

THE CONTEST OPENED.
It is officially announced that the Ontario general elections will be held June 20th, nomination one week earlier. Candidates have been selected in almost every constituency, and in a few days every side road and concession line will be thronged with politicians. Sir Oliver Mowat's tour of the province will commence the first week in June and he will be accompanied by Messrs. Harcourt, Hardy, Gibson, Ross and Dryden of the government. His route has not yet been mapped out, but it is understood that he will visit at least a dozen constituencies. The last Ontario elections were held on June 5, 1890. Sir Oliver has been premier of Ontario for twenty-two years consecutively.

WATCH THE LISTS.
The Montreal Herald in referring to the coming revision of the Dominion electoral lists, makes some observations which will apply to every constituency in Canada, and should receive the immediate attention of the liberal party all over the country. It says that the revising officer has great discretionary power in the preparation of the lists; an unscrupulous man can easily, without attracting any attention by his unfairness, leave off enough liberal names in each sub-division to put the party in a decided minority all over a constituency. Therefore a man should not regard it as sufficient that his name is on the municipal and provincial lists, for it may not be copied from them. Plenty of liberals who, before the last election, supposed that they were enrolled, found to their surprise upon examination, that they were not. Hundreds of votes were lost to the liberals in this way. This loss must be guarded against in the coming revision, and it can be done in but one way. There must be in every sub-division of every constituency a committee charged with the responsibility of seeing that only fully qualified liberals make the requisite applications for enrolment. If this is done thoroughly and systematically, it will lighten immensely the trouble and expense of the revision which takes place later. In the preliminary stages of the making of the lists, it is comparatively easy for any man to have his name put on; but at the court of revision this can only be done at the expense of time, trouble and money. Besides if the liberals have not to devote their chief energies at the revision to putting liberal names on, they will be able to give all the more attention to the not less important work of getting bogus names off. There is no time to be lost. The liberals should organize in every constituency within the next three weeks for the purpose of seeing that they get fair play in this essential matter.

ANOTHER ROYAL BETROTHAL.
Considerable interest attaches to the betrothal of the Czarowitch, heir to the Russian throne, and the princess Alix of Hesse, a granddaughter of Queen Victoria, which has recently been announced. The wedding will take place November 10th, and will be one of the most gorgeous affairs of the kind ever seen in Europe. Every reigning family will be represented and all the Asiatic potentates under the Czar's suzerainty will send delegations and special missions to St. Petersburg with costly gifts. The shop keepers of the Russian capital and Moscow expect the most brilliant and profitable season of this generation, and the owners of villa property in the neighborhood of Peterhof, the Czar's Baltic palace, are so confident that the boom will affect them that they have already trebled their rents. Queen Victoria, according to current reports, has promised 10,000 pounds toward the bride's dowry. The engagement is a political event of the first importance, and the love side of the affair will be lost in the international significance of the match. The prospective union is regarded as a bond between Great Britain, Germany and Russia. Victoria's delight centers in the fact that the Princess Alix is her granddaughter, and the Czarowitch is a nephew of Prince and Princess of Wales, while the Emperor Wilhelm finds great satisfaction in wedding a Hessian Prince—his first cousin at that—to a future Czar.

WANTS SOMETHING SUBSTANTIAL.
A delegation which interviewed Sir John Thompson this week regarding the expenditure of a million dollars on the Trent canal, were told by the premier that "he was prepared to say that the government will carry out its promise made previous to the elections, and that in return the government expect the moral and intellectual support of all people interested in the scheme, but remember that a government cannot live on moral and intellectual support, but must have something more substantial."
Sir John must have lost his head for the moment or he would never have openly expressed himself in that way. His language contained such a direct bid for the money support of the canal promoters that Mr. Forbes, M. P. for Queens, N. S., has given notice that he will ask the premier for an explanation in parliament. Even in his palmy days of baiting the conservative opposition, the late Sir John Macdonald never publicly told the electors they must render him support in return for the expenditure of public money.

