

**CONSUMERS** are reminded to pay their Gas Rates before the 20th and save the discount.

## Balby British Whig.

Under our Union Flag.

The letters of "Civis," in to-day's issue, should receive the attention of every citizen. It is astonishing how little thought is given by parents, in the first place, to the improvement of their own children's education; that their provision for their future, and, secondly, to the reclamation and care of the street Arabs, whose idle and wicked habits are forever a bad example and a temptation to every child in the city. Kingston has, considering its size, a splendid provision in a series of charitable institutions, for the care of the sick and destitute, but it has the poorest educational facilities of any city in Canada. Its school houses are not to be compared with those of the towns, let alone the cities of Ontario. The school question needs far more attention than it receives.

### A USELESS GIFT.

"Sir Leopold McClintock, Admiral of the British fleet on the North American Station, has received instructions from the Lords of the Admiralty to receive back the Charybdis, which was loaned by the British Government to the Dominion Government for the purposes of a transatlantic voyage. This vessel, now lying in Halifax harbour, having been found to be too large and heavy for this service, the Canadian Government decline to return her." —*Advertiser*.

The former part of this statement is a confirmation of the rumour which obtained circulation some time ago to the effect that the old hulk was useless, that in order to make it turn over to look upon a heavy expenditure was necessary.

The *Advertiser* says the old corvette is being returned to England because it has been found too large and cumbersome for the purpose for which it was intended.

The same authority also informs us that it was only loaned to the Government of this country.

We seem to have learned under a great delusion, but we certainly understand that the war ship, no longer fitted for active service, was given to the Canadian Government, and upon another understanding could the expenditure be repaid of thousands of dollars be justified.

It has taken a long time to realize that that which was abandoned by the British Admiralty has been of no value to others, that the vessel has been a poor ornament, a gift actually without merit.

It would have been decidedly more pleasant had the Government of Canada in the first place, after an inquiry in regard to the condition of the corvette, politely declined to accept it.

It is gratifying, however, to learn that there is to be some limit to the blundering in connection with the craft.

No patching can keep it together, if useful ness is gone, and it is wise to let it drop to pieces in some British graveyard without the expenditure of another \$15,000 of Canadian money, drawn from an already overtaxed people.

**ONE NEW DEPARTURE.**

The Conference, in session at Dublin, has promulgated the platform by proceeding according to which the people are expected to achieve great national reforms. The resolution of Mr. Parnell and his lieutenants is to be homeborn, as it has been in the past, to secure the land for the people, to establish peasant proprietorship, to introduce local government, and to remove some of the social limitations which the disturbed condition of the country brought about. The programme is certainly broad enough, it aims at sweeping changes of which many beside the Nationalists approve, it strikes a popular key when it declares that the agitation shall tend to not only improve the land system but institute enterprises that will afford occupation to the thousands annually reduced to want or compelled to seek a living in foreign climes. Mr. Parnell has been somewhat reserved in his utterances. He is apparently deeply in earnest but not disposed, by the use of indirect language, to offend the authorities, nor to precipitate another collision between the Association and Her Majesty's Government, the latter having detectives employed to watch proceedings and report them in detail at the Vice Royal court. There were some who thought that the Land League had, in some respects, been misgoverned, that in consequence it had lost in popularity and usefulness; that a new order of things could not be successfully inaugurated. The change has been made, the national party has been formed with remarkable enthusiasm, and its objects have been applauded by the Irish on this side of the Atlantic. It remains to be seen what the reconstructed organization will accomplish. The country, now peaceful, favours constitutional action, and only by such can substantial good be effected. We presume the Canadian branches of the Land League have become extinct with the present society. They can, of course, operate according to the modified policy outlined in our telegraphic news of this date.

### INTERIM ELECTIONS.

After the Dominion elections in June, the Tories demanded of Mr. Mowat an immediate issuance of the writs for new elections in the Local constituencies in which vacancies occurred by their representatives resigning in order to run for the House of Commons. There was a great deal of趁着 and corvée, and as a result, it was understood that eight powerful candidates would be put in the field, that the nomination of these would certainly be followed by their election. The voting is now in progress, and this evening we hope to learn, by air returns, how far the results have verified predictions. The candidates in the several constituencies are as follows:

Constituency	Liberal
South East	Weight
South Waterloo	Rates
South Bruce	Elected
* St. Simons	Opposition
Markdale	Stevens
West Hastings	Beets
Glenora	Lee
McIntosh	Raynes

### AMERICAN DESPATCHES.

#### The Lending Events Occurring Across the Borders—Latest Sensation.

New York, Oct. 19.—William Carrington, lawyer, was arrested last night on a charge of stealing \$1,000 worth of diamonds from Philip Clark, diamond broker. Carrington had Clark bring the diamonds to the former's house, and on pretence of showing them to a lady ran away with them. \$1,000 worth of the property was found in Carrington's possession. The rest has been recovered from the pawn shops.

#### MATCH DECLARED OFF.

The \$5,000 trotting match announced for to-day in the Gentlemen's Driving Park, between the California trotter "Overwin" and the St. Louis horse "P. Morris," has been declared off on account of "Morris" having wracked himself.

The owner of "Morris" paid \$1,000 forfeit.

