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THIRD PARTIES IN POLITICS

"or to show that these grievances yet a while. have no foundation in fact."

All this has reference to the province of Quebec, where conservatism has The federal opposition has liberal party is being attempted by All-Blue line. Mr. Bourassa. The opportunity

The third party, however, does no

ISSUE OF THE ELECTION.

Mr. Taft. He has just made a great

tion, will be remembered. The great

True, there is the desire of some

people still to evade the law, and to

fine fails of its purpose, for the pre-

ent. Instances have been cited where

and public opinion will favour punish-

Parent government, and there fol- better take warning lowed a dissolution of the legislature A Bourassa would have found that the A contemporary remarks upon the occasion to pour in some hot shot, hard work which Mr. Borden is taking to electrify the party which he led, upon himself in a tour of Canada. and to capture public support by the must do something for that \$7,000 brilliancy of his campaign. Instead year. of action from the conservatives there

was almost liberal in its membership The few conservatives who found seats in the legislature have been lost hands of his opponents. sight of. Mr. Leblane, who represents the opposition, had a meeting the It will be as well for Mr. Borden to

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reformed. The National Association

other day in his constituency, and had await the trial of his election petition difficulty in explaining why he had ac- before starting out to talk of politicomplished nothing. It remains for cal purity. The arrangement of the he liberals to criticise eachtother, and court may be best after all.

Mr. Bourassa wants a permapen lation. What about the legislative ment may not be the ideal, but it is one of the best Quebec has had, and Is it not expensive enough?

its members are high minded and hon- The city made a scrious mistake ourable. They will not suffer by the that it did not sell its debentures (the shots that are being aimed at them, electric departments), months ago. 15 to 25% discount on all and the assault will make them care- Money is getting dearer, and munici-

Has the city more money than knows what to do with? Not much The streets department is after excited by the rioting that took place spare cash of the electric light department, and in vain. The people did not get cheap light a day too soon.

A contemporary does not see th utility of the Lemieux labour act What about the second settlement ty in the next presidential election; in the United States, will be Mr. Taft, the Grand Trunk, and with its engineers? Is it not a triumph of conthe favourite of the present ruler in ciliation? Prof. Shortt has reason to American politics, and the favourite be-proud of his success, as chairman in his government. For a while the politicians hovered in their allegiance. of the arbitration board.

pledge not to be a candidate again, risburg does not endorse the declaraand the forces have been uniting on tion. Who are the troublers anyway?

### speech, and some of its points are Worth attention. The fight of Mr. Roosevelt with the SPRIT OF enate, regarding the anti-rate legisla-

What, Never? corporations resisted it, but the presi- Hamilton Herald.

the railway companies. They spent cabinet, their money in the futile attempt to

defeat it, and between the time of its passage and the time of its going into effect more notices of reduced rates on the bargain counter.

### .Great Inventors.

in a fine-especially when it is as the chips died a few days ago, but the make the minimum of mi is as news only aroused in some men a mild large as that which was lovied on the feeling of wonder as to what became Standard Oil company-and there is of the man who invented poker chips. education ostentationsly sows ground

Sir Wilfrid In Retirement.

juries were exceedingly lenient, how- for his holidays. There are neither

## ment by confinement, and the cribbing Montreal Herald.

of one or two of the great offenders will work marvellous results.

Mr. Taft notices the disposition of some men to become unduly wealthy,

Meanwhile, Mr. Gouin and his ministers without making much noise about it, have paid all the province's expenses for the year and reduced, out of a surplus of \$502,183, the debt the candidates to permit of their becoming properly qualified. This missue commendation I used Dr. Hamilton's commendati some men to become unduly wealthy, of a surplus of \$502,183, the debt the becomes the subjects of swoollen conservatives delighted to increase by the remedy so obvious that one won- It is for this reason that I strongly Inheritance Tax, so definite and decis-

## Doing Pretty Well.

make a different use of their money dur- Canada may not yet be ready

GENCE ARE REQUIRED.

Writes of Education Question.

of Manufacturers, a representative inshould take place. Some demanded it pert knowledge, nor the habits of a student, to do a creditable job; for the lation is simple, and faults are easily The Taft platform is the platform sibility of repair awaits ignorance, inall God's creation, if it be true that are told, will grow, sometimes, and likely opponent of human capacity is the most complithe only way to destroy them is "to is anywhere stored, that intelligent the passing of poor ones, the examinachievement, once gone wrong and ation thus becomes not a measure of thing in the world to set right, the ject, but of the scraps of information. lesson surely is obvious regarding the often quite worthless in themselves. skill, knowledge and honor of those that he may happen to remember at who are charged with the duty of the time of writing. The mischief of courses of action, especially during the at all up to their capacity, because formative period of immaturity. This, the examination standard does not reof itself, is sufficient reason for inquir- quire it, and public schools are injurwho are responsible for ed for the same reason. onspiring the educational administration of this province have done all that could rea- would at least mitigate the evils aris-

