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AN ABSURD SYSTEM.

At least three of the St. John newspapers—the Globe, the Star and the New Freeman—have declared for the abolition of the present system of electing aldermen in that city, and a return to the old ward system.

The Fredericton city council, in deference to public opinion on the subject, have a bill before the legislature at the present time providing for a return to the ward system, and we trust that the House will see that it secures enactment.

One of the best arguments presented for the abolition of the present plan for holding the aldermanic elections and returning to the ward system, is advanced in today's issue of the New Freeman, and which is quite as applicable to Fredericton as to St. John. The New Freeman says:

"The old system, which gave representation to the several wards, by allowing the electors in each ward to select the men who should represent them at the council, was, in principle and in practice, much superior to the system which now obtains. The old system gave each ward special interest in the choice of its aldermen, and, as each was accountable for the character of the man it selected, local pride was appealed to so that the very best man in each locality might be chosen. The canvassing of a ward was not such a laborious task as would prevent business men offering for the council. A man could in a reasonably short time ascertain what desire existed among the voters in his own vicinity, for his election. Many a good business man who would make an efficient alderman would be prepared to sacrifice some portion of his time in the public service of the city, could he be at all assured of election, while very few are willing to run the risk of defeat in standing for an office which brings little remuneration and often creates enmity. The civic elections which have just taken place are an illustration of the weakness of the present system in many respects. They demonstrate the decay of public interest in civic questions. The fact that there were contests in only two out of the thirteen wards in the city is sufficient proof that eligible men shrink from the ordeal of an aldermanic election in which the electorate of the whole city must decide. The most severe commentary upon the ridiculous fiction that the several wards are adequately represented at the council is found in the result of last Tuesday's voting, when the alderman elect for Guys ward received, in Guys ward, less than one quarter the number of votes polled for either of the other two candidates who unsuccessfully opposed him for the representation of that ward.

Guys ward is represented in the council by Mr. Tilley who got 31 votes in Guys, as against 153 polled for Mr. Baskin. Such is civic representation in St. John under the present nonsensical system. It should be changed, and that speedily."

DREYFUS RESURRECTED.

The Dreyfus case is again discussed in France, and the victim of justice's miscarriage writes a letter to the minister of war asking a re-opening of the matter.

The letter, which is dated Paris, April 21, confirms the report that Dreyfus has been living quietly there for some time past. It promises to cause a tremendous agitation among the various elements of the political groups for and against Dreyfus. The first part of the letter is a calm, earnest plea that the court which condemned him at Rennes was improperly influenced, first by the annotated docu-

ment ascribed to Emperor William, and second by the false testimony of one of the witnesses, Czernuski. After arguing on the extent to which these contributed to his condemnation, Dreyfus recalls in graphic terms the long series of horrors to which he had been subjected.

The letter throughout is couched in a highly dramatic style, which is likely to make it one of the notable papers of the case. It refers to Esterhazy as "one who stands before the entire world as the culprit."

Judge Lount, who was a conspicuous Liberal member of the House of Commons during the first session after the Laurier government came in, and shortly afterwards retired to the Ontario Supreme Court bench, is dead of Bright's disease, aged 62. He was an eminent lawyer with a large practice before ascending the bench, and bore a historic name, his father having been one of the patriots executed for heading the rebellion which resulted in giving Ontario responsible government.

Everybody who admires a plucky political fighter will be sorry to hear that Hon. Joseph Martin, M. P. P., of Vancouver is to lose one of his legs, amputation being considered necessary for a trouble that has worried him since childhood. Mr. Martin has had a stormy career, in Manitoba local politics, then at Ottawa, and for the past few years in British Columbia, where he and his friends apparently hold the balance of power in the legislature, and can turn the government out any time they choose.

Mr. Oliver the Liberal member of parliament for Alberta, voiced the feelings of the great majority of his party when in the budget debate at Ottawa, he congratulated the government for having resisted the efforts of the manufacturers to force a rise in the tariff. Mr. Oliver said the people of the country were glad to know that the tariff was where it was a year ago. When bull-dozing was resorted to by capitalists, they got the only answer that could be given them.

The word from Ottawa is that there will certainly be no Winding Dam legislation this year although their may be other—legislation. No doubt the vigorous protest from the New Brunswick government and legislature, and the efforts of Hon. Mr. McKeown, Mr. W. T. Whitehead, M. P. P., and other gentlemen, who went to Ottawa to kill the project, are responsible for the practical side-teaching of the mischievous measure.

Mr. McLatchey made a very effective address in the budget debate in the legislature Friday evening, and was heartily applauded throughout his able effort. The member for Restigouche is thoroughly well informed on public questions, presents his ideas in good vigorous English, and his contribution to the debate was one of the best features of the discussion up to the present time.

The Sun after consigning Mr. Morrison's speech on the budget to the waste basket, tries to even up with that gentleman by praising his deliverance. Mr. Morrison however had already enjoyed the satisfaction of reading his speech in the Herald.

Frank Sullivan flatly contradicts Gamey in the most essential features of the case against Prov. Sec'y. Stratton. There has been some tall lying, and the judges will find considerable difficulty in sifting the wheat from the chaff.

Senator Carmichael of New Glasgow, N. S., has resigned, probably on account of his advanced age, and it is said that the vacant seat will go to Mr. J. D. McGregor, ex-M. P. P., of the same town.

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Kicked by a Horse.

Donald, the fifteen year old son of Rev. William Ross of Prince William, was kicked in the face by a horse and quite seriously injured. Robin Ross, a student at the business college here, left for home this afternoon in response to a message informing him of the accident to his brother.

Ald Sheargreen, of Woodstock, was among the visitors in the city last night, and left for home this morning.

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