CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS.

As the all-important June 23rd draws nigh the confidence and enthusiasm of the opposition party in this city increases. "Thrice is he armed who hath his quarrel just," and one cannot have observed the earnest, spontaneous efforts of the ardent assistants in the cause of reform, without being impressed with the belief that the Liberals are indeed fighting in a just cause. The canvass has given them every encouragment; the people of Victoria have given them strong evidence that they desire a

A MINOR ORGAN'S POWERS.

The Wellington Enterprise says: .: in his speech at Montreal, Mr. Laurier in addressing the French Canadian Roman Catholics, said: 'Thank God we have no Orangemen in the Liberal ranks, and what is more we do not want them. We allow them to be embraced in the Liberal-Conservative party." This is an improvement on the original form of this story. The Enterprise evidently believes in living up to its name, even inthe matter of campaign lies.

WOULD THEY USE FORCE?

to them there. It is plain that it can- remedial bill. not be done without the use of force, and it must be concluded that Sir Charles Tupper is prepared to employ force in the event of his return. Would Col. Prior support Sir Charles in that part of his programme? If the government is not prepared to employ force, of legislation?

THE FRANCHISE ACT.

The Montreal Star directs attention to the state of the voters' list under the Dominion franchise act, by which all who have come of age in the last two years are disfranchised. No young the dead, the alien and the exile remain fered an opportunity. Why should this keep its grip on the throat of the country. Young men deprived of a say in your country's government, remember this. You can vote and get others to a wrong.

THE DEGREES OF COERCION.

We can now see whither we are drift-

party if they would not obey.

Next came the coercion of parliament or pass the remedial bill. Now it is to coercion of constituencies,

such as is being attempted in East To-

Next it will be the coercion of voters by archiepiscopal mandate.

we will have enough coercion to last us marked. for a lifetime, and it and the Tupper regime will be over, but the harm that will be done to the country and the degradation of politics which must result cannot be estimated .- Toronto Star, Conservative.

THERE WILL BE A CHANGE.

The tremendous revolt in Nova Sco tia against high taxation, corruption and Sir Charles Tupper indicate a complete and sweeping change in the political complexion of the Maritime provinces. The many and influential accessions to the Liberal ranks of prominent merchants and manufacturers hitherto closely connected with the Conservative party herald the defeat of the desperate and discreditable combination that is striving tooth and nail to fasten its vicious clutch upon the public purse.

In a letter to a gentleman in Victoria Premier Fielding states that the pros- tory of Canada." pects are encouraging all along the line, and that in addition to the seats already Liberal the opposition will make substantial gains.

Attorney-General Longley, who has resigned his portfolio to contest Annapolis, states in a letter we have read: "The Liberals will carry the following seats in Nova Scotia: Digby, Yarmouth, Shelburne-Queens, Annapolis, King's, Lunenburg, Hants, Antigonish, Guysboro. Inverness and Victoria. I think we shall get one in Halifax, and we have a fighting chance in Richmond. Cumberland looks well, also Colchester, and wonderful possibilities are in Pictou, but we cannot expect everything. We are reasonably sure to get a majority in Nova Scotia. In New Brunswick we shall get five or six seats at least. Prince Edward Island will land either five Liberals to no Conservatives or 4 to 1. The prospects are generally ex-

cellent." From the eastern section of Quebec the reports are equally gratifying. Mr. Fauvel, a Protestant contesting the almost solidly Catholic constituency of Bonaventure, writes that he will carry affecting Victoria at the present time is, his district by 500 majority, that Gaspe I take it, the construction of the British and Rimouski in Quebec, and Restigouche in New Brunswick will certainly be tion than it is at the present time and

east ten of a majority in Quebec.

SIR OLIVER MOWAT.

Speaking of the school question at Berlin, Ont., Sir Oliver Mowat said: There was a question between the It could be healed, but never by the corecion bill. That settlement could be brought about by conciliation, and it would be done in that way Similar other evening Sir Oliver said: "In re- sary an undertaking." nexation any more than he did." Sir Oliver Mowat is strongly opposed

Government organs and speakers pract to the coercion of Manitoba; and it is tically say that the Dominion parlia- easily seen that his feeling is even ment must re-establish separate schools stronger than his words. The Manitoin Manitoba in spite of the opposition ba difficulty will never be healed by any

A SECRET BALLOT.

