

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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THE FRANCHISE BILL.

The able and careful correspondent at Ottawa of the St. John Sun and Halifax Herald, Mr. S. D. Scott, refers in his latest letter to the Franchise Bill and the notable services rendered by Senator Ferguson in making it applicable to the Provincial conditions existing here. He says:

"The Minister of Justice declined to accept some of the amendments proposed by Senator Ferguson to the Franchise Bill as well as the one proposed by Senator Miller in regard to the appeal to judges from the reviser. But some of the suggestions of Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Mills was glad to accept, and he ought to have been grateful for them all. It would have been good enough party politics for Mr. Ferguson and his colleagues from the Island in the Senate, and for Mr. Martin and Mr. Macdonald in the other chamber, to have allowed the bill to go through without any Prince Edward Island amendment. The result would probably have been the disfranchisement of every human being in Prince Edward Island, and the production of a beautiful object lesson of the industry and capacity and care of the Minister of Marine. It would also have been shown how illogical and unbusinesslike is the attempt of the Government to fit on to a general election system the various laws and devices in operation in the Provinces.

"It happens that Prince Edward Island alone of the Provinces has no electoral list and in its local elections does not use the ballot. Now the franchise bill proposes to adopt the ballot and certain election methods; but through carelessness and by reason of the difficulty of fitting together a lot of different conditions, the bill as drawn did not provide for working the ballot properly with the Island system. In the Commons, Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Martin pointed out that clauses in reference to the voters lists had no meaning so far as Prince Edward Island was concerned because there were no voters lists. The Solicitor General, who worked like a beaver over his awful task made an effort to straighten things out, and Sir Louis Davies, whose loose habits of thought are better adapted to reckless attack than to constructive legislation, confused the matter with various suggestions. But when the bill reached the Senate there still remained, notwithstanding a number of provisions, respecting Prince Edward Island, one clause which included that province and required that every voter should be registered before he could get a ballot. This section would shut out every man in Prince Edward Island from the polls. Mr. Mills was ready enough to amend this clause and to give the Prince Edward Islanders a chance for their lives, or at least for their liberties.

"Then came another snag. In Prince Edward Island, in the case of a scrutiny after a provincial contest, there is no difficulty in setting aside illegal votes. The voting is open and if it is found that some one has voted who had not the right, it is only necessary to examine the poll book, discover that he voted, and strike out the vote. But in the Dominion law, where the ballot is used, there is no such remedy. Under the bill as introduced in the Senate, if a question arose in the trial of a petition for a recount, touching the qualification of a voter in Prince Edward Island it would be possible to ascertain whether he had a right to vote. But after that the Court could do nothing about it. The ballot would be in the box along with the rest and nobody would know for whom it was marked. In the other provinces the qualification of the voter is tried and settled by the revising officer or the court of appeals, if there is one; and therefore the appearance of a name on the list is a proof of the qualification. In Prince Edward Island, in provincial elections every man comes in and votes subject to objection and of course to subsequent enquiry. The bill effectually destroys the whole proceedings.

"Senator Ferguson offered an amendment to meet this case. It provided that if any person desired to vote whose right to vote is questioned on the ground of qualification and if objection is taken the deputy returning officer shall number the ballot paper and shall place opposite the name of the voter a corresponding number. In this way if the vote is proved to be bad it can be traced and deducted from the count. This amendment Mr. Mills did not accept though he has not shown how he proposes to get along in Prince Edward Island without it.

"Then, there is the case of 'special votes' which is an institution peculiar to Prince Edward Island. Under that system voters in one district who have a qualification also in another, deposit with the returning officer in their own district votes for candidates in all other places where they have qualifications, and these votes are transmitted to the district where they belong and counted there with the others. The franchise bill before Parliament provides that non-resident votes shall be polled in the Dominion as in the Provincial elections. But it provides no method by which these special votes can be taken account of by the returning officer. Senator Ferguson suggests that the bill be amended to provide that in the province of Prince Edward Island as elsewhere all votes should be given personally. Mr. Mills appeared to be grateful for this suggestion.

"Still another difficulty arose over the oaths to be taken at the polls. The bill provides that the oath used in Provincial elections shall be adopted in the case of a man who has occasion to swear that he has not voted before in the same district. Under the form that this bill would have established the elector would only need to swear that he had not voted in the local electoral district where the poll was held.

As there are four or five local districts in each Dominion district it would appear that a man might vote several times for the same candidate. Mr. Mills, who is very profound, but not very quick of apprehension, was induced to see the point of this objection and set himself to work to provide an oath to suit the case. These are some of the corrections which Senator Ferguson has succeeded in making. They were absolutely necessary to make the bill at all workable in his own province, and if the Government or Sir Louis Davies have the instinct of gratitude they would be devoutly thankful to their opponents who have kept them from making themselves objects of ridicule from Tignish to Souris."

By the way, isn't it pitiful to see the Parliament of Canada trying to make its legislation square with that of the Legislature of P. E. Island? Could there be a more striking illustration of the fact that the Dominion Government's new Franchise Act is on a wrong foundation.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—Another good supporter of the party has received his reward. It is said that Mr. Geo. Vessey has been appointed inspector Wright's bridge.

