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**ELECTORAL REFORMS.**

A new bill to amend the Dominion Elections Act was read a first time in the House at Ottawa last week. The Ontario and Montreal election scandals a few years ago, led to the appointment of a joint committee of both political parties to enquire into the improper methods practised at elections and the possibility of abolishing them. This reformatory measure may not put a stop to the present criminal practices of political grafters, but if in its passage through the House, its present effectiveness is not hopelessly impaired by amendments, it will go a long way, when it has the will of a majority of the electors behind it, to abolish many of the campaign abuses that have hitherto gone unchallenged. The bill contains several important changes in the present law. Perhaps one of its most excellent features, is the way in which it deals with the creation of party funds for election purposes. It requires, for instance, that all financial contributions to a candidate's campaign must be made direct to his legal agent who is required to publish them in a detailed statement, setting forth the source of all sums received. It aims to prevent incorporated companies from giving financial assistance to a candidate, under a penalty of one thousand dollars or an imprisonment for two years. Unlike the individual voter a corporation can have no party leanings. Their participation in supplying a candidate with funds can not be disinterested. They are not actuated by motives of party loyalty, but of self-interest; and the politician has good reason to fear their enemies even in bearing their gifts.

Another commendable feature of the bill imposes a fine of five hundred dollars, or a two year's imprisonment, upon any one convicted of circulating untrue statements about the character of a candidate. It has not been an unfrequent occurrence in this part of Canada for anonymous and irresponsible persons to slander the conduct or character of a party standard-bearer and thereby doing great injury to the candidate as well as to the cause he represented. Mr. Aylesworth pointed out a cause where a candidate had to withdraw from a contest because of damaging statements against his character which afterwards turned out to be without foundation.

There are other penalties for tampering with ballots, giving and receiving bribes, and even for hiring teams. Reformers all over the Dominion will doubtless follow with a great deal of interest the progress of this bill through the House and the attitude of their representatives towards it.

"On Saturday afternoon," says the Telegraph, "Mrs. H. G. Perry entertained the teachers of the Hampton Consolidated School at a five o'clock tea, which proved a very pleasurable occasion." Mrs. Perry as Miss Helen Page taught in the Hartland School some years ago. Her husband is the principal of the Hampton school.

L. W. Johnston of Fredericton was doing business in the villohe on Saturday.

The Women's Mission Society of the United Baptist church will hold a mission supper in the basement of the church on Wednesday evening, April 1st, at which time a good meal will be served to gentlemen for 25 cents and to women and children for 15 cents.

The Rockland Civilian Rifle Association will hold its annual meeting at Arthur S. Estabrooks' store on next Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. A full attendance of members is desired.

John R. Stephenson of Rockland, who has been very ill all winter was on Saturday evening reported as resting easily. His sister Mrs. T. J. Boyer, of Woodstock, was visiting him during the week.

The farmers residing in the districts back of Hartland are not buying superphosphate as largely as they did last spring, while those on the western side of the river are hauling it home in quantities almost as large as they did last year.

Old residents familiar with the action of the river express the opinion that the new railway track between here and Woodstock will be likely to suffer damage during the spring freshet.

Miss Hayden of St. John, who has had a large experience in millinery has been engaged for Kieth & Plummer's millinery department and is expected to arrive here Saturday. The spring opening will be announced later. They have a splendid selection of strictly new goods for this seasons trade.

Mrs P Graham was visiting friends in Woodstock a few days last week. On Sunday her father, George F Smith drove up to spend the day.

Alexander Henderson of Woodstock was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. S. S. Miller, over Sunday.

**HARTLAND and VICINITY.**

Hartland office in charge of Fred. H. Stevens, at EVERETT'S AGENCY, where orders for Advertising, Printing and Items for publication may be left.

Mrs. D. E. Morgan and Mrs. Henry Bradley were visiting Mrs. Alpheus Parker and Miss Emma Cogswell at Wicklow and friends at Bristol last week.

Rev. L. A. Fenwick of Bath preached very acceptably to the United Baptist congregation on Sunday evening.

All the men and teams that were employed by G. W. Boone in his lumber operations on the Restigouch came home on Friday and Saturday.

The Farmers' Telephone Company of Windsor received letters of incorporation last week. The promoters, numbering a score of well-to-do farmers and business men, are deservng of credit for their enterprise which has freed them of the monopoly's grasp. Their line extends from Windsor to Hartland with about 25 subscribers.

Mrs. Stephen MacMullin has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Gordon E. Boyer, at Fort Fairfield, Me.

After a long visit with relatives here, Mrs. Fred Hartt and her sister, Miss Dora Thornton, returned to Bangor last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold W. Porter of Sherbrooke, P. Q., arrived here on Tuesday to visit Mrs. Porter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bradley, and numerous other friends. Mr. Porter is an old Hartland boy, and was a member of the old firm of Richards, Porter & Co. After wards he was junior member of the firm of D. D. Porter & Son. It has been six years since Mr. and Mrs. Porter have visited their old home.

Miss Tilley Shaw of Middle Simonds who has been in the hospital at Woodstock undergoing treatment for several weeks, was discharged last week and is in greatly improved health.

G. F. Scott, Toronto, representative of the local produce firm of Hatfield & Scott, was here last week and returned with a shipment of potatoes.

