doubt such news as that "bacilli can be communicated by telephone," is far more important and interesting than the votes and proceedings of the Parliament of our country. If the latest division had been adverse to the Government, the news of it would, however, we venture to say, have been published by our independent contemporary.

The change in the tone of the German press during the last few weeks is remarkable. With the exception of the Berlin Post every German paper of any repute has been enthusiastic in welcoming the admission of England to the alliance of the central powers. The interests of the latter and of England are identical, their foes are the same. The National Zeitung goes so far as to say that England's only chance of safety lies in sympathy and co-operation with the Dreibrund, nor can it imagine a British Government so short-sighted as to look on calmly, while her own most formidable rivals assailed the powers that form the triple alliance. The North German Gazette dwells on the common interests and aims of the Empire of Victoria and that of her grandson, the civilization and advancement of the less favored portions of the human race. For the task they have in hand they require peace above all things, and nothing is more likely to secure lasting peace than the extension of the triple alliance so as to include Great Britain.

THE DAIRY INDUSTRY.—Mr. Robertson's visit to the Cornwall Cheese Factory, has been very agreeable and profitable to all concerned. During his stay at the factory he worked with coat off, and turned up shirt sleeves, demonstrating that he is a practical man, and knowing well what is wanting to make the dairy business a success in this Province as well as in Ontario and other portions of the Dominion. His address at the Cornwall Schoolhouse on Wednesday evening, was highly instructive. The meeting was crowded by farmers from adjacent settlements, some of whom were accompanied by their wives and daughters. Mr. Robertson spoke of man in relation to his duties as a farmer, etc., and the soil and her products. He expressed his readiness to freely answer all questions relating to butter and cheese-making, which any one in the audience would ask. This offer was readily embraced, and a number of pointed questions bearing on the subject were put and replied to in a plain and instructive manner. Mr. Hood, the cheese-maker of the factory and his assistant, are doing good work, and the output could easily be much increased to the mutual benefit of all parties concerned.

ZERA SEMON at the Lyceum Hall, four nights next week. Commencing on Monday, August 3. Read what the Daily Recorder of Halifax says about the show:—"Of course it is a somewhat remarkable statement, and the only way a reader can realize it is by seeing the performance himself, but at the Opera House last night old black rags, clippings of newspapers, and a handful of bran were, to every appearance, turned into coffee, cream and loaf sugar before the eyes of the audience. The coffee was handed to a dozen of the onlookers, who drank it with evident relish. This among many other tricks were done by the old-time favorite Prof. Zera Semon. The distribution of 100 presents, including a gold watch, hams, flour, lamps and other articles caused many amusing scenes. The low prices of admission should crowd the house every night next week."

TROTTING MATCH.—There was a trotting match on the Summerside Driving Park on Wednesday evening, between Stipendiary MacQuarrie's two-year-old Administrator-All Right filly, and Mr. J. A. Gourlie's Hernando-Dartmouth filly of the same age, for \$500 a side, half mile heats, best two in three to harness. Mr. F. Folsom drove his own the first heat and Mr. George Muttart drove the second. The contest was easily won by the Administrator filly in two straight heats. Time 2:07 1/2; 1:58. The judges were R Hunt, starter; W A Brennan, B Rogers, timer; S M Bent.—Guardian.

Address to Bishop Macdonald.

His Lordship Bishop Macdonald, when on his pastoral visit to East Point on the 20th inst., was presented with the following address by the parishioners of that place To the Right Reverend James Charles Macdonald, Bishop of Charlottetown:—

My Lord,—We, the members of the Roman Catholic Church, of St. Columba, East Point, beg to tender Your Lordship, upon this, the occasion of your first pastoral visit to our parish, a sincere and warm welcome. We recognize in Your Lordship the messenger of glad tidings, appointed by God to promote our spiritual and temporal welfare.

Nor is this the only reason why we welcome you so cordially to-day. We hold in fond remembrance your intimate relations with this parish during your younger years. It is with mingled feelings we recall those days of long ago. Time's wasting hand has wrought many changes since. Familiar faces have vanished from the busy scene of life. The venerable and beloved pastor who then ministered to us the mysteries of religion has gone to receive the reward of the good and faithful servant; but his memory is still green in our most grateful regards and cherished in our households. The name of "Father Dan," as he was lovingly called, shall be handed down for generations in the most cherished traditions of this parish.

No wonder, then, My Lord, that we feel a special pride and honor in your elevation to the high dignity of the Episcopal office, inasmuch as we look upon you as one of our own.

It was, therefore, with pleasure we learned that the Vicars of Christ had chosen Your Lordship to fill the vacant See of this Diocese, and we sincerely hope and pray that the onerous duties of your sacred office may be lightened and made pleasant to you by the willing and loving submission to your Episcopal authority of those under your jurisdiction.

