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THE WAY THE WIND BLOWS.

Four bye-elections for the Dominion Parliament have taken place lately, two in Quebec, one in Ontario, and one in British Columbia. All were for seats held by previous Government supporters.

Liberals were returned in the two Quebec constituencies, a Conservative in Ontario, and a Liberal in British Columbia, a net loss of one seat out of the four.

Of course the Vancouver election is looked upon, or rather held up to Eastern people as a great victory. But the party managers know very well that the Liberal party could not afford two such victories in British Columbia.

This election proved that the prestige of the Laurier Government has been entirely destroyed in the city of Vancouver, that the Government candidate was an actual minority of the votes polled, and that had the appeal to the electors been one made at a general instead of a bye-election the Government candidate would never have been heard of.

The only force which elects a man to the office of a Member of Parliament is not the opportunity for a revolt against the Government. If the Burrard election has awakened the Laurier Government to a proper appreciation of the attitude of British Columbia on the question of Oriental immigration, and if as it is reported from Ottawa, definite action is taken by the Government to deal with this question, benefit to the province will result whatever the effect of its tardy repentance may be upon the Dominion Government.

Ontario, in North Grey, the Government candidate was elected, and the administration press is endeavoring to show that the seat was lost because no attempt was made to win it. But if little or no attempt was made to win it, it is the first time in the history of the Laurier Government that it has overlooked the importance of a bye-election in Ontario in dead set against the Laurier Government and the longer time runs, the more set against it Ontario will become.

A redistribution bill may assist the Government somewhat if passed in defiance of those principles of ethics, of which as Liberals are so eloquent, and which are reported out of office. But we question very much whether any redistribution of seats can offset the tide of feeling against the Government which is rising throughout Ontario.

In Quebec the Government appears to be as solid as ever. If a Liberal Government is returned after the next general election, it will have to lean very heavily upon Quebec. It is a curious thing that it is in Quebec where the Conservative party is weakest that it is most aggressive and united.

conquered with this devouring fury of Americanism. It is a notorious fact that the birth rate among descendants of the New England puritans is low, and that the Irish birth rate is high they mostly congregate in cities. However, we suppose they are out of the thirty-six millions of really indigenous Americans, twenty millions of rabid Americans desirous of absorbing Canada, and that all these are available, they would require an emigration of twenty-five per cent. of them before they could have any chance of accomplishing their full purpose.

The United States cannot spare them, even if Canada could handle them, as we rather think Canada could at a pinch. However, we are not getting them. The immigrants we are getting are largely sold farmers of German origin who will make quite as good British subjects as they have made American citizens.

FOR HOME CONSUMPTION.

The Government of the United States has begun the manufacture of ammunition for domestic consumption only. The militia is being provided with a particular form of cartridge in which there are two bullets. These bullets will have sufficient power to kill at short range, but not to penetrate wooden or plastered walls or injure people at a distance.

It is interesting to note that the Government is not only manufacturing cartridges, but also is manufacturing rifles. This is a country which calls itself "the land of the free and the home of the brave," and which particularly prides itself upon the opinion of the world that it is a free country.

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THE WAR EAGLE REPORT.

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