LYING CONGRESSMEN.
There are lively times at Washington over the enforcement of the law docking members' pay when absent. It is charged that although Col. Brockinridge was absent during almost the entire month of April, on important business at the district court house, he certified that he had been away but six days and collected pay for twenty-four other days on which he was not present. Wholesale lying by other members is also charged, and it is also stated that pretty nearly everyone has collected salary for time during which he was absent. The law under which congressmen employ private secretaries provides that members may be refunded money paid by them for clerical help, the amount not to exceed \$100 per month. It is further charged that many members employ no secretaries at all, but collect the \$100 for their own use by fraudulent and lying certificates. Yankee politicians seem to be a tough lot.

TO BE INVESTIGATED.
Mr. Brunson, the liberal M. P. for Richelieu, charges in parliament at Ottawa that A. J. Turcotte, Tory M. P. for Montmorency, had, while a member of parliament from March 11, 1892 to April 1 last, accepted, and carried out government contracts for supplies of groceries for the militia department at Quebec for his sole use and benefit. Four separate charges were recited stating that the contracts were carried out, while Turcotte was a member of the firm of Turcotte & Prevost, of Quebec, and were accepted in the name of Jean Baptiste Prevost. He asked that this matter be referred to the privileges and election committee, and that witnesses be examined under oath, and that this was agreed to. The whole affair of turism is evidently honeycombed with corruption.

IT IS NOW ANNOUNCED THAT THE REVISING BARRISTERS WILL COMMENCE MAKING UP THE DOMINION ELECTORAL LISTS THE FIRST OF JUNE. THEY WILL BE WATCHING, FROM THE LIBERAL STANDPOINT.

GLEANINGS FROM YORK.
Clovelade.
May 12—We are having very fine weather at present and farming is going on busily; grass looks well for this season of the year.
Charles Jones is building a new house on the place known as the Wilson block. Alexander Jones is also building on part of his father's farm.
Andrew Jamieson paid a visit here last week, the guest of C. Wallace.
Miss Sophia Jones, of Kewick, is visiting friends here.
About all of our boys have returned home from the different drives and report hard times, no place to sleep, and not much to eat; wages low with lots of hard work.

Temple.
May 13—Chas Shaw, one of our most prosperous farmers, has joined the brotherhood of mechanics. His goods are on Saturday last by the steamer Aberdeen. The Aberdeen made her first trip up the river on Saturday. The people along the river had looked for her coming so many days, only to be disappointed, that they had almost concluded that she had shared the same fate that our promised railroad did.
Nathan Grant, sr., who has been dangerously ill for the last few weeks, is recovering. Dr. Turner and Hand have been in attendance. His son and daughter, who were telegraphed for, arrived home from the States on Monday last.
The weather for the last few weeks has been all that could be wished for, and the farmers are diligently sowing and planting.
W. T. Hatfield has in store a fine supply of spring goods.
Query: Was Green Bush winter killed?

Zealand Station.
May 17—With a poorly attended church of England Sunday school has opened up under the supervision of Mrs Dr. Moorehouse.
A brewer, from Nashwaakias, has been visiting friends here, but has now returned home.
An orphan boy, fourteen years of age, who has been living at J. Burt's for the last two years, died last Saturday. He had been suffering for some time with kidney trouble.
Under the superintendence of Mr. Smith, Brewer's mill will begin work in a few days and will give employment to some twenty men or more.
The annual deacons meeting was held at St. Paul's church on the ninth inst. Six clergymen being present, and some very able addresses were given to a full house. The Rev. Mr. Parkinson delivered a very powerful sermon.
Fishing parties are all the rage now. Our M. D. is kept very busy. Of late he is on the road night and day.
The weather has been fine for some time quite a number of sheep killed.
Mr. Hawkins being somewhat of a carpenter, prefers working at his trade. A great excitement prevails here among the brewers, as they claim they are heirs to a large estate in New York city.

SELECTIONS FROM SUNDRY.
Manegerville.
May 14—The remains of four sheep, belonging to Walter Smith, which were lost last fall, have been found. It is believed that the sheep lived until last March.
A dog owned by Davy Dykeman killed quite a number of sheep last Saturday.
H. E. Harrison, whose illness was noted in last week's HERALD, is improving. He has been spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. A. R. Miles, at "Oak Hall."
Arthur Sewell and family spent Sunday here.
Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Foster on the arrival of a daughter.
Master Edgely Miles is the happy owner of a safety bicycle. His iron horse now travels very fast.
The sick and fever patients are all on the mend, with the exception of Capt. Chas. Shields' daughter, who is still very ill.

