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that he will henceforth supply parties
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of all descriptions, tastefully

DECORATED,

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MODERATE PRICES.

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21-2m

LOST.

BETWEEN St. Philippe and Lachute, on
Saturday morning, a buffalo robe.
Finder will be suitably rewarded by
leaving it at the residence of W.M.
DAVIDSON, St. Philippe. 25

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS TO-DAY

Killed stolen—M. Grimes
For Sale—Miss Char Polier
Wanted—W. M. Owens
Lost—Wm Davidson
Great Bargains—A. J. Peria
Insolvent—
Cottingham—
Locals—Ireland

DENTISTRY.

Dr. Stackhouse will be in Lachute
every Saturday.

Steam cooked rolled oats at Ireland's.
Telephone 42

St. Simeon's Church is now lighted by
electricity.

Mr R. P. de Laronde was in Montreal
on Wednesday.

Mr. Henderson is still very ill.

A large quantity of wood and logs are
being brought into town.

The Circuit Court did not meet on
Wednesday, owing to the marriage of
Judge Taschereau's daughter.

A temperance meeting is called for
this evening, for the purpose of taking
action in regard to the coming elections.

Messrs Williamson, White and Wade
of Grenville attended the Liberal Con-
vention on Monday last.

The stock of the Insolvent estate of
A. Boas is being auctioned off retail by
A. D. Loynachan.

The C. P. R. had several men from Mon-
treal employed last Saturday in erecting
a new smoke stack on the water tank.

The W. C. T. U. are expecting to have a
speaker from Montreal to spend the 20th
in town and deliver an address. More
anon.

Engine No 3 was well tested on Mon-
day morning coming from St. Andrews,
through the snow drifts, but she did ad-
mirably well arriving here on time,
which the C. P. R. trains failed to do.

Rolled oats, rolled wheat, graham
flour, entire wheat flour, pure pastry
flour, cracked wheat, pot and pearl
barley, feed etc. Telephone 42. J. E.
Ireland & Co.

Cash Paid for choice hind quarter
beef (fresh killed). Ten thousand
Bushels Oats and five thousand bushels
Peas and Barley.

Chas. Ladouceur St. Andrews.

Mr. Wm Catton will sell by public
auction at his residence in Beech Ridge,
on Wednesday, 17th February, all his
farm stock. M. Smith is the auctioneer.

The Late Mrs. P. Campbell.

The funeral of the late Mrs. P. Camp-
bell took place on Sunday afternoon last
and was one of the largest ever seen in
Lachute. The services were conducted in
the Methodist Church, but the crowd
was so great that many could not obtain
an entrance. The Rev. Mr. Craig assist-
ed by Rev. Mr. Hiscocks conducted the
services, which were of an unusually so-
lemn and touching nature. Mr. Craig
spoke very feelingly of the last hours of
the deceased and after the sermon Mrs.
Craig sang amid perfect silence and
many tear-stained faces, a beautiful solo
which had been sung at the bedside of
the departed shortly before she died.
The pall bearers were Messrs J. R. Mc-
Quat, W. J. Simpson, J. E. Ireland, H.
Giles, J. Drysdale and Dr. Stackhouse.

FRONT OF CHATHAM.

The annual Soiree of St. Mungo's Church,
Cushburn, was held on Tuesday eve, 9th inst.
The night was all that could be desired,
and as usual, the Church was filled to its
utmost capacity.

After the inner man had been satisfied,
with the good things, which the Ladies had
prepared, the programme of the evening was
proceeded with, which although not as
good as on previous occasions, was still a
fair one, the Choir taking the principal
part. Rev. Mr. Fraser the Pastor of St.
Mungo's made a few remarks, and regretted
the absence of the other Pastors who
usually were present, and took part in the
evening's entertainment, he then called on
Rev. Mr. Davis of the Grenville Circuit,
who also made a few remarks. The
quartet by Mr. and Mrs. Weegar. Miss
Hannaford and Mr. Davis, was ably rendered.
The proceeds of the evening amounted to
\$88.80 etc.

Lachute, St. Andrews, and Grenville,
were well represented, as usual, and like
the others who were present, trust that
next year, a better programme will be pro-
posed.

The Children's Entertainment was held
on the following evening. The church was
well filled, and the smiling faces of so many
happy children was no unpleasant sight to
witness, as they enjoyed their hearty repast.
Nor would any one grow weary of listening
to their bright and happy voices, as they
read, sang and recited their well rendered
pieces. Although the children had free ad-
mission all the fee for adults was only 10c,
yet the proceeds amounted to \$15. The
Ladies of St. Mungo's are to be congratula-
ted on their success in getting up real enjoy-
able entertainments, both for the young and
also for those more advanced in life.
Success to St. Mungo's!!!

LAKEFIELD.

The snow storm of Sunday night and
Monday was very severe; several drifts
seriously interfered with traffic.

Mr. Robt. Parker of Montreal, is at
present home on a visit. He looks
well.

Mr. James A. Smith is still busily en-
gaged in getting out ship knees.

There are lively times around John
Peet's Saw mill, in disposing of the large
quantity of logs that are being hauled
there.

Revival meetings are being held at
present in the Mille Isles Methodist
church, conducted by the pastor.

The Rev. J. Holt Murray, Methodist
pastor here, was presented with a black
fur coat and pair of driving mitts by the
friends of Mille Isles and Lakefield ap-
pointments.

ST. ANDREWS.

The skating rink is the great attrac-
tion, and is well patronized.

Pedestrians enjoy the well kept side-
walks though the principal streets.

The Bell Telephone Co., has opened
an office for the public.

The Daily "Witness" is for sale here
the same day of publication.

Tenders are out for a new School
House with hot air furnace, signed by J.
Martin Sec. Treas., of the Village School
Municipality. Success to the Model
School.

The influenza is on the decrease and
we hear only of a few new cases of "La
Grippe" in this vicinity.

The Lachute & St. Andrews Ry. is
doing a fair business.

Mrs. P. Farrel is recovering from her
very serious illness.

Lachute, February 9th 1892.

Dr. J. H. LEMOX.—DEAR SIR.

About a year ago, I was suffering seve-
rally from Rheumatism and was so bad with
it I could scarcely walk. My business
being principally horse-shoeing, was un-
able to work at it, when I commenced to
take your medicine, the Green Mountain
Oil etc. which I got through your agent, J.
W. Cottingham, Lachute. After using
your medicine three or four months, I can
say I have been quite well ever since.
I have not taken any extra care of
myself, am exposed to heats and colds and
do not feel any pains from rheumatism. I
would recommend it to all suffering
as I was with this assurance that it will
cure them if taken properly. The Oil is
also good for coughs, colds and such like
ailments. I cannot say too much for it,
JOHN BROWN.

A Pleasant Evening at Brownsburgh.

On Friday evening last a most en-
joyable time was spent at the residence
of Mr. Wm. Polson, where the fort-
nightly meeting of the Ladies Circle
was held. The usual rule is to invade
the domain of all the old bachelors in
the neighborhood, where without the
refining and elevating influence of the
lady of the house, these poor, unfortu-
nate—though in some cases very happy
—individuals pass the long winter
evenings. The president of a circle, is
supposed to be the head, and the re-
sults produced by the body politic is
generally in proportion to the efficiency
and energy of the head. Mrs. Verite
is the head of the Ladies' Circle, and
although their head is not a very large
one, they have certainly secured a very
active, efficient and capable one. The
evening was spent in amusements of
various kinds and closed up with a very
substantial lunch prepared by the la-
dies and J. W. etc in the kitchen. The
proceeds amounted to over \$4.00. The
next old bachelor's home to be invaded
is that of Mr. D. McQuat, who will
receive his friends on Friday evening
of next week.

Nebraska Corn.

