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TEA TIME TALK

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been established. Emancipation, however, precipitated a crisis, which was rendered yet more serious by the constitutional amendments which gave citizenship and suffrage to the negro. Soon after the close of the war in 1865, various individuals, churches and other agencies, directed and financed by the whites, attacked the problem.

Negroes have entered all of the professions. Some 400 periodicals are published for and by the U. S. negro. They have made definite contributions to modern art, especially in music.

Yet without belittling the negroes' efforts, it has been deemed wise to withhold government offices from them. They are a bit timid about the question and reluctant in acknowledging that the vote is denied them. There is an old story of Sambo, who when asked about his right to vote or not, evaded the question by saying: "Wall, I nebba does seem to get dar on time; I gets dar too soon or too late, so I jes nebba has had de chance to vote."

Since primaries are unknown in our country, let us see how and why they originated. A primary election is held by the voters of a party to determine the party's candidate for office. When carried out by a legally prescribed election and as a substitute for local meetings or conventions, it is generally termed the "direct primary". In the "nonpartisan primary" all aspirants to office regardless of political affiliations, enter the primary election and members of all parties are eligible to vote.

Unlike our provincial government where the Premier is elected through the election of his party candidates in each allotted riding, in U. S. not only the Governor (Premier) is elected by popular vote but many of the officials holding public offices. These offices are filled by appointment in Canada, but not so here. There are some exceptions such as State Road Commissioners, who are appointed by the Governor. Such positions did not exist as many years back as the older offices of sheriff and tax collector or assessor. There are advantages in both methods. Some say the single ballot method favors the voter and the compound ballot favors the politician.

Still there may be disadvantages in either. Here it is more than common for friendly groups to place a man in office whether he be fully qualified or an efficient servant of the people. There is much, so much, of the clique government everywhere but it is blazingly prominent in the States at present. To be unsympathetic towards these groups is to be coldly left on the outside of all things pointing to political gain. There is only one thing left to do. And that is to be able to live without their influence one way or another. It is evident to some degree in Canada too, of course, but not to the same extent where the population is not so great nor so cosmopolitan. The foreign element is nosing its way into all walks of our national life to such an extent that they are ruling us before we become aware of it. There is more dictatorship existing in America than the easy-going person ever dreams of. The facts prove that thousands of voters are afraid to make it known how they cast their vote; that when the trend of their votes becomes known they or their children lose their jobs; and the method of voting here is such that if crookedness exists it is possible to check up on the ballots and find out how the person in question has voted. Then too, whole groups or organized factions swing the vote of thousands of people through fear. What else is that but a smoke-screened dictatorship? But with shame we must face the fact that this is happening the world over to a great extent. United States and many countries speak of their liberty but alas it is becoming less and less a thing to boast of. In fact in some things where liberty dwelt there now exists a dynasty of fear and force. But just where to put

one's finger on it is the question. It is as subtle and poisonous as the deadliest snake. It creeps in the over-shadowing grasses of citizenship, patriotism, governments, colleges and churches. It is ever coiled ready to strike, and from its fangs flow the venom which stifles life at its best, faith, loyalty and freedom. Freedom! Who is free any more? Only those crusaders who dare to face the future bravely and wholeheartedly no matter what comes, with a conviction that the Master Builder had blue prints of the world at large and his buildings have stood the storm this far and He will see them through to the end.

Next week this article on American politics as compared to those of Canada will be continued, giving the direct results of the Florida Governor's battle for office with fourteen contenders having started in the race.

WODEHOUSE

Berry picking is the order of the day. The wild strawberries are not as good a crop as last year.

Haying has commenced. Some of the alfalfa is being cut.

Mr. Sanford Ward and sons of Markdale are busy shingling Mrs. W. J. Ward's barn.

Mrs. Beauty of Swift Current, formerly Miss Eva Small and a teacher several years ago in Wodehouse school, called on a few old friends here the past week who were delighted to meet her again.

Misses Evelyn and Eileen Wiley of Detroit and Toronto respectively and Mrs. Smith and little daughter of Owen Sound have spent the past two weeks holidaying with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wiley, sr., and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Buchanan and family of Owen Sound were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wiley sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wiley and daughters visited with Mrs. Fred. Clark at Dundalk.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Cherry, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. Bussey and daughters of Markdale, visited with friends at Meaford and Clarksburg recently.

The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Jno. Morrison on Wednesday afternoon. The ladies intend holding an Ice Cream Social on Thursday evening of this week. In connection with it they are having a church shower of articles in the line of dishes, silverware and table linen in the hopes of adding to the present supply, which will aid in the serving of suppers, etc.

Mr. McKee of Toronto gave a very fine Temperance address in New England church on Conference Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Mr. McAuslan.

Several from the neighborhood attended the S. S. Convention at Epping last week and also a number of ladies attended the W. I. Convention at Dundalk. The reports from the S. S. Convention were given at the morning service on Sunday and were excellent papers, given so well that all who could not attend the convention were able to enjoy it very much. On Sunday next service will be in the evening at 7.30.

Mr. Newt. Hutchinson has taken down his woodshed and is busy erecting a new foundation to rebuild again. Mr. Robt. Brown is also doing some shingling.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wiley and girls were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. McAfee, Sligo.

Mr. Frank Ball and several of the young men of the neighborhood were at Midland on Sunday visiting their old pal, Mr. Bill Thompson.

Mrs. Catchpole, formerly of Markdale, is assisting at the home of Mr. R. H. Wiley. Miss Ella and her mother are somewhat improved at present.

Mrs. Harry Sewell of Markdale visited her daughter, Mrs. Roy Kirkpatrick, for a few days.

Mr. Ed. Wilcox visited recently with his brother in Toronto.

School closed on Friday last. Mrs. Dolan was presented with several pieces of glassware and an address.

Mrs. Harry Cherry and children of Cherry Grove are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Cherry.

Mr. Frank Wiley has recently completed the moving of the house on the lot at the corner and when a foundation is completed will have it erected on it as an addition to his home. Mr. Dave Graham of Kimberley had the contract.

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