#### POLITICAL ORDER.

New York, Oct. 18.—Collector Robertson has issued the following order:

"Giving or refusal to voluntary

Committee, for campaign purposes,

will in no wise affect the tenure of your office. I see no objection to voluntary

contribution by employees to that Committee, but I forbid the solicitation of such contributions by anyone holding office under the Collector."

#### POLICY SHOPS RE-OPENED.

On account of the action of the District Attorney the policy shops have been closed for several days. But Recorder Smythe having instructed the jury to discharge a policy holder on account of lack of evidence, 50 shops reopened yesterday, and it is said before Saturday night 200 will be in full blast again.

Washington, Oct. 18.—Wells, Fargo & Co., has asked Ingerson to co-operate with the Government in fixing the responsibility for the attempts to corrupt the Star Route jury.

#### STOCKS OF SUICIDES.

Canning, N.Y., Oct. 18.—Frank McCarley, musician, suicided last evening by jumping from Kinville bridge. He had been forbidden to play in the orchestra because of intoxication. This is the third suicide from the same bridge within a month.

#### A TRAGEDY PROCEEDED.

Chattanooga, Oct. 18.—When the train arrived with the officers having charge of the body of Dr. Taylor, the leader of the Taylor Boys, who murdered Sheriff and Deputy Conaway, an immense crowd assembled. The excitement was intense. Taylor's slayer, Sheriff Good, mounted the dead man's coffin and addressed the multitude giving an account of the attempt to capture Taylor.

St. Louis, Oct. 18.—Attachment-suits aggregating \$10,000 have been brought against Blum & Co., cigar makers. Liabilities, \$95,000; assets, \$80,000.

#### ATTOMET ON HAN.

Baltimore, Oct. 18.—A daring but unskillful attempt was made yesterday to rob the Hagerstown Bank, of which Governor Hamilton is the President.

#### KILLING A DEPUTY.

Minneapolis, Oct. 18.—The Governor has offered a large reward for the arrest of the horse thieves, who killed Deputy Sheriff Wool, a deputy and guest of the hotel, while the Sheriff was attempting to arrest them at dinner.

#### ONE MOST UNJUST CHARGE.

The True Facts of the Charges Preferred by the Pound Buftiff Against the Police Magistrate.

The Pound Buftiff of this city has been prompted to make a charge against the Police Magistrate, which if true would be damaging, and which if not true should cause the inadvisable pound offered to be ousted most unmercifully from a position he is filling very badly under any circumstance.

The charge is that the Magistrate has been doing out uneven justice relative to the cow by law. The poundkeeper asserts that the grand jury have been oppressed with fines while the rich have been left off all.

We are prepared to deny this, notwithstanding the knowledge of the Police Magistrate for he is out of the city. The fines have been inflicted without regard to the station of any person. All were alike common of felons and dealt with as such.

Since the appointment of Mr. Self as Pound Buftiff only two have escaped without some fine. A widow whose only support is her cows was charged with a breach of the city bylaw. Owing to her poverty a fine of \$1 and costs was imposed. Another who had been fined before pleaded hard to be relieved from paying a heavy fine, claiming that his cows had accidentally been hit by a car.

He is a little peculiar that the Mayor is so often appearing as the vehicle of some slander against a political or personal opponent. In this matter honor towards a fellow Magistrate and attorney to his own should have prompted him to investigate before reporting.

In five minutes he could have found out whether the charge was true or false. Mr. Duff can well afford to know that actual facts have turned the shame in another direction.

#### HARDARD'S Acid PHOSPHATE.

(A necessity.) Dr. C. O. Fries, Philadelphia, Me., says "Of all the samples of medicine sent me during the past dozen years it is the only one I have ever found which has become a necessity in my own household."

#### Protect on Free Trade

are the questions agitating many minds at present, but they are of little import as compared to the problem of securing wealth and competence at once. Such an important question is raised by the Commonwealth Distribution Co., Oct. 31st \$12,000 given away in prizes. Tickets only \$2. Send your order to R. M. Boardman, Louisville, Ky.

#### Judge Mackay, of the Superior Court.

Montreal, has returned on pension. He is succeeded by Judge Doherty, of Sherbrooke, who is succeeded by Mr. Brooks, Esq. M.P. for Sherbrooke.

#### The Ottawa Chancery Court opens on Friday before Justice Ferguson.

The Ottawa Football Club will play the Calet Club of the Military College, Kingston, on Saturday.

#### A New Scheme.

London, Oct. 18.—It is stated that the Government have decided to submit to a Conference of the great powers a scheme for military civil organization before its adoption.

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

#### PLATFORM LAID DOWN FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE IRISH PARTY.

Davitt's Fiery Speech—A Large Central Committee—A Delegates Expelled for His Action.

Dublin, Oct. 18.—Mr. Parnell, in his address, corrected the impression that nothing has been done for evicted tenants since the dissolution of the Ladies' League. He said £2,700 had been spent towards relieving them, and hundreds of families had been placed in a position to avail themselves of the benefits of the Arrears Act. Bresnan and Sexton were appointed Secretaries of the Conference.

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At a recent meeting of the Hamilton Caledonian Society, Duncan C. Ross and Donald Dinnie were declared debarred from participating in any games under the auspices of that Society in the future, on account of their ungentlemanlike and unsportsmanlike behaviour at the Caledonian games held at Hamilton this summer.

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