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A VACANT SEAT.

The proceedings in the York election court were short and decisive, the matter ending in a compromise between the parties concerned. Dr. McLeod the petitioner dropped his claim to the seat and the personal charges against Mr. Gibson, and the latter through his counsel admitted that his agents without his knowledge or consent hired teams and furnished dinners for election day, which acts under the strict terms of the law were sufficient to void the seat. The judgment of the court was recorded that the election of Nov. 7, last is void, and a new election will be necessary to fill York's representation in the Commons.

We suppose that in no instance in Canada has an election been conducted in a manner that would be beyond the strict interpretation of the statutes with regard to corrupt practices. It is not even necessary to prove that a single elector had been bribed, to upset a Dominion election. The mere act of an agent of a successful candidate hiring a team to convey voters to the polls, or furnishing a voter with his dinner on election day, is sufficient to void an election, and it is by admitting that acts such as these were performed in his behalf that Mr Gibson yields up his seat.

It is to be hoped with regard to the agreement for the future conduct of elections in this constituency reached between the parties that good will come of it. Neither party is in a position to cast stones at the other with respect to the past, and every honest man should rejoice if there is an end to the influences that have been used in this constituency by both parties to procure a result in election contest satisfactory to those employing methods which fall within the purview of the law.

The influences alleged to have been used on behalf of Mr. Gibson were successful on several occasions in seating men of the opposite party. Indeed for years the Liberals of York were met at the polls by influences with which they could not successfully cope, and were consequently defeated. If we are to credit the present professions of the opposition they will henceforth refrain from corrupt practices, and no doubt the Liberals will meet them in the same spirit.

This is the first occasion on which a Dominion election in York has been voided in the courts, but on two occasions in local politics, the result of contests has been set aside by the resignation of the sitting members. Mr. Blair and Mr. Thompson resigned their seats in the assembly in 1873 as a result of the late Dr. Dow's petition, and in 1890 the four local government candidates, headed by Mr. Blair, followed a similar course.

Respecting the new federal election that will be necessary, the Herald will have something to say at a later stage, but we may declare this much now—that this constituency, whenever the occasion offers, will confirm its verdict of November last in a very emphatic manner.

A CANADIAN VETERAN.

Sir William P. Howland, a highly esteemed citizen of Toronto, and in his younger days a prominent public man, celebrated the 90th anniversary of his birth last Wednesday. Of English descent, Sir William was born in New York State but came to Canada with his parents seventy-one years ago. Engaging in mercantile business at Toronto he met with success, and in 1857 became a member of parliament for West York, and was a member of the House of Commons until 1868,

holding office during successive administrations as Minister of Finance, Receiver-General and Postmaster-General. In 1868 he was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, which office he vacated in November, 1873. He was one of the "Fathers of Confederation," and for his services in behalf of a united Canada was created C. B. (1867). In 1879 he was made K. C. M. G. Sir William has occupied many positions of trust in commercial life. He retired from active business in 1894, but remained President of several prominent business and financial institutions. The present Mayor Howland, of Toronto, is a son, and a former Mayor Howland, now deceased, whose wife was a sister of Lady Tilley, was another son of this aged Canadian statesman.

THE DUKE'S PROGRAMME.

There is not much probability that the Duke and Duchess of York will visit Fredericton. The schedule for Canada has been prepared, and as published it does not include this city. The royal party will land at Quebec Sept. 16, proceed to Montreal and Ottawa, remaining at the capital from Sept. 20 to 24 when they leave for the Pacific coast, stopping off at Winnipeg, Brandon, Regina and Calgary. On the return a week will be spent in Ontario, and the party will travel over the C. P. R. short line from Montreal to St. John and then on to Halifax to embark for home Oct. 15. It may, however, be possible to induce the Duke and Duchess to switch off the main line at Fredericton Junction, run in to Fredericton and take the boat to St. John. If the civic authorities have any intention of specially inviting the Royal party to visit this city they should immediately communicate with Lord Minto or Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Ottawa. Perhaps the Mayor will bring the matter up at tomorrow night's meeting of the Council. The Local Government meets tomorrow also, and they might very well consider the advisability of specially inviting the Royal pair to visit the capital of this province.

THE DOUKHOBORS.

