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THE SPOTS ON THE SUN.

The wonderful power over certain earthly affairs and disturbances, attributed to the spots on the sun, is denied by many able scientists and affirmed by others with much force of argument, and a strong array of curious facts. The theory is an attractive one for scientific speculation and discussion, and possesses deep interest for the ordinary reader. It is contended that the recent seismic disturbances along the Atlantic coast and in Italy were more or less directly caused by strange and unexpected revolutions and changes on the surface of the mighty orb that lights the world. Prof. Wiggins is a firm believer in the theory and an ardent advocate of its adoption and use in those predictions that have won him world-wide fame, and a good deal of ridicule and condemnation.

If the theory had been fully developed it is possible some relationship could be established the spots on the sun and recent political events in South Victoria. In the north riding some time ago there was a disturbance or overturning of unusual magnitude. The scientists at Ottawa and Toronto, as well as local astronomers and soothsayers, might look into the theory. It will furnish intellectual entertainment and relaxation after arduous argument of another kind. At any rate, whatever theory may prevail, there is much consolation and encouragement in the fact that the sun will continue to rise and shine on victor and vanquished, warming the "cold shades of opposition," and quickening the sterile ministerial fields (this refers to Ottawa, not to Toronto;) and giving new life and vigor to both sides and to all creation.

THE DEPUTY-RETURNING OFFICERS IN THE CONTEST.

The reformers in the contest Wednesday labored under the signal and unusual disadvantage of having to checkmate and foil unworthy tactics of partisan deputy returning officers. We do not recollect any attempt of this kind having been made of late years, or any particular cause for complaint. But in this election many circumstances point to a determination to make as much use as possible of any partisan deputy who could be found willing to lend himself to whatever tactics the situation might require. Early in the day a deputy in the north ward was discovered in a little game that, undetected, would have left the way clear for putting in some good work. He was promptly stopped, and pleaded ignorance, forgetting apparently that he had had long experience in polling, and that he had even been a full-fledged returning officer in a riding contest. The discovery of this game put the reformers on the alert, and they soon learned that the deputies at Ray's and McHugh's, two reform strongholds, were using the wrong oaths for the purpose of blocking reform voters. They had a printed form of oath, similar to that used in the provincial elections, and with which they maintained they had been supplied by the returning officer. The matter was also brought to the attention of Mr. Dunsford, but we regret to learn he declined to take action to put the deputies right, even to indicate, by a brief writing, which was the proper form of oath and which was the improper form. The inaction of Mr. Dunsford in this matter has caused considerable adverse comment. It would seem to the ordinary mind that it would have been only fair and right if he had taken some steps to correct a gross irregularity on the part of his deputies when his attention was called to the particular case. It may be that no votes were apparently lost to the reform party by the improper action of the returning officer in question; a large number would have been lost if the game had not been defeated. It is a very serious matter indeed if deputy returning officers are to be allowed to become, to a certain extent, partisan tools; and if public confidence in election officials is to be impaired.

THE SOUTH VICTORIA ELECTION CONTEST.

The extra-election in South Victoria has resulted in the return of the conservative candidate by a majority of 50. The contest was fought with great energy and determination; and it is surprising that with the tremendous forces and influences employed in their favor, the conservatives did not roll up the expected majority of 200 counted on by them with great confidence. They were aided by two cabinet ministers—one making two visits to the riding—but a much more powerful influence was developed by Mr. C. H. McIntosh, the contract-broker of Ottawa, and known far and wide as the "boodle" dispenser for the party. His followers were numerous and active.

Mr. Needler made a gallant fight, and deserves the highest credit for his public spirit in entering upon the campaign. He worked hard, and received hearty and energetic assistance. The reform party have good reason to feel proud of him and his record; and he and they have nothing to regret except that they were not able to get out or win two or three votes more than they did in each polling sub-division. Mr. Needler made certain natural gains and sustained certain losses as compared with the February vote. A Lindsay candidate would naturally gain in the town and adjoining townships, but a somewhat better vote was expected in Verulam and Mariposa.

Although beaten in the contest, the reform party have no reason to feel discouraged over the situation. On the contrary, they will be ready to go into the next campaign with vigor and hopefulness, for the riding is a very close one and can yet be "redeemed."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The crimes and coercion bill has been read a second time by the imperial parliament by a large majority.

An excellent suggestion regarding the forthcoming local jubilee celebration is made by "Citizen" in a letter elsewhere printed. Our columns are open to other suggestions, briefly stated, and no doubt some practical, common sense plan will be evolved and adopted. A large committee of leading citizens should be appointed in due course to consider the matter.