cret. It is utterly impossible for any man to know how another votes in Dominion elections: it is absolutely imposto what end would it exercise the power sible to trace the vote after it is cast. When the voter gets the ballot there is a counterfoil attached. Upon that counterfoil are placed the initials of the returning officer and a number. There Canadian under 23 can vote legally, but kind, upon the ballot paper proper. When the voter receives his ballot it is on the list and the personators are of- folded so that the initials and number upon the counterfoil are outside and can be so? Only that the government may be seen. The voter takes his ballot into the secret compartment, and there marks it, putting a cross in the white circle opposite the name of the candivote against a government guilty of such date for whom he desires to vote. He then refolds the ballet as it was, with the number and initials on the counterfoil outside and in plain view. He ing. The Tupper regime began with who looks at his initials and number to to the Connolly-McGreevy scandal and coercion as the chief plank it is plat- see that it is the same ballot he gave the other public works scandals of the First it was the coercion of Manitoba. counterfoil, with its number and initials at the session of 1891. Col. Prior is Next was the coercion of the members and destroys it, and then "immediately well aware of that fact, and was trying of parliament, who were read out of the and in the presence of the elector," to deceive his hearers when he asserted places the ballot paper in the box-the itself. It was either all night sessions ballot then having neither number, initial nor any mark whatever by which

> it can afterwards be identified. The Dominion ballot is absolutely secret, and it is utterly impossible for any person other than the voter himself to

GOOD REASONS WHY.

The classes of people who for special reasons aught to vote against Tupper: Orangemen, because Sir Mackenzie Bowell, a past grand master of their order, was knifed in the back by the nest of traitors and the past grant - laster. who resigned his office rather than stiffe every sort of malignant vindictiveness.

Englishmen, because the present tariff discriminates against Great Britain and because the present corrupt administration would not be kept in office in England long enough to brush the dust off their departing shoes.

Followers of the late Sir John Macnational policy," "my history is the his-

Roman Catholics because their church re-elect men who have been false to is a weak-kneed policy.

every trust reposed in them. British Columbians because they have been treated to the scriptural injunction: "It is more blessed to give than to receive," by a government which otherwise defies scriptural injunctions.

Canadians everywhere, because the national honor has been trailed in the dust by the men we placed in power to uphold it. Honest Conservatives, because it is a

disgrace to serve under a Tupper-Caron-McGreevy-Rykert leadership. Young men, because it has been the determined policy of the Conservative

EXPOSED BY MR. RITHET.

On behalf of the Conservative candidates there is now paraded a letter from Mr. Rithet, the most striking passage in which is the following:

"As one of the matters most seriously Pacific railway, I am rather sorry that it cannot be made a more direct quesgained for Laurier and conciliation, and during this election. The failure of the Robertson.

that the Liberals will have at the very negotiations with the local government for the money aid stipulated for by the parties who are prepared to furnish the necessary capital for building this road, has necessitated the comme new negotiations upon different lines, and which, up to the present time, have not reached a point to warrant me in making any defirite statement. Protestants and Catholics of Manitoba. friends of the enterprise in London are using every effort to meet the views of government, and should practical arrangement result, even special aid should be called for. I would have every confidence that Sir Charles questions had been settled before." At Tupper and his government, if returned Mr. Laurier's meeting in Montreal the to power, would favorably consider such

gard to the school question, he believed | Could there have been a neater exposure the question would be solved by a con- than that of the "flim-flam" game carciliatory policy. There must be no co- ried on by Col. Prior? Mr. Rithet says ercion. He quite saw that a handle that new negotiations in London have might be made of it some day in Man- been necessitated by the refusal of the itoba if it were successful. The people provincial government. He does not of that province were smarting under know whether these negotiations will the attempts at it that had been made, succeed; he does not know whether the and they would smart still more if it London capitalists will meet the views were successful. There had been an of the provincial government. There is, agitation for annexation in Ontario; it in short, practically no company; and was now dead. There might be a sim- yet in the face of all this Col. Prior has ilar agitation, and the agitators might the assurance to say that the Tupper refer to the fact that if they were an government would have asked parlianexed Manitoba could not be coerced in ment to vote a subsidy for the road. matters of education, but those who op- What would have become of the subsidy posed separate schools did not desire an- if it had been voted? Was there ever a plained attempt to deceive the electorate than this of Col. Prior's?

NO REPEATING.

