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—[Prince Bismarck.

London, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

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AWFUL PLIGHT OF MR. MEREDITH The Patrons of Industry favor the election, by popular vote, of all officials employed in counties except county judges. Why except county judges?

At present county judges are almost invariably appointed by the party in power, not because of their eminence in the legal profession, but because they are good party men. Sometimes very objectionable appointments are made, and at other times judges degenerate to such an extent that it would be a positive relief to those over whom they are set if they could vote them out of a position that they are unworthy to fill. There is no reason why the American system, proposed by the Patrons, if adopted, should not be extended to the judges as well as to other officials, and if to county officers why not to postmasters in towns and cities, to collectors of customs, and so on?

But if the Patron programme is insisted on, and carried out, what would become of poor Mr. Meredith and the office-seekers who follow him, in the hope that one day he may attain power? Were our former townsman to reach the right of the Speaker after the Patrons attained their aim, how could he satisfy the office-seekers? Would he not be in the terribly embarrassing position of the woman in the story book, which is thus recited:

"Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard To get her poor dog a bone; then she got there the cupboard was bare,

And so the poor dog got none." For such a consummation Mr. Meredith could never work and hope to succeed.

-A statistician has figured up what is the average cost of a vote in Great Britain, as shown in the returns of candidates' expenses at the last general election. The nted to £111,761, and in Ireland to £50,182. The votes polled were: England and Wales, 3,725,855; Scotland, 475,130; Ireland, 404, 157. The average cost per vote was: England and Wales, 4s 2d; Scotland, 4s 8d; Ireland, 2s 83d. When the "one man one vote" principle, with residential suffrage, goes into force, as go it will soon, the exvery much decreased.

A BAD EXAMPLE TELLS.

It is stated that the public debt of Londown to about a tenth of the taxable property, that being the amount deemed safe by the legislators. The Ottawa Journal says that if the debt of the capital had been so kept down it would now be under \$2,000,000. As it is, the debt is over \$4,000,000. Our civic rulers have been pretty extravagant in the last ten years, but they have not piled it on like the Ottawa aldermen. We must not forget, however, that Ottawa is the chief center of example has, in these later years, conof that city. Mismanagement, as well as boodling, is apt to be contagious,

offense is charged, the accused should be him? It seems to us that Sir John Thomp in this case, to flee to a foreign land. Per- own constituency, and that he did no posed of so lightly, and when a man boasts | read either in Manitoba or Ontario. of being a wholesaler in its arts no favors should be shown him.

Municipal nomination day comes one

week from next Friday. Considering the electors the city is unusually quiet. It is a misfortune that the proposal to purchase an electric light plant should be delayed until the eleventh hour, and that the late date be endeavoring to procure evidence as to the setting up of a plant and the expense of running t. To our minds the mayor and ldermen should now be engaged in an active campaign to secure the passage of of hunting around for information regardthe electric lighting, which could be more ppropriately delayed than the passage of he carshops bylaw. In any case the chief energies of the council should be concentrated on the bylaw that it is deemed to pass. It is improbable that with the concerted opposition of the Ratepayers' Association all the monetary projects will be permitted to pass, and it would be highly regrettable if, in the slaughter of the innocents, the car shops bylaw should be snowed under. If London is to be maintained as a railway center, if the great industry of car building now carried on at Brantford and other places in the west is to be concentrated here, now is the time to act. The council, which is responsible for the formulation of the agree ment, should hasten to take the taxpayers into its confidence and use every energy to secure the passage of at least this bylaw, even though it may be deemed advisable to

postpone voting on other financial projects. We warn the mayor and aldermen that he strongest possible endeavor must be made to meet the opposition now openly resolved on, or the carshops bylaw will be defeated.

Return, oh wanderers in search of light and turn on the gas at home !

-Principal Grant, who may yet be pre vailed upon to enter public life, has been interviewed on the questions of the day at Toronto. Dr. Grant says that he has no sympathy with the "P. P. A.," because it is a society that proscribes Catholics. "The true way to conquer sectarianism," he says, "is not by more sectarianism, but by more catholicity, more freedom, more independence, more love of country, and more interest in public affairs." Principal Grant has a kind word for the Patrons of Industry, chiefly because it favors low tariff and economical government, both of which will benefit the agriculturists more particularly, they being the great producing class. He further says that he favors reciprocity with the United States and freedom of trade with Britain. The Principal is on the right track.

THE YELLOW AND ELACK ARGU-MENT.

Is Sir John Thompson degenerating, or is he merely coming out in his true colors? He spoke in the constituency of Antigonish, N. S., which he represents, the other day, and it appears that he was in an angry, name-calling mood. Two members of Parliament seem to have especially roused his ire. He viewed Hon. Joseph Martin, member-elect for Winnipeg, and Mr. Tarte, M. P. for L'Islet, with something of the antipathy that a bull displays towards a red rag. Hon. Joseph Martin he dubbed "the vellow Martin"; Mr. Tarte he characterized as "the black Tarte." What have these two men done to call forth these total expenditure in England and Wales at epithets? Mr. Martin has carried Winnithe general election was, according to a peg for trade freedom, and has aimed blue book published recently, £796,588, a blow at the disgraceful class tariff laws which have plundered the people and have kept Sir , John Thompson and his associates in power. Mr. Tarte has laid bare the corruption of Sir John Thompson's associates in the Dominion Government, and has demonstrated the hypocrisy of the man who solemnly promised that no guilty man should escape. and thenemasculated the indictment against pense of campaigning in Britain will be his associate Caron, rendering complete exposure and punishment impossible. Mr. Martin and Mr. Tarte will long survive the epithets applied to them. They may rest assured that the public will look with susdon, Montreal and Toronto has been kept picion on any politician who meets legitimate argument with the resort of a mere schoolboy, and they will most certainly judge the name-caller, as well as those to whom the epithets are applied, by their records, and not by the foolish logic of a worsted politician.

