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The result in Russell is a fair indication of how the bye-elections will go.

That majority of 1 which the Opposition press figured out for Mr. Whitney two weeks ago has been carried away by the spring freshets.

The Montreal Witness puts an arch-bishop's hat on the picture of Mr. Gallagher, M. P. for Frontenac, and labels it "St. Patrick." The Gallagher whisks, it seems, correspond to those of the saint's to a "T."

Opposition journals who two weeks ago were misleading their readers by announcing that Russell electors would give the death-blow to the Ontario Government, will now enter on their task of explaining. It is a hard one.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has promised the senate of Queen's University, Kingston, that he will attend this famous place of learning in April next to receive the degree of LL.D., conferred upon him. The Premier is sure of an enthusiastic welcome.

Whitney was whacked most certainly in Russell. He was served right, for he insisted on the constituency going to the expense of a contest when it was apparent that what the people desired was an election of a Government supporter by acclamation.

The Patrons have resolved to go out of business in Bruce county. They will henceforth be known as "independents." In the recent elections, Bruce went solidly Liberal, recognizing that it was in the best interests of the country to support the Administration.

Though William J. Bryan, the Democratic-Silver candidate for the presidency, was defeated in 1896, he appears to be as lively as ever on the platform, and to be a great drawing card. Today he speaks at St. Louis in a tent which holds an audience of 10,000, and the promoters expect to have to provide for an overflow meeting.

Sir Charles Tupper, whose friends were wont, while in power, to keep seats vacant for months, last night professed surprise that a new election had not been decreed for West Prince. P. E. I. It is all in good time. The late member was only buried last week, and a successor will be chosen without indecent haste. The indications are that he will be a Liberal.

A dispatch to the London Times says that Col. Manning, her Majesty's acting commissioner and consul-general in the British Central Africa Protectorate, has telegraphed from Zomba that the recent campaign has been brought to a successful conclusion. The rebel chief Mpeni surrendered voluntarily to the Protectorate troops and the latter have returned to their usual quarters. Thus ends one of Britain's little wars before many people knew that it had begun.

Even the London Free Press now concedes a clear majority for the Ontario Government. It figures out that the Administration has 48 seats out of 94, but in order to secure this result, it refuses to count Mr. Beatty, Barry Sound, as a supporter of the Government, and it leaves out Mr. McNish in West Elgin. By and bye, it will find that in all essential respects Mr. Beatty is a supporter of the Government. He was elected by Liberal votes, defeating the candidate of the Conservative convention, and he gave his place to support the Government. The Opposition may as well accept the situation. The Liberals, by the decree of the electorate, hold the fort.

Russell Is Heard From.

The election for the Ontario Legislature in Russell county, delayed because of the great storm on the regular nomination day, which prevented the returning officer from reaching the place of meeting, was held yesterday.

The result was the return of Mr. Bulford, the Liberal candidate, by a phenomenally large majority.

Practically the first bye-election since the general contest, the verdict in Russell gives a clear indication of how an aroused public opinion will decide any contests that may take place in the Province in the near future.

It was no snap verdict. The respective positions of the two parties were clearly placed before the electorate, and they have responded with a unanimity which is unmistakable.

Hon. George W. Ross, with his wonted energy, went into the constituency, and placed the situation calmly before the electorate. He was aided by Mr. Stratton, Mr. Evans, Mr. Conmee and other well-known M. P. P. The Conservative view was put at its best by Mr. Whitney and by Mr. Matheson. They even contended, wrongly as we have from time to time proved, that they had but to get the support of Russell to destroy the Gov-

ernment. Russell lies close to the Dominion capital, and M. P.s on both sides lent a hand. The Dominion Government's policy was stirred up to a limited extent, but no disposition has been exhibited hostile to either of the two Governments. Russell electors were satisfied with the situation as it now exists, and have so declared. Their decree adds another to the Liberal majority in the Legislature, which bids fair, before the next meeting of the Assembly in February, 1899, to be larger than it was after the elections of 1883 and 1894, and amply sufficient to insure honest and progressive administration of the affairs of this great Province for four years to come.

Smuggling.

We learn from an Ottawa dispatch that Hon. Wm. Paterson, Minister of Customs, has recently received complaints from merchants in Western Ontario regarding the prevalence of the smuggling of drygoods from Detroit and other border cities of the United States. Mr. Paterson has given instructions to the Customs Inspector for the Western district to have the efforts of the officials redoubled to prevent smuggling. A female searcher is stationed at Windsor, and her services will probably be called into use more frequently than formerly. Secret service officers, too, are available, if needed, but Mr. Paterson says the situation is not such as to call for the extreme measures adopted last year to suppress the smuggling of liquor into Canada from St. Pierre and elsewhere by way of the Gulf, when the Government were authorized to spend money privately to secure information, the names of informers being held in confidence. The ordinary machinery of the service, it is hoped by the Minister, will prove sufficient to check the increase of smuggling on the Michigan frontier.

