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ARISTOCRACY vs. DEMOCRACY

One really believes that the parlisment of Canada is becoming quite gentlemanly and decorous in its, dehates when he reads the English papers. Mr. Churchill was shocking the imperial house a few days ago, and charging that the opposition was causing trouble between the army and navy, and that military men, who had gone into politics were at the bottom of it, and the instigators of it. He was assailed with "Withdraw." "Subaltern." and "Rat." Mr. Churchill did not seem to mind. He got back at his sailants by declaring that they were given to "disreputable tactics," and he was not called to account for the use of unparliamentary language. It is a remarkable fact, by the way that some disturbers in both the Lords and Commons are the men who have served in the army and navy and who now, in retired life, are the most bitter in politics-Beresford, Roberts, Melthuen, Pole-Carew, Lee, and oth "Blood" will tell, and the blood of aristocratic England is re belling against the democracy of the day. It is manifesting itself in the social reforms of the day, in the church, land, insurance, and home rule movements.

By law the auto speed in the country is to be twenty-five miles an hour, never greater, and fifteen miles an hour in the city. But the Councils must of the party leadership. pass by laws to this effect and erect signs at the limits and where the speed changes. Madcap autoing, by the way, seems to be disappearing.

AN OPTIMIST IN VIEW

The other day some members of the commons, in a spirit of levity, or in a spirit of boastfulness, intimated that tion, to "deliver the goods." in the next election there would be no wick. This reminded one of what happened in the palmy days of conserva- Territorial Forces Act and to Borden led the party.

situation. Of course he was sanguine rich for military service:" of success. His party would sweep the province of New Brunswick, There luminating. The Earl would be nothing left of the liberal party. And when the smoke of battle passed away, on the eventful day, the conservative party's representation in the commons had been wiped out. Even Mr. Foster had lost his seat. Later he found a resting place in Ontario. He has not been back in New Brunswick, as a party leader, and not likely to be.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie, who is the lieutenant-governor of the province New Brunswick, has been on a trip in the west, and, going home via Montreal, was asked if he proposed to return to active politics. He admitted could enforce, it was one that even that he had been urged to assume the the founder of the Christian religion leadership of the liberal party, and he had preached in vain. It was a reconfessed that it would be difficult to lief when the debate was adjourned resort to economical government after and it will be a greater relief when the extravagances of the conservatives, the lords pass on to something which Asked if the strain would not be light | they can handle with greater ease and upon him as a member of the opposi- decorum. tion, he quickly replied: "I will not be in opposition, as we would win.

After that there was some talk of the better times in New Brunswick. the better outlook for trade, and the representation of the province in the commons, but, so far as the conservative party is concerned, it would have been more appropriate or funeral-like had this talk been of "graves and worms and epitaphs."

Champ Clark says the president not so important as the congressmen, because the president has the best of advice, and the congressman has not. Well, just now the United States has congress is showing great sense in doing as he advises.

A CHANGE IS COMING

There is to be an early election connection with the local That much is certain. All the signs point in the same direction. liberals of the province are hearten ed, and for two reasons: The party in the legislature has been standing for many reforms, and the government has been opposing them. The result will be seen in the election. The labour party is dissatisquestion, and it has been treated about lightly on the amendment of the Factory Act. The women are dissatis CO. LIMITED, fied. They have been refused suffrage, when they can qualify voters in municipal elections." temperance people are 'dissatisfied They have been offended by the man Business Office 243 ner in which their petitions have been officials of the government have operated against them. The supporters of the schools are dissatisfied. by mail to rural offices. \$2.50 They have been trifled with in many bi-lingual schools. Then the Hanna and Ferguson cases and the bad impression which was left when the majority in one case suppressed the evi-M. E. Smallpiece 32 Church St. through the house an extraordinary U. S. REPRESENTATIVES

New York Office 225 Fifth Ave. measure of personal protection—and Chicago the R. Northrup, Manager. the general record of the government Suggests a change. This government suggests a change. This government has ruled long enough, for the good of the province. Under the circumstances it is evident that an appeal to the people will cause a wonderful