Sir John Thompson attempts to make it appear that Mr. Martin was elected because he took the same position as the British Privy Council-that the constitution gives no mandate to the Manitoba Govfederal extravagance, and that a bad ernment to maintain separate schools. The Conservative leader, very foolishly, we stantly been before the civic authorities | think, charges that Mr. Martin's Act stirs up race and religious antagonism, and therefore is bad. Where has the Conserv ative leader been hiding himself? Does -The Manitoban Government will be he mean to say that a measure which both warranted in canceling the commission of political parties in Manitoba inderse, and Mr. E. P. Leacock, the Conservative justice which the British Privy Council of the peace who released Personator has declared good law, is bad? If so, why detained in custody, and not permitted, as son was merely talking for effect in his ponation is too serious an offense to be dis- intend that his vitriclic address should be

> But the Conservative leader, while condemning Mr. Martin, pitches into Mr.

member for L'Islet favors separate schools in Manitoba, Why Mr. Tarte is the only tion it is hard to understand, seeing that French-Canadian members on both sides are at one with him on this subject. Instead of falling foul of these members, and party as a whole because of their views, instead of indulging in mere name-calling, and letting it go as argument, Sir John ployed explaining to his constituents that changed. The Liberals are upholders of cision of the British Privy Council maincannot postpone the day of accountability

-There is to be a contest for the Toronto mayoralty after all. Mr. Waring Kennedy, who has yet to serve his apprenticeship in municipal service, has been in the field for some time, and now Mayor Fleming, for two years chief magistrate, consents to enter the lists for a third term

Political exigency, and not the public welfare, dictated the recent Conservative ewspaper attack on the Ontario Minister of Agriculture and the staff of the Experimental Farm at Guelph. It is true that tuberculosis was discovered in the herd at the farm, that a series of tests have been conducted with Koch's lymph, and that five infected animals have been slaughtered. Though not a welcome revelation, no wellread agriculturist could be astonished to find that tuberculosis had attacked some of the animals at Guelph. The fact is that the disease prevails elsewhere in Canada. and is found in every stock-raising land on the face of the globe. In the United States and in old world countries the subject has been carefully investigated, and the same course has been pursued openly in the presence of 100 students at the Guelph farm, though the detractors of the Minister of Agriculture have pretended that the utmost secrecy was observed. At the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa, which is under the charge of Prof. Saunders, 26 cattle have been slaughtered because they suffered from tuberculosis. The deputy minister at the Dominion capital says that the disease is quite common throughout Canada as well as in other lands, and that no government has taken steps to stamp it out because it does not come within the administrative scope of an administration. Indeed, before the em bargo was placed on Canadian cattle in England, if a case of tuberculosis was discovered in a cargo sent from Canada, it was not deemed necessary to slaughter the animals. Having these facts in view, it does seem to be carrying partisan animus

ence of the disease at Ottawa.

A DESTRUCTIVE TENDENCY.

[From The Week.]

We have to confess that it is painful and in some measure humiliating to be compelled to believe that an organization whose corner-stone is religious intolerance can have gained so much strength in enlightened Ontario as to be able, even by the use of the pledged and compact yote, to elect of the pledged and compact vote, to elect ts candidate in an important constituency. The secret and stealthy measures by which this body seeks to accomplish which this body seeks to accomplish its purposes is its sufficient condemnation. "He that doeth the truth cometh to the light." We have always supposed that it was the pride of Protestantism that it avowed its principles and fought in the open. True Protestantism, or at any rate true religion, should be too deeply imbued with the spirit of equal rights, of fair play, of the golden rule, to seek to deny to members of another faith the rights of citizenship which it claims for itself. Again, apart from its narrowness and intolerance, the tendencies of the principles of the P. P. A., so far as they are known, is distinctly disloyal. If our Roman Catholic fellow-citizens in all the Provent Catholie fellow-citizens in all the Provinces are mea of like passions with others, the day that saw the triumph of the P. P. A. would inaugurate the upbreak of this Confederation, witness the overthrow of all hope of a worthy future for Canada, and in all likelihood prove the commencement of a civil war that would devastate our fair land like a deluge or a tornado. Happily we may confidently predict that the day will never come when Canada shall undo the work of Catholie Emancipation and seek to build a political system upon the narrow dogma of sectarian proscription. Catholic fellow-citizens in all the Prov



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DON'T FORGET THE CAR SHOPS. Tarte because on this school issue the number of bylaws that will be before the | Quebec member singled out for condemna mayor and aldermen should at this trying to make capital against the Liberal Thompson would have been better emthe policy of the Liberal party with rethe \$100,000 G. T. R. bonus bylaw, instead gard to the Manitoba schools has never Provincial rights and respecters of the detaining those rights. Where stands Sir John Thompson? He has done nothing but shuffle and delay a final settlement of nost desirable, in the interests of the city, the question, raising hopes in the minds of many that cannot be fulfilled, and laying foundations for the troubles that he professes his opponents are promoting. He

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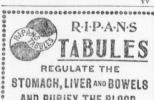
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