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—[BROWNING.

London, Tuesday, Oct. 13.

RECONSTRUCTION AT OTTAWA.

Col. O'Brien, a Conservative M.P., in response to a query from a correspondent, says he considers Mr. Chapleau "a millstone about the neck of the party." Many Conservatives no doubt agree with the Colonel's estimate. But, in the words of Boss Tweed, what are they going to do about it?

On Thursday, if gossip from the capital is to be trusted, the Cabinet meets to consider the whole question of reconstruction. Poor Mr. Abbott is in a bad way. He has promised to provide a clean Government, but he is handicapped by two circumstances.

1. He has at least half a dozen associates in the Government who ought to be sent about their business, but his following in the House is so weak, and he is so much afraid of the personal jealousies that would develop from so clean a sweep, that he hardly knows which way to turn to fulfill his pledge.

2. Mr. Abbott's worst trouble, however, is with Chapleau. That bumptious member has for years been working to unhorse Sir Hector Langevin, and have himself declared leader and chief distributor of patronage in the Province of Quebec. With that object in view he aided Mr. Tarte to prepare his case against Sir Hector, and no man rejoiced more than he when Sir Hector was brought thoroughly into discredit. Prior to that, however, Mr. Chapleau had let Mr. Abbott know that he was in dead earnest. On Sir John Macdonald's death Mr. Chapleau went on strike. The position of Secretary of State did not give him enough of scope for his talents. There was not enough money going in the management of the Printing Bureau, though it yielded $50,000 in hard cash to its exploiters in the course of a year or two. What Chapleau wanted, above all, was a portfolio with immense opportunities for money-making. He had seen Tupper and Langevin get rich as chiefs of the big spending departments, and he desired to have the same opportunities as they had. Sir John Macdonald's death and the incidental confusion brought him his opportunity. He then asked for immediate promotion, but was refusd. He has told his friends, however, that he has Mr. Abbott's written promise that after the close of the session he could be made Minister of Railways and Canals, and can be placed in a position to control the immense patronage of the department. With dramatic bravado as soon as as the House adjourned he betook himself to Montreal to celebrate his accession to the chiefship of his party in Quebec. There he took it for granted that Mr. Abbott's pledge holds good; but a report from an independent Conservative source says that Mr. Abbott, acting under strong outside pressure, has refused to implement his bargain with the big-headed Secretary of State, and has threatened to bring on a general election if his tainted subordinate goes on strike, as he hints he will do.

We shall soon see what action the timorous old man now at the helm will summon courage to take. If he promotes Mr. Chapleau he will go directly in face of his assurance that he would make an endeavor to get rid of all tainted or incompetent Ministers. If he gives Mr. Chapleau charge of the principal spending department it will be a confession of weakness that will cost the country dearly, for Mr. Chapleau makes no secret of his object in desiring to become chief distributor of patronage in the Administration.

EVERGREEN SHELTER.

As an economic policy and for other reasons the ADVERTISER has advocated the re-foresting of this Province at the same rate that its timber trees are laid low by farmers and lumbermen. While keeping in mind this important matter there is a minor one of a like nature that no farmer should forget, and that is the planting of evergreen windbreaks of spruce, cedar, etc., especially to the north and west of farm house, garden and barn-yards. Such trees should be planted thick enough so that when a few years old they will effectually break the rough, keen force of winter blasts. Such a protection will add wonderfully to the comfort of the farmer and his family and of the live stock besides adding much to the beauty of the place. These considerations should never be lost sight of even though no direct cash return can be seen from the outlay and trouble requisite in making the improvement. An incidental benefit is the shelter afforded orchards and gardens which in a single season may amount in actual prevention of loss of ten times the cost of the windbreak.

WHY THEY KICK.

The reception to Mr. Lister, M.P., by his friends and well-wishers in Lambton and adjoining counties has given much displeasure to some of the high tax journals. These critics know the good service which Mr. Lister has done to his native country in bringing to light the rascalities which have grown up and have been fostered under the present Administration. They express apprehension lest the recognition of Mr. Lister's patriotic endeavors may lead the public to believe that the member for West Lambton was in some way thwarted by members of the Government. It did not require this spontaneous tribute to his ability to convince the public of that fact. It is on record that Mr. Lister and his associates in the Public Accounts Committee were met at every turn with opposition by the heads of the several departments. To begin with, it was persistently reported around Ottawa that thieving had been going on with the direct sanction of the Ministers, or at least winked at by them. Yet no action was taken by those in authority till inquiries were made by Mr. Lister and his friends. The information had to be dragged from unwilling witnesses, who, in most cases, were implicated in the thefts, or who were afraid that the threats to take from them their situations would be fulfilled if they told all that they knew. Then when it was discovered that the exposures were being brought perilously close to the party leaders, six of the Ministers attended the investigating committee day after day, and ordered their supporters to vote down inquiry into all charges that in any degree affected the standing of heads of departments. That extraordinary lurking policy, it is presumed, was good evidence that the Ministers desired the rascalities to be probed to the bottom.

