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FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1892.

ANOTHER SAMPLE BRICK

"Lachute, the supposed stronghold of Simpson, defeated him by fifteen votes, and Chatham, the birthplace, left him in the cold."—*Independent*.

The facts are, first: Chatham is not Simpson's birth place, for he was born in the West Ward of Lachute Town, in the vicinity of the Baptist Church. Secondly: the West Ward gave him a majority of 11. Thirdly: Brownsburgh, where Hay resides reduced the last winter's Liberal majority of 77 to 72. Fourthly, Simpson reduced the Liberal majority of 71 given in Lachute Town last year, to 17. This is not a record to be ashamed of, especially when all Dr. Christie's influence was thrown in against the Conservative candidate.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Yesterday, the 17th of March was St. Patrick's Day. In all the large cities in America, the descendants of the inhabitants of the Emerald Isle celebrate the day in commemoration of their native country. Perhaps there is no nation in the world whose love for their country is so much a passion as the Irish nation. The love of a mother for her child could scarcely exceed that of an Irishman for Ireland. It is a noble trait in their character, and one that calls forth the respect and admiration of other peoples. Prosperity has not been a source of inspiration to these people. Ireland has often been bathed in tears of sorrow, and it is in adversity they cling closer to the land that gave them birth. The world is commencing to recognize the fact that the Irish people have been misunderstood, and consequently misgoverned by their Saxon confederates, and that a new method, a new policy must be inaugurated, in order to render that justice to which the sons of Erin are entitled. It has been almost taken for granted that St. Patrick's Day is exclusively a Roman Catholic fête. Such is not the case, as many Protestants take part in the celebration in honor of the patron of Ireland. It is a national holiday, and gives an opportunity for all fresh men irrespective of creed to exhibit their affection for the land of their forefathers. May the day soon come when the bitter strife and national hatred between the two races shall disappear forever, and peace, contentment and happiness reign supreme among the people of Ireland!

THE BROOM AT WORK

It is gratifying to notice that the de Boucherville Government have left no chance for a charge of hesitancy in at once cutting down the expenditure of the late Mercier government. It has been a notorious fact that in all the public offices at Quebec there are three men to do one man's work. A committee of internal economy has been appointed and has decided to at once reduce the staff by one third. The provincial Secretary has ordered a list of all the supernumerary clerks and will at once dismiss all those for whose services there is no longer any necessity. He asserts that a reduction of \$3,000 can be made in his department alone. This action on the part of the Government will meet with the hearty approval of all parties. It is to be hoped that the friends of the members-elect will not urge many claims for favors, which although they may be perfectly entitled to attention, at a serious time like the present when we are on the verge of bankruptcy, should be left in abeyance. The government can only be economical provided the people are desirous of economy. The policy of a government is generally shaped to suit the views of the people. Now, if our people, keep urging upon the government for large sums of money to build roads, bridges, railways, public buildings etc., it will be almost too much to expect from any government, not to comply to a certain degree with the demand, and thus will the expenditure and the debt of the province be kept beyond our means. It is therefore necessary again to appeal to the people.

They were first appealed to by the Lieut.-Governor to keep Mr. Mercier and his extravagant colleagues out of office. To that appeal they responded nobly and elected a new government. We now appeal to them again that this government should get a fair chance to be economical. Do not badger them with appeals for money for every conceivable object, for remember that it is after all your money they are called upon to spend and that it must be paid for by your property. There will no doubt be many office seekers, and while we believe that other things being equal, the government should recognize its friends first, yet let us hope that the friends of the new government will not make the difficult path to economy more difficult by bringing pressure to bear in order to secure positions for which there is no necessity. In regard to the claims of Argenteuil to colonization money, it has not been receiving the share to which it is entitled, simply because it refused to bow down to Count Mercier and elect a supporter of his government. It might therefore be reasonably expected that this deficiency in the past years might be rectified, but should the government decide, that the sums so voted must be reduced, it is right that we should good naturedly submit, provided that in the distribution of the sum total, Argenteuil should receive the legitimate share to which it is entitled.

A GROSS INSULT.

