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POPULAR OR PROPERTY VOTE.

There is a good deal of quiet discussion going on around town as to the merits of popular or property voting. Let the people clearly understand the issue. A popular vote is such a vote as is given in dominion, provincial, and municipal elections. It means that when a man is entitled to a vote, he is as good, on election day, as his neighbor. The rich and the poor are on the same footing. A property vote means that the man rated as worth \$50 has one vote, the man rated as worth \$200, four votes and so on, until the man rated at \$50,000 has 1000 votes. Not that he puts his name down one thousand times on the roll, but as the decision of the question is reached on the amount of property represented, being worth \$50,000, he has 1000 times as much to say as the man worth \$50.

On principle THE DISPATCH is opposed to the property vote, and for these among other reasons: (1) it is contrary to the idea of equality, and utterly antagonistic to the democratic polity under which we live; (2) it practically disfranchises the poor man; (3) it elevates wealth to a position to which it is not entitled; (4) it separates voters into two sections, classes and masses.

Let us give an illustration to prove the absurdity of the doctrine. A man has two sons Tom and Jack. Tom is of a studious nature. He goes to school, studies hard, works his way through college, becomes an authority on political economy, makes a study of government. He values knowledge more than anything else, and becomes a professor, say of political economy, in a college, and receives \$600 a year. Jack is of a grasping nature. He wants to be rich. He goes to South Africa, has luck, and finds a gold mine. He comes home worth half a million, a portion of which he invests in real estate in the same town in which Tom is working as a professor. A question of grave importance to the community comes before the electorate. Tom, the man who has given his life to the serious study of just such questions has one vote, Jack, the speculator, has one thousand votes.

Is that either just or sensible?

Will any advocate of the property vote show us why it should be exercised in one case and not in another? The millionaire manufactures have more stake in dominion affairs than the day laborer. Why should not the property of the millionaire be represented at the polls? Do you want the reason? It is, because such a system would be destructive of popular government. But, why is the proposition that property should vote in dominion elections, not as fair as that it should vote, at any other election?

Take this very question of the sewers. The rich man is not so much in need of them as the poor man. The rich man can live where he likes. In the hot weather he can go to the seaside. The man working for a dollar a day, has to live where he can secure a cottage, for which he can afford to pay the rent. He has hard time enough keeping from going to the poor house, let alone going to the seaside during the summer months. But his health, and the health of his children are as important as the health of the rich man. When it comes to voting on the fiscal policy of the dominion government, Lazarus is as good a man as Dives, but in the matter of sewers, Lazarus must be content with the crumb of a vote, while Dives luxuriates in the influence his money bags afford him.

If democratic government is wrong, let it be abolished. If you prefer despotic to popular government say so, but don't humbug the people by reciting the iniquities of aristocratic government, while you are instituting or advocating a ten times more hateful thing—a mushroom plutocracy.

Don't let our wealthy friends fear that their money will be unrepresented. It will do its work, if they use it, as it does in other elections. Dives doesn't have much trouble in tempting Lazarus. Gold is a mighty factor in elections, and if our plutocracy wish to strangle the poor, they will find means to do so.

But let the heaven born right to vote be allowed to the poor man, and don't taunt him by giving him the shadow for the substance. Don't insult his manhood by asking him to vote, when, it will take two or three hundred of his fellows to counteract the vote of some Shylock. It would be better to tell him that he has no franchise at all.

A recent writer has remarked that "the poor will not always be patient." It is not wise to aggravate them.

AT OTTAWA.

It is a time of great uncertainty at Ottawa, and no one seems to know what a day may bring forth. The remedial bill is playing

havoc with the parties, and when the vote comes there will be some queer mixing up. A large number of the Ontario Conservatives have decided to vote against the bill, and if twenty of them should bolt, and the opposition remain undivided, it will mean something very much like a defeat of the government. However, there are signs that some of the liberals will vote for the bill. Mr. Devlin, the member for Ottawa county, quite a prominent man in the party, has already announced his intention of giving his support to the bill. Scarcely anyone believes, now, that the bill will be withdrawn, or not pass to a vote. Bowell still holds the reins of government, and is determined to carry out his promise.

Nothing is talked about but the Manitoba school case, and it will remain the all absorbing topic of conversation until after the election.

Apparently, there is one danger less to face. The newly discovered comet is leaving rather than approaching the earth. A prominent astrologer says:—"Much has been said about the comet approaching the earth, and possibly coming into collision with it. The comet was approaching the earth during February, but now the two bodies are separating, the comet is going one way and the earth the other. At no time was it coming directly at the earth, for the path is tilted up with reference to the plane of the earth's motion. Where the paths cross the comet is away above the earth's path, so that there could be no possible collision, even though our planet had not already passed that point a month ago. It will be noticed that about Feb. 1 the comet was quite close to Venus. The attraction of that planet may have changed its orbit somewhat."

A bill has been introduced in the Ontario legislature, giving the electors in each county an opportunity to cut down the number of representatives in the council. An exchange says:—"Its object is to cut down the membership of the councils, and whenever it is adopted it will certainly do so. The number of councillors for a county of not more than 40,000 of a population is fixed at nine; for a county of not more than 60,000 at eleven; and for one of more than 60,000 at thirteen. The proportions seem fair enough, but it is not likely that many counties will avail themselves of the option which the bill affords. Local jealousies will probably be found too strong for any reform movement that may be started."