> the next legislature. As petrol, because of the larger use of it, and the growing demand, is becoming dearer, the Alcohol Motor Fuel company of England reports that the supplies they need can be found it potatoes, beet root, grain, peat, woodpulp, sawdust and molasses, and the scientists are already busy upon all

change in the political complexion of

LORDS IN ACTION

The House of Lords is giving some strange evidences of its wisdom, as the superior or higher legislative chamber of the empire. Some time ago Lord Newton expatiated upon the value of a racing stable as means to an end, and that, end glorification of the owner of horses that, could win the Derby. Lord Rosebery happened to have such stable and, according to my ford Newton, he owed his distinction politics to the success of his horses. The Rosebery mind, the Rosebery fondness for literature, and the Rosebery eloquence in dealing with any public question did not count anything. Mr. Balfour, says Lord Newton, was a loser politically cause he was not a racer. Practically on this account he was driven out

Lord Willoughby de Broke, not se long since, scandalized the house by admitted that he and his party had suffered the loss of prestige because, in the sale of baronies to men who were willing to pay for them, they were not in a position, in opposisame gentleman has been getting liberal representatives from New Bruns- more notice, of a kind, by discussing Lord Newton's amendment to the tism, when a greater one than Mr. effect that no military system can be made affective and valuable "which Hon. Mr. Foster was then at the is not based on the democratic prinhead of the forces down by the sea, ciple of universal service." He adand, just before the polling day, he mitted that one of the effects of this was asked what he thought of the legislation would be "to rope in the

The debate that followed was il- 1 days to finish the job. was not quite sure where he stood on this matter, but he was willing to follow the leader of the opposition anywhere. Lord Ribblesdale realized that the scheme would make "a lot of comfortable people un comfortable." Lord Roberts wanted the, army thoroughly democratic, made up of, all classes, with promotions on merit. Lord Lucas said the bill meant that "the rich should serve the poor," and it was an unworkable proposition. It was some that neither Caesar nor Napoleon

EDITORIAL NOTES Say, what a time Kingston wou have if salaries were provided for the aldermen and these aldermen under even to the extent of having a Coun- showed to the satisfaction of the jury cil which will not obey the chair, and that the prisoner did not depend on defy the police.

the immigration policy of the government when eight hundred men are dumped in Toronto, to add to the thousands there out of work, while the farmers go without help. What sort of campaigning is going on in the old land anyway %

The members of parliament are go. Court beach

ing out in pairs, at week-ends, and telling their little stories in political bives. The most popular tourist i Hon. Bob Rogers, who distributes inyours in the form of public buildings. The cost? Oh, darn that. It does not count in polities.

A sum of \$50,000 was appropriated last year for harbour improvements. When is the work to be undertaken? the work on the harbour and the fied. It was kept out of its deserts work on the causeway should proceed for five years while the government together, and he is right. What is marked time on the Compensation being done to bring this object

In Saskatchewan in future the school grounds must be large enough for garden plots, and play grounds, and in the buildings the area of window glass must be equal to at least on sixth, of the floor space. Those western people are quite progressive. The province has an up-to-date minister of education, and Ontario has not.

The Hamilton Herald says the Whit ney government has been side-stepping on the woman's franchise question. J ways, especially in the matter of the has failed to meet a common demand, that the bars be closed on holidays. The Herald has it that the hotel men would be most willing to keep the bars closed on holidays, as they d not like the trade upon these days. The government protects it.

PUBLIC OPINION

Cat Can't Eat It.

Montreal Mail. Canada's output of pig iron in 1913 was a record one. The only plaint is that you can't eat

Decision Unantmous

Toronto Globe Fast Fife will just about make unar mous on the issue of parliamengovernment

The Pessimist Again

Hamilton Spectator. Redmond and his nationalist colleagues can be safely credited with getting an otherwise harmonious em pire into a pretty pickle.

Some Phophecies

Toronto Mail. Christian Science is recognized medical science by the New York legislature, and is likely to the compliment until there comes an epidemic of smallpox or typhoid.

