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DIARY OF EVENTS
HISTORIC DAYS

The Fathers of Confederation assembled in Quebec forty-nine years ago today to begin that memorable conference which was to result in the laying of the foundation of a new nation under the British flag.

press in Quebec province that the nomination of Mr. Fisher has meant a close hard fought contest and, according to all precedent, the Liberals should win, as the constituency of Chateaugay has never returned a Conservative since Confederation.

Despatches regarding the delays of the St. John delegation at Ottawa, published elsewhere in The Standard, this morning, indicate a very decided improvement in the situation and a reasonable belief that, at least, the Embassies may be restored to St. John this winter.

It will be noted that only three times since 1867 has the Liberal majority been less than 100. Chateaugay is one of the Eastern Townships in Quebec which is gradually losing its English characteristics.

MAKING PROGRESS.
The following extracts from editorials in Le Canada, the leading French Liberal organ in Montreal, will furnish an indication of the case which the Liberals make out for Mr. Fisher:

"Have we to ask ourselves why our influence has come to nothing in Ottawa?"
"Who has our representation in the government been reduced?"

Headed by Mr. Hazen, the delegation went last night to Montreal, there to confer with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy. This conference, probably, will be held today and after it more definite news regarding the Embassies should be available.

"Why is the business of the Transcontinental taken to Toronto instead of Quebec?"
"Who was Hon. Mr. Parent replaced by Major Leonard?"

OUR PROVINCIAL FINANCES.
That was a most encouraging prediction made by Premier Fleming, in Fredericton, yesterday, to the effect that New Brunswick's revenue for the fiscal year, ending the end of this month, will be the greatest in the history of the province.

"Why have we lost positions in the civil service and even on the bench?"
"Who are we losing influence everywhere?"

MONTREAL'S NEW PAPER.
Montreal's new daily paper, "The Daily Mail," made its first appearance on Wednesday morning. Judging from a copy received at The Standard office yesterday, the paper shows evidence of much care in all departments and will undoubtedly make for itself a place in Canadian journalism.

"Why are our patriots insulted and ill-treated at Ottawa?"
"Because the victory of the 21st of September was the first place a victory against Quebec and we have been made to feel it very cruelly ever since."

Here is a description of the situation there from the pen of a staff correspondent of the Chicago Examiner: "Illinois has the prize financial problem of the country. It is in a condition where, if it were a private corporation, some stockholder would be harrying into court with a petition for a receiver. The State's treasury is virtually empty. The proud commonwealth of 6,000,000 souls is just about to be driven to the loan sharks. Already it has begun asking for time in which to pay its bills. With taxable wealth of more than \$7,000,000,000—given upon the conservative estimate of tax assessors—it hasn't money in hand to pay for blankets for its charity population. Presently Illinois may not have the money to pay for the food of its dependants. Presently it may not have the money to pay the monthly salaries of its officers and employees."

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"We are now Fork," says The Times. Even "so truculent an adversary" as The Standard has refrained from breaking the news quite as bluntly as that.

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This is the story of Uncle Sam Hatch. He was one of the wisest of men; but he sought a gas leak with the aid of a match—And he never will do it again.

From the Ould Sod.
"Kil" in October Canada Monthly. The other day when a sub-inspector was hearing a class of little Dublin boys repeat Macaulay's "Horatius," he inquired whether three soldiers would be likely nowadays to hold a bridge against a whole army.

Unfortunate.
(Baltimore Sun.)
"Couldn't the wreck have been averted?"
"No, there wasn't a woman around who had a petticoat that could be waved for a signal!"

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BIG REVENUE FOR PRODUCE IS ESTIMATED
Best Fiscal Year in History of Province Predicted by Premier Fleming—Government Meeting.
Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 9.—The greatest revenue in the history of the province was predicted by Premier Fleming this morning, at the New Brunswick meeting of the Executive Council, held here this morning. It looks to be as though we would have the most revenue in history and that is exclusive of bonuses on crown timber sales," declared the Premier at his office at noon. Besides being Premier of the province, Hon. Mr. Fleming is also acting Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, and therefore had a most intimate knowledge of the province's financial affairs.

At sunset this evening the most significant day in the Jewish year will usher in with fasting and prayer. Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is more generally observed than any other Hebrew feast by those who are not orthodox Jews, and finally severed their relations with Judaism refrain from the usual Jewish fasts for the unorthodox Jews may not fast for the services in the synagogue, he at least abstains from food. There is a general closing of Jewish business places, with the setting of the sun tonight the Book of Life is closed and with it opportunity for the sinner to atone for his sins of the past year. The Jewish theory divides humanity into three classes, between the sheep and the goats is a great middle class, the ordinary run of humanity, who are neither very good nor very bad, but just so-so. The big leader of life contains the names of those who are assuredly damned. Between New Year and Yom Kippur every Jew not a confirmed sinner, enters on the credit side of his account.

MOHAMMEDAN PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA
Eighty-nine and Ninety-eight Vessels Engaged in Carrying them to Arabia—Interesting Statistics.
Constantinople, Oct. 5.—A statistical statement was recently issued of the number of Mohammedan pilgrims who traveled to Mecca via ports on the Red Sea during the Mohammedan year 1330, which corresponds almost exactly to the calendar year 1912. These pilgrims do not include the many thousands who travel to Medina and Mecca via the Hedjaz Railway and other overland routes, but they will serve to show the magnitude of the annual pilgrimages to the Mohammedan shrines in Arabia. The number of pilgrims arriving by the sea was 83,985, of which 83,235 came to Jeddah 488 to Yambo and 12 to Elweddi. One hundred and ninety-eight vessels were engaged in carrying the pilgrims and, of these, 144 were under the British flag, 22 Russian, 13 Dutch and 29 others.

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