Sir Geo. Stephen and Sir Donald Smith have each given $500,000 to build and endow a hospital at Montreal. The city is asked to furnish the site and as soon as this is decided on and the deed is placed in the hands of trustees the erection of the building will commence. It is a princely gift, $1,000,000, and will help to make Montreal famous.

A profound sensation has been caused by the London Times printing an alleged letter from Parnell to an American friend expressing mild regret at the assassination of Lord Frederick Cavendish and approval of the murder of Burke. The letter, it is said, was written to allay the discontent in Irish circles in America with Parnell's parliamentary denunciation of the crime. Mr. Parnell has denounced the letter as a vile and clumsy forgery, which it is beyond doubt. The Times, however, maintains the genuineness of the document and challenges Mr. Parnell to proceed against it for libel.

Commenting on the proposal of the government to build a canal at the Sault the London Advertiser says: "The proposed canal is put to the front to conciliate Ontario tories, and to reconcile them to subsequent demands of a gigantic character. How ministers expect to carry forward these enterprises we don't well see. Canada is already weighted with burdens far in excess of those borne by her neighbor. To-day there are tens of thousands crossing the border and taking up their abode in the United States because of the burdens. The most serious obstacle in the way of the settlement of the Northwest, next to the maladministration of the government, is the enormous indebtedness of the country. We long ago passed the point where expenditure attracts population. The improvement of water stretches would have been valuable before we expended millions upon railways. But what necessity is there at this moment for such a policy? Are we to exclude America shipping from our canals? Is this a part of the policy of retaliation? We have already begun a voyage upon unknown seas. It is not the venture of bold Northmen, but of blusterers, who, having entered upon a policy of extravagance and of isolation, feel that their political existence is dependent upon its continuance. The country has committed its fortunes to the present ministry and it must take the consequence. The one thing to be regretted is, the innocent suffer with the guilty."

PENETANGUISHENE.

[Correspondence of The Post.]

DIPLOMAS.—Mr. Luck and Mr. Nesbitt, teachers of this town, and Miss Clarke of Midland have received their diplomas entitling them to various forms in high schools and collegiate institutes.

CONVICTS.—Two more boys arrived for the reformatory on Friday. The number there now is one hundred and ninety.

POTATOE BUGS.—Even before the snow has all gone the potato vine eater makes his appearance on the sidewalk.

GAME LAW.—Henry Young of Vespra has been fined $10 and costs for violating the game law.

SPRING.—The snow has almost disappeared and once more is heard the rumbling wheels of the waggon.

NAVIGATION.—The various boats in the harbor are being repaired and painted. The ice is fast leaving and before long the bay will be clear.

WAGGONS.—The North Simcoe Railway has been much trouble this spring with washouts, which are often the cause of serious accidents. A few days ago an embankment was washed down an embankment for nearly thirty feet.

SOUTH VICTORIA.

MR. HUDSPETH ELECTED BY A MAJORITY OF 50.

Mr. Needler's Gallant Contest.

Extraordinary Conduct of Deputy Returning Officers—Administering the Wrong Oath—The Rankers Outnumbered—Mr. C. C. Cody placed under Arrest—"Cook Off Sam" Badly Scorched—Notes and Incidents of the Campaign.

The campaign that closed Wednesday evening was fought out to the last with the greatest energy, and was in this respect equal to the contest between Mr. Wood and Mr. Hudspeth some years ago, when Mr. Wood was re-elected after entering the ministry. Both sides had an excellent organization, and worked hard to win. The tory side had two cabinet ministers, Hon. Mr. Foster and Hon. Mr. Thompson, who made able and plausible addresses; but they had also an army of irresponsible and reckless speakers of a low class, never heard before in the riding, and who could really have done their cause no good in the numerous meetings held throughout the riding. Some of the speakers were harmless nonentities or partisans of not more than ordinary recklessness, but a few of them were disgraceful slanderers, whose sole stock-in-trade was personal abuse and the circulation of calumny and slander on the streets and byeways. Two of them were like alarm clocks that, when wound up, rattle off for an hour or two at tremendous speed the same old story. On the reform side Dr. Lauderkin, M. P., and Mr. Fisher, M. P., addressed a large meeting in Lindsay, and the former next evening spoke at Little Britain, and the latter at Manilla. Dr. Lauderkin is a very effective speaker, earnest and impressive, with a humor vein now and then that takes immensely. Mr. Fisher is a quiet, solid speaker, whose sincerity is apparent and whose words carry great weight with any audience. Some arrangements with speakers in the local house failed owing to other engagements intervening. Mr. D. E. Cameron of Lucknow gallantly filled the places as far as possible, and gave a splendid series of addresses in Mariposa and Verulam. Mr. Cameron is a clear, eloquent and incisive speaker, and has such a mastery of public affairs and political questions, and such ready talent for debate, that he would make a leading parliamentary representative, and we shall be greatly surprised if one of the Bruces does not send Mr. Cameron to Ottawa ere long. Mr. Joseph Tait of Toronto rendered most effective service. Mr. Tait is one of the best political speakers in the province, and has great power over an audience. Mr. Peter Ryan of Toronto addressed several meetings. His speech to the immense audience in the old English church Monday evening was one of the finest ever heard in Lindsay. Mr. Coumee of Algoma, an exceedingly able speaker, filled an appointment in North Emily, giving an admirable address. Mr. D. F. Burke, the late liberal candidate for Algoma, did capital work in North Verulam. Mr. W. D. Gregory, president of the Toronto young men's liberal club, rendered valuable assistance in South Mariposa; and Mr. J. C. Drury of Napanee showed very creditable results in Omemee and South Emily in helping in the organizing and canvass. Mr. W. T. R. Preston, it is needless to add, rendered valuable assistance in organizing and holding meetings. Local speakers and workers without number assisted heartily all through the campaign.

