

A few days ago we referred to the importance of one vote in an election, and quoted a number of instances where one vote had caused very serious results. Occasionally the apathy with regard to securing the right voting rate to a great extent occurred lately in the Commune de Givros, Department of the Rhone, France, where out of 2714 votes only one was cast. It is one of the most curious features of so-called self-government that electors seem to place so little value on their individual vote, and, through apathy, will allow persons to be elected who are not acceptable to the great majority of the community, nor possessed of any special qualities for conducting the affairs of the country. It is one of the highest privileges they enjoy under a free government to take part in the election of representatives of the people; and the man who has a vote, and does not cast it on election day, commits a crime against himself, but to many of his fellow voters. The result, so far, of the recent election in Montreal West has very clearly shown the importance of each vote. About 1000 electors, out of a total of 10,000, or nearly one-third failed to do their duty and make some expression of their opinion. It cannot be of much importance unless the electors who do not vote will be another election in Montreal in the course of a few weeks—Montreal Centre—and we hope to see more interest shown in the vote polled than was done a week ago.

CITY COUNCIL.

An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held last evening. Ald. Nelson in the chair, in the absence of both the Mayor and Acting Mayor.

THE PRESIDENTIAL QUESTION.

Ald. Hood presented a petition from residents of the Island of Montreal, Quebec, who are in business in the City of Montreal, and who are protesting against the proposed annexation of the Island of Montreal to the City of Montreal. The petitioners state that the annexation of the Island of Montreal to the City of Montreal would result in the loss of the Island of Montreal to the City of Montreal, and that the City of Montreal would be deprived of the Island of Montreal. The petitioners also state that the annexation of the Island of Montreal to the City of Montreal would result in the loss of the Island of Montreal to the City of Montreal, and that the City of Montreal would be deprived of the Island of Montreal.

ROUND TOWN.

A number of blankets were yesterday placed in charge of the police, who were found in a passage-way, and are supposed to have been stolen from a clothes line. Ald. Greiner introduced a bill to amend the provisions of the Act relating to the payment of salaries to members of the Council. The bill provides that the salaries of members of the Council shall be paid in advance of the month in which they are due. Ald. Greiner also introduced a bill to amend the provisions of the Act relating to the payment of salaries to members of the Council. The bill provides that the salaries of members of the Council shall be paid in advance of the month in which they are due.

SUDEN DEATH.

George Burden, who lived at No. 100 Craig street, was found by the police in a condition of unconsciousness in his room at the Hotel Victoria. He was taken to the hospital, but died shortly afterwards. The cause of his death is not yet known.

NEWS OF QUEBEC.

Quebec, Dec. 17. The dispatch of the Quebec gravels dock before the Harbor Commission for final decision, as far as the Commission is concerned, this afternoon. There is a possibility that a decision will be made in the near future. The Commission is expected to exercise their right of selection, according to the provisions of the Act, and to make a final decision on the matter.

PROBATION.

Washington, Dec. 17. U.S. Probation officers at 3:30 a.m. have been notified by regular train at 1:30 p.m. PROBATION.

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For Middle States, generally cloudy weather, with rain or snow in the morning, temperature and northerly to westerly winds, with light to moderate force during the day.

STARRHEADS, Dec. 16.

The storm which has been raging in the Bay of Biscay for several days, and which has caused an extraordinary death toll, is now subsiding. It is reported that twenty persons are missing from the vessel. No foreign mails have been received here for several days.

HARTFORD, Ct., Dec. 17.

The loss by the burning of the silk mill at Hartford, Conn., is estimated at \$200,000. It is now estimated that the loss is \$200,000. The mill was destroyed by fire on Monday night.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.

Maximilian Humboldt, bookkeeper for the Metropolitan Club, was arrested by the police on Monday night. He was charged with the theft of a large sum of money from the club's safe. The police are searching for other persons who may be involved in the theft.

ALBANY, Dec. 17.

Alfred Rivard alluded to the negotiations between the Grand Trunk Company and the Grand Trunk Company through Mr. Potter, the President, and the principal officers of the Grand Trunk Company, in a speech at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Grand Trunk Company on Monday night.

REPORT WAS ADOPTED.