In this neighborhood corn yielded about
forty to eighty bushels to the acre. My corn
is not extra large this year, I have not ob-
served any ears over a foot long and 18
ounces in weight, but I have heard of others
having ears much larger, and some corn
going over a hundred bushels to the acre.
When corn is plentiful and prices low,
there is considerable used for fuel. It is
nearly as good for that purpose as coal.
Cows are so plentiful now that they about
eat all the bill for fuel. After the corn is taken
out of the field, the stalks are used to
pasture cattle, horses and sheep, two acres
seem to be about enough to winter a cow.
When they are not needed for the owners'
stock, they are sold to neighbors for fuel at
about 25 cents per acre. A good corn-
husker will crib 75 bushels a day. An ex-
tra good man can husk from 100 to 125
bushels a day and over. In connection with
other ordinary farm work about sixty acres
is what one man and team can plow plant
and cultivate. A hundred young steers are
made fat by feeding fifty bushels of corn a
day with all the millet and hay they care to
eat. They usually have 200 hogs, more or
less, according to size in the same yard,
fattening from the waste corn and droppings.

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choice goods were placed on the coun-
ters, and before evening a good part
of them sold.

Each a Picture.

It was remarked yesterday more
than once that both design and color-
ings were works of

HIGH ART

and quite deserving of a place on the

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to continue making the same Reduc-
tions as in January.

S. CARSLEY.

MANTLES! MANTLES!

Several lots of Mantles now being
sold at ridiculous prices.

LOT NUMBER ONE is Ladies'
Tweed Ulsters, at \$1.20.

LOT NUMBER TWO is Ladies'
Tweed Travelling Cloaks, at \$3.14.

LOT NUMBER THREE is Ladies'
Russian Circulars, at \$3.75.

LOT NUMBER FOUR is Ladies'
Black Cloth Mantles, at \$4.00.

LOT NUMBER FIVE is Ladies'
Fancy Cloth Russian Cloaks, at \$5.70.

LOT NUMBER SIX is Ladies'
Russian Cloaks, lined throughout and
edged with Fur, for \$6.40.

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1773, 1775, 1777.

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TELEPHONES

COUNTY CONVENTION.

A Convention of all those who desire to prevent the Mercier administration regaining power and who are ready to maintain an honest government in the Province of Quebec, will be held in Olivet Hall on Saturday Feb. 13th, at half past one in the afternoon, for the purpose of taking steps towards organization and selection of a candidate for the approaching election.

JAMES FISL.

A CALL TO ARMS.

As will be seen by the notice in this column a meeting of all those opposed to the return to power of the late Mercier government is called for Saturday February 13th, in Olivet Hall Lachute at 1:30 p.m. Last summer when a by-election was expected in this county the Conservative party in a representative meeting unanimously chose Mr. W. J. Simpson as their candidate, and that gentleman went into the fight as the Conservative champion. Owing to the unforeseen changes that have taken place and the length of time that has elapsed since that convention, Mr. Simpson desires to obtain a ratification of his candidature, from not only the Conservative party, but all who are desirous of obtaining honest government in the Province of Quebec. Should there be a desire on the part of the people to make any change in their standard bearer, an opportunity will thus be given to consult with each other. We would urge a large attendance from all parts of the county. At a time like this when the credit, the reputation, yea, the very life of our province depends upon the individual action of her people, it is the duty of every citizen to make some personal sacrifice and endeavor to assure the return of a candidate pledged to support a pure government at Quebec. Every elector who is opposed to the Mercier administration and is willing to aid in defeating the Count in his endeavor to control the administration of affairs is invited to attend.

It is probable that the Hon. J. S. Hall or some other member of the new government will be present and address the meeting. More definite information on this point will be given later on.

THE DE BOUCHERVILLE GOVERNMENT.

There are many honest, conscientious Liberals in this county, who are puzzled how to act in the present crisis. They are convinced that Mercier and his allies are utterly unfit to have anything to do in the government of the province, they recognize the terrible slough through which he has dragged the Liberal party in this province, and are not only willing, but prepared to work towards the extinction of him and his clique. These are the men who supported Joly and who have already expressed their belief in the principle of the dismissal of a government by the Lieutenant-Governor, by the approval and support they gave to Letellier when he dismissed his ministers. They, therefore, do not believe that Angers has acted unconstitutionally, they have no fear for the constitution, and they recognize that to support Mercier on the constitutional question, is tantamount to a general support of the corrupt clique who now surround him and who would refuse to be shaken off, even if the reconstructed Liberals endeavored to act without them. The Liberals we have described are a class quite distinct from those who until Mercier was found out in his sins, were his most ardent supporters, who were his tools, received his favors, spent his money, and who now seek to pass as Independents, condemning Mercier for supplying them with a boot, but supporting him upon the constitutional question. These armistice hypocrites are only entitled to and are only receiving the contempt they deserve. There can be no communication nor community of interests

between honest Liberals and Mercierites, and when a candidate receives the sanction and support of the Mercierites, i.e., those who have defended the principles of Mercierism and are ready now to palliate and excuse his corruption by abusing the governor, he is not to be trusted. But an honest Liberal asks the question, must I vote conservative? If the interests of your country demand that you should give a government of honest men a fair trial, and judge them by as high a standard as you will, what is there in a name that should deter men from securing a strong honest government? Geo. W. Stephens, was a Liberal, he is a Liberal still, but he is a candidate supporting the De Boucherville government. There are hundreds of men less prominent than Mr. Stephens who are adopting the same course. According to the motto laid down in the address of Mr. de Laronde, it is the duty of every elector to seek "public interests before party, and honest government by competent men." It is the duty of every elector to give the de Boucherville government a fair trial. If ever there was a time, when the public interest demanded that party feelings should be laid aside and the present government sustained, this is the time. There is offered to the people now, in the place and stead of a corrupt government, by extravagant, boodling, selfish plunderers, an honest government administered by honest, clean and efficient men, against whom no one dare make an accusation of dishonesty. The only charge brought forth after hard labor by the Independent against De Boucherville is that he drew his salary as a senator and Legislative councillor. What a terrible charge! On the other hand what kind of a government do these Independent candidates offer to the people? Who is its leader? Whom will compose the cabinet? These are questions they cannot answer. The position is this: If Mercier succeeds in deluding the habitants by assuming the role of "a child of the people," and is returned with a following, and these Independent Liberals are sent to parliament in a sufficient number to form a union with the Mercierites, what would be the result? On the first meeting of the legislature, a vote of censure on the Lieut-Governor will be moved. If the combined forces, Independent Liberals and Mercierites are strong enough de Boucherville will be turned out. What then? Mr. Mercier being the stronger will force the so-called Independents, his former advisers, his former slaves, to once more submit. He will be the leader, he will again have hold of the purse strings and he will laugh at the manner in which he has succeeded in fooling not only the habitants but the English Liberals. Has he ever promised to retire? Never. "A son of the people" retire from the money chest! No more trips to Europe! No more white pants! No more brass bands and suppers at Tourouvre! No more to travel as an Eastern potentate, spending money like water! Mercier retire! Not he. The only way he ever will retire is when he is crushed by the voice of the people. Of course, if the Liberals can trust Mercier, then let them vote for his candidature, but if they desire his overthrow, the only remedy is to vote for the de Boucherville candidate.

Thus far we have asked for support to the de Boucherville government, because they are clean, honest men, because they deserve a fair trial, and because by returning them to power now is the only way to defeat Mercier and Mercierism. But we advocate his cause for another reason and a most important one, Mr. de Boucherville has assumed the responsibility of the action of Lieut-Governor Angers, and to defeat him would be a declaration on the part of the province that a Lieut-Governor is not justified in preventing thieves from stealing our money. We are willing to meet the enemy on the ground of the constitutional question. When a Lieut-governor has risked his reputation, his position, his prestige, has left himself open to the most indecent attacks, to which by the constitution he cannot make answer, and has done all this in the interest of the people, it is surely right and just that the people should rally to his side. Some Liberals say that the Governor has attacked the rights of the

people, because he refused to allow Mercier to be judged by them through their chosen representatives. But the governor on the contrary, has protected the people, by saying to these representatives, "Go and consult your masters, the people on this question." The constitution provides that there must be a governor at the head of the Province. Is it for the purpose of paying him a large salary with nothing to do that he is placed there? Is it to approve of everything his ministers do? He must have some functions, some power, and if he has duties, when, in the name of common sense would he be more justified in performing the duties than when he discovers his ministers committing the most reprehensible and corrupt acts? Our independent constitutional sticklers say, that when the governor surprised his ministers with their hands in the sack, stealing the treasure, he should have said, "Go ahead my friends, help yourselves." Instead, the governor turned them out and chased them away. Will the people condemn him for doing so?

