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CLEAN ELECTIONS

From the reports in the Conservative press of yesterday's court of revision for the striking off of names from the provincial voter's list, it would appear that the Liberals sought to wipe out as many voters as they possibly could, without any regard to the fact of their being dead or alive, in the district, or a thousand miles away.

The objections filed were largely to names in the interior because of the fact that they were the names of men who had been engaged in railroad construction work and who had left the district on the completion of construction. The Liberals had apparently gone to a good deal of trouble to check the list of objections and see that none were improperly struck off. Where there was any reasonable doubt at all the Liberals asked that the names be retained on the list without regard to their politics.

In a great many cases the Conservatives, although they admitted they knew nothing whatever about the individuals objected to, and even in some cases where they knew that the individuals had been absent from the riding for as long as a year, endeavored to retain the names on the list.

This policy is apparently being pursued throughout the province by the Conservative organizations, and can be more clearly understood when read in conjunction with the statement of the Attorney General that "this is to be one of the dirtiest elections British Columbia has ever seen."

It is clearly in the interests of clean elections that all ab-

sentees and dead men should be struck off the list.

If Mr. William Manson is reported correctly, he pointed out that "to strike such a large number of names off the list as the Liberals specified would be doing a grave injustice." There would be grave injustice done if one name were struck off the list improperly, but it would be just as highly improper if hundreds of names of dead men or absentees were left on. Surely the Conservatives do not mean to suggest that dead men should retain their voting power. The Conservatives attach pretty strong strings to their voters, but surely these do not stretch into the hereafter.

A clean, true voters' list will make for a clean, straight election. A thorough investigation followed by a thorough clearing out of dead names will satisfy the Liberals. All they ask for is an honest voters' list. There is little danger of anyone who is still in the district being struck off. If a voter is outside the knowledge of the Conservative organizations he must have been gone a long time indeed, and need not be greatly worried about.

It is to the highest interests of both political parties that an election be conducted cleanly. The late Manitoba government had "dirty" electioneering down to a fine art, and what have they made of it. They brought the same methods to bear in handling the finances of the province as they did in winning the last election, and last week they began to pay the price. The McBride government has still to pay the price



THOM HELLEN AND BILLIE O'NEIL
of the Juvenile Bostonians, who come to the Westholme Monday.

for its criminal land policy, as well as for a score of other such little details, but it will have to pay that price just as surely as the tide ebbs and flows. If it conducts the next election along the lines laid down in Manitoba, the price will just be so much the stiffer. Let us have a clean, true voters' list, and a clean, straight fight when the time comes.

CANADA'S FLYING MEN
WILL BE EARLY BIRDS

Toronto, May 18.—Ten young airmen made their first flights over Toronto Bay yesterday morning. The flights were made in the Curtiss flying boats between 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning. There were no further flights during the day, owing to a rather high wind, but so eager were the students to become adepts that they were to muster at 5 o'clock this morning to cheat any wind that may blow today. The school is the largest on the American continent. The students whom Instructor Pierce put through their paces yesterday were W. H. Peberdy, Lieut. D. Hay, Capt. Eric McLaughlin, C. Day, Lieut. D. Joy, R. Courtrage (Brantford), A. S. Ince, Lieut. H. Smith, G. A. Gooderham and C. H. N. Geale.

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2. Parades "A" and "B" Companies will parade in front of the Assessor's Office on Wednesday, 19th inst., and on Friday, 21st inst., at 8 p. m.

Subaltern officers and non-commissioned officers will parade under the Adjutant at the Assessor's Office on Monday, 17th inst., at 8 p. m. Rifle exercises. Secs. (1-10).

3. Church Parade—The Regiment will parade as strong as possible on Sunday, 16th inst., at the Court House site at 10:15 a. m. for the purpose of attending a musical service at St. Andrews Church.

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