Considerable feeling has been aroused in the Gore, Mille Isle, Morin and Howard by the grossly insulting language used towards the inhabitants of these places by the *Independent* in referring to the late contest. The words referred to are as follows:—"They" i. e. the farmers of the North Eastern part of this county, "have shown that they are fettered by the chains of party, linked securely to corruption and bound to wilful blindness of the true issues at stake." Such language is certainly not very complimentary, nor was it intended to be so, to the honest, intelligent men of those townships. In fact it is quite untrue as we can show. If we are to judge our inhabitants by the verdict given all over the province, then the most intelligent parts of our county are those parts which gave Mr. Simpson the largest majorities. A blind, unreasonable fidelity to party, prevented Liberals in the front of the county from doing what those in the rear had the moral courage to do, i. e. condemn effectually boodling in their own party, by casting the votes to keep Mercier out. In the township of Gore, there were 29 Liberal votes cast last winter while this year there were only 16. That does not look as if the Liberals of the Gore were "fettered by the chains of party," or deserved to be insulted because they could not consistently vote for a candidate who would not declare straight against Mercier. To say that all the intelligent, thinking, impartial men voted for Hay, and that he was defeated by the votes of ignorant and illiterate men, is not only simply to insult the larger portion of our people but, is silly in the extreme. The answer to such a statement is contained in the next page, where it is stated that most of the rejected ballots were those favorable to Hay." Now if Mr. Hay's supporters are all so intelligent, how does it come that so many of them did not know how to mark their ballot. It cannot be a fault of the Returning Officer, who, with the majority of the deputies were favorable to Mr. Hay. It must have been due to ignorance and illiteracy. As a matter of fact Mr. Hay does not owe his defeat to the ignorance of his opponents, nor to any unfair methods, nor to his own personality, for he proved to be one of the strongest candidates the Liberals ever had, but he did owe it to the fact that he was supporting a bad cause. The sins of the Mercier administration could not be thrown overboard without a straight condemnation of Mercier and approval of the Lieut.-Governor and Mr. Hay sank under the weight. As a new source of satisfaction the majority of Mr. Owens over Weir is published and we are told that although Simpson is elected, yet there is a net Liberal gain of 428. This is cold comfort when it is remembered that Mr. Owens' majority was composed chiefly of Liberal votes, Mr. Hay

himself being among the number. Whether irregularities occurred at the Mille Isle poll, as is alleged, or not, the fact remains that the will of the people of Argenteuil is that Mr. de Boucherville should get a fair trial.

AN ECONOMICAL GOVERNMENT.

It is evident from the Estimates of expenditure laid upon the table of the House of Commons a few days ago that the Dominion Government have resolved to continue the policy of wise economy which has thus far enabled them to make both ends meet, notwithstanding the enormous remission of taxation last year by the abolition of the sugar duties. Parliament was asked to vote \$44,050, 274 last year to meet the expenses of the country while this year the amount demanded is only \$41,548 180,—a diminution of over two and a half millions. This announcement, we are convinced, will be greeted everywhere with the utmost satisfaction for it indicates a careful handling of the people's money which the tax payers well thoroughly appreciate. In his excellent summary of the detailed expenditures the parliamentary correspondent the *Empire* furnishes many proofs of the wisdom with which the pruning knife has been applied, for there is a miserably economy as much to be avoided as profuse expenditure. There are increases as well as decreases recorded, and such enhanced votes as the extra money for the lighthouse and coast service, the postal service, drilling of the volunteers, and kindred expenses, will hardly meet with anything but the warmest approval. The decreases under such heads as legislation, public works, etc., are gratifying proofs that the Government, when necessary, are not afraid to exercise the most rigid economy wherever that can be done without starving the efficiency of the various public services. If the Government of Mr. Abbott and Sir John Thompson required anything to strengthen it in public opinion this announcement of the heavy decrease in next year's national expenditure could hardly fail to elicit the approbation of all classes of the people.

THE OTTAWA GOVERNMENT.

The elections in Ontario have given the government about 68 of a majority. This goes beyond the highest expectation of the most enthusiastic supporter of the Conservative party. Nor can the result be looked upon as strange. When the scandals were investigated in Ottawa public feeling ran high and the mere mention of a politician's name in the evidence was almost sufficient to form grounds of suspicion. The manner in which the government conducted the investigation tended to restore confidence in our public men. In the Tarte enquiry no attempt was made to prevent the truth from being brought out and every opportunity was given to those conducting the investigation to obtain their testimony. The manner in which the report was drawn up presented to the hon-ble. the resignation of Langevin, the expulsion of McGreevy, the prosecution of the contractors and pilfering employees in the buildings, all went to restore confidence in the leaders at Ottawa. On the other hand, Mr. Laurier was evoked with Mercier. The Federal leader had joined hands with the Count, accepted his aid and got the benefit of the large amount of boodle which secured a Liberal majority in Quebec. When the Mercier scandal cropped out at Ottawa, the endeavor on the part of the Liberals in the Senate to burk the investigation by raising stale constitutional questions, the manner in which the accused conducted themselves, the exposures in the election courts when those who had been loud in their profession of purity were compelled to fall before the searching gaze of the law, all these things tended to make the people of Ontario very careful in trusting the Liberal party with any further confidence. With Mr. Laurier premier of Canada, bound by the strongest ties to the Count and Quebec, the Dominion would have proved a veritable milk cow, fed for the purpose of supplying the Count with a larger subsidy. The

OFFICIAL RETURNS.