THE RE-CONSTRUCTED FARCE.

The constitutional question, which Mr. Laurier and the regenerate Liberals on the one side, and Mr. Mercier and the unregenerated Liberals on the other side are making so much use of, does not amount to anything, as our readers will easily see by studying the sections of the B. A. Act, 85 & 86, now in debate. Section 86 applies to the sessions of a Parliament in existence; section 85 gives the Lieutenant-Governor the power of terminating that existence at his discretion. In face of the latter section it is useless to contend that the power of dissolution, at any time does not exist in the Lieut-Governor; in face of the former it is useless to contend that the word "sessions" applies to anything but a Legislative existence. Legal quibbles, and constitutional precedents only disguise and throw a mist around the simple facts: there can be no "sessions" without a Legislature; there can be no Legislature when Parliament is dissolved, until the electoral mandate is known: the dissolution of Parliament is in the power of the Lieut-Gov.—absolute if necessary—but in ordinary cases acting with the advice of his ministry, and that ministry was the De Boucherville Cabinet. There has been no "straining of the constitution" much less an infringement. Mr. Angers has been justified according to the Liberal party's own confession in dismissing his previous advisers; and that action on his part rendered a dissolution inevitable.

What is of far more consequence to the electorate is the present financial condition of the Province now that Mr. Mercier has left it to be found out. That we may not be accused of misrepresentation or exaggeration we give the situation in the words of the Toronto Globe, a paper which we presume the Liberals will take as an authority. Here it is:—

"The financial condition of the Province of Quebec is about as bad as it could be. When he took office in 1887 Mr. Mercier found a gross debt of \$22,000,000 with nominal assets amounting to \$11,402,000. He continued to carry out the policy of subsidizing local railroads whether they were required in the interests of commerce or not and of spending enormous sums on public charities, colonization roads, local works like the Quebec court house which has cost \$900,000, and others which belonged by right to the domain of private enterprise. The result is that during the last fiscal year the ordinary expenditure exceeded the revenue by \$640,000, while the ordinary capital expenditure together topped it by \$2,693,000. Temporary loans to the amount of \$2,220,000 for which interest at 6 per cent, was charged were incurred, and \$4,000,000 more borrowed in France. The French loan was part and parcel of a loan of \$10,000,000, but \$4,000,000 was all that could be raised. The French financiers had to issue it under what is called on the Paris Bourse the "secondary rule," that is to say, they practically intimated that the credit of the Quebec Government was not as good as it might be, and asked for subscriptions upon that understanding. The rate of interest averaged, for the loan was issued in blocks, very nearly 6 per cent, and the "share" commissions, fees, etc., came to no less than \$297,000, so that the Province netted only \$3,703,000. In addition to all this, deposits of railroad companies

with the Government amounting to \$2,000,000 have been absorbed and spent. To sum up, the gross consolidated and floating debts of the Province amount to \$35,000,000, whilst the assets, so called, are \$10,500,000. There is a chronic deficit between revenue and ordinary expenditure alone of \$500,000, and the treasury is as empty as it was when the Bleus were turned out four years ago."

It cannot be said that this is an interested Conservative manipulation of accounts. How do the electors of Argenteuil like it?

But—The Liberal party is "reconstructed." We do not deny the necessity, we only question the fact. How is the Liberal party "reconstructed"? Who are its heads? Who can speak for it? Not Mr. Laurier, for he distinctly intimated that his rôle was a Dominion and not a Provincial one. Not Mr. Joly, for he refuses to have anything to do with the matter. There is no head then to the "reconstructed," and it is not at all improbable that there will be no tail. There remains only the body, and what is the body? In other words what is the plank—we do not say platform? This: they will support honest government, but will take the first opportunity of defeating the only government that exists between themselves and Mr. Mercier. That is what they call supporting honest government. And how do they propose to supply the place of Mr. de Boucherville. Who is going to lead them? The fact of the matter is that they can no more hope to have an ascendancy in the coming Parliament than they had when Mr. Mercier first introduced them into power, after exacting pledges, (it is believed) and other Nationalist papers of the time are to be believed, which no true Liberal would have given, and then were so thoroughly and completely extinguished that even Mr. Laurier believes a resurrection necessary.

We do not doubt the possibility or the honesty of the "reconstructed," but then they are quite a new brand in the political market. They have never been tried, and there is nobody but themselves to vouch for them. Each "reconstructed" may be and doubtless is a very good man in his way, but who is to go bail for him that he will not be re-reconstructed when the party lash is about his ears?

Our excitable cotem. should not have blown off so quickly last week over the typographical error of an "r" for an "n" in the word "changes" in last issue. There are no unforeseen charges against Mr. Simpson, but there may be some unforeseen punishment awaiting the man who made the slanderous charges. When cotem. gets through with the jury at St. Scholastique he will not be so eager to refer to this matter. The changes referred to were changes in the political situation at Quebec and so our friend understood.

HE WHO HESITATES IS LOST.

The grand gathering of the Independent (?) Liberals called for Monday last did not draw the enthusiastic supporters of disguised Mercierism to such an extent as was desired by the faithful. Little enthusiasm prevailed and very few electors attended from a distance. However it appears the meeting was a harmonious one as there were not many who desired to sacrifice themselves and their friends—money in the good cause of supporting nobody knows who. Mr. de Laronde was again offered the nomination and that gentleman delivered a highly instructive lecture on the evils of political corruption, especially at Ottawa, and paid great attention to imaginary charges against such men as Messrs. Taillon, Hall, McIntosh, Beaudin and other members of the government. Mr. de Laronde did not engage in prayer, but he almost wept—over the unfortunate circumstances which exposed the corruption of his friend Mercier, and declared that he wanted! Yes! honestly he wanted! a pure government, that would furnish plenty of the needful to run elections Federal and Provincial in Argenteuil. Dr. Christie M. P., occupied the chair and denounced Angers for putting Mercier out of power. That was not to be tolerated even if Mercier did steal \$200,000. It was a tyrannical act. How about Letellier, Doctor! After some consideration the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday next, when a

report will be presented from the Finance Committee. We were not there but this is what they say was done.

TWO MOUNTAINS.

Politics with our neighbors are becoming exciting owing to the fact that both seats are open, the Federal seat by the death of the late respected member Mr. Daoust and the provincial by the general dissolution of the Legislature. The Conservative candidate for the Commons is Mr. Notary Girouard of St. Benoit, who is very popular, a good speaker and an energetic worker. As the County is an agricultural one and the Conservatives in the majority there is no doubt as to the return of Mr. Girouard. His opponent is Mr. F. X. Mathieu, advocate of Ste. Scholastique, and if there is any one Liberal in Two Mountains who is respected more than another Mr. Mathieu is the man. Under these circumstances Mr. Girouard will have a hard contest owing to the personality of his opponent. We are opposed to Mr. Mathieu on political grounds, but must acknowledge his personal fitness for a public position. As a supporter of Unrestricted Reciprocity we trust he may be defeated. Mr. Beauchamp the local ex-member was offered deservedly the nomination for the Commons, but loyally remained to fight the battle against Mercierism.

Heavy Failures.