The Congress of the United States has recommended the president to recognize the insurgents in Cuba, as fighting for their rights—in short to declare as far as the United States can do so—Cuba independent. This has aroused the pride of the Spaniards, and an angry mob in Barcelona, attacked the United States embassy, and amused themselves by tearing up American flags. What further may develop, it is hard to prophesy.

The question is often raised, as to the liability of a city or town for injuries sustained on a slippery sidewalk. A Toronto Exchange says:—"A roadman named Osler, in the employ of the street railway company, brought action against the city for damages he received in January last year, through slipping on a bank of ice. He sustained injuries to the head."

Railway for Victoria Co.

Among the bills introduced into the legislature is one respecting the Restigouche and Victoria colonization railway company. The Fredericton Gleaner says:—"The proposed road will be about 160 miles long. Fifteen miles of location survey have been completed from the Campbelltown end, and work on the location of the balance of the route will be started probably next week. The work of construction will be commenced just as soon as the snow goes off, and pushed towards completion with all possible despatch. One terminus of the road will be in Campbellton, but where the Victoria County will be has not yet been decided upon. It was stated at one time that this new railway would connect with the Bangor & Aroostook road, but Mr. Boselly, one of the directors, says no arrangements have ever been entered into with the management of that road, and whether there will be or not is a matter for future consideration. In fact as far as could be gathered from his remarks, the management of Victoria and Restigouche road would prefer making connections with the C. P. R. However, all energies for the present will be set on getting the road completed, and then the matter of connections will be considered. The country through which the road passes is rich in timber, and already American capitalists are making explorations with a view of securing berths for lumber operations."

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Dunraven Expelled.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The Earl of Dunraven was last night expelled by a vote of 39 to 1 from honorary membership in the New York Yacht Club. The action of the club was taken because Lord Dunraven, it was believed, had sufficient time to either apologize or resign.

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French Affairs.

A Paris bit of news says:—"Exceptional interest was taken in the Queen's speech by the French; they were anxious to learn what allusions would be made to Emperor William after his telegraphic threat to batter the British empire, section South Africa, and also to gain a glimpse of the new departure of Lord Salisbury in his relations with Russia and France—for the triple alliance is being waked, preparatory to a first-class interment. There are no moist eyes at the significance of the Kaiser being passed over as if he never existed. The snub is the most dignified reproof that his late conduct merited; he was the young man in a hurry. But the silence has a farther import; it is the decomposition of the triple alliance. Everyone now sees that anachronism was not intended to safeguard the general peace since the Kaiser, considering the death-knell of Britain's greatness had sounded, made an ugly rush to be the earliest in the conspiracy to help himself to some of the debris. Germany was the triple alliance, Austria and Italy were only her flappers. The bubble is burst now; the revived Bismarck plan of campaign has been seen through."

The French never for a moment seriously believed in the cry of the isolation of England; she was too formidable to be boycotted; possessed inexhaustible powers of resistance and undoubted and redoubtable staying power; the unknown was in her favor and the Anglo-Saxon race was fully prepared to "face the music." The isolation of England did not bring the restoration of Alsace-Lorraine a whit nearer. It is now within the sphere of practical politics by the collapse of the triple alliance and the triumphal march of Russia into southeastern Europe via Bulgaria. England abandons Europe to the Muscovite; it will be more her interest to work in with the Czar in Asia than sentimentally opposing him on the continent.

Mr. Chamberlain has stated no foreign state will be allowed by England to interfere in the Transvaal—that's a canard destroyer—and that the Uitlanders must have their intolerable situation of being forced to live outside the pale redressed. That, say the French, is language the Germans cannot misunderstand, and, coupled with the return of Mr. Cecil Rhodes, important changes, but all for the benefit of South Africa, will at once be inaugurated. It was the boast of Louis Philippe to be the "Napoleon of Peace;" Cecil Rhodes, in opening up Rhodesia with railways, can find ample employment for his great talents in the development of the natural resources of the country.

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The proceedings in the District of Columbia Court Tuesday in the case of Miss Flagler, indicted for manslaughter in killing a colored boy last summer, was a gross mockery of justice.

The case was privately arranged with the Judge and District Attorney to be called half an hour before the regular time of opening the court. This was done to "avoid publicity" and to save the feelings of the aristocratic young woman who had only "killed a little nigger, caught stealing her father's fruit. A plea of "guilty of involuntary manslaughter" made to avoid the ordeal of a trial—was accepted, and the young woman was sentenced to imprisonment for three hours in jail and to pay a fine of \$500!

And still some people pretend to wonder that our courts are falling into contempt, and that there is prevalent bitter feeling that there is one law for the poor and another for the rich.—New York World.

Down on Railway Passes.

TORONTO, February 29.—J. L. Haycock, the Patron leader, has introduced in the legislature a bill providing for the disqualification of all members of the legislature holding passes over the railways in the province.

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NOTICE.

Application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick at its present session for the passage of an act to amend chapter 86 of Acts of Assembly 58th Victoria, entitled "An act to incorporate the Tobique River Log Driving Company" by changing the day for holding the annual meeting of said company from the first Tuesday in April to the second Tuesday in April.

HARTLEY & CARVELL.

Solicitors for Applicants.

Woodstock N. B. February 15th., 1896.

In re the Estate of Thomas Kilcollins, Junior.

There will be sold at Public Auction, in front of the office of Stephen B. Appleby, Queen Street, in the Town of Woodstock, County of Carleton, on THURSDAY, the FIFTH day of MARCH next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the Books of Accounts of said Thomas Kilcollins, Junior, and all debts due said estate, a list of which can be seen on application to the undersigned.

CHARLES APPLEBY, Assignee.

Dated the 24th February, 1896.