It must be a tiresome and unprofitable task for the newspaper defenders of the discredited Administration to reiterate their untenable apology for wrong-doing in high places. We tell them that there is not an intelligent elector, be he Conservative or Liberal, who in his heart can accept such conduct in the investigation committee as proof of anxiety to get at the root of the rascalities. The railing at Mr. Lister and at those who will do him honor in to-morrow's demonstration goes a long way to establish this view.

TOPICS OF TO-DAY.

EX-PRESIDENT and Mrs. Cleveland have named their much-talked-about baby "Ruth." The name is simple and pretty.

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YOUNG man, your vote counts as much as any other man's vote. Do you know whether or not it is on the Dominion voters' list? If you are not certain call at the Liberal rooms, Oddfellows' Block, and have the matter looked up at once.

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AT THE Ecumenical Methodist Conference in Washington, the feeling in favor of the federation of Protestantism, if not organic union of the various denominations, was strong. Rev. Hugh Prince Hughes, the distinguished London preacher, made a strong point when he said the Churches should unite in fighting the seven evils—intemperance, lust, gambling, ignorance, crime, pauperism and war. They are all the time getting nearer.

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THE London ADVERTISER continues the advocacy of its compulsory voting fad. It professes to be a Liberal paper, but where Liberalism comes in in forcing a man to do what he doesn't want to do it is hard to see.—[St. Catharines Standard.

There is nothing illiberal in making the bestowal of the franchise conditional on its exercise. Obligatory service of the State is a Liberal principle. We all indorse obligatory service on juries. What difference in principle is there between service of the country in the jury box and service of the country at the ballot box?

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IT IS announced that Mr. Thomas Littlehales, manager of the Hamilton gas works, has solved a problem that will result in revolutionizing the process of gas production, and in effecting a big reduction in cost to the maker. By the process now in vogue hardly more than a sixth of the carbon can be volatilized, or utilized for gas; but, by the process which Mr. Littlehales has invented, it is claimed that every pound of the 1,836 pounds of carbon in a ton of coal can be directly converted into gas, leaving nothing behind but useless slag. The new invention is said to be simple and easy of application. If it can be carried out gas will become the cheapest of fuel, and be more and more used in manufacturing and for domestic purposes. The dawn of the era predicted by Siemens may be at hand.

THE RULE AT OTTAWA.

[Winnipeg Tribune.]

Cochrane and Langevin both whitewashed! Senecal and McGreevy are in exile. The rule at Ottawa appears to be to whitewash such boodlers as do not skip the country.

THEOSOPHY AND OBESITY.

[Boston Herald.]

As theosophists maintain that they can at will cause their spirits to wander through space relieved of the hindrance of the body, they should make great converts among obese person, who heretofore have put their faith in anti-fat remedies.

NOT FAT ALL ROUND.

[St. Thomas Telegraph.]

Some of the fathers of confederation predicted a population of 15,000,000 in Canada by the time the Dominion had completed its first quarter century. Many believed them. The "fathers" themselves grew fat on big salaries and perquisites while the people are still under 5,000,000.

MR. ARMSTRONG, M.P., SIZED UP.

[Regina (Northwest Territories) Leader, Conservative.]

The visitors to the House of Commons will sometimes see a tall, powerful man rise on the Liberal side and speak with great earnestness; evidently a Scotchman by accent, power and the prefervidum ingenium Scotorum. He is one of the most honest men in Canada, and always speaks from a standpoint above and beyond party. You turn to the Parliamentary Companion and find that he is the son of Thomas Armstrong, of Roxboroughshire, Scotland, by Agnes Murray, but born in Queensbury, county of York, N. B., 1st March, 1830; that he was educated at Middlesex, Ont.; is a farmer; a director of the City of London Mutual Fire Insurance Company; that he was seven years superintendent of schools; four years township clerk; eleven years reeve of the township of Westminster; that he had, moreover, been warden of the county of Middlesex for two years, and was first returned to Parliament in 1882. He describes himself as "a Liberal and a Nationalist," and supports "measures, not men."

HE WAS A "SHE."

Arrest of a Notorious Highwayman and His Female Confederate.

HELENA, Mont., Oct. 12.—A few nights ago as A. H. Richards was going home he was held up and robbed by a highwayman who intimidated him with two revolvers. Thursday night Policeman Grogan noticed a suspicious looking character in the same locality. On the policeman's approach the man displayed a revolver, which the policeman took, but almost immediately after he received a shot from another gun the desperado had in his left hand. Grogan's injuries may result fatally. Another man named Ray was held up Friday and relieved of a watch and cash.

About noon detectives arrested a boyish looking fellow near the depot, and search brought to light Ray's watch. He was taken to the jail, where it was ascertained that the supposed boy was a girl. She is not more than 19, has a pretty face and petite figure, and from her conversation has been reared in refinement. After being in jail an hour or so "Charles Miller," as the girl called herself, asked permission to send out a note. This was allowed. The officer followed the bearer and it was delivered to Henry Clark. He was arrested and fully identified by Grogan, Richardson and Ray. The girl later confessed that Clark had committed the crimes mentioned and that he followed the same business in Oregon, Washington, Butte and Anaconda, and she told of a number of "hold ups" she had made herself. When questioned about her family she breaks down and refuses to utter a word.

Clark is in danger of being lynched.

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