It is not a very easy thing to prevent smuggling by women. The ladies who see some article of clothing, jewel or nick-nack in a foreign country, and fancy it is newer in shape or shade, or cheaper than can be got at home, are apt to buy and to cheat Her Majesty's customs out of their decreed share of the value of the article. They hide all sorts of things under their skirts, and put on an air of innocence that is calculated to catch even an expert customs official off his guard. In probably three cases out of five the smuggled goods could be obtained from dealers in such wide-awake mercantile centers as London as cheap or cheaper than they can be bought in Buffalo or Detroit.

The writer at one time knew of a Hamilton preacher's wife who, every time her boots were out, went to Buffalo to see friends and bought a new pair, like her sisters generally never regarding it as one bit wicked to dodge customs duty. Inquiry revealed the fact that she could have obtained just as good boots in Canada for the same money. But what did that avail? If the boots had been purchased here, the sensation of getting ahead of the taxation officers would have been absent.

A big blow will be given to the industry of smuggling goods from the United States when the Canadian preferential tariff goes fully into force in July next. Then British goods will be favored to the extent of 25 per cent over imports from the United States and other foreign countries. The Hamilton Times is under the impression that the tariff on British imports cut still lower "the great bulk of the goods consumed in Canada would be so reduced in price that the current of smuggling would set in to and not from the United States. The Canadian Government would then get not only all the duty upon goods consumed in Canada, but the duty on goods purchased in Canada for consumption in the United States. That was the course of the trade in the sixties and the early seventies. With Dingleyism in force, trade would be turned in that direction again, and it would be far more profitable for Canada to have goods smuggled out than to have them smuggled in."

The Canadian Government has given the Motherland as great an advantage as the present condition of the Dominion will stand. We are confident that under our preferential tariff, this country will receive from Great Britain many articles that she now obtains in the United States, and no doubt a very profitable line of smuggling will be built up from Canada to the United States for other staple British goods, on which a prohibitive duty is imposed by our neighbors. When duties are made high, to resist popular demand, smuggling is always promoted, and only by putting an army of preventive officers on duty along the 4,000 miles of international boundary can it be prevented.

The April Century is to contain a number of articles on Pennsylvania coal mining, one of them by Jay Hambridge, the artist, who contributes "An Artist's Impression of the Colliery Region." The illustrations include views in Lattimer, where the recent strikes occurred, and Mr. Hambridge has made a great number of interesting sketches of many types of people that he found in the collieries.

In the Arena for March, in addition to a number of articles on the money question, C. A. Robinson, president Farmers' Alliance, writes about "Pin-needles on Business" and "Trusts: Their Causes and the Remedy," by Marion Butler, U. S. senator from North Carolina. The editor writes a most appreciative article on "The Ascendency of Kipling," and "Girls' Co-operative Boarding Homes" is discussed by Robert Stein.

INDEPENDENT TESTIMONY.
(The Critic, London, England.)
Ontario is one of the best governed bits of the empire.

The Talk of Old London.

Premier Salisbury's Health Is the Chief Topic.

Many Rumors of Impending Cabinet Changes.

Mr. George N. Curzon Likely to Enter the Cabinet.

Unusually Marked Celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

John Redmond's Clever Tactics—Mission of the Methodist Bishop of Africa.

[Special Cable Letter to The Advertiser.]

London, March 18.—The interest of the English political world now centers in the Marquis of Salisbury's health, and the air is full of rumors of impending changes in the cabinet. In addition to influenza the premier is suffering from depression and a form of "brain fog," as a friend puts it, which will render it impossible for him to continue his present heavy labors at the foreign office. It is believed he will remain premier, but the reconstruction of the cabinet is probable during the Easter recess.

The temporary testatment of Mr. A. J. Balfour, the first lord of the treasury and government, at the head of the foreign office exercises the minds of all parties. The Liberal-Unionists deny his political status, and insist it is merely

A STOP-GAP ARRANGEMENT.

Mr. Balfour has no special training or liking for foreign affairs, but he is warmly in sympathy with his uncle's view in regard to the present troubling international relations, and the fact that he was chosen to direct the foreign office indicates that his policy, for the present at least, will be conducted upon the Marquis's lines.

MR. CURZON TO BE PROMOTED.

It is regarded as certain that Mr. George N. Curzon, the parliamentary secretary for the foreign office, will be admitted to the cabinet at the first opportunity. He has made rapid advancement during the last few weeks. Even his political opponents and in- portant weekly papers are sounding his praises for the skilful manner in which he has handled the ticklish questions in the House of Commons.