Two heavy assignments were made on Monday last, which will affect seriously very many business enterprises in this community. At the demand of P. McRae & Co., Mr. Peter Campbell made an assignment of all his property consisting in main part of the Lachute Grist and Saw Mills. His liabilities will be about \$50,000. In connection with this affair, a demand was made on Mr. James Fish by S. J. Patterson, wife of Mr. James Campbell to which Mr. Fish complied and assigned his property for the benefit of his creditors. His liabilities amount to about \$15,000.

TOWN COUNCIL.

A meeting of the town council was held on Wednesday. The Mayor and Councilors Bedard and Belanger were absent. The report of the committee on water works was presented and states that the revenue from said works, would not be less than \$2208.00 per annum, and that the reduction in insurance would amount to about \$1018.00 per year. The committee recommended that Mr. Wm. Perry be asked to give an estimate of the cost of water works and that the opinion of an Attorney be obtained with regard to what rights the Aqueduct Company have on our streets.

To the Editor of the WATCHMAN:—

Sir:—I am sure as an Officer in the Salvation Army, I owe you a letter of thanks for the kindly notice you have taken of us and our work from time to time through the columns of your paper. Words sometimes seem poor things wherewith to express our feelings but as they are the best we have at our command, we trust you will accept them as sincere expressions of our gratitude. In my estimation the next in strength to the influence of the gospel is the influence of the press. I am glad to notice in reading your paper that you use your influence to advance and not hinder the work of God, I again thank you for the assistance you have rendered us in the past and trust you will always deem all work done for the Master worthy your notice. I remain yours living for God.

CAPT. McKEEN.

To the Editor of the WATCHMAN:—

Sir:—There is a man in our midst, better known than respected, so carried away by a desire to become Mayor of our village, that he has been a forerunner of discord in our council for years. He doesn't seem to know enough to wait till his services are wanted, but keeps pressing them upon the people till his presence has become a nuisance. This person has little or no aptitude for any other business than that which he follows and it consists in watching the water of the Ottawa River flow over Carillon dam, and the flow has been such a success, he imagines he has some special qualification for municipal office calling for the display of some mental power. The difference between his resignation and that of Ald. Stephens, whom he seeks to ape, is that the Montreal Council lost somebody, whereas Point Fortune Council lost nobody.

Respectfully yours,
H. R. HENSLEY.

A Handy Reference.

The Parapet Ready Reference Guide to the Statutes of Canada, compiled by Mr. F. K. Blatch, of the Inland Revenue Department, just issued, is meeting with much success in this city. The work contains the titles of chapters of the Revised Statutes of 1886, and all subsequent, amending, repealing, organic and new Acts, with a column of reference to all previous Acts from which the Revised Statutes are consolidated. It is neatly bound in linen, is compact and is calculated to do away with much tedious hunting over volumes after volumes for amending and repealing Acts. It has been highly recommended by leading lawyers, members of Parliament and judges, and will, doubtless, be a long felt want among all who have anything to do with the Statutes of Canada. A list of books to the Statutes of Canada, with the names of proprietors will be ready by the 1st of March, Ottawa Citizen.

THE POLITICAL DISCUSSION IN QUEBEC.

Mercier—Rally around the Child of the People, mes braves.

DeBoucherville—You stole \$100,000 from the Baie des Chaleurs railway subsidies.

Mercier—Here you are for the defender of the faith! This way for the man who was never false to his race!

DeBoucherville—You stole \$50,000 out of the alleged payments to Langlais for stationery for the Quebec government.

Mercier—Citizens! Be men! Defend your rights and your Mercier from the Orangemen!

DeBoucherville—You stole \$14,000 from the subsidies to the Montreal and Ottawa railway.

Mercier—The Protestants and the English are extinguishing our language. Up and follow Mercier to the death!

DeBoucherville—You stole \$16,000 from Contractor Whelan before you would let him receive the moneys due him.

Mercier—Let me defend my race with my last breath! It is more to poor Mercier than all the honors and salaries in the world!

DeBoucherville—The expenses of your trip to Europe to float the last Quebec loan were \$10,000 for three months, paid out of the public treasury.

Mercier—French-Canadians! Vote for the humble one who never betrayed your blood!

DeBoucherville—Your son-in-law, Lomer Gouin, boodled thousands of people dealing with your government.

Mercier—Look to me, noble French-Canadians! I am the helper of the down, trodden farmers!

DeBoucherville—Your law partners, Beausoleil and Prentevine raked in thousands from the public chest.

Mercier—En avant, mes canadiens! Down with the Tories at Ottawa who would crush our dear province!

DeBoucherville—You have added ten million dollars to the Quebec debt in five years.

Mercier—The grand seigneurs attack me, poor Child of the People that I am! Drag me in the dirt if you will, but let me defend my race!

DeBoucherville—Five years ago you were head over ears in debt. To-day you have a mansion in Montreal, a residence at Quebec and a country estates at Tourouvre.

Mercier—Mes amis! Remember that I am before you to-day to defend the sacred cause of your liberties!

DeBoucherville—The liberties of your Pacauds and Langehens, your Davelays and Geoffrions, were indeed remarkable.

Mercier—Up my countrymen! Strike with your modest but fearless Mercier for the honor of our noble race and our dear religion!

Ontario—Bring us a bowl, we are seasick.

CONSERVATIVES WIN 5 SEATS

in yesterday's bye-elections. County Peel goes Liberal.

Ten inches of snow fell in Ottawa on Sunday.

BAD, WORSE, WORST.

Cold, cough, consumption, to cure the first and second and prevent the third use Haggard's Pectoral Balsam, the never-failing family medicine for all diseases of the throat, lungs and chest. A marvel of healing in pulmonary complaints.

The Canadian Ministerial delegation left Ottawa for Washington on Monday.

EASILY CAUGHT.

GROUP, colds, sore throat and many painful ailments are easily caught in this changeable climate. The never-failing remedy is just as easily obtained in Haggard's Yellow Oil, which is undoubtedly the best of all the many remedies offered for the cure of colds or pain.

The straits of Mackinac are clear of ice.

ATTACKED BY AN ENEMY.

DEAN SINS—About a year ago I had a very bad attack of dyspepsia. For nearly four months I never ate a meal without suffering pain after. I had got so weak I could scarcely walk, when one day I saw an advertisement for B. B. B. and thought I would try a bottle. Four bottles cured me completely, and I am now strong and healthy.

Miss Janet Stuart, Muskoka Falls, Ont.

Mr. Miller's majority in Prince Edward was 209 by the official count.

KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

The Knights of Labor aim to protect their members against financial difficulties, etc., Haggard's Yellow Oil protects all who use it from the effects of cold and exposure, such as rheumatism, neuralgia, lumbago, sore throat and all inflammatory pain. Nothing compares with it as a handy pain cure for man and beast.

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DEAN SINS—I suffered from general weakness and debility and my system was completely run down and I found B. B. B. the best medicine I ever tried. I would not be without it for a good deal.

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THEY CONDEMN ANGRERS, BUT NOT MERCIER.