The following is a list of all the polls and the number of votes cast for each Candidate in the last Provincial election, certified by the Returning Officer, Mr. TITUS BARRON. We also give the vote polled at the election between MR. WM. OWENS and DR. CHRISTIE.

	WM. JOHN SIMPSON	JOHN HAY	MAJORITY FOR SIMPSON	MAJORITY FOR HAY	THOMAS CHRISTIE	WILLIAM OWENS	MAJORITY FOR CHRISTIE	MAJORITY FOR OWENS
Lachute Town (Wards—Quartiers)								
East Ward.....No. 1	17	25		8	30	16	14	
Centre Ward....." 2	48	68		20	75	38	37	
West Ward....." 3	53	42	11		63	43	20	
Parish of St. Jerusalem [Lanes]....." 4	27	95		68	97	18	79	
do do Armstrong's....." 5	23	41		18	47	22	25	
St. Andrews [Sayer House]....." 6	70	44	26		53	67		14
do (Town Hall)....." 7	41	49		8	69	29	40	12
Village Carillon....." 8	12	16		4	13	25		
Chatham, [Davidson's]....." 9	53	45	8		50	50	0	0
do (Front)....." 10	49	38	11		47	75		28
do Brownsburgh....." 11	15	87		72	90	13	77	
do [Warwick's]....." 12	39	37	2		35	34	1	
Grenville Village....." 13	32	19	13		16	44		28
do (Crook's)....." 14	40	45		5	60	48	12	
do [Whitfield's]....." 15	43	30	13		58	47	11	
Augmentation, [McPhee's]....." 16	35	8	27		9	38		29
Harrington, (Lost River)....." 17	19	17	2		26	12	14	
do (Shaw's)....." 18	18	20		2	23	19	4	
Arundel....." 19	18	39		21	49	14	35	
Wentworth, (Nail's)....." 20	19	12	7		14	16		2
do (St. Michel)....." 21	8	7	1		11	7	4	
do (New Settlement)....." 22	7	15		8	22	7	15	
Montfort....." 23	2	3		1	6	0	6	
Gore....." 24	56	16	40		29	50		21
Part Parish St. Jerome, Mille Isles....." 25	57	22	35		20	56		36
Part Township Morin....." 26	46	17	29		20	39		19
Township Howard....." 27	59	12	47		18	21		3
Totals.....	906	869	272	235	1,050	848	394	192

Majority for Simpson,..... 37. Majority for Christie, 202.

intelligent farmers thought, "better bear the ills we have than fly to those we know not of." So much for the question of corruption. But the trade question was one that played the most active part during the campaign. The fact must now be recognized that the people will not have Unrestricted Reciprocity. The sooner Sir Richard Cartwright, or whoever shapes the policy of the Liberal party, recognize this fact, the more likely is his sun to arise again.

A strong government is a guarantee against sectional strife. When a government is strong there is no need to get down on their knees and beg support from any one man or section of men in the House. With a small, uncertain majority, the government might find itself coerced to do things, better left undone. Hon. Mr. Abbott seems to be a success, even as Premier of Canada.

LACHUTE ACADEMY.

The following statistics in connection with the Academy may prove interesting:—

Prof. Boys, 98.	Cate. Boys 5
" Girls, 130.	" Girls, 7
228.	12 240
Pupils in Elem. 147.	
" " Mod. 24.	
" " Acad. 69.	daily av=60
240.	
Pupils, French speaking 9.	
" English " 231.	
240.	
Pupils, Grade I. Elem. 53.	
" " II. " 47.	
" " III. " 30	130
" " I. Mod. 17.	
" " II. " 24-41	
" " I. Acad. 40.	
" " II. " 20.	
" " III. " 9	69
240	240.

J. V. McQUAT.

Killed on the C P R near Pt. au Chene.

Mr. Emery Roy of the Township of Alfred Ont. on Friday 4th, was killed. As the Montreal train on the C P R due at Ottawa at 12.55 a m was approaching Pointe au Chene, just across from L'Orignal, the engineer observed an object on the track, but which, before he could reverse his engine, proved to be a man, who seemed to be sleeping, and over whose body the whole train dashed at full speed. The train was immediately brought to a standstill. The body was bruised from head to foot and the face and hands were so badly disfigured that recognition was almost impossible. Wander Pridham, of Grenville, conducted the inquest.

Grenville Presbyterian Social.