Various opinions have been expressed of the Doukhobors who have settled in large numbers in the Canadian Northwest, and they have been subjected to severe criticism because of their alleged habits and attitude towards Canadian laws and social customs. Much of what has been written against these people is manifestly unjust and a large proportion of it absolutely untrue, and reliable testimony on their behalf comes from persons who are in an excellent position to judge them without prejudice.

In parliament during the recent session, Mr. McCreary, a western member, who helped to locate the Doukhobors on their lands, and knew what he was talking about, spoke very highly of these settlers whom he believed would eventually become most valuable additions to Canada's population. Another witness in behalf of these people is Mr. John Ashworth, a representative of the English Society of Friends, or Quakers, who has just returned from a visit to the Doukhobor settlements. Mr. Ashworth spent six weeks among them and gives a most favorable account of the physical and financial condition of the Doukhobors, and will be able on his return to England to dispel a great many false impressions which have been created in regard to them. There is no doubt that some uneasiness was caused in the settlements, owing to the utterances of one Bodjanski, who came out with the Doukhobors from Russia, but has now sought refuge in Switzerland. It was through this man's efforts that a small section removed to California, from which State, however, learning that deception had been practised upon them, they soon returned.

Mr. Ashworth reports that the settlers are making satisfactory progress, and will soon be in no need of further assistance from the Society of Friends in England and the United States, who have helped them so liberally. It was quite natural, he thinks, in view of their experience of Russian edicts and Russian officialdom, and their ignorance of the English language, that they should take fright at

the requirements of our laws, no matter how simple, more especially as it had been represented to them on the eve of their departure for Canada that they would be coming to a land of freedom. Freedom they now have in the best sense of the term, and this they will come to appreciate, Mr. Ashworth says, when they understand the language and laws of the country. The great lack of the settlements is teachers of the English language. Instruction has been given by a couple of volunteer teachers, but this, although most praiseworthy, is not sufficient. English must be taught on a more extended and permanent plan. With the spread of knowledge and the progress of English enlightenment there will be much less indisposition to conform to the laws and customs of the country. Already there are some indications of a tendency from the communal system to individualism, as evidenced by the fact that a few homestead entries have been made. Mr. Ashworth frankly states, however, that the most prosperous villages are those where the communal system is strictly adhered to. As showing the progressive tendency of the Doukhobors, it is worthy of note that they have built two stout bridges and established a ferry across the Swan River without waiting for Government aid.

We believe it is Mr. Gibson's intention to offer for re-election to Parliament and his friends throughout the constituency will rally to his support with even greater enthusiasm than they did on the two other occasions when he appeared before them as a candidate, and won the seats he was after. Mr. Gibson is risen in public confidence and esteem by his manly bearing and his close attention to the interests of his constituency, and is deserving a hearty endorsement at the hands of the people.

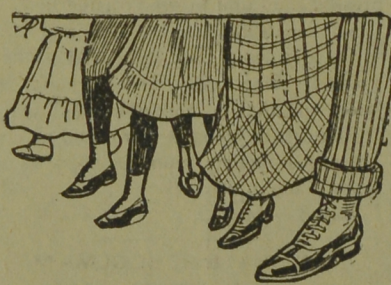
Universal sorrow and regret will be felt at the sudden death of Dr. Harry Gregory, a physician just in the prime of manhood, and with the promise of a bright career in his profession. A gentleman of pleasing manners, high personal character, and much ability as a physician, Dr. Gregory had a very large circle of friends and admirers, who will drop a silent tear at the announcement of his death. To the bereaved wife and family the Herald offers its sincerest condolence.

A western school ma'am holds the record for teaching the smallest public school on the continent. The institution is located at Fremont Centre, Illinois, and has an attendance of only one pupil. Ordinarily there is an attendance of 30 to 40 boys and girls, but these have dropped out to do spring work on the farms until now only one girl is left. Miss Sullivan was hired for the full year, and so draws her usual salary and holds school an hour and a half each day.

The Exhibition directors will make another effort to secure an increased grant for the show from the city council and that body will be properly interpreting public opinion if it deals in a generous spirit with the gentlemen who are endeavoring to advance the interests of the city.

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Gents Box Calf Lace Boots, former price \$2.50, and Gents Kid Lace Boots, former price \$2.50, reduced to	2.00
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Youths' Patent Leather Low shoes, No. 12 only, former price \$1.50, reduced to	.75
Youths Buff Low Shoes, former price \$1, marked down to	.60
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