

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE Scott Act passed in the County of Marquette, Manitoba, by a very large majority.

The Evening World is making rapid strides to the front ranks of journalism. It is fast becoming a powerful rival to the Evening Telegram.

THERE is no denying that the coal-tax and the duty on sugar are two intolerable nuisances, and the sooner they are removed the sooner will the opposition of a good many working people to the National Policy come to an end.

THE "HUM.—In the Belleville Council the other day, Ald. Petrie, who is a Conservative, and voted for the N. P., declared that the population had fallen off so much that it would not exceed nine thousand.

QUEEN VICTORIA narrowly escaped an accident during her recent journey to Balmoral. At a station called Solihull, not far from Birmingham, a signal-man was overtaken by violent hemorrhage, which so weakened him as to incapacitate him from attending to his duties.

THE latest "ring" formed at the expense of the consumers under the fraud-protecting influence of the N. P., is a ring of coal oil manufacturers. The gentlemen have already advanced the price of coal oil to 30 cents wholesale, and 40 cents retail.

THE QUEEN was, it was generally understood, much opposed to accepting Mr. Gladstone as her adviser. It was said that he was not in the habit of deferring enough to her personal feelings and opinions upon matters of State to please her.

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THE Chicago Christian Instructor thus refers to the exodus that all well-informed people know is in progress from Canada to the United States:—

"People in the United States are not in the habit of looking to Canada for immigrants, and it is probably a matter of surprise to many readers that in June last more than twelve thousand Canadians sought homes in this country; that the average immigration from that country is about seventy thousand a year, and that Ireland and Germany rank but little ahead of Canada in the numerical proportion of our population furnished by them."

THE fact is that, in all the American cities, from the Atlantic to Lake Michigan, Canadians form a large proportion of the population, and in the Far West and on the other side of the Rockies they are plentiful.—Ex.

THE Montreal Herald says:—"Oh, Sir Leonard Tilley only made a few good-natured remarks to the proprietors of the brewery at Halifax, and only said he hoped that, if people would drink beer, they would drink that of the N. P. quality—good or bad, we suppose. That is the revised Conservative version of the Minister's wishing God-speed to the makers of what, at a tea-total meeting, he would call liquid damnation. Only think of such an explanation. Good-natured remarks, quotha, to the concoctors of perdition to thousands, according to Sir Leonard's theories when on the platform! Apply that to the dealers in other and more undoubted wickedness, and see how it would look for Sir Leonard to say, in a good-natured way, that he hoped, if people would be immoral, they would spend the money on national establishments of vice, and that the panders to the sin could find that, under his fostering care, all the mischief was done, and the profit made by those who handle the native article. What ideas of morality and consistency Conservative journalism breeds?"

SIR JOHN McDONALD came home from England with a handsome little present in his pocket for Hon. Hector Langevin. "Sir" Hector was quite pleased when he was presented with the handsome little handle for his name, which is becoming so fashionable now. We congratulate him on his Knighthood. If we can raise seventy-five cents by the time Sir John has another errand to England, we propose sending for one by him, as he can get them cheaper than any person else.

Grip was unusually good last week. Among other things he has a cartoon entitled "Hitting the wrong party." It represents the investigation of the Pacific Railway Commission, which was largely instigated by Sir Charles Tupper, as resulting differently to what was expected. Sir Charles is represented as holding a long cord, to which is attached an immense thorn ball, with which it is intended to strike Hon. Alexander McKenzie, but which, when thrown, strikes Sir Charles a tremendous blow on the head, while Hon. Alex. stands there in bold defiance, holding up the records of the investigation to the public, which causes Sir Charles to wince beneath the exposure.

THE PACIFIC RAILWAY.

SINCE our last issue, very little has been learned concerning the conditions upon which the Pacific Railway is to be built, and there has, as yet, been nothing definite announced concerning an early meeting of Parliament. Numerous rumors of various characters have been set afloat; but these are scarcely to be relied upon. Some of them state that the whole negotiations have mysteriously collapsed, while others state that the construction of some of the difficult sections of the road through our own Province has

that our Local Government had declined to ratify the eight thousand dollars per mile, which was to have been given towards its construction. There are many others of a like nature, which we regard it as unwise to give too much credence to, until there is more reliable information. There is too much of a tendency on the part of opposition journals to take up every rumor that may be set afloat before there is any certainty that it has any foundation. This is an unwise policy, wherever it may manifest itself. We do not believe in giving credence to every rumor that may reach our ears, nor yet that may appear in print; but when a thing becomes a certainty is the time to speak out boldly. And when we say boldly, we do not mean going to extremes, nor with a manifestation of prejudice or bigotry; but, after careful deliberation and thought, and arriving at a definite conclusion, guided by the standard of right and wrong, or by matured judgment, in cases where the question of right and wrong is not involved, and it is a mere matter of opinion, express that conviction in firm, unwavering, yet unprejudiced sentiments. Now, in the matter of submitting the terms of the agreement, as arrived at by Sir John and his colleagues, to the people before going before Parliament with them, it is a decided wrong to the people who, by their vote, placed him in the high position of trust which he occupies, and they will not easily forget acts of despotism when they are again called upon to exercise their franchise. The people are beginning to look at the matter as a serious injustice, individually and nationally, and they cannot be censured for speaking out very emphatically through the press. They are beginning to think that there is something about it that will not bear the light; for if it were all that Sir John stated at Montreal, the sooner it was made manifest the better it would be for himself, and they all know that Sir John is not the man that, when he has done any great thing that would call forth applause, and raise him in the estimation of the public, to keep it back longer than it is impossible to avoid. With this knowledge, we do not wonder that many intelligent persons are beginning to regard the whole scheme as a grand fiasco.

A DARK CLOUD GATHERING.

As we look across the eastern sky it does not require the aid of either a microscope or a telescope to discern the appearance of a war-cloud above the horizon and it has already become larger than a man's hand. The storm has been brewing for some time and when it does burst forth, we may expect a storm such as Europe has not witnessed for some time. Turkey has been a thorn in Europe's side and especially England's, for many years, and it would seem now that her end is approaching rapidly. She has virtually defied all Europe to enforce the conditions of the Berlin Treaty, and there she stands, alone shall we say; nay not alone, for we are of the firm conviction that there is a mighty power, not openly, but secretly, encouraging her in her defiant course, and that power is none other than Russia. There appears to be some underhanded intriguing on the part of Russia to fan the flame, having, no doubt, important selfish ends in view in doing so. If the matter comes to an amicable settlement, it will not be Russia's fault. And while the powers seem to have a desire to bring the thing to an amicable conclusion, and the Emperor William, to whom the Porte looks for advice, has advised a compliance, yet, should it be accomplished, for the present, it can only be a temporary thing, for the doom of Turkey is sealed. She must be annihilated, and while there are many difficulties which would undoubtedly arise in the division of territory, yet these difficulties must be faced sometime, and the sooner it is an accomplished fact the better. At the present, the question is "Is the Sultan going to triumph over Europe or is Europe going to triumph over the Sultan?" One or the other must yield; and the position the Sultan is taking seems to manifest a determination that, if he has got to yield, it will only be with a struggle, and if Turkey has got to fall, it will be in the face of all Europe. There seems to arise a grave difficulty, however, in the annihilation of Turkey, and that is the strong Mahomedan element by which she and many of the surrounding countries are linked together, and a great deal of caution will have to be exercised on the part of the powers in the event of an interference. And should England have to draw on Canada for men, which she would probably have to do, as she would then have her hands more than full, it is hard to tell what stand the United States would take in the matter. From the present appearance of things, and the natural evolution of circumstances, we think we fast approaching the

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