THE NEWS IN QUEBES.
Peterville.
May 12—Farmers here are getting a very favorable season, and are busy improving the opportunity by ploughing and sowing. The weather has been fine for some time past, except some slight variations. The fields and meadows are showing a beautiful appearance, although we had little rain. The lumbermen are all getting their lumber to market without much difficulty.
The people are all getting entirely over the gripe and other complaints that they had during the winter.

Upper Gagetown.
May 10—Amasa Coy has been very low but is now, we hope, on the mending side. His sickness was caused by a paralytic stroke. Samuel Purvis is also very low; the doctor has little hope of his recovery unless an operation be performed.
There was a good catch of fish here last week, the Dawn's crew handling about sixty barrels; not so many this week.
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ginter are well pleased at the arrival of a young son. The same with Mr. and Mrs. Rainford Smith. Gagetown at all events is holding its own in population.

Casperewas Station.
May 15—Last Thursday evening a very enjoyable time was spent in the school house, the occasion being a concert and picnic under the auspices of the school. A well rendered program was disposed of as follows: Address of welcome, N. Foster Thorne; dialogue, The Will or don't count your chickens before they are hatched; dust, Tell me the tales that to me were dear, Miss V. Kirke and Weyman Kirkpatrick; recitation, The Dead Doll, Miss George E. Kirkpatrick; dialogue, Frightened at Nothing; solo, "Joe Bowers," F. Bell; recitation, Boys' Rights, F. Staley; Kirkpatrick; reading, The Good Old Way, Miss Mary Kirkpatrick; dialogue, A Birthday Box; reading, Ticker of Leave, Miss V. L. Kirke; recitation, After Christmas, The Feasney; reading, A Woman's Pocket, Weyman Kirkpatrick; recitation, Reminding the Hen, Harry E. Trot; Auld Lang Syne; recitation, How the Parson Broke the Sabbath, V. Monaghan; dialogue, The Lost Child; reading, They Found out his Name, N. F. Thorne; God Save The Queen. After the meeting had listened attentively to the program, Geo. Trot officiated as auctioneer. The proceeds of the evening, amounting to \$7.55, are to be used to improve the school grounds. Much credit is due to the teacher, Miss V. L. Kirke, for her efforts in connection with the concert.
Thomas McKelvie of Rockland, the well known agent of the British and foreign bible society, gave an address in the Methodist church on the 10th inst. Collectors were appointed on the evening, amounting to \$7.55, are to be used to improve the school grounds. Much credit is due to the teacher, Miss V. L. Kirke, for her efforts in connection with the concert.

Bucouche now rejoices in an establishment in which is combined a butter and cheese factory, carding mill, grist mill, wood turning and fruit canning establishment.

AROUND THE WORLD.
The News of the World in Brief—The Cream of our Exchanges.
Halifax is to have a new weekly paper—the Saturday Night.
Rev. J. J. Colter, conservative M. P. for Quebec west, died Thursday.
Rev. J. J. Colter, who is, we believe, a native of York county, has accepted a professorship in the British Columbia Methodist college.
It is rumored at Ottawa that Hon. G. E. Foster, Hon. Mackenzie Bowell and Hon. Frank Smith will receive the honor of knighthood on the Queen's birthday, July 24th.
The city of Pawtucket, R. I., was illuminated Wednesday night by the blaze from fully 30,000 tons of coal consumed in the disastrous fire on the river front. A conservative estimate places the loss at \$500,000.
Just after service at noon Sunday, and while Rev. Dr. Talnage was shaking hands with members of his congregation, Brooklyn, flames burst out between the pipes of the organ, and the church was only ill for the last.