If anything was wanting to show the arrant hypocrisy of the party who seek to pose under the name of Independent Liberals, it may be found in the cut and dried resolutions passed at the recent Liberal Convention held in Lachute. The very first move and therefore it is presumed the one they considered the most important, was to condemn Lieut.-Governor Angers for turning Mercier out. Think of it, ye intelli-gent, conscientious Liberals, who have long recognized the iniquities of the Mercier government, who are convinced of its leader's rascality! Think of it, ye Liberals who were willing in 1890 to throw aside your party feelings and vote against Wei, for the sake of turning Mercier out! Think of it! The men who are now anxious to be considered Independent Liberal, do not condemn Mercier, they do not ask their candidate to condemn Mercier, but they ask you to condemn the Lieut.-Governor for not allowing Mercier to go on plundering the province for the next four years! Could anything more clearly demonstrate the fact, that in this contest it is simply a question of Mercier and Mercierism vs. the present honest government. When Mr. Hay moved the resolution prepared by the Mercierite managers and placed in his hand, he was not a candidate, but he was ready to support the candidate of the convention. And in that resolution Mr. Hay does not condemn Mercier or any of the crimes committed at Quebec. He simply says that boodling is wrong and no candidate should be supported who is a boodler. We would not expect any body of men to say otherwise. The resolution or declaration does not amount to anything. The biggest rascal in the world would not dare to get up and say theft was honest or that a thief should be returned to parliament. What Mr. Hay and the members of that convention did not say is very important. Let us get down to particulars. What the electors wish to know is does Mr. Hay believe Mercier to be a boodler and unworthy of a place in public life? Is he prepared to support the present government in its endeavor to restore the finances of this province to their former satisfactory state? Is he prepared to drive Mercier and all his associates from power? If he is not, then the honest electors do not care how many resolutions he may move condemning boodling generally, or how many times he may declare he will not support boodling at Quebec, he is the Mercier candidate and must expect to be treated as such. It is very late in the day to assume the Independent role. Many of those who are so anxious to secure the defeat of the de Boucherville government, never gave a vote or used their influence against Mercier, and rather than form a coalition with de Boucherville they would join openly, the ranks in which they now walk in disguise.

THE CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION.

On the coldest day this year with extremely bad roads the Convention held in Olivet Hall on Saturday last may be considered largely attended and was at all events representative. Owing to the illness of Mr. James Fish, Mr. D. Williamson occupied the chair. Mr. W. J. Simpson was called upon to address the meeting. He said that last summer he had received the unanimous nomination of a convention of Conservatives and others who were opposed to the Mercier Government. Since that time however important changes had occurred in the Province. Then Mr. Mercier was in power and enjoying the spoils of office. Now, a new government was in power at Quebec and if the convention thought there was any other person who was more likely to win the present election, he was willing to submit to the choice of the convention and work as hard for the candidate so chosen as he would for himself. After several addresses by Messrs John Chambers, Geo. E. Bampton, Dr. Smith, Wm. Owens and others,

a ballot was taken, when it was found that the whole meeting with the exception of five ballots were in favor of Mr. Simpson. The nomination was then made unanimous. We publish in another column the address of Mr. Simpson in which he states his reasons for his candidature and clearly defines his position on the vital questions before the country. There is no element of doubt in this statement. We all know where he stands and as an opponent of Mercier without any reservations, "if" and "buts" he is entitled to the support of every honest man in the County of Argenteuil. The electors in the summer of 1890, were honest enough to condemn Mercier by voting for a Conservative, although many of them had always been Liberals. Is Mercier a better man to-day than he was then? Are they not prepared to secure his defeat now in view of the terrible revelations which have been made? We do not believe it. If a person is honest in saying that he is opposed to Mercier, that he believes in his rascality and that he will not support him, how can he at the same time condemn the Lieut.-Governor for turning such a rascal out. There is no use trying to disguise the fact that Mr. Hay's who calls himself an Independent Liberal, is in reality the Mercier candidate. No one can accuse the Montreal Star of having any great love for the Conservatives, and therefore some weight should be attached to its utterances on this question. We publish them in another column and commend the article to the careful and thoughtful attention of every Liberal who really wishes to do right in this election. Our experience in the past of Independent Liberals has not been fortunate. In the last Legislature there were three such. These men appealed to honest Liberals just as Mr. Hay will appeal. They were Independent when before the electors, but once they got into parliament, they were the most servile supporters of the Mercier government. Their names are Lovel of Stanstead, Cameron of Huntingdon and Watts of Drummond. The fact that Mr. Hay is a candidate pleasing to and supported by the Mercier party, should be sufficient to show how the cat jumps.

THE LION AND THE LAMB.

The times are prophetic, but not of peace. The Mercierite lion has again lain down with that pure innocent, the Liberal lamb, and the lamb proposes to hold a separate and independent existence until after the elections, after that the lamb expects nothing but its natural fate, the fate that befell the Liberal lamb when Mercier first got into power, and will befall it again if he succeeds in his present enterprise. Revenons a nos moutons! After the elections are over, the lamb will lie down with the lion, protected from all evil—inside of that majestic quadruped. Such a consummation is not to be desired in the interests of the country, and even of the Liberals themselves. The lamentable consequences of their too confiding belief in the ex-premier are apparent to this day. They are thoroughly demoralized, (excuse the word in its primary sense) and support Mr. Mercier, on the Chevy Chase principle of being always round the corner, and they are seeking wildly for a head. The latest attempt has been to boom Mr. Marchand for the leader of the party to be resurrected from the old dry bones of Mercier boodling. Mr. Marchand, who has never said a word against Mercier! Mr. Marchand, who is loyal to his chief! Mr. Marchand, who in answer to all accusations and all proofs, joins Mr. Laurier in the cuckoo cry—"I can't believe it."

The programme of the present opposition is a double faced one, and should be condemned on that account alone. In the English speaking counties it depends on the cry that the constitution has been violated; a cry which cannot be supported unless by lessening the prerogatives of the Lieutenant-Governor, and representing him as a mere clerk in a store, bound to obey the orders of his employers. If such a view were true, good-by to Provincial Parliament, for a parliament consists of the Executive head, and those whom it asks the people to assist in its counsels. It is not strange that the Liberal party should

be unable to comprehend this A. B. C. of constitutional government, for they have been accustomed to working under a nominal and not a real head, a shifting leader with a shifting policy; leader and policy alike "de die in diem," a veritable deputy of deputies, all mixed up.

In the French counties what Mr. Mercier relies on is the antagonism that he has sought to bring about, and is bent on keeping up between the two races. In these he poses as a martyr to the English. His organs represent us as detesting and despising the very men whose relations to us, outside of the life mapped out for them by politicians of the Mercier stamp, are most friendly. In brief the electors in the English speaking counties are asked to support Mr. Mercier on the plea of an alleged violation of the constitution; in the French counties on the plea of a race antagonism. That is the plain truth.

Boodling charges on one side and the other are the present weapons of each party. They may be true, or they may not, but the accusations pro and con are, comparatively speaking, of little moment. What concerns the elector most is the administration of the Provincial finances, and here is the statement which the electors of Argenteuil will know how to appreciate. In four years and a half the Mercierite government has added twelve million dollars to the Provincial debt, though it secured a payment from Ontario; though it had the new resource of Commercial taxation; though it has taxed the lumbering and mining interests for its revenue. How long is it possible to endure this state of things? How long can we go on adding to our debt at the rate of nearly three millions a year? That is the question for the Province to answer.

But the Liberals will change all this if they are allowed the power. Oh, yes! The Liberals! What have the Liberals done during the last four or five years? They have supported the Mercierite extravagance; they have blocked all enquiry; they have voted for the Mercierite government on all financial questions, and they are responsible for their share in the increased Provincial debt. But they are reconstructed. How? With Mr. Marchand, Mr. McShane, Dr. LeGrosbois and Dr. Cameron, all whilom supporters of Mr. Mercier, and some of them his ardent supporters yet. "They will do better in the future." Let them show that they will do better before they ask for confidence, judging from their past record, we feel tempted to apply to them these lines;

"When the devil was sick the devil a monk would be;
When the devil got well, the devil a monk was he."

THE OPPOSITION CANDIDATE.