—The minority report of the Drummond Railway Investigation Committee shows that the action of the Senate in preventing the deal as at first arranged between the company and the government resulted in a saving to the country of one half a million of dollars in hard cash.

—The St. James' Gazette reports that a proposal made in influential circles, and backed by the Liberal leaders, is afoot with the object of conferring a title on the widow of William E. Gladstone. It is suggested that Mrs. Gladstone be created Countess of Liverpool, and that another member of the family be created Viscount Hawarden.

—A Winnipeg despatch says: "The Canadian Pacific Railway Company disposed of 43,000 acres of land in May, all to actual farmers. A large number of people are getting land this year and delegations from the United States are numerous. Three thousand three hundred immigrants arrived during the month of May."

—The Empire of London reports that a terrible calamity now threatens England—nothing less than "a woman's daily paper." Some of our existing morning journals seem to be written by old women for old women, but the advent of an exclusively feminine organ of political opinion would be a distinctly amusing production. It might take the title of the "Daily Shemal."

—The St. John Sun thinks that with four millions of dollars in the Government Savings Bank bearing interest (after the 1st of July) at 2 1/2 per cent, the city of St. John ought not to borrow money from capitalists in Halifax or St. John at 4 per cent. But the Sun sees a difficulty in the way of the establishment of a City Savings Bank. St. John might take a leaf out of the book of our Provincial Government in this regard and practically establish a local savings bank, borrowing the money required under the provisions of a "Temporary Loans Act."

—The man who stands up for justice to his country in the face of prejudice is respected and honored. We are pleased to note in the Montreal Star to hand this morning a summary of the speech delivered by Mr. Alexander Martin, M. P., in the House of Commons, on P. E. Island's claims to railway extension, together with a very fair, though by no means flattering, likeness of the honorable gentleman himself. We congratulate Mr. Martin upon the favorable impression made by his convincing speech; and trust that though his representations have not been successful this year the good seed that he has sown will bear abundant fruit in future years.

BADLY HURT.—The Pioneer reports that Mr. Hammond McLean, son of Mr. William McLean, of Northam, was badly hurt on Tuesday last. He was driving a horse and truck wagon across the main road between two fields and had opened one gate, but when the animal got to the second gate, which was closed, he sprang over it. The young man pluckily held on to the reins and thus got caught between the closed gate and the vehicle. He was hurt so badly that he was unconscious for some time. Dr. Campbell was called in and the patient is now progressing favorably.

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"If the people of Charlottetown, or the island of which it is the capital, choose, like the people of Fredericton and some other places down east, to adopt, and through recent more enlightened years to adhere to, such narrow and antiquated views of trade as to repel visitors and tax people who offer them goods, we can only wonder and wait. But the circular of the Charlottetown Provincial Treasurer goes further in its statement of the effect of this law. 'The provisions of said Act also apply,' he says, 'to all creditors seeking to prove claims against debtors under the provisions of an Act passed during the same session, intitled 'An Act Respecting Assignments for the Benefit of Creditors.' 'although' the Act does not, however, apply to contracts entered into previous to the passing thereof on the 14th of May, 1868.' This means if we interpret it correctly, that if a house, in Montreal for example, sells a bill of goods to a retailer in Georgetown, or Summerside, and the retailer neglects or declines to pay it when due, the authorities of the province will not assist that house to collect its justly due debt because a license to trade had not been paid to the Government. This, it seems to us, is something more than merely saying to merchants at a distance: 'Keep away from us; we don't want you; we will fine and harass you if you dare to attempt to sell us goods.' It is virtually helping that debtor to defraud his creditors; because if the Montreal merchant cannot produce his license the Summerside or Georgetown dealer must swap his fingers at him and make him wait for his money. This is one of the recent provincial enactments that needs revision."

Everyone—well, almost everyone will, agree with the last remark of the Monetary Times."

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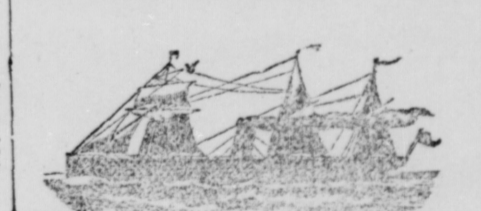
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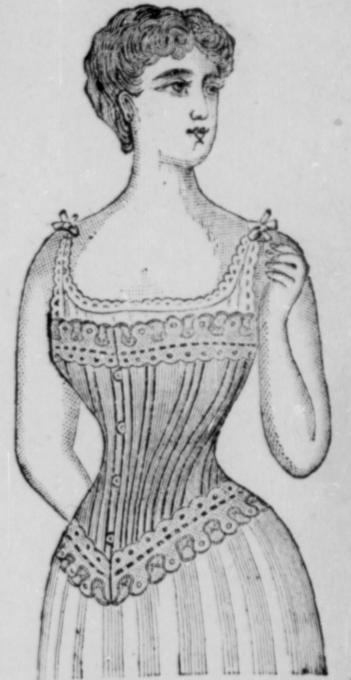
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