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HON. FRANK OLIVER comes out of his preliminary canter over the ministerial turf with flying colors. He distanced all competitors in Edmonton by his re-election by acclamation, and shortly afterwards took an active part in the campaign in London and in North Oxford. Although some persons thought that he was confronted with a difficult task he succeeded in convincing a large majority of the electors that the people of this country are satisfied with the Autonomy Bill, and that the policy of the Laurier ministry was one that would stand the wash. He was assisted by Mr. Walter Scott and others. Premier Haultain of the Northwest Territories (who will shortly lose that job) R. B. Bennett of Calgary and many others took the stump on behalf of the Conservative candidates, and even Lealer Borden went into these constituencies. A great effort was made to carry them for the Opposition. Edmund E. Sheppard, who for several years had written a portion of "Saturday Night" left his sanctum and requited the Liberal administration in Ottawa for what they had done for him by appealing to the electors to turn down Laurier and Cartwright and the other members of the Ottawa government. The effect of the elections will be felt in many ways. The Conservative party has been greatly damaged and the Conservative leader has fallen in public estimation. Hon. Charles S. Hyma is now firmly seated in the saddle as Minister of Public Works, and has already given some evi-

dence of his executive ability in that difficult and heavy department.

DR. GOLDWIN SMITH, as Bystander, writes this week: The union of Norway and Sweden was constituted a part of the settlement of Europe after the fall of Napoleon under the influence of the great powers. The terms were that the union of the two kingdoms should be indissoluble and irrevocable, without prejudice whatever to the separate government, constitution, and code of laws of either Norway or Sweden. To this union Gladstone, in introducing his Home Rule for Ireland, pointed as a proof that two Parliaments might well exist and act together in harmony under the same Crown. Even at that time if he had inquired carefully, he might have learned that the harmony was precarious and that there were symptoms of coming discord. Now the example to which he pointed for encouragement has become a signal warning, and will probably not be without practical influence on opinion regarding the Irish question.

THE second number of the Canadian Forestry Journal, the official organ of the Canadian Forestry Association, contains reports of the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association and of the American Forest Congress. "Forestry in Relation to Mining" by Professor J. C. Gwillim, of Queen's University; "The Forests of the Yukon" by J. Keele, of the Dominion Geological Survey. An article on "The Care of Street Trees" by Roland D. Craig, of the Dominion Forestry Bureau, gives a great deal of information and many useful hints in regard to the selection and management of trees.