The Convention called by those opposed to the de Boucherville Government and held in Victoria Hall on Tuesday last was much better attended than the one held on Monday of last week. The chairman Dr. Christie after calling the meeting to order announced that Mr. de Laronde would no longer face the music and that another candidate must be chosen. Blank dismay fell upon the party managers at this announcement. A search was at once begun for a candidate and the position went a-begging for some time. We are informed that T. Christie Jr. was requested to fill the bill. On his refusal Mr. J. R. McQuat was asked to make the sacrifice. Both these gentlemen peremptorily declined. Then one man suggested sending for Selkirk Cross, who was so well provided with "swag" at last election. This would require an adjournment. A Grenville said he had come here twice already and refused to come again. Mr. Robert of St. Philippe, proposed Mr. John Hay of Chatham, and after a short time that gentleman consented to enter the lists. Therefore we must consider Mr. Hay to be the representative of the principles and the party under whose auspices Mr. de Laronde was brought out last summer. It may be well at the outset for the WATCHMAN to state exactly its position in regard to Mr. Hay. We are willing to admit that insofar as Mr. Hay personally is concerned, he is a respectable, well-known and somewhat successful farmer, with whom we have always had

friendly relations. In the fight upon which we are entering, we trust that although arrayed against each other, nothing may be said or done whereby Mr. Hay can justly consider himself misrepresented. At the same time our duty to the country, to the county and to the public questions of vital importance before the electors, demands that in every legitimate way we endeavor to secure his defeat at the polls. Our reasons are two fold: personal and public. With all due respect to Mr. Hay, our contention is that neither by education, business experience, nor quiet judgment is he a fit person to represent the electors of Argenteuil, in the Legislature of this province. No doubt he will appeal to the electors on the ground of being a farmer. Now while it might be and is, a very important feature, in politics that our representatives should be farmers, it is certainly equally important that they should be farmers of the right kind, with the proper ability and experience necessary to discharge the duties of so important an office. Our duty compels us, notwithstanding our good feelings to Mr. Hay, and our appreciation of his many excellencies as a man and friend, to state frankly that he is not such a farmer, as the farmers desire to have at Quebec. There is another serious personal defect in Mr. Hay's qualifications. He is utterly incapable of speaking or understanding the French language. Now we do not pretend that Mr. Simpson is a fluent French speaker, but we do say that he can speak and understand French sufficiently to transact business, and that is what Mr. Hay cannot do. It is a well known fact that the public debates and business is carried on in French at Quebec and a member who does not understand a word in that language would not be of much use to the farmers or any person else for that matter.

But the most serious objection to Mr. Hay's return is on public grounds. Mr. Hay steps into Mr. de Laronde's shoes, and assumes the same position towards the electors. He condemns the turning out of Mercier and is there fore in accord with Mercier on that point. He condemns boodling, so does Mercier. He desires to overthrow de Boucherville, so does Mercier. Mr. Mercier declares he is not a boodler. Mr. Hay does not say that Mercier is. Has Mr. Hay ever cast a vote against Mercier? Was he not a member of that defunct Equal Rights Association which refused to aid in defeating the Mercier candidate in this county. In fact there is no honest Liberal, not swayed by party feelings, who does not know perfectly well, that a vote for Hay means a vote for Mercier. We ask that Mr. Simpson be elected because he will support a new, clean government that is gaining the confidence of the public by its endeavor to adopt a policy of retrenchment and economy, by its endeavor to reduce the taxation and keep the expenditure down to the revenue, and by its strict enforcement of the license law. For years the Montreal Witness and temperance workers have been endeavoring to have temperance legislation passed and enforced. Instead of succeeding with the Mercier government, the temperance people have been insulted and the license law under the control of drunken Mercierite officials, openly violated. When Mr. de Boucherville came into power, all this was changed. The provincial treasurer Mr. Hall, at once discharged these rascals and now the temperance people of Montreal have got what they long desired. This is the government Mr. Simpson will support, and the government Mr. Hay will condemn.

A POLITICAL CRITIC.

What, after all, is the "very grave mistake" of the Witness, which our correspondent "Vigilance" points out at such great length? So far as we can see, it is simple enough to this that the Witness denounces corruption on the part of Liberals as vigorously as it does that of Conservatives. "Vigilance" for a time thought that we were more severe on the Liberals than on the Tories; he acknowledges now that it is not so; but still this denouncing of Liberals as severely as Tories is "a very grave mistake." First, because "Vigilance" does not think them as wicked. This argument does not apply to the Witness, as it thinks Mr. Mercier's Government quite as wicked, as was Sir John Macdonald's. Second because the Liberals would never have been shown up at all if some one had not shown up the Conservatives first and if those Conservatives had not needed to raise a cloud to cover their own misdeeds. Do we not plainly see, says "Vigilance," that the whole movement against Mr. Mercier is worked from Ottawa and is the result of a deep-laid plot to turn popular indignation away from Mr. Abbott's colleagues? We would not have printed this piece of party one-sidedness if the letter had not been a fair repetition of what is uttered a thousand times a

day in Liberal circles, and what evidently seems to most members of that party a satisfactory warrant for condoning Mr. Mercier's wrong-doing. We do not see what the mode of the exposure has to do with the iniquity of the thing exposed. If the sins of the exposer were an excusation, then Sir John Macdonald's Government would be white, seeing that Mr. Tarte, the man who drew up the indictment against it, seems to have had his hand in a good many curious transactions. Another argument for not attacking Mr. Mercier is couched in the question, Where will Mr. Laurier get a majority if not in the Province of Quebec, which has done best for him hitherto. This means that our correspondent would like to see Mr. Laurier placed in power in dependence on Mr. Mercier. "Vigilance" does not need to think that free trade is going to gain any strength from Mr. Mercier and his followers, as almost none of them are free traders. But, whether or no, a Government dependent on Mr. Mercier would be a Government ruled by Mr. Mercier, and even the Abbott Government is not a greater humiliation to the country than that would be. Should the Witness take "Vigilance's" agricultural parable as its guide and attack the Abbott Government, while having nothing to say of the wrong-doing of Mr. Mercier, it would place itself in the completely despicable position of the party organs our correspondent alludes to, and would sacrifice utterly its moral influence in the country. We have, unfortunately, not seen much genuine popular indignation against either Ottawa or Quebec wrong-doing. We certainly take very little stock in that form of popular disapproval which can be roused against Mr. Abbott by newspapers which are silent against Mr. Mercier or vice versa. That may be partyism, but it is not public honesty. Witness.

GREATLY BENEFITED.

DEAR SIR,—I have been using B.B.B. for cancer of the breast during the last two years and four months, both externally, and have been greatly benefited. Have had cancer over seven years, and no medicine ever did me as much good as B.B.B. I feel sure that sufferers from cancer can obtain relief or even cure from B.B.B., and will be pleased to answer any questions as to the use and benefit received from this remedy.

Mrs. A. ELLIOTT, Waterdown, Ont.

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INDEPENDENT LIBERALS.

It is high time that the gentlemen who are running for the Legislature as Independent Liberals should take the public into their confidence and lay down an intelligible programme of what they intend to do, if elected. They tell us that they have lost confidence in Mercier and, some of them add, in all his ministry; and then they tell us, too, that they will vote to condemn the arbitrary action of the Lieut.-Governor in turning out this Government in which they have confessedly lost all confidence. These two statements are, at the best, confusing, if not positively contradictory. Any motion to condemn the course of the Lieut.-Governor during the late crisis must be a vote of want of confidence in the de Boucherville Ministry which has of necessity accepted all responsibility for that course; and the defeat of de Boucherville must lead, as the parties now stand, to the return of the Mercierites to power. Thus their proposed action, so far as made public, will lead them to condemn both parties now before the people and hurl the government of the province into chaos.

It will be utterly folly to elect a few scattered men to go to Quebec to oppose both parties. What this province needs is a stable Government which will address itself to the stern task of the gathering up the many loose ends of administration and putting us once more on a path that will lead somewhere toward prosperity. A gambler always wins out of chaotic elements; and to elect a majority of members to oppose the de Boucherville Government on any grounds, is simply another way of throwing the reins to Mr. Mercier. The sole object of the dismissal of the late cabinet was to secure for the province a strong, prudent government; and this object must not be lost sight of now. No member should be elected who will not pledge himself to support the present administration. No other kind of a member is of a particle of use at this time. The lists of candidates should be divided into: ministerial; and all the latter defeated.