Mrs. Edgar Kilpatrick and Miss Fitzpatrick of Florenceville were guests of Miss Blanche Nevers, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. John Good who have been visiting friends in Hartland, Woodstock, Waterville, Somerville, and elsewhere in the vicinity, have returned home to Moncton. Mr. Good was until his eightieth birthday employed in the government carshops.

Miss Edna Shaw has returned from Walpole, Mass., where she has spent the winter with her brother, George M. Shaw. She also visited friends in Lowell.

The four-year-old child of Percy York, Victoria Corner, fell and broke his arm just above the wrist a few days ago. Dr. Curtis attended the little one's injury.

Coleman Shaw of Victoria Corner has sold his farm to Scott Cook, a neighbour, and has removed to East Florenceville, where he will be employed with his brother-in-law, B. F. Smith, M. P. P.

Born.—On March 15th, to the wife of Clinton Gray of Caribou, Me., formerly of Jacksonville, a son.

There has been a rumour current among his Carleton County friends that William N. Raymond who went from Middle Simonds to California, was dangerously ill of pneumonia, of which disease he suffered a severe run some years ago. The story probably became current through the announcement that his little son was ill of the disease. The child has fully recovered, so recent advices from the west state.

Harry Gardiner came down from Fort

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**HARTLAND.**

March 16th, 1908.

**SPRING BLOOD  
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How To Get New Health and Strength in the Spring.

The winter months are trying to the health of even the most robust. Confinement indoor in overheated rooms—in the home, in the shop and in the school—taxes the vitality of even the strongest. The blood becomes thin and watery, or clogged with impurities, the liver sluggish, the kidneys weakened. Sometimes you get up in the morning just as tired as when you went to bed. Some people have headaches; others are low spirited; some have pimples and skin eruption. These are all spring symptoms that the blood is out of condition. You can't cure these troubles with purgative medicines, which nearly gallop through the system leaving you still weaker. What you need to give you strength in spring is a tonic, and the one always reliable tonic and blood builder is Dr Williams' Pink Pills. These pills not only banish spring ills, but guard you against the more serious ailments that follow, such as anaemia, nervous debility, rheumatism, indigestion and kidney trouble. Every dose of Dr Williams' Pink Pills makes new, rich red blood which strengthens every nerve, every organ and every part of the body. This is why Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is the favorite spring medicine with thousands and thousands throughout Canada. Try this medicine this spring and you will have energy and strength to resist the torrid heat of the coming summer. Mrs. Jas. Haskel, Port Maitland, N. S., says: "I was troubled with headaches, had a bad taste in my mouth, my tongue was coated, and I was easily tired and suffered from a feeling of depression. I got a supply of Dr Williams' Pink Pills, and it was not long before they began to help me and I was soon feeling as well as ever I had been." You can get these pills from any medicine dealer or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from the Dr Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Fairfield last week to look after the removal of his household goods to that town.

About April 1st Squire J. C. Everett expects to remove his office and stock-in-trade to the first floor of the H. N. Boyer building on the west side of Main St. At that place Mr. Everett will have more room and will be able to attend to the wants of his patrons quite as well as in his present location. T. J. Hurley has bought the building in which Mr. Everett has been located for several years and as soon as the condition of the weather permits he will begin extensive improvements in it, doubling it in size. Mr. Hurley has not altogether abandoned his first idea of putting up a large building on the site directly across the street from the building in question.

At one time during the winter it was believed to have been the intention of the C. P. R. authorities to begin work on the diverting of the track so as to get rid of the blind curve just north of Maple St., and in so doing expropriate the properties of H. N. Boyer and J. F. Murdoch. The latest rumour—and it is only a rumour—is that the company is considering the plan of running its line still further east, going through G. R. Burt's hill. Still, whichever way Dame Rumour has it, THE DISPATCH correspondent is told by pretty good railroad authority that no work is definitely planned for north of the village; that when the new road is completed into Hartland from the south, which will be early in the summer, improvements will rest for a time. With the completion of the Upper Woodstock bridge, work planned for next summer, the road will be fit for the heavy locomotives and capable of easily handling the traffic for many years.

The Montreal Weekly Witness is the best newspaper in Canada, printing all the news that is fit to print. THE DISPATCH is as careful in the exclusion of certain kinds of matter as it is certain to print all that is worth while. Both these good papers will be sent for one year for only \$1.50. Subscription taken at Woodstock and Hartland.

There will be Communion service (Church of England) in Hagerman & Baird's hall next Sunday at 10.30.

Dan. Coughlin who has been scaling lumber for F. E. Sayre & Co. all winter left on Saturday for St. Stephen to visit relatives for a short time, afterwards returning here to work in the mill.

Alfred C. Carr has since Saturday been receiving congratulations upon the arrival at his home of a son and heir.

J. E. Sayre of St John was here on Friday on business connected with his milling interests.

Charles Hatch who has been employed in Sayre's mill for two years left for his home in St. Stephen on Saturday.

On Friday evening the Rev. Mr. Corey addressed an audience in the United Baptist church at Victoria on the subject of mission work in the northwest. He preached to the same congregation on Sunday.

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**SPRING MILLINERY.**

I wish to announce to the ladies that I have re-engaged Miss Peacock for my Millinery Department, and she will arrive here early in April to prepare an unusually fine Spring Showing of all the Latest things in Millinery. At present she is attending the opening displays in St. John and Boston.

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