

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

The Liberal.

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SPEAK PLAINLY.

During the election campaign previous to the 26th of June, Mr. W. R. Meredith said from many political platforms that he was opposed to the principle of Separate Schools, but that Ontario was powerless in abandoning that system, as the act granting them is now a part of our constitution. The Grits contended—and quite properly—that this being the case, the question should never have been made an issue, as it only created an ill-feeling between religious denominations, with no chance of bettering the condition of the schools. Many people, however, felt satisfied that, privately, Mr. Meredith told his friends that if elected to power he would use his utmost influence to abolish the sectarian schools. An editorial in a recent issue of Saturday Night also bears out this idea. The editor says:—"I always wondered, if Mr. McCarthy were really earnest in his advocacy of an abandonment of the Separate School system, why he did not support Mr. Meredith, who was fighting along those lines." As Mr. E. E. Sheppard, the editor of Saturday Night, made a tour through different places with the leader of the Opposition, it is altogether likely that he would know his sentiments. It really looks as if Mr. Meredith had not the courage of his convictions. If the Conservatives wish to start an agitation looking to a change in the constitution with reference to the abolition of Separate Schools, they should plainly say so.

THEY SHOULD RETIRE.

The Orange Sentinel, which has been a very strong supporter of the Dominion Government, thinks that the time has come when something must be done to put a check on frauds in the department of public works. The Sentinel points out that some time ago when it was found that Mercier and his gang were involved in dishonest transactions in Quebec, they were speedily hurled from power, and says that "when the next Dominion elections come on every candidate who has, directly, or indirectly, received money from contractors, or corporations of any kind, should be excluded from all political conventions, and be forever disqualified from setting in the Dominion or Provincial Parliaments."

Only a few weeks ago Sir A. P. Caron, on the floor of the House at Ottawa, acknowledged that he had received a large sum of money from Government contractors for election funds, and he brazenly told the members that he would do the same thing again if an opportunity presented itself.

YORK'S WARDEN.

Great surprise was expressed when it was made known about a week ago that Mr. D. G. Stephenson, reeve of East Toronto village, and warden of the county of York, had made an assignment, and taken his departure for parts unknown. It is scarcely yet known what the late warden's liabilities are, but it is feared they are heavy compared with the assets. Mr. Eakin, Clerk, has officially notified every member of the Council of the occurrence, requesting a reply as to whether they desire another warden to be elected. If the majority favor this idea, a special meeting will be called at once. It is to be regretted that Warden Stephenson did not have courage enough to stand his ground and assist his friends and creditors to disentangle the thread of difficulties into which his complicated business seems to have been drawn.

Although there has yet been no official declaration of war between China and Japan, these two eastern nations are already in deadly conflict with each other in order to ascertain which of the two countries is to have control of the Korean peninsula. Late despatches go to show that the Japanese have sunk several of the Chinese war-ships, and that they are likely to soon capture or destroy the remainder of the fleet. In all probability the Japs intend to inflict injury upon their neighbors by naval engagements, as it is scarcely likely that their 40,000,000 will think of pitting themselves against China with a population of 350,000,000 if the war were to be carried on on land. It is thought that the islanders are altogether too aggressive, and it is feared that other nations may soon be drawn into the war.

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