

THE LAURIER CHARM.

One of the striking incidents in the late Dominion election was the sort of triumphal tour made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier through the western part of Canada which a few days later went solidly against his position in regard to the war. This unique tour with its attentive, respectful and cheering audiences on the one hand and the silvery-tongued master of assemblies on the other, was creditable to both. The West was chivalrous enough to keep its war convictions in the background until polling day, and in the meantime pay its tribute of respect to the age and high standing and ability of a statesman, while Sir Wilfrid Laurier bore himself in such a way above personalities and recrimination that he won fairly the high opinion even of those who differed from him on the issue of the best method for the prosecution of the war. The whole incident indicated the undiminishing influence of platform speaking in this age of the printing press.

BROTHERS ELECTED.

One of the somewhat striking occurrences in the Dominion contest in Ontario was the election of two brothers in the same city, one for the city itself and the other for the country round about it. The reference is to the Messrs. W. F. and Harry Cockshutt of the City of Brantford. Their election is not a reflection on the character or ability of the men who opposed them, but it is a fine tribute to the value of a good family record. These two gentlemen are sons of the late Ignatius Cockshutt, who was of English extraction, and who built up not only a large business in Brantford, but who was passionately devoted to religious and benevolent undertakings. His character was above reproach and his word was as good as his bond. He founded an independent congregation at Farringdon, beside Brantford, and in this congregation the men led the services. Out of the congregation came several able men who excelled in public speaking, amongst them the late Hon. William Patterson, Minister of Customs, who set a high standard in public life. The brothers Cockshutt above mentioned with other members of the family, have followed in the father's footsteps and are highly honored in their home city.

THE CITY SCHOOLS.

It is hoped that the schools investigation held by Principals Vance and Mackay will lead to some rational view of the place and value of examinations in an educational system. The general feeling amongst parents seems to be that examinations are over-emphasized as tests of achievement.

TIMELY TOPICS

(By Tim. Wise.)

A PROVINCIAL PROBLEM:

THE FUTURE OF THE B. C. ELECTRIC CO.

Three important provincial towns and many municipalities are concerned in the solution of the problems confronting the B.C. Electric Co., which is sufficient reason for discussing its affairs on this page. There is likely to be a tremendous controversy over the proposed re-adjustment of transportation charges by which the company hopes partially to solve its difficulties. We may expect the usual extravagant utterances from civic politicians to satisfy their constituents

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