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The Assembly debate on the secrecy of the ballot is interesting so far as it has proceeded, but it can scarcely be said that those who favor a ballot in local campaigns similar to that used in federal elections made out a good case. There is treachery as well as bribe taking among the electors who sell their votes in federal contests. However the proposition that a committee composed of both parties shall consider needed reforms in the election law, may lead to good results.

The politicians are discussing electoral corruption this year, both at Ottawa and in Fredericton. Many of them speak feelingly in the matter, and it is hoped some good will come out of the present agitation for greater purity in election campaigns. There is certainly great need for it. Politics to many a man under present conditions means financial ruin and a lowering of his self respect, as well as the spread of corruption among the electors.

The New Brunswicker who murdered his wife in Maine, fled to this province, was captured, and taken back to Maine, may thank his stars that the crime was committed in a state where the death penalty is not enforced. The worst sentence he can receive for his self-confessed crime is life imprisonment. In New Brunswick he might have been condemned to death and his sentence afterwards commuted to life imprisonment.

The Minister of Justice yesterday submitted to parliament the correspondence which the government of this province has had with the federal authorities respecting the effort of the former to prevent a decrease in our representation in the House of Commons, bearing out the attorney general's statement of the matter made in the assembly in reply to Mr. Hazen's questioning.

In the legislature Monday, Hon. Dr. Pugsley said the government were moving as rapidly as possible in preparing a case to be submitted to the supreme court respecting New Brunswick's representation in the House of Commons. The case can be argued in May, long before the redistribution bill becomes law.

The Herald extends hearty congratulations to Hon. H. A. McKeown, solicitor general, on his re-election by acclamation. Mr. McKeown is one of our most esteemed, energetic and promising public men, and his friends believe he has a brilliant future.

The Dominion House of Commons during the past week discussed resolutions in favor of Home rule for Ireland, and for the abolition of the cigarette, but it is not expected that either move will bring about practical results.

Cornelius Shields, recently appointed head of the immense Clergue industrial works at Sault St. Marie, Ontario, at a salary of \$50,000, started life as a railway brakeman.

The Sun is not pleased with Hon. Mr. McKeown's election by acclamation, but that result shows that the Tory organ does not always represent the better elements of its party.

British official returns show that 12,864 immigrants left England in March last for Canada, as against 5,294 in March 1902.

Thomas W. Fleet of Nelson is a guest at the Barker.

INTERESTING LETTER

From a Former New Brunswick Lady

DESCRIBING HER TRAVELS IN SOUTHERN EUROPE.

Was at Rome During the Pope's Jubilee.

A lady with many friends in Fredericton, daughter of a former minister of public works in this province, and at present a resident of London, G. B., recently enjoyed a trip to the Mediterranean, and a letter received by a Fredericton friend describing some of her experiences has been placed at the Herald's disposal.

The letter is dated at the Savoy Hotel, Rome, March 3, and is in part as follows: My Dear Friend,—

You said in your last letter you would like to hear from me while we were abroad, so as this is a very wet day and there is no chance of getting out, I shall devote part of it in writing to you and other friends. I find it most difficult to get time for writing letters, for we are generally out all day sightseeing and at night am too tired to do anything but crawl into bed.

I was here in Rome nearly a month when Mrs. M—— and the Baroness joined me from Switzerland. We then all went down to Naples, Pompeii, Sorrento and Island of Capri, returning here last week. It was a most enjoyable trip for there is so much to be seen on that southern coast. Pompeii alone is worth coming a long way to visit. You know it was destroyed by the eruption of Vesuvius in the year 79, when many lives were lost. They are excavating now but not more than half the city is seen yet. We saw at the museum in Naples a great number of things that had been found, beautiful statuary, lovely vases, furniture and even bread as it was found in the ovens, but of course as hard and black as coal. It is wonderful how well preserved most of the things are after being buried for 1800 years. We walked through many streets, saw their beautiful marble baths, the heathen temples, the amphitheatre, etc. It was all most interesting and instructive. It is a real education to visit Italy, only one must be pretty well up in ancient history to understand it all.

There is so much to see in Rome I feel quite bewildered at times, it is impossible to see it all in one visit. They say there are 365 churches here, many of them most beautiful with pictures, frescos and statuary. We shall just visit the most celebrated, one can't go into them all. Then the picture galleries, palaces, are all very interesting.

I have been in the church built on the site of the house where St. Paul lodged when he first came to Rome. The owner of the house Prudens and his family were among Paul's first converts to Christianity. I think it is in Timothy that Paul speaks of Prudens. St. Peter's is a beautiful church, but I don't admire it as much as some others. There is a statue of St. Peter on one side of the central aisle, and devout Catholics have kissed his toe so much that it is quite worn. I saw several kiss it as they passed.

This is a grand day in the Catholic world, the Pope is celebrating his 25th Jubilee. He is an old man of 93 and can't live much longer, so every one is trying to get a peep at him as he is to be carried into St. Peter's for mass and to give his blessing. We had tickets given us by our banker for the church, one can only get in by ticket for this function, but neither Molly nor I cared to go, it will be such a crush. Mrs. P—— has gone with friends but I doubt if she gets a glimpse of His Holiness, the crowd will be so great. I won't finish this till after she returns and see what she has to say.

I have seen the King of Italy twice, once in his motor car and again in his state carriage, which is a very grand affair.

Mrs. P—— has come in from St. Peter's and says she had a good view of the Pope, but had to stand in the aisle over two hours, so I am glad I didn't go.

THE BARR COLONISTS.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Winnipeg, April 7.—The first of the Barr colonists, reached here yesterday, the car containing 65, arriving from the East. The coach in which they travelled, was clean and carefully kept, in contrast with the filthy condition in which foreigners arrive.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL.

Board Meeting Yesterday—Committee Rearranged—Nurses Appointed, etc.

At the Victoria Hospital yesterday afternoon the two new members of the Board of Trustees, Mayor Palmer and Dr. Weaver, took their seats at the regular April meeting, which was presided over by Hon. Senator Thompson, president, and attended by Messrs. Randolph, Allen (T. C.), Sharkey and Tennant, (the other trustees) together with Mr. C. A. Sampson, secretary.

Favorable reports of the work of the previous month, were submitted by the latter and several accounts, passed the meeting.

The new members of the board, were appointed to the respective positions on committees lately held by ex-Mayor Crockett and the late Dr. Seery.

It was decided to make arrangements to secure for the Hospital a competent head nurse; and after considering some applications from outside parts, a resolution passed to secure such an one from among the Hospital's own graduates the one chosen to qualify by taking a post-graduate course.

Satisfaction was expressed at the probability of a better understanding about the expense connected with the running of the dynamo at the city water works. It was shown that there was a mistake in supposing that any extra cost was involved, and considering the vast amount of good to be accomplished by the equipment of the institution with an X-ray machine as well as electric lights of its own, no doubt all interested will join in promoting a public work that was for the good of all.

Miss Annie McKnight was on recommendation of the committee upon nurses, appointed to the regular staff, she having successfully passed a two months' term as probationer.

Some accounts, held for the past month by business firms, passed their regular rotation into the hands of others, and after other routine matters the Board adjourned.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick at its present session for an Act to continue the several Acts relating to "The Saint John Valley and Riviere du Loup Railway," and to amend the same by extending the periods for commencing and completing the construction of said railway three and five years respectively from the passing of such Act.

Dated this 4th day of April, A. D. 1903.
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Solicitor for Applicants.

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