It's a blue look-out for to-night, I wonder if we had not better put it off. So may have thought some of the promoters of the project as on Friday, the 11th, the fierce storm whistled through the crevices, roared under the eaves, and swished the snow in whirling eddies round the corners of the houses. But they did not postpone it, and the event justified their action; for the social held at Mr. Orron Leroy's, by the ladies of St. Giles [Presbyterian] church, Grenville, proved a great success.

Outside, the storm still held sway. Indoors, the reigning powers over the large assemblage gathered there, were pleasures and contentment. Part-songs by the choir, violin and organ discourses, Scotch airs in duetto, vocal solos and duetts, and readings broke in at intervals upon the hum of conversation, and drawing attention to themselves, were thoroughly enjoyed as manifested by applause. Tea and coffee, with sandwiches and cakes of every name, found in a well appointed cook book, amply bore out the promise of the hand bills. Refreshments served at nine o'clock.

Beyond the giving of enjoyment through the social elements, the ladies had another aim in view, therefore the congregation of St. Giles was there, but in the furtherance of the same object all sections of the community were well represented. This purpose became apparent, when about the middle of the entertainment, a general move was made to the large sitting room, and Mr. David Williamson, in the name of the ladies presented Mr. Fraser, their pastor, with a purse, protecting the net with words expressive of the regard and good will not only of the congregation, but of all the residents of the village and environs.

With a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Leroy for the use of his commodious house, and with prayer, terminated a most successful entertainment. Out into the storm once more, not now to talk in expectation, but in glad memory of what transpired, the gratified assemblage took their various ways to home and rest, the latter certainly well earned and needed by the ladies of the church, who throughout, spared no pains nor labor to accomplish their designs of hospitality and generosity.

PLEASANT AS SYRUP.

Mr. Don-las Ford, Toronto, Ont., states that Milburn's Cod Liver Oil Emulsion with Wild Cherry Bark is free from objectionable taste, being almost as pleasant as syrup, while for coughs and colds it gives complete satisfaction, acting promptly even in obstinate cases.

To ALL Purchasers of \$5.00 worth of goods and over a Dictionary will be given on Saturday, March 5, at S. Carsky's, Notre Dame street.

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS in all departments for Saturday, March 5, at S. Carsky's, Notre Dame street.

OTTAWA COUNTY RETURNS.

Mr. Rochon the Mercier candidate was elected at the last general election, with a majority of about a thousand. The following is the return so far heard from.

	Con. Tetreau	Lib. Rochon
Hull City.....	201	
St-Anglique No 2.....	3	
Aylmer Town.....	06	
East Tempe-ton No 1 and 2.....	103	
West Hull No 1.....	8	
do 2.....	24	
do 3.....	2	
do 3 a.....	13	
East Hull No 1.....	1	
do 2.....	6	
Montebello.....	27	
Buckingham Town.....	175	
do Township No 1.....	51	
do No 2.....	18	
do No 3.....	59	
Kazabazua No 1.....	41	
do No 2.....	5	
Bouchette.....	1	
Cameron.....	4	
North Watfield No 1.....	42	
do 1 a.....	25	
do No 2.....	15	
Hibbs.....	45	
Leve No 2.....	37	
Hull South.....	76	
Augmont.....	14	
Egan.....	59	
Kendington.....	31	
Lechabazua.....	4	
Papineauville No 1.....	3	
do 2.....	19	
Matteve and Derry.....	8	
do 1.....	12	
Pointe au West.....	29	
do No 1.....	4	
St. Ardeveville.....	41	
Ripon.....	59	
Hawthell.....	16	
Suffield and Adirondack.....	10	
Bonsecours.....	33	
March 1 a.....	16	
" " 1.....	18	
St. Mathias.....	15	
Base Wells Merill and.....		
Ridow.....	29	
Ponsonby.....	2	
Amherst.....	16	
Gatineau Point.....	1	

There are yet 4 places to hear from Marchand Clys, Joly and Northfield Farm. The majority so far reaches 551, and will probably be increased to 600.

NEW SPRING MANTLES in all the latest European styles for early and late spring wear. S. Carsky, Notre Dame street.

DIED.

MCGIBBON—At Victoria B. C. March 16th 1892. James W. McGibbon youngest son of the late Alexander McGibbon of Brownsburgh, aged 27 years 11 months. Notice of Funeral on arrival of body from the West.

BEDARD—At Victoria B. C. the wife of Thos. Bedard, formerly of Lachute. WOODHOUSE—At Tweed Ont. on Monday, March 14th, Mary Louisa Quinn, wife of George W. Woodhouse.

ELECTION IN PRESCOTT.

In Prescott county nominations are on the 23rd instant, polling on the 30th. J. W. Thistlethwaite is returning officer. Mr. Joseph Lemieux has been offered the Conservative nomination, while Mr. Proulx, the unopposed Liberal will, it is understood, try again.

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