It should not be forgotten that no elector is at liberty to vote more than once in one electoral district. The man who "repeats" his vote is held guilty of personation, and his offence is punish-The Dominion ballot is absolutely se- able by imprisonment without the option of a fine. The question has been asked the Times whether a person can vote in more than electoral district, as for instance, Victoria and Vancouver Island. The answer is that he can if There is no white on the ballot except his name is registered in more than one the space for the names and marks. district. To illustrate: A man can vote for Dr. Milne and Mr. Templeman in Victoria district and then go to Saanich, or any other part of Vancouver Island district and vote for Mr. McInnes, if his name is on both lists. is no initial, no number, no mark of any But he cannot vote more than once in one district.

THOSE BRITISH OPINIONS.

Perhaps the boldest falsehood of the campaign was that perpetrated by Col. Prior and some of his henchmen, when they asserted that the British press opinions so freely quoted in the press and on the platform referred either to the Mercier scandals or to the Pacific scandal of 1893. Col. Prior at least knows better, for those British news paper opinions have been more than once quoted in parliament, and have hands the ballot to the returning officer, been public since 1891. They referred to the voter. : He then tears off the Langevin regime, which were ventilated Here is another the same line, from the Pall Mall Gazette of August 10, 1891, which was quoted in the house of commons shortly afterwards when the Langevin scandals were under discussion:-

"As just exposed, a more sordid spectacle of corruption has never been pre sented by a free people. Whatever de-Before we get through with the thing discover how a man's ballot has been fence individual officials and politicians the cancer of corruption has eaten deep into Canadian institutions. Political life in the United States is not particularly pure, but we would be exceedingly surprised if the Canadian record could be beaten.

It is unadulterated cheek for Colone Prior or Mr. Earle to ask us to elect two members who have done nothing for Victoria; who will support a governhis conscience, is being persecuted with ment which has done nothing for

> Each Liberal supporter or sympathizer must let not a working moment go by. Over confidence has lost more than one

Let no one be deceived for a moment over the issue of this election. If donald, because the fame and name of Tupper party be returned to power the chieftain is stolen and insulted by there will be the same stealing of our Tupper when he asserts "I brought money in the future as there has been about Confederation." "I gave you the in the past. There has not been even a death-bed repentance.

The strongest protest you can peris being put to scandalous uses by the sonally make against Tupperism is to Tupper boodlers when they attempt by mark your ballot for Messrs. Templemeans of promises which can never be man and Milne. To merely refrain carried out to bribe the church's aid to from voting for the Tupper candidates

Do not take the Tory explanation of the Grit platform as true in every singular particular. It is the Tory policy to falsify every plank pertaining there-

Come to to-night's meeting of the oppositionist candidates. Remember that the Liberals of this city have invited Conservative speakers to speak at their meetings while Conservatives have refused to allow Liberal speakers at theirs. Which is the weak cause?

To overtake all the misstatements in party to keep them off the voters' lists. this morning's Colonist would keep every Liberal busy for a week. As fell a little last night. time is precious readers of the organ might as well disbelieve in both general, and in particular almost every item of political news in the issue.

> We do not want the west to be filled with illiterates.-Rev. Dr. Robertson.

If this question is left to the western people I am perfectly satisfied they will decide it on equitable lines,-Rev. Dr.

If, as the Colonist comfortingly asserts, the Liberals beginning the contest with seven seats to the good, is a glorious presage of victory for the Tupper cause, how many seats will it take What the Country Paid for Tup to snow-under the same party?

According to the local Tupper organ a Conservative prophecy of 40 government majority is "an honest effort to get as near the truth as possible." Possibly that is as near the truth as a Tupper

Public confidence in Mowat is impossible to shake. Tory newspapers might as well desist. Twenty years unblemished record as an administrator is a hard thing to get over.

Laurier and Mowat or Tupper and Mc-

The puzzled outsider gathers from Tupper organs that the Quebec bishops are opposing Mr. Laurier because he is a member of their church and a strong

Laurier government will not melt at the work of defending the people's money, as do the present invertebrates.

Mr. Earle with the Conservatives, now it is all Col. Prior. Col. Prior has at last memorized his

At the last general election it was all

little speech and now does not have to refer to the Conservative campaign pamphlets so often during the evening. Again last evening Col. Prior read

that garbled extract of Mr. Laurier's Boston speech. He knows quite well that the extract is a garbled one, as it Onderdonk being easier than those on has been publicly proved to be such. which Mr. Charlebois tendered, the dif-No honest politician would make use of it, but the colonel in his desperation has thrown honesty to the winds.