The Old Failing

Hamilton Herald. says Sir Melvin that the liberal party has deserted That is the natural plaint of very man who joins a political parin order to further his own wel-

Value of the Farm

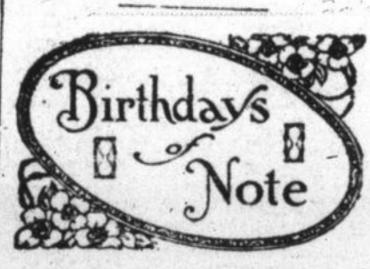
London Advertiser. Earning is a great complex sercice, and the young farmer whose mind has been trained to essential interests, and the society of books, will never find life on the dern farm dull, as it has been stig-

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

A local butcher who was called to he upper end of the feity for order, only to find that it was April fool joke, was warm under the collar. A livery man sent a vehicle to the poor house for an injured man and was sadly disappointed, J. McKenty, Kingston, was appointed house surgeon at the genef

ral hospital. There were sixteen births, eight deaths and twelve marriages during

The work of filling the new water tank erected by the city was commenced to-day. It will take two



THUR DAY, APRIL SECOND

T TON. F. A. ANGLIN, puisne judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, completes his forty-ninth year to-day. 'He is one of the ablest jurists of the present time, being a close student, a quick thinker and an impartial investigator. A He first gained recognition when a young lawyer practising in Toronto. He was engaged to defend a man who had beer arrest ed on a charge of fortune telling and the case came before the Court of aid General Sessions. There had been seven consecutive convictions in the Court and the prospects were by no took to earn their stipends? Kings | means bright. However Judge Anglin ton-may some day imitate Toronto, took a clever line of defence and the element of chance in his trans-Surely there is something amiss with knowledge of phrenology, the exercise of which was perfectly legitimate. His man was accordingly acquitted. Ten years ago Mr. Anglin was made a judge of the High Court of Ontario. in which position he rendered some important judgments, and five years ago he was raised to the Supreme

Johnny, having arrived at his 8th pirthday, thought it would be real nice

ie you leave your body behind; only ur soul goes to heaven. fommy-Well, mamma, what will

Mamma-You and your little visitors looking miserable. play something?

Little daughter-We is playin'. We's playin' that we's growed

A Victous Locomotive. What are the passengers looking "We ran over a cat, madam," said

"Was the cat on the track?" "Oh, no, ma'am," assured the con-"The locomotive chased her

Go Ahead, Johnny



Spring, ma'am Then what do you look for The spring series, ma'am.

A Daily Thought. Go, little book, and wish to all

lowers in the garden, mes

n't tell the truth; the kid who bawls

Has doubtless soaked some other kle and slugged him in the jaw. and all through life we see the fact made plain in age and youth-Don't look upon the surface if you want to know the truth

girl by just a look stirs men deep where their breasts are hid, And would be most amazed if she were ever told she did.

sixty-dollar suit of clothes the wearer well may thank For hiding twenty cents in cash and

overdrafts in bank. For in this world of fakes galore you needn't ever dream

iat more than just a few things seen are ever what they seem. -Galveston Star.

FILIPINO FREEDOM.

I hope and assume that the present administration is merely making itself acquainted with the situation. When it gets the facts I have not the slightest doubt that it will see its duty as we have seen it who have been there. This is to encourage the Filipines to take as active a part in the government it is safe to have tilem take, but to retain a controlling hand while they are in their tutelage, while they are learning political self re-

It will take certainly two generations, perhaps longer, for them to do this, and for us to promise within any definite time to give them independence is very foolish. It would be a failure in duty to them. It would be a failure on our part in maintaining the self respect that we ought to have in discharging a responsibility that has come to us under circumstances we could not control and which we are quite able to discharge with comparatively small effort. We shall make a serious mistake if we follow the eloquence of the smooth spoken Filipino politicians who are looking hungrily for the exercise of a power which they are ill adapted to wield for the benefit of their own people.-William H. Taft.

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