Ald. Holland moved that an address be presented to both branches of the Legislature praying for the enactment of more effective laws to restrain the sale of intoxicating drinks; also for the appointment of an inspector or inspector of liquor, so as to prevent, as far as possible, the alarming progress of intemperance in this Province, and especially in this city; he desired that a special meeting be summoned to consider the report of the committee.

ALD. MCCOY PREFERRED THAT THE MATTER BE REFERRED TO A SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Ald. Stephens moved that the Special Committee be authorized to inquire into the case of A. S. Rolland, Wilson, Desmarais, Kennedy, Kane, and himself.

ALD. NELSON APPROVED HEAVILY OF ALD. STEPHENS' MOTION.

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DR. FERGUSON FOR SOUTH LEADS, AND MR. WALLACE FOR NORTH, CONSERVATIVE PARTY.

Dr. Ferguson for South Leads, and Mr. Wallace for North, Conservative Party. The Conservative Party of Ontario has elected Dr. Ferguson for South and Mr. Wallace for North. The party is expected to win a majority in the next election.

NOUVEAU PARTI LIBERAL EN FRANCE.

Nouveau Parti Liberal en France. The Nouveau Parti Liberal in France has been formed. It is a new political party that is expected to win a majority in the next election.

THE REPORT OF THE POLICE COMMISSION.

The report of the Police Commission, which was presented to the Council on Monday night, was read and approved. The report contains a number of recommendations for the improvement of the police force.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

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ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS TO-DAY.

D. G. R. MANN, ARCHITECT, BUILDING AND INSURANCE. OFFICE: 401 CRAIG STREET. NEW ADVERTISEMENTS TO-DAY.

NATIONAL BUILDING SOCIETY.

The regular weekly meetings of this Society are held on Wednesdays at 8 o'clock in the evening at the National Building Society, 252 and 264 Notre Dame Street. NEW ADVERTISEMENTS TO-DAY.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN INSURANCE COMPANY.

Capital \$5,000,000. THE ROYAL CANADIAN INSURANCE COMPANY. FIRE AND MARINE. NEW ADVERTISEMENTS TO-DAY.

THE TWIN DOLLAR WATCH.

Can be obtained with a written guarantee at the price of \$1.00. THE TWIN DOLLAR WATCH. NEW AD

Dovany & Co. 1 DAY MORNING, 1874. HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, &c.

By C. L. Stecher. UNRESERVED AUCTION. HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, &c.

By Bookler & Sheppard. AUCTION. HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, &c.

BY AUTHORITY OF JUSTICE. AUCTION. HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, &c.

ASSIGNMENT OF BOOK DEBTS, BY ORDER OF THE COURT.

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AUCTION SALES.

By John J. Arton. WEDNESDAY, 17th INST. 1874. 600 WINNIPEG CITY LOTS.

By E. J. Shaw. SALE OF FIVE BARS PRIME BUFFALO ROSES.

ATTRACTIVE SALE OF VERY choice and valuable goods.

LARGE AUCTION SALE OF THE CROWN OF NEW YORK AND BRISTOL PLANTATIONS.

PERMISSORY SALE OF FIRST-CLASS FINEST QUALITY GOODS.

SALE OF VERY COSTLY AND BEAUTIFUL CLOVES, RICH AND FINE.

LEBIEG'S LIQUID EXTRACT OF BEEF TONIC INVIGORATOR.

COAL! COAL! Lackawanna Coal a Specialty.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC. CURRIE & O'DONOGHUE.

2nd EDITION. FOUR O'CLOCK.

The House will adjourn to-morrow at 11 p.m. on Christmas, and in the interim the Committee on the Tanneries Swap will take evidence in the rooms of the Board of Arts and Manufacturers.

DRIFT OF THE OCEAN.—Capt. Robert Whitehead reports that the whole of the company of an apparently new ship was wrecked lately on the Hawk's Nest.

ROUND TOWN.—The Montreal Telegraph Company have opened an office at Charlemagne, Que.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE Protestant House of Industry and Refuge acknowledges with pleasure the receipt of 7000 lbs. of wool from James Boy.

TRADE BILLS OF WINE, TEA, &c.—The attention of Grocers, Hotel keepers and others is directed to the sale of choice articles in this city.

MONTECALM ST. REPORT.—(Specialists in the sale of Bond Brokers.)

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CASHMERE MUFFLERS!

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