Now if it suits a de Boucherville to call himself an "Independent Liberal," it is not within our province to quarrel with him on this ground. But he must be undoubtedly and unwaveringly a de Bouchervilleite. No half way pledge can be taken. Members must be elected who are committed to de Boucherville and Angers until a criterion appears from our provincial politics. In view of this fact, it is only fair to ask that each Independent Liberal define his position clearly that the public may have no difficulty in placing him. He will not wish to be elected under false pretences, and nothing can very well be more out of accord with his high moral position than anything that looks like an attempt to beguile the electors. —Star.

INGLIS-GAULEY.

On February 2nd, Mrs. Mary J. Gauley, eldest daughter of John Gauley, Esq. of Thomas' Gore, was married to Mr. W. Inglis of Grand Pré, at the residence of the bride's father. The bride-maid was Miss Maggie Gauley and the groomsmen, Mr. J. Morris of Lachute. With the best wishes of all, the happy couple went East the same evening.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF ARGENTEUIL.

Gentlemen:

Having been nominated by a representative and influential meeting of electors of the County, as a candidate for the Provincial Legislature, I beg to present myself for your suffrages.

In the present crisis in our political history I believe it to be my duty to state the reasons for which I ask your support.

You are aware that last summer evidence was produced before the Senate, which tended to show that the Mercier Government had been dishonestly diverting the public funds for improper purposes. The Lieut.-Governor considered it to be his duty to have the affair investigated and with the consent of Mr. Mercier, appointed a Commission of three eminent Judges to elicit the truth and report thereon. Every opportunity was given to and taken by the accused Ministers to prove their innocence, which in the opinion of the majority of the Commission, they have utterly failed to do. Upon an interim report of Judges Buly and Davidson condemning Mr. Mercier, the Lieut.-Governor refused to continue to act upon the advice of his ministers and dismissed them. Mr. de Boucherville was then called to form the present government, which is now before the country having assumed the responsibility of the action of the Lieut.-Governor.

As to the Constitutional question involved in the dismissal of his ministers by the Lieut.-Governor, I am of opinion that he acted strictly within his constitutional and legal right, and if honored by your confidence I will sustain him in that action.

The administration of Mr. Mercier has been a system of embezzlement, theft and corruption of every possible kind, and had the Lieut.-Governor allowed the robbers to continue rifling the treasury, and persisted in accepting their advice, instead of sending them to be judged by their masters, the people, I would consider he had been unfaithful to his oath of office, his conscience and to the public weal.

If elected I pledge myself to give the de Boucherville government a fair trial, as I believe the ministry to be composed of honorable, respectable men whose conduct will be above reproach. More especially do I consider it my duty to support the present government because they have assumed the responsibility of the action of the Lieut.-Governor by whose fortitude and courage we are in a position to-day to guard our treasury from further thefts.

I am convinced that owing to the excessive expenditure and ruinous extravagance of the past four years a policy of economy and retrenchment is absolutely essential, and will refuse to support any government which does not carry out this principle in a satisfactory manner.

In regard to myself personally, I do not require to speak. I have been born in this county, done business among you, served in the volunteer force and my reputation must be judged by the electors on its merits. I have endeavored to act honestly and uprightly in my dealings with my fellowmen and I will endeavor to act honestly in the discharge of my duties should you send me to Quebec as your representative.

It will always be my earnest desire to assist in everything calculated to promote the interests of my native county, while at the same time supporting those measures which are for the general welfare of the whole province.

Respectfully soliciting your support at the polls,

I remain Yours, etc.,
W. J. SIMPSON.

Ladies' and Children's winter underwear, at reduced prices for February, at S. Carley's Notre Dame street.

FARM FOR SALE

SITUATED IN Centerville, Chatham, known as the Centre farm, containing 124 acres, English measure, with brick house 20 x 36, finished throughout. Two frame barns and all other out buildings necessary thereon erected, 25 acres in maple bush, the whole well fenced and in a high state of cultivation. Will be sold on easy terms, apply to the undersigned on the premises before March 1st 1892.

S. B. CENTER.

THE SOWER HAS NO SECOND CHANCE.

FERRY'S SEEDS

Have made and kept Ferry's Seed the largest in the world. —Star.

Ferry's Seed Annual for 1892, tells the whole seed story—Send five for the asking. Don't send five till you get it.

D.M. FERRY & CO., Windsor, Ont.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Auction Sale.

The undersigned will sell by Public Auction at the residence of the late

ALFRED CENTER,
CENTERVILLE,
[Township of Chatham.]

Wednesday, March 2nd, 1892

The whole of their farm stock, farming implements, dairy and sugar utensils, and household furniture, consisting in part of:

2 work Horses, 2 Brood Mares, 1 three yr. old mare Colt, 20 e. yr. old Colts, 9 milch Cows, 3 two year old Heifers, 2 one yr. old do. 1 two yr. old Bull, 1 one yr. old Bull, 16 Sheep, 2 Pigs, 1 stonewall machine, 1 Lumber Wagon, 1 Tumbrel Cart, 1 Spring Cart, 1 top Hagg, 1 pair bob Wod, 1 Cutter, 1 double Sleigh, 1 Mowing Machine, 1 Horse Rake, 1 Mower, 1 Reaper, 1 Cultivator, 1 Horse Fork and Rope, 1 Set Iron Harrows, 1 Grubber, 2 Iron Ploughs, 2 sets double Harness, 1 set single do. About 10 tons of Hay, a quantity of Straw, about 300 bushels of Oats, a quantity of other grain, about 100 bags of Potatoes, 25 Sap Cans, 1 boiling Cans, 1 Heater, 250 Iron sap Spouts, 2 Churns, 2 milk Cans, 1 Cheese Press, 3 Hoops, 1 Cheese Pot, 1 Parlor set, 1 What. not, 1 Dining set, 1 Sideboard, 3 Tables, 1 Chest of Drawers, 2 Cupboards, 4 Benches, 1 Sewing Machine, a lot of Chairs, 1 Looking Glass, 2 Single Mirrors, 1 Book case, took 1st prize at Exhibition at Lachute in 1891. A lot of Tools, Shovels, Forks, Iron and many other articles too numerous to mention.

The whole to be sold without reserve.

SALE TO COMMENCE AT 10 A. M.

TERMS:

\$5.00 and under, cash. Over that amount, Nine months credit on furnishing approved joint notes.

A. D. Loynachan,
Auctioneer.

FIERI FACIAS DE BONIS ET DE TERRIS
Superior Court,

Province of Quebec, } ALPHONSE
District of Terrebonne, } LECLAIRE,
Ste. Scholastique, to wit: } merchant, of
No. 1513. } the city and

district of Montreal, there doing business alone under the name, style and firm of F. & J. Leclaire & Co., Plaintiff; vs. F. X. BERTRAND, trader of the town of Lachute, in the district of Terrebonne, Defendant, to wit:

1. A piece of land situate in the town of Lachute, county of Argenteuil, district of Terrebonne, known and designated under number one thousand three hundred and ten (1310), on the official plan and in the book of reference for the parish of Saint Jerusalem of Argenteuil with buildings thereon erected.

2. Another piece of land situate in the same place, known and designated on the same official plan and in the book of reference, as being part of lot number one thousand three hundred and six (1306), bounded to the north by James Fish, to the south by a lane leading to the bridge called "Fish's Bridge," to the east by the property belonging to Joseph Bricault dit Lamarche, and to the west by the said James Fish—with buildings thereon erected.

To be sold at the catholic church door of the parish of St. Jerusalem, in the town of Lachute, district of Terrebonne, on the THIRD day of the month of MARCH next [1892], at ELEVEN o'clock in the forenoon. The said writ returnable on the eighteenth day of March next.

[Signed], LAPOINTE & PREVOST,
Sheriff's Office, Sheriff.
Sainte Scholastique, 29th Dec. 1891.

Great Bargains!

