

Markdale Standard.

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Cabinet Changes.

As owing to the defeat of two cabinet ministers there will likely be a shifting of portfolios in the Dominion Government the Mirror respectfully rises to suggest that Dr. Spruce, the experienced and able representative of East Grey would make an excellent head of one of the Departments—say the Department of Agriculture. Dr. Spruce is an extensive farmer and being well posted in agricultural matters his appointment as Minister of Agriculture would be in the interests of the farming community and also an act of justice to a large section of country which at present is not represented in the cabinet. The member for East Grey has been a prominent supporter of the Government in the House of Commons during the last two years, and if a faithful performance of duty to his constituents, and his party deserves recognition his claims to promotion should be favorably considered.—Meaford Mirror.

All who know anything of Dr. Spruce will agree with the Mirror that the member for East Grey would make an efficient and painstaking member of the Cabinet. The Standard is in entire accord with such a promotion.

Coming Prosperity.

The London Free Press says:—The Dominion of Canada is so placed as to be the highway between Britain and her Pacific trade, the great interoceanic routes have so amazingly contributed to this end. She has a railway route comparatively low in elevation, free from winter and extreme heat in summer, an abundance of coal along the way, with iron and timber for the construction and maintenance of the railway and rolling stock, and at either end a series of harbors held the keys of the world. She possesses the shortest sea routes between the continents, for the construction of the finest material for the construction of the modern steamship and its outfit, and on either side the finest fisheries on which constitute her shores the chosen home of the world.

The movement of this vast mass of the growing wealth of wheat of the West, and the marvelous mineral resources and communications that great men have achieved in this direction, it is but a title of what will be done.

Already clear signs of coming prosperity. Immigrants in the lead of winter are finding their way from the Western States to the more populous provinces of our North west. Every European must bring demand upon the Government for information respecting the mineral and agricultural resources of Canada from the great centers of European mining and trade. A few days since, say the Montreal Gazette, the pioneer of the new Pacific steamship lines left the continental dock yard for the scene of her future triumphs. Great empires from Britain and the United States have invested in our mineral lands, and more are on the way.

It is no wonder that the keenest statesmen of the United States desire to control land of such infinite resources and such enormous promise. It is no wonder that such a conspiracy is on foot to bind themselves to this conspiracy, and become the agents of a foreign and a rival people.

If the scheme of a commercial union is carried out it means that all the vast resources Canada will have the power to procure, the more numerous of her riches while the lucrative results of their full manipulation and the profits of the consequent commerce will go from us. She will be the poor and despised Spain of this continent, while our neighbors will be the Great Britain.

We can form liberal trade relations with the United States with advantage, but we must retain control of our tariff, of our revenues, of our marts, and all that enables us to develop our resources. We must retain the power to encourage to the utmost the locating of the factories and ship yards within our boundaries and fit without. The markets we produce will then be those of the farmers of our land, and not those of another's.

Then the choice of the employment thus made will be at the disposal of the citizens of Canada, and not those of a rival nation. Then the opening up of the great wealth God has imbedded within our borders will go to enrich and to bless and adorn our own people and our own land, and to insure its future stability, prosperity and greatness.

The Pursuit of Happiness.

At the time of the death of the late Wm. H. Vanderbilt a well known broker was reported to have said that Vanderbilt, some weeks prior to his death, spoke of himself as a gone, and continuing said, "All this money I've got is a trap. I would give it all to your health," to which his friend half seriously and half seriously replied, "Well, too much money is a nuisance." The hapless time in life when I was worth three hundred thousand dollars." "And the happiest time of my life," rejoined Vanderbilt, "was when I was working on my Staten Island farm."

How often we hear the remark from those in humble circumstances, "Unless I fall lots of money here we cannot expect to have a good time." "There is no real poverty trying to have a good time," do Vanderbilt's body is carefully put away and

the following former residents of Holland paid off village a visit on election day: John Wild Cherry, who used to earn \$100 a week; Mr. and Mrs. John G. Clegg, Whipping Cough, Bonchon, Whipping Cough, Loss of Voice; and his wife died; Misses H. S. Williams, Corbettton; Mrs. Bruce, Toronto; Joseph Fanning, O. & Son; Robert Alcock, Durban and D. Telford, Sudburn.

A Magistrate's Court was held here before Squier's Provo and Hattie Iron on the 1st inst., the plaintiff W. J. G. Jackson charging Joseph Jack with assault. The defendant got off by paying \$6.65 and costs.

SUNDER DEATH.—Thomas Farley, after about a week's illness, of pleurisy and inflammation of the lungs, died on Tuesday, the 10th, aged 16 years. The funeral took place on Friday, Rev. T. L. Armstrong of Chatsworth officiating.

Maxwell.

Our correspondent has been ill, but now is fast recovering. And is at present like a child, which is a great relief.

The spring is quickly coming on, and the weather is very warm. The birds are out, and bring to hopefulness to his fellows. A old whose mother, jealous, envious, narrow minded, living largely in gloomy imagination, is gradually led upon the mill of disease and disorder. The natural result is a morbid, slow, feeble growth. No boy's mind can be expected to be active in estimate of desirable thought, and his body is feeble, upset, nervous and his mind is in a匣中匣 (a box) with an undertone of the mirth is as certain as the coming of the morrow's sun.

Chatsworth cor. in O. S. Advertiser.

On Monday evening last, a couple of young fellows giving their names as Wm. O'Neill and Harry Macdonald, the former of whom had his left leg off at the knee and travelled with the aid of a crutch, were to see Mr. John McDonald, J. P., for stealing from Mr. M. Somers, hotel keeper here, two gold watches, four gold rings, two gold chains, a silver army medal for good conduct, a gold pocket, a cross and several other pieces of jewelry and were sent up to a higher court.

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