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THURSDAY, MAY 26, 1892.

Death of Sir Alex. Campbell.

The death of Sir Alex. Campbell, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, has removed another of the prominent figures in the public life of the Dominion. The sad event took place on Tuesday last, Her Majesty's Birthday, at the age of 71 years.

Honors to Canadians.

It was generally expected that in the list of honors conferred by Her Majesty on the anniversary of her birthday some eminent Canadians would be included, and by the news received Tuesday evening this expectation was realized. The list of honors to Canadians is as follows:

K. C. M. G.
Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, Premier of Canada.
Hon. Oliver Mowat, Premier of Ontario.
KNIGHTHOOD.
Hon. A. Lacoste, Chief Justice of Quebec.
C. M. G.
Dr. G. M. Dawson, Director of the Geological Survey.

Editorial Notes.

The Jews of Montreal are agitating for the control of the education of their children, and as a consequence are asking that the taxes of property-holders of their faith should be devoted to the support of Jewish Separate Schools. The Jews are a little late in the day in their application. The spirit of the age is against the recognition by the State of religious distinctions in the matter of schools. In a province, however, where two sections of the community enjoy separate schools on religious grounds, it must be admitted the Jews have a strong claim to equal rights.

The hostile tariffs of the United States and France have been telling heavily upon British trade. British exports for April this year were \$15,000,000 less than for the same month last year, whilst for the first four months of the year they were \$35,000,000 less than for the same period of 1891. The decline has been in all classes of goods. The artisans and manufacturers of free trade England engaged in an unequal contest, on account of the high protective tariff of nations which enjoy free trade with England, and the situation is one which is puzzling the statesmen of the latter country. Lord Salisbury in a recent speech hinted at the possibility that England might be compelled to retaliate to some extent in the case of nations which maintain a high tariff wall against British goods.

On Tuesday last Queen Victoria entered upon her seventy-fourth year. Born on May 24th, 1819, she ascended the throne June 20th, 1837, and in a few days will have reigned fifty-five years. But two English Sovereigns

have filled the throne for a longer period: Henry III., who reigned 56 years, and George III. whose reign lasted 60 years. Although Queen Victoria has passed the allotted span, she retains her powers of mind and body to a wonderful degree, and so far as human eye can see she may rule for many years to come. To wish that this may be so is but to utter the prayer of not only her millions of subjects around the globe, but of the millions of all nations outside the pale of the British Empire who have learned to reverence the name of good Queen Victoria. In no other portion of the Empire perhaps was the day celebrated with more heartiness than throughout the Dominion of Canada. All classes and the press of all parties joined in loyal congratulations, which is the best proof that the hearts of the Canadian people in their loyalty to British institutions and their Queen are sound to the core.

The New York Tribune, in endeavoring to account for the failure of Sir Richard Cartwright's party in the late general and bye elections, clearly defines the absurdity of Sir Richard and his followers clinging to the idea of commercial union or unrestricted reciprocity between Canada and the United States, without political union. The Tribune says:—"The Liberals of Canada have been fighting on an issue which everybody knows to be impossible and in which they are known to be insincere. Commercial Union, or Unrestricted Reciprocity, or whatever it may be named, is a chimera. Canada can never be commercially a member of the American Union and politically a dependency of Great Britain. It cannot obtain the advantages of Statehood in our system while owing allegiance to another power. The men, money and markets which Mr. Blake said would come to Canada with a long period of free trade between that country and this are our men, our money and our markets. We are a practical people. We don't give every thing for nothing. When the Liberal party of Canada has the courage to

say what it means, it may find a responsive electorate. But it will neither obtain nor deserve success by talking moonshine."

The Dominion parliament has now been in session three months, and the work has been progressing so slowly that it is not probable that prorogation will take place for a month and possibly two months to come. The opposition though small in numbers are showing themselves keen and long-winded in debate, and as a consequence many items of expenditure in supply have been vigorously fought. The debate on the Redistribution bill promises to be a bitter and lengthy one, as debates on measures of this kind will always be, so long as Parliament attends to the redistribution itself. As in the case of the trial of election petitions, or investigations into political charges, the desire on the part of the public generally appears to be gaining ground that the decennial redistribution of the constituencies should be relegated to a commission of judges. Such a change would remove a bone of contention from the political arena, and spare the public the everlasting howl about gerrymander. The system would be a much safer one than the present, and the constitution would appear to provide for such a change, as the statute reads, "the representation of the four provinces shall be readjusted by such authority, in such a manner, and from such time as the Parliament of Canada from time to time provides." It is to be hoped that when the redistribution of the constituencies again comes round in 1901, a commission of judges will have the work to do. A good deal of campaign material would be lost by the change, but the country could well stand that.

PROVINCIAL Treasurer Hall of Quebec in his late budget speech laid bare the financial condition of his province, and gave a history of matters in this line under the Mercier administration. The net debt of the province in 1887 was \$11,389,000, and at the close of last year had reached the enormous figure of \$24,288,000, showing an increase of \$13,000,000 in five years. The

interest charge, which in 1887 was \$900,000, is now \$1,696,000, a sum larger than the Dominion subsidy to the province. The worst feature, of course, in connection with this enormous increase in the debt of the province is the fact that a large proportion of it was incurred for something worse than extravagance. During the whole period of Mercier rule, the government by tricks of bookkeeping managed to make a fair showing each year. In 1889 it showed a surplus, and last year only a few hundred thousands short. This was done by providing for large expenditures by using trust funds lying in the treasury and by floating loans. By this means the annual deficit did not appear in the general accounts, a system of provincial bookkeeping which is not unknown to some extent in some other provinces. The present government has entered upon a vigorous policy of economy, and promises a reduction in the expenditure of \$680,000, at the same time pointing out the necessity of increasing the revenue by a million by means of taxation. It remains to be seen whether the people of Quebec will support the policy of retrenchment and self-denial aimed at. It is the only way out of the difficulty, as the raid upon the Dominion treasury planned by Messrs. Mercier and Laurier has been intercepted, and the chances of relief from that source are, as they should be, decidedly remote.

Maxim, the inventor of Maxim gun, one of the greatest of American inventors, explains in the June Cosmopolitan how it is possible to build without further discussion a flying machine which will travel through the air at the rate of 100 miles per hour; this without the aid of any gas.

NOTICE OF BY-LAW NO. 650.

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 23rd day of May 1892, the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lindsay, passed a By-law providing "that during the whole of every year all the dry-goods, clothing and millinery shops, situated within the Municipality of the Town of Lindsay, shall be closed and remain closed at and continuously after the hour of six o'clock in the afternoon of each day of the week, except Saturday and the day immediately preceding any public holiday."
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