The death of our late Bishop, your illustrious and saintly predecessor, brought sorrow and grief to our hearts; but he left us one consolation in our sadness, a precious legacy of his love in the person of his gifted successor. He laid his hands in benediction on you, My Lord, before he died, and that benediction of the declining Patriarch will be as fruitful to the son of his adoption and the heir of his priestly throne as was Jacob's blessing to Joseph.

In conclusion, My Lord, we beg you to accept this feeble expression of our love and esteem. It shall ever be our earnest prayer that God may grant you a long and happy life to continue the labors and good works of your illustrious predecessor whose memory is so dear to us all.

Your Lordship's humble and obedient children,

- LAURENCE McDONALD.
EENEAS B. CAMPBELL.
MALCOLM J. CAMPBELL.
JOSEPH McDONALD.
DANIEL J. CAMPBELL.
ANGUS A. McDONALD.
DANIEL FISHER.
ANGUS C. MCINTYRE.
EUGENE FAX.
ALEX. McDONALD.

His Lordship replied in suitable terms.

Personal.

Hon. William Richards, Bideford, was registered at the Hotel Davies last evening. Mr. Sam. J. Richey, the popular young representative of A. Isaacs, St. John, N. B., is here on a business trip. He is registered at the Hotel Davies.

Mr. Joseph McCarey, of the Post Office Department, was among the passengers in the Carroll last evening, on a brief holiday trip. Bon Voyage.

Mr. J. D. McGilvray, of Chelsea, Mass., who has been visiting relatives and friends on the Island, left for home in the Carroll last evening.

Mr. Sutcliffe, Evangelist, of Charlottetown, has been elected vice-president of the Christian Endeavor Convention, which opened at Yarmouth, N. S., yesterday.

Mr. J. H. Bell, of Charlottetown was elected R. W. Provincial Grand Master for Prince Edward Island, at the recent meeting of the Orange Grand Lodge, at Kingston, Ont.

David Allison, L. L. D., has accepted the presidency of Mount Allison University, Sackville, and has tendered the local government his resignation as Superintendent of Education of Nova Scotia.

Mr. Robertson, of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, will address the farmers of lot 50, in the Hall at Vernon River Bridge, on Saturday evening, August 1st, at 7.30 o'clock, on dairy cows and their products.

Among the guests at the Osborne House yesterday were: Patrick Kelly, Montague Bridge; R R Morrison, Eldon; J A Lawrence, Windsor, N. S.; W H Tennant, St John; Capt Wetmore, Halifax; A F McLeod, Quincy Mass; John McClellan and wife, Medford, Mass; Rev G B McLeod.

Rev. J. S. Phinney, Methodist minister at Gibson, near Fredericton, died of diabetes on Wednesday. At the time of his death, Mr. Phinney was the oldest minister in active work in the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference. He was a native of Annapolis County, N. S.

There were registered at the Rocklin House yesterday: William Nicholson, Mrs J McCormack, Mrs E McCormack, Mrs Daniel McMahon and child, Boston; N Deacon, St. Peter's; Rev Mr Cairns and wife, Janet Cairns, Emma Cairns, John Cairns, Pictou; John Wilson, Montreal; L U Fowler, North Bedouque; William McLure, Mrs Matthew McLure and child, Annie McLure, Murray River; Miss McLeod, Valleyfield.

At the Hotel Davies yesterday, there were registered: G W Wakeford, City; Frank W Slater, Montreal; George Z Bibblee, Fredericton; N B; E A Skinner, Halifax; J E Stewart, do; Harry Pyke, do; L T Holland, do; A C Lyon, Brockville, Ont; Curtie Thompson, Bridgeport; A M Tallmadge, do; George W. Whelan, do; H Marie Fennick, St John; John Robertson, Ingersoll, Ont; Alex Old, Newcastle-on-Tyne; T A Cossman, Halifax; George M O Odell, Moncton; E H Davar, O'Leary; D Schurman, Summerside; A B Lyman, East Hampton, Mass; J N Lyman, do; W M Kidder, do.

The quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of P. E. Island will be held in St. James' Hall, on Tuesday, August 4, at 11 a. m. Elders and commissioners will get return tickets at one fare, by intimating to the railway station agent when purchasing their tickets, that they are attending the meeting of presbytery, and getting certificates of attendance from the Clerk—Jas. Carruthers, clerk of presbytery.

Advices from Mecca state that the death rate from cholera is 140 per day at that place and 30 daily at Djeddah.

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THE YOUNG MONUMENT.—It looks now as if Queen Square would get the monument to be erected to the late Fred Young. The Department of Public Works, after a long discussion yesterday afternoon, decided to recommend to the common council that it be placed on Queen Square.—(St. John Sun.

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