> bly pertinent to inquire if the depart-ment of education is equally solicitous distributing a report of the examina-tions to those engaged in educational about its duty in regard to the future welfare of the children. Governments are apt to lend themselves to the

of equal importance. There is, for in- gress in their profession. stance, the non-professional preparadent insisted upon it, and mark the The Toronto Telegram will never, tity and quality of knowledge, and result. Since its adoption there has never, never, forgive Hon. J. M. Gib- with the capacity to acquire informa- low's place we usually figure that in son, for what that gentleman did for tion; and this preparation is in many the end we will be successful the Ontario cases open to serious adverse critic- The top of the mountain never gets ism. Every year a large number of a bit nearer if you are content to sit candidates come up to the depart- at its base and look at it. mental examinations from high There are times when every small schools and continuation classes, in boy wonders what parents are good at petent teachers are not paid, in which were given than in the previous twen- Kingston, N.Y. Dynamite companies there are neither facilities nor applimust be taught that human life is not ances for suitable instruction, and in which students are not under the influence that impresses them with the repreparing to undertake. On the con- 18868 required for a certificate, and teachers to remain in the profession, street, Mrs. Haverstock was quite Sir Wilfrid has chosen an ideal place gate for a flood of incompetence to fortunate case. "I was always 'blue'. juries were exceedingly lenient, how-beit, when the possibility of incarcera-tion loomed up large during a trial. The time is coming when the courts of such prepar-

> ders how a government pledged to re- urge sufferers with stomach or digesform abuses has let it go on so long. tive troubles to use Dr. Hamilton's The examination system, too, under Pills. to which certificates are granted, is a Dr. Hamilton's Pills strengthen the

conduct a school. The main objections the system may be briefly put in this way: The examination questions are set, not by teachers, but generally by university lecturers, who have neither the pedagogical training, nor the familiarity with the aims an school which would make them com petent for the work assigned to them The whitewash artist at work on a As these examinations practically de insist that competent examiners, from

powerful and least understood thing in ment. The method of valuing answers. the candidate's knowledge of the subds and shaping their this is that high schools do not work

Some remedies might be applied that

sonably be expected of them to make ing from this source. There should be. chers efficient both as regards at- first, a thorough inspection, at least I twice a year, of all schools engaged in There is a further argument, how- the preparation of teachers, and canever, for such a discussion at this didates should be accepted only from time. The intense toil and struggle in those of approved standing. A length which practically every citizen of this of attendance at classes, sufficient to country is engaged has for its object ensure reasonable preparation, should the provision of means whereby chil- be insisted on, and the master of the dren may begin the battle of life un- school, should be, required to youth der more favorable conditions than for the attainments of every candidate their parents did. Religious enthusi- sent up. At the same time, a rationasts proclaim regretfully that even the al system of examining could be devis kingdom of heaven is losing its hold ed that would eliminate some of the on the men of this generation, but no worst features of the present planone has ventured to call in question Lastly, these examinations furnish a the earnestness of the effort that the great deal of information regarding people are making on behalf of their the work of the schools which would successors. Urged on by this incen- be very useful to teachers if it were tive, the individual citizen willingly made available for them. It would be undertakes his self-imposed task, but a very simple matter to issue a statehe can at best make only material ment regarding points of excellence provision for those who are to come and points of weakness, and containafter him. The development of mental ink suggestions based on experiences gained; vet for nearly twenty years wond the limit of single effort, hence the department has systematically ne it has become one of the functions of glected this means of helping the edu-government. Considering then what the people are doing, it becomes dou-

The other element in training teachers, is the care of them after they get cultivation of those things that glam- certificates and schools. Inspectorates pal debentures are getting cheaper all or and dazzle electors, to the neglect are far too large, and the result is, of the elements that make for solid especially in rural sections, a routine progress. Cobalt mines could well be grind without ambition, without any spared by this province if elementary great intelligence, and without en education were making any noticeable thusiasm. Such educational work canprogress toward a more perfect con- not be of a reasonably high standard lition; and if it were possible to and the department should be imtrade the whole Cobalt deposit for a peratively required to take means few hundred enthusiastic and intelli- set right the failure. Inspectors who gent teachers in the schools, this coun- are inefficient should be replaced, and try would be vastly the richer for the districts so reduced that men could render proper aid to all teachers in The item that probably bulks larg- their charge, There is little use devisdepartment account since the present schemes for benefiting a profession government came into power is the that has the dry rot of ambitionless abolition of the obsolete and ineffici- effort, and that is kept so by a vicient model schools and their replace- ous public opinion regarding the ment by the proposed normal schools. value of elementary educational work. This certainly is an intelligent effort It is only right to assume that the to improve the unfortunate school con- premier was quite in earnest in his ditions which they inherited from their profession of a desire to reform the While there was any possibility or The Toronto Telegram is concerned predecessors. There are some indica- examination system, and to secure probability of Mr. Roosevelt he was about certain private ownership tories tions that the good that these schools competent school service for the peothe choice of the party. As time who are a drag on the party and passed the conviction deepened, howought to go. Our contemporary inever, that "Teddy" was not avail- vites these men to get out and fight. If the political stinkpot, can be kept scattered, and ill-arranged. One feels, able, that he would stand by his Mr. Whitney, but the man from Mor- out of these new training schools they therefore, some confidence in appeal will have almost unlimited capacity ing to him to vitalize the department for good; and, for the present, the gov- of education, and further win the conernment desires every credit for the fidence of the people by a prompt and active campaign of reform along such The training of teachers, however, is lines as those indicated, so that the an exceedingly complex matter, and schools may be manned with teachers the professional work of the normal having high qualifications, enthusiasm schools is only an element of several for their work, and ambition to pro-

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