Howard Murray, principal of the Halifax Academy, has accepted the Chair of Classics in Dalhousie college, Halifax, made vacant by the resignation of Prof. Johnson. Murray is a native of New Glasgow, and is a Gilchrist scholar.
On Thursday, at Lunenburg, N. S., Clarence Frederick Delaney were each sentenced to six years in the penitentiary for burglarizing the store of Amos B. Luby at Southampton. The convicts are brothers and are the sons of respectable parents.
The Ontario legislature has been dissolved. The session was held for a new election, to be held on Tuesday, June 25th, the nomination to be held a week earlier. Sir Oliver Mowat, accompanied by his principal colleagues, will commence a tour of the province about the beginning of June.
At Amherst, N. S., Thursday afternoon, the sixteen months old child of Jude White was drowned through falling head first into a tub containing only about four inches of water. The child crawled into the tub, which was standing on the floor. Mrs. White had but left the kitchen a few minutes before.

Ida McDonald, a sixteen year old girl, was arrested at Halifax, for being on the street in a sailor's suit and was subsequently fined \$20 on the quiet. J. T. Bulmer, a lawyer who has been consulted, says there is no law against a woman appearing on the street in male attire, despite the decision of the court.
David Cumberland, for many years manager of the bank of British North America in London, Ont., and who is to assume charge of the Quebec branch, was banqueted at the London club Wednesday night by a number of prominent business men.
The scandalous murder of a woman, whom Mr. Inglis, late of Fredericton, succeeded.

There is great alarm at Grand Rapids Michigan, over the discovery that Silas White, a colored man, suffering with small-pox, has been attending a trial in the circuit court during this week.
Mrs. Maybrick, who is the subject of the case, was arrested at Grand Rapids, but managed to attend the trial. His ailment was pronounced smallpox in the second stage.
The Herald's London despatch says: Solicitor Harris, who is acting on behalf of the Crown, has made the announcement of his intention to persist in his demand for a public inquiry into the new case of Mrs. Maybrick's case, who, in spite of the refusal of home secretary Asquith to interfere, is in prison for murdering her husband.

Hon. C. F. Fraser, who recently resigned from the Ontario government, has been appointed inspector of registry offices and also of forestry. The combined position will be worth to him about \$3,000 a year and travelling expenses.
Hon. J. G. Giblin is to succeed Mr. Francis, commissioner of public works, and the portfolio of provincial secretary will go to Mr. Hartly of Kingston.

The Montreal Methodists are already preparing for the general conference of that body, and discussing in advance the subjects to be brought before their ecclesiastical parliament. At a meeting of the quarterly board of the St. James congregation, St. Catherine street, a resolution was adopted by a majority of one memorializing the general convention to extend the pastoral term from three to five years.

The snow, rain and wind storm that prevailed in the Sierra Nevada foothills, California, during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday was most fatal to sheep. The road from Sonora up to Strawberry Station, a distance of thirty-two miles, is lined with dead sheep. In the ravines and beside the banks along the road the dead animals are piled two and three deep. Up to this date some fourteen thousand sheep have perished in this section.

Bishop Hawkins, the head of the British Methodist Episcopal church in Canada, residing at Chatham, Ontario, attained the eighty-sixth anniversary of his birthday Monday. He was born a slave, of slave parents, near Germantown, Maryland, on May 12, 1809. Having gained his freedom he educated himself, joined the Methodist church, labored as a missionary among the colored people, and was ordained and finally chosen bishop of the denomination.

Lena Sans Muller, aged ninety and her son Charles aged fifty, were found dead Thursday night in their rooms in a tenement house on East Twelfth Street, New York, their throats cut from ear to ear. A blood stained razor on the floor told the story of murder and suicide. The old lady was in her night dress and her position indicated that the son had taken hold of her head with his left hand and he used the razor with his right. As he lay on the floor, the weapon was still in his hand. He had evidently cut his own throat after killing his mother.

The Campbell heresy case, which has been causing the Presbyterians of Canada a good deal of trouble, has been settled. The basis of the agreement, in which the Presbytery and Prof. Campbell concurred, is as follows: First—The statement of the elder Pruvines of New Brunswick on the appointment of one of her sons to be assistant adjutant general of her majesty's forces in Scotland. The officer selected for this important post is Colonel Edward Lee Street, formerly in command of the 1st Battalion, Devonshire regiment, and recently commanding the 7th and 57th regimental districts, Hounslow. Col. Street was born at St. Andrews, N. B., and is, if we mistake not, a brother of Charles F. Street of the finance department. The date of his appointment is April 17th, 1894.

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