For Three Weeks Only.

To make room for my spring stock. I will sell for the rest of this month at 40 per cent discount, all of my Tweeds and Gents furnishings. This means that you can come and buy my cloth.

Per Yard.			SHIRTS.		
\$1.25.	at	75c.	\$1.50.	at	90c.
1.00.	at	60c.	1.25	at	75c.
.80.	at	50c.	1.00.	at	60c.
.70.	at	40c.	.75.	at	45c.
.50.	at	30c.	BRACES.		
HATS.			.50.	at	3c.
			.40.	at	25c.
\$2.00.	at	\$1.20.	TIES.		
1.50.	at	.90.	.50.	at	30c.
1.00.	at	.60.	.40.	at	25c.
.75.	at	.45.	.25.	at	15c.

Fur Coats and Caps, 40 per cent. off Underwear and other goods at the same reductions.

If you need any of these goods for Spring or Summer, and you would like to save 40 per cent. come early and get the pick of Patterns.

Remember this is a genuine 40 per cent. discount sale for this month only, away down below cost.

A. J. Periard.

Lachute, 11th February, 1892.

Killed or Stolen.

ON OR ABOUT the 15th of Jan., a Setter Dog, Liver Color. A reward of \$10 will be given for sufficient proof to convict the person who killed or stole the above dog.

M. GRIMES,

25-3in Lachute Mills.

ON HAND!!

We have a few sets of LIGHT HARNESS on hand which we offer

CHEAP.

Also parts of SINGLE and DOUBLE HARNESS.

A full line of Groceries, Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Wall Paper, etc., etc., always on hand.

Produce taken in exchange for Goods, at Market Prices.

A call from all, is respectfully solicited.

BANFORD & McFAUL.

WEST END.

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GO TO



The Grocery and Furniture Man
FOR CHEAP

Bedroom Sets, Chairs, Sofas, and all
Kinds of Furniture.

A very Choice lot of Parlor Rockers.

A Choice Stock of Groceries always on hand and at
Reasonable Rates.

JAMES FISH,

West End, Lachute.

Lachute Mills Post Office.

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Properties for Sale Or To Let.

1st.—LOT No. 1548 with
house and

OUT-BUILDINGS

thereon erected, situated upon

Milway Street,
LACHUTE.

House containing 5 rooms and
extension kitchen, just being
erected and will be ready for occupation about the first of October.

2nd.—Lot No. 1122 with House and
outbuildings erected thereon, situated
upon the corner of Barron Avenue and
Foundry Streets in the Town of
Lachute, with Photo gallery, ready
for use, and room suitable for a store
on ground flat.

3rd.—Lot No. 1527 with house
erected thereon, situated upon Milway
street, Lachute Town.

Also Lots Nos. 1474, 1618, 1527
and 1629 in the West Ward, Lachute
Town.

For further information apply to

W. OWENS,

Proprietor,

Or to

W. J. SIMPSON,

Agent.

Lachute, P Q

Hotel For Sale

At Ste. Scholastique.

The undersigned offers for sale the well
known "POIRIER HOUSE" at
Ste. Scholastique, at a low price and
reasonable terms. The stand is a
good one and has been well patron-
ized by those attending the courts.

Apply to
Mrs. CHAS. POIRIER,
Ste. Scholastique, Que.

25-1m.

"Watchman" Clubing Rates.

WATCHMAN & Witness	\$1.50
" " Daily do.	3.00
" " Weekly Star	1.60
" " Daily do.	3.00
" " Gazette (new)...	5.50

PIANOS & ORGANS.



Cash or instalment plan
TERMS EASY.

Call and obtain
prices.

CHAS. KENNIBURG,
Main Street.

14-1f. Lachute.

The ST. ANDREWS Roller Mill

Is now in good order for

FLOURING.

and Farmers bringing a good sample
of Wheat will be guaranteed a

FIRST-CLASS FLOUR.

otherwise the Proprietor binds
himself to pay for the Wheat or
replace it with Strong Bakers' Flour.
A good supply of

Flour & Feed

Kept constantly on hand.

HUGH WALSH.

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J G Davidson,



UNDERTAKER.

Main st. Lachute Que.

Coffins, Caskets, Shrouds, every-
thing complete in this line.

COFFINS FURNISHED,
Day or Night.

Scarfs and Gloves complete, for sale
or to rent.

A first class new Hearse has just
been purchased and is

FREE TO PATRONS.

I have been years in this branch of busi-
ness in Aymer Que., and guarantee satis-
faction.
Lachute, Jan. 14th. 1891.

21-1f

NOTICE.

ALL EXPRESS parcels delivered by
the undersigned will after this
date be at the following rates:—
Centre Ward, 5cts for a parcel,
10cts for a box. East and West
Ends 10cts per parcel. Freight
will be delivered in the Centre
Ward at 15cts a load (large or
small) East and West Ends 20cts
a load. Freight and express
charges must be paid on delivery.

J. C. HUTCHINS.

Lachute Feb 1st, 1892.

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FOR SALE,

A Milch Cow just commencing to
give milk.

Apply to

JAS. BOYD,
Earle's Mills, Lachute.

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED pays highest
prices in CASH for marketable
HIDES.

A. MacGIBBON.

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CHRISTMAS

Is Past But

New Year's

Is Coming and Before it is Past.

JOHN D. BOYCE & CO.

are going to sell the balance of their

Holiday Goods, consisting of

Plush goods, Toys, Games etc, in
great variety, and to enable them to
do so, have re-marked all their
goods in that line at

ROCK BOTTOM PRICES.

Boys, now is your time to get
bargains from

JOHN D. BOYCE & CO.,

Rodrigue's Block,

MAIN STREET, - - - Lachute.

ORGANS!!



The Doherty Organ leads the market

Sewing Machines

of the best makers, sold on instalment
plan. Ten per cent discount for cash.
Kip Long Boots \$2 a pair; French
Kid Boots \$1.75 a pair, at

J. A. BEDARD'S
Main st. Lachute.

(Sign of the Long Boot.)

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WANTED!!

Poultry.

TURKEYS,
DUCKS,

Poultry

GEESE,
CHICKENS.

Beef by the Quarter, Pork, Butter
a large quantity.

in exchange for the following:

OVERCOATS,

Men's and Boys' Extra value,
Ready made Suits.

All-Wool Tweed Pants.

Remember all our own manu-
facture.

BOOTS & SHOES,

Felt Socks, Gummed Rubbers,
Mitts and Moccasins, Fur Caps,
Fur Coats, Collars, Muffs etc.

GROCERIES.

Send in your orders for Best
Brands of American and Canadian
Coal Oil, which will be delivered free
to any part of the town.

G. J. DAVIDSON,

Main Street,

Lachute.

16-1m.



FREEMAN'S WORM POWDERS.

Are pleasant to take. Contain their own
Purgative. Is a safe sure, and effective
dewormer of worms in Children or Adults



W. J. SIMPSON

Agent,

FOR LEADING

Fire, Life And
Accident.

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For Sale or To Let

THE UNDERSIGNED will sell
the Brick House and lot situat-
ed just outside of Lachute
Town, in the Township of Chat-
ham, on very reasonable terms,
or will let to a suitable tenant,
for further particulars apply to
the proprietor,
10 W. J. SIMPSON.

LUMBER.

The Lachute
Lumber Company
have constantly
on hand, a large
quantity of

Lumber,

DRESSED

and
UNDRESSED

ORDERS may be sent to the

Brownburg.

or left with

W. J. SIMPSON.

"Watchman"
Office.

REMOVAL.

THE UNDERSIGNED having
rented the Building formerly occupied
as a store by Mr. John Bradford, has
removed his

MEAT MARKET.

AND

Vegetable Shops

to this favorable stand. In thanking
the public for past patronage, he still
hopes to give better satisfaction in the
new premises opposite

FISH'S BRIDGE.

D. WILSON,

Butcher.

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