"Corruption wins not more than honesty," wrote William Shakespeare. If lars from an outside party for that par-Tupper were successful this would have to be amended to read "honesty is not Mr. Charlebois' tender and that accept

A transposition of lines made the fol- to the tender the government was at lowing remark in yesterday's paper appear a little confused: "If Messrs. Earle and Prior had recognized the fact that When the work was completed, Mr. the people of Victoria, not the pirate crew at Ottawa, had the true claim to their loyal services, they might not have been in so bad a case to-day."

The following editorial note in yesterday's Times suffered injury from a mis- Canadian Pacific railway for Mr. Onprin': "It takes Colonel Prior three quarters of an hour enumerating all for the engines and cars fit for use. the things he has not done for Victoria. That did not suit Mr. Onderdonk, and Five minutes seem to be enough to ex- it was evidently unsatisfactory to Sir | plain at length what he has done."

If the remedial bill is passed for Manitoba it will have to be passed for As- award from \$72,665 to \$202,000. Mr. sinibola, Alberta, Athabasca and British Clark, the umpire, told the public ac-Columbia. Are you prepared for that kind of thing?-Rev. Dr. Robertson.

I am in favor of every church teaching its own religion and let the state at- increase of \$129,335 added to the pretend to the matter of secular education. -Rev. Dr Robertson.

Vote against Tupper, tyranny and

The cast will do its duty to-morrow. Victoria should be in line.

The Conservative candidates and their organ think they should be supported famous Onderdonk contract. When because the Province employs a Japanese lithographer. It would be interesting to know how many Chinese and Jap- contract up to the standard of the Interanese are employed by the proprietors colonial railway. That was on accoun of the Colonist. Their mines are full of of the more easy specifications which them and any number are working along the line of their railway. Mr. Earle, too, is credited with being the the government for the cost of bringing owner or part owner of canneries where this section up to the required standard Chinese are employed, and it would be For this an arbitration awarded the safe to say that Col. Prior is no strang- company \$575,000 and \$100,000 expener to dinners cooked by Chinese and clothes washed by them.

Colonist: "The electors should be on their guard against lying rumors. To- loss through the Onderdonk contract is purifies and vitalizes day and to-morrow all sorts of stories \$1,245,335. If it be claimed that the will be circulated with the hope of influencing the votes of the wavering. Those who are wise will believe none of the rumors raised at the last moment. Very timely advice, indeed, especially in view of the fact that the Colonist 1ssued a paper this morning, and will issue another to-morrow morning.

The Colonist is acting very consistently. It is supporting two coercionists in Victoria, an anti-coercionist in Vancouver Island district; a coercionist in Vancouver; an anti-coercionist in New Westminster: a coercionist in Yaie-Cariboo, and nobody knows just how many anti-coercionists in the east.

British Columbia Weather. Lillooet, B. C., June 22.-The weather is warm, the river rising and at the highest point this season.

Soda Creek, B. C., June 22.-The weather is warm. The river has been rising fast for the last two days, but

Swaziland's eighteen-year-old King has taken to the mountains: Some one presented him with a Winchester rifle, which he tried effectively on six of nis subjects. Then it occurred to him that then Transvaal officials might object, and he got out of the way.

ROYAL Baking Powder. Highest of all in leavening strength .- U.S. Government Report

per's Friendship for the Contractor.

Over a Million Dollars in Hard Cash Taken Out of the National Treasury.

From Sir Charles Tupper's career as Dominion minister we may select the Onderdonk contract. That was made in 1879, the early days of the railway department, the year it had been separ-Who is the best deserving of support, ated from the department of public works and put under the control of Sir Charles Tupper, who had during the previous year conducted the combined department. It was a time of constructive work, of large contracts, and, it might be added, of innocence on the part of the general public. The government was constructing the mountain sections of the Canadian Pacific railway in British Columbia, sections afterwards hand-The next "solid six" British Columbia ed over to the Canadian Pacific railway must send to support the in-coming company as a gift, and the contract for that, which became known as the Onderdonk section, was awarded to a gentleman from California of that name The figure at which the contract was awarded was \$226,000 above the tender of a responsible and experienced Canadian contractor, Mr. Charlebois. The excuse made by Sir Charles Tupper for favoring the Californian at a higher price was that the check deposited by Mr. Charlebois was marked "good for three days only," and was in consequence, not valid security. An inquiry at the bank showed that in thus marking the check the clerk had made a mistake that could have been rectified at any time. Another peculiar circum stance was the change in the specifications, those which were signed by Mr. ference being worth about \$200,000 to the contractor. The Halifax Chronicle published recently a story to the effect that the change was made in favor of the contractor by a clerk in the department, who received one hundred dolticular service. The difference in the specifications and the margin between ed would make a clear extra profit for Mr. Onderdonk of \$426,000. According liberty, though not under any obligation, to take over at a valuation the rolling stock used in the work of construction