THE WEARING OF THE GREEN.

St. Patrick's Day was more generally celebrated on Thursday last here than usual. The shamrock was worn on all sides, and at the Birmingham assizes, the Lord Chief Justice, Baron Russell of Killowen, appeared on the bench with a sprig of shamrock pinned to his robe.

At Dublin the principal event of St. Patrick's Day was the trooping of the colors in the castle yard, Lord Roberts of Kandahar, the commander-in-chief of the forces in Ireland, commanding the troops, which went through the evolutions brilliantly led by the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, Earl Cavanagh, a distinguished party including the Duchess of Manchester and the Marquis of Ormonde.

IN HONOR OF CHARLOTTE YONGE. It is proposed to found a universities scholarship in honor of Charlotte Yonge. An appeal to the public says this will be done in recognition of her great services as the pioneer of that religious and high-toned literature for young people which for the last fifty years has been the special glory of America and other countries. Among those who are supporting the scheme are the Princess of Wales, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Duchess of Sutherland and many bishops.

CLEVER JOHN REDMOND.

Mr. John Redmond, the Parnellite leader, has adopted very clever tactics to force a hearing to the subject of Ireland's over-taxation from the House of Commons. He has put down his motion about the British relations between Great Britain and Ireland, in which matter he is acting as spokesmen, for all sections of the Irish members, for the evening of the Irish budget. He obtained priority, and by his action the budget is blocked and the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, will be unable to make his annual financial statement until the Irish debate has first taken place. It is generally believed that this action will

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force the government to provide facilities for a discussion of the question, which up to the present the ministers have refused to do.

IN LIBERIA'S BEHALF.

Bishop Atwell, the Methodist Episcopal Bishop of Africa, who is now here, has a mission from the people of Liberia to Great Britain. He will urge the integrity of a treaty guaranteeing the independence of the little republic against Franco-German encroachments. He has been well received at the British foreign office, where every sympathy was shown toward his plan, but it was suggested that it would be better, considering the interests of the United States in Liberia, if the suggestion of a treaty came from the United States.

Private advice from the Transvaal to people having large interests there, indicate that serious trouble with Great Britain is brewing. British troops are already being concentrated on the frontier at Johannesburg, and the late Barney Barnato, who was recently shot and killed in his office by a former American, married to a daughter of the Galety chorus, some years ago, the mother objected to his marrying any one but a Jewess.

NOTES.

The Earl of Rosslyn, the peer who has started the stage for a profession, is adopting a new penny paper called Scottish Life. In an editorial announcement he says: "My sister, the Duchess of Sutherland, offers you an interesting story, and amongst other writers are the Marquis of Lorne and Ladies Randolph Churchill and Warwick."

The huge surplus of the present financial year, and the high price of Britain with more money on its hands than it needs, and it has been decided to spend £2,000,000 in buying sites and erecting buildings for the great public departments, including a new war office.

The premier's brother, Lord Sackville Cecil, left £250,000, almost entirely his own earnings. Like his brother, he had been once chairman of the Exchange Telegraph Company.

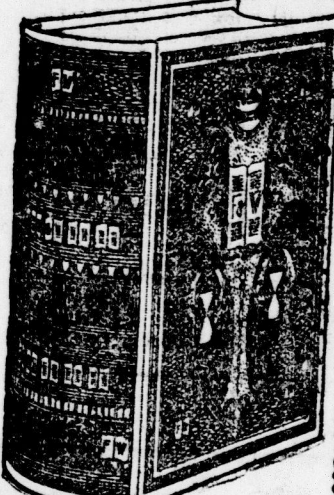
The Daily Mail is publishing letters from women, demanding ladies' smoking carriages on the railroads.

The theatrical week centered in the brilliant given Nellie Farren, on Thursday last, at the Drury Lane board, with a serious warning withdrawn from the stage.

Scott, whereupon six of London's foremost actors-managers threatened to dress by the author of attacks on the dress was thereupon withdrawn, and one by Henry Hamilton was substituted.

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Ashted	446	387
Colborne	237	255
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Goderich township	104	227
Hullett	134	90
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THE ROYAL TEMPLARS.

Hamilton, March 18.—Not much business came before the Dominion Council of the Royal Templars yesterday. There was a long discussion about financial matters. The committee on total dis- ability reported. It was decided to re-model the system, and to have assessments reduced, but they will be collected more frequently, and one-half decided not to be liable for members who go to the Klondike or to insure miners in British Columbia. In future four, instead of three, meetings of the system of grading candidates was approved. It was decided not to grant the memorials to have officers of councils nominated.

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