Some remarkable and unusual blunder, if nothing worse, has occurred in connection with the forms of oath to be used by deputy-returning officers. They were supplied with proper Dominion forms, but a good many, and perhaps all of them, used the provincial forms, which are quite different. How was this? This is a matter that requires explanation. The blunder caused trouble and hard feeling in some places. Steps were taken to get the proper form of oath for Ray's and McHugh's, and the matter was brought before Mr. Dunsford, returning officer, who declared that he had supplied the proper form, but he declined to forward one duly certified as the responsibility is the premises should rest with the deputy.

At Reaboro, Mr. C. G. Cody, the reform scrutineer, was placed under arrest by the deputy, a high handed and outrageous proceeding. The deputy, Mr. W. N. Rea, insisted on questioning a voter named Patrick Collins as to his qualification; but Mr. Cody maintained firmly that all the deputy could do was to swear the man. Mr. Collins was ready to take the oath, but after some wrangling the deputy took off his coat and threatened to lick Cody and put him out. Mr. Cody defended himself, there was a fuss, a crowd of tories rushed to the assistance of Mr. Rea and Mr. Cody was hustled out of the building. Mr. David Reid was struck and his son was hit several times in a later unpleasantness. On getting outside Mr. Cody got a club and defied his assailants, but finally decided to surrender. The constables placed him under arrest in a building near by, where he did not long remain, however. On receipt of the news Mr. R. B. Dean and others drove to Reaboro, where Mr. Dean saw that the count was properly carried on. Mr. Cody is an energetic scrutineer, and the arrest was made, it is believed, for the purpose of getting him out of the way and leaving the poll free for the others.

Voting went on quietly in town and most of the vote was got in early in the day. During the last hour but few votes remained out. The returns showed a gain of 24 in town for Needler as compared with the February vote, which was a good omen for the reform candidate. Gains were made in Ops and North and South Emily; but a falling off in Verulam and Mariposa gave the battle to the conservatives. The reform headquarters were crowded to excess by electors awaiting the news. When it became apparent that victory was not ours a few remarks were made by several leading members of the committee. Mr. Needler cordially thanked the electors for the hearty support they had given him, and regretted for the sake of their honored leader more than for himself that their efforts had not been successful. The gathering soon afterwards adjourned sine die.

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SONYA.

[Correspondence of The Post.]

THAT'S THE PLACE.—Horsemen in this vicinity have already, or are now making arrangements to have their route bills printed at THE POST printing office. Several bills already issued give great satisfaction and the engravings are much admired by horsemen.

SPLENDID STALLIONS.—Messrs. Prouse & White of Seagrave, Mariposa, have purchased from Mr. Robert Beath of Bowmanville that celebrated stallion Norseman:—Norseman, a grand bay, with one black and three white legs, and a blaze face, got sired by Duchal out of Sally of Millhouse, by Heather Jock. This is a gem of a horse, a fellow with legs and feet that would please the hardest critic, magnificent action and big and massive. Norseman was won on exhibition at Toronto on the 23rd March, and competed against some eighteen others, capturing the first prize. Farmers of this locality would do well to bear in mind that this horse is without exception the best horse that was ever brought into this part of the country. He has taken three first prizes in Scotland. Mr. Prouse intends showing him at Manchester and Lindsay fairs..... Mr. Prouse has also purchased from Messrs. Hasten & Bradley of Stouffville, that blood stallion Blue Bull. Blue Bull was imported from Cleveland, Ohio, and we predict that Hawk Diamond will have to be on the alert or some of these days he will be left. Blue Bull made his mile last fall at Port Perry Central, driven by Dutter Powell, without any training, in 2.35.

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Kirkfield, March 31st, 1887.—40-13.

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