Pope, who had assumed the railway portfolio, hesitated to take over the construction plant, but influences were used to make him decide in favor of the claim of Mr. Onderdonk. The arbitrators as to the value were Mr. Reed for the government, Mr. Haney of the derdonk, and Mr. Clarke as umpire. They awarded Mr. Onderdonk \$72.665 Charles Tupper. The arbitrators were required to reconsider their decision and they increased the amount of their increased from \$72,665 to \$202,000 "by order of the government, and though their names were appended to it they did not hold themselves responsible." The vious loss of \$426,000 brought up the total to \$555,335. In addition to that the government paid the Canadian Pacific railway \$15,000 for transporting the plant to Quebec. The minister of railways told the house of commons that for the award the government had received 29 locomotives and 397 flat cars, but when an inspection was made the property dwindled to 8 locomotives and 180 flat cars, the latter in a very rickety condition. This did not end the the Canadian Pacific Railway Company took over the road it was found it had not been completed according to the lessened the cost of the section by \$200,-000. As a result the Canadian Pacific railway brought a heavy claim against ses against the government, thus show ing that even the easy specifications had been treated with considerable lib-Adding this \$675,000 to the appears in varied forms, \$570,335 previously counted, the total to yield to Hood's Sar \$200,000 change in the specifications is really included in the Canadian Pacific railway company's damage claim, and consequently counted twice, there is still a loss of \$1,045,335. That was a char-

will never be known, but it is told that he confidentially described the minister of railways as "the hardest man to sat- on and I thought I should isfy" he ever came across. This exam- at every step. I could not ple is typical of the politicians' hey-day -the time of Canada's railway expansion and development. It may be mentioned that Mr. Onderdonk has now a contract on the Trent Valley canal.

acteristic game to play on a young na

tion struggling with the great burden

of building a transcontinental railway.

This disposal of Mr. Onderdonk's gains

PRINCESS MAUD'S WEDDING DAY.

Many other people besides the confessedly superstitious must have been a little startled by the announcement that July 10-a Friday-is the date provisionally chosen for the wedding of weight and am in better hea Princess Maud of Wales and Prince Charles of Denmark, Custom and tra-rilla." Mrs. H. BLAKE, So. dition have not lost their influence, even upon the minds of practical and matter of fact persons who would scorn to admit that they had the slightest belief in the "unlucky day" idea, on in any popu lar superstition of the kind; and the fact remains that Friday is very generally regarded as an "off-day" for weddings, and that the vast majority of brides elect would rather have their "nuptia knot" tied upon any other day of the week. But Princess Maud, who has subjects, is known to be fond of defying Hood's Pills and

all bogies of tradition be surprising if her fear for a Friday wedding br special address of respectfy tion from the members

There is, however, that the preceding day 9-may be ultimately py event. In the matters relating to Queen is, of course power;" and it is n Majesty does not daughter's entire disr day tradition, althobeen, perhaps, the royal family. It is, sible that she may give ter, should the Prince sirous of adhering to pending a formal and on the subject, many lieve it more probable day will, after all, be chosen day. Princess Maud, who most ardent of royal rather an embarrasein while riding along cently, and Her Ro

ed to Marlborough F her cycle on the roof. amused than otherwise tretemps. TORONTO AND THE

The Electors Had Some L Toronto, June 16.-The vative candidate had a fairly cessful meeting this In Centre Tor Cockburn a good rawling Grits." In hree or four candid

Patron Brown sposeriously received big row, which

the meeting the with annexation

worse,

SUPERSTITIONS OF THE F

been waiting or and observation lectual condition his corn and mows

nauseating teas by first-class febrifu snake-bite until the flesh has

Coercion, corrupti are powerful, but n E Brammer was a couver last evening.

remarkable mad ston

cures all such diseases "In September, 1894, I made

injured my ankle. Very soon

two inches across form to favor it I sprained my ank became worse; I could be and had to stop work. a similar case by Hood's Sar concluded to try it. Bef all of two bottles the sore has the swelling had gone down.

fited otherwise. I have say enough in praise of Hoo

This and other similar cure. Sarsapar

Is the One True Blood Purifie Prepared only by C. I. Hood