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## BRITISH POLITICAL PARTIES

While the defeat of the British government in a carefully engineered snap division is not in itself of any importance and is by no means without precedent, it is another of the many indications that Mr. Balfour's administration is tottering to its fall, is the conclusion of the Toronto World. With a nominal majority still numbering over a hundred, there ought to be no difficulty in maintaining at all times a sufficiency of supporters to ensure immunity from defeat in any vote vote however skillfully pre-arranged. The most extraordinary feature of this latest piece of strategy on the part of the Irish Nationalists is that no member of the government or any one else seems to have been prepared to continue the debate until the requisite reinforcements could be got together. This strange lassitude and indifference must have infected even the party whips, who are supposed to be at any moment cognizant of the strength of parties available for a division, and to be ready to guide the leader of the house or his substitute in the matter.

It has been a common thing of late years to hear it said that the day of strong men was over, and that modern political conditions militated against the development of individuality in party leaders. 'British political history since the death of Gladstone has demonstrated that this idea has no substantial basis. Perhaps it may be true that owing to the rise of the group system within the parties themselves there is no longer the same acquiescence in the dicta of the official leaders. But however successful logrolling has proved in its original home, it has not succeeded in establishing itself in the British parliament. It touched its highest point during Mr. Gladstone's later life, and his yielding to pressure by such sections as the Scottish Disestablishment Council and others of kindred character did not a little expedite the breaking of the Liberal party in the country. But these sectional groups are not so prominent now, nor is so much heard of Newcastle programs and other schemes to impose the will of a part upon the general body. Where, however, there is a weak leader, such as Mr. Balfour must apparently be set down to be, who is the victim of the situation and not its master, and whose trimming course necessitates constant adjustment to the varying conditions, there will constantly occur such incidents as that of the 112 Chamberlainites who the other day were prepared to upset the ministry rather than have their leader's policy inferentially condemned. This is really the converse case—a party with strong convictions imposing its views on a weak man, whose position is indeterminate, and whom it is sought to identify with the line of policy to which the bulk of his following undoubtedly inclines. His attitude, indeed, encourages disaffection, and there need be little wonder that the shackles of party discipline are daily becoming more relaxed.

The Detroit News frankly acknowledges that if Canadian statesmen now refuse to take the initiative in bringing about reciprocity negotiations between the United States and Canada, the fault is not Canada's. "Canadian statesmen," it says, "have piped unto us and we have not danced. They have mourned unto us and we have not lamented." In other words, "the Republican statesmen of this country seem to be so closely bound to the protection of monopolies that they have grown myopic. They can not see beyond the border of the nation, although it has become evident to every thoughtful person that our future development of industry must depend upon the intimacy of our trade relations with nations who will trade with us on mutually advantageous terms." And the News adds: "So far as the present Canadian administration is concerned it will take no further chances. It will not seek an improvement of trade relations, because such a policy is sure to arouse suspicion on this side of the border. A certain narrow stripe of politicians are so afraid that Canada would share the profits of intimate trade that they would rather close the door fast, if they can not secure all the profit. It is only the Americans along the border who fully appreciate the folly of the short-sighted policy of our Government." The News seems to have sized up the situation with a fair degree of accuracy.

## COSSACK.

Toronto News.  
Cossack horsemen a few weeks ago rode up to within a scant half-mile

of the Japanese camp at Ping-Yang, fired into it, and scampered away. The incident illustrates the conditions under which the Japanese troops in northern Korea will campaign. The Cossack menace will weigh upon every camp. Every body of troops will feel itself under surveillance. Foraging parties will be chary of going out except in force, and the Japanese cavalry, indifferent horsemen, indifferently mounted and in inferior strength will be ever apprehensive lest they be trapped and cut off by the hard-riding light horse of the Russians. Information about the enemy will be hard to get, except by spies, and the Russians should be able to keep close watch on every Japanese column. That is what it is for any army to be overmatched in light cavalry.

## LONDON RAT CATCHERS KILL 202-782 RATS.

Over two hundred thousand rats—202,782 to be precise—have been caught at the London docks within the last five weeks. They have fallen victims to the official rat-catchers who visit every ship that comes into port and do their best to rid it of live stock of the rodent variety.

"We are very glad to see them," said an officer of a South American grain ship, on Saturday. "We came here fairly swarming with the vermin, but since the rat catchers' visit I have scarcely seen one. I believe the animals come prospecting around before a vessel leaves port and pick their ship like passengers. For instance, they would sooner sign articles on a grain ship than on one carrying pig iron."

## A QUEEN AND PRINCESS SHOPPING.

London Mail.

The Queen, the Princess of Wales, Princess Charles of Denmark, and Princess Victoria walked from the castle into Windsor yesterday afternoon and did some shopping. The Princesses filled their pockets with lovely things, the royal party staying in the shops a considerable time. "They give us little trouble as possible," said Mr. Barber, "and it is a real pleasure to wait on them." The Queen and the Princesses would not even trouble the shop-keeper to have some of the things wrapped in paper. They simply put the small purchases into their pockets and asked for the larger things to be sent on to the castle.

Her Majesty and the Princesses did not pay for their purchases in hard cash, but the Queen remarked to one salesman, "You can trust me." They seemed to make light of the unpromising weather and the wet pavements, and tramped along quite gaily, holding an animated conversation and frequently stopping to look at the wares displayed in the shop windows of High street.

## ROSS' RECORD.

Hamilton Spectator.

What amazing faith those political persons have—or pretend to have—in the integrity of the hypocrite Ross! Mr. Hunter knows perfectly well that Ross will yield to the solicitations of political friends; that he will cower before threats; that he will consider the weight of the blood-bought gold of the rum demon; that he will hate and vacillate; that he will put party before purity, power before piety, self before salvation—that he will do any mortal thing that can be proposed, sinful or righteous, good or bad, wet or dry, which he thinks will keep him in power a little while longer. Mr. Hunter knows that, because Ross has done it before. He has hoodwinked, deceived and betrayed the temperance people time and time again, and is ready to do it again, if he but thinks it will pay. Ross' "word of honor as a man and as an officer in the church of God" is absolutely worthless. He has broken that word frequently, and is quite ready to break it again. And the worst of the whole business is that after Mr. Ross has again deceived and betrayed the temperance people, such men as Rev. Mr. Hunter will go on supporting him. Mr. Hunter's threat to find another leader has been made before. And it means no more now than it did then.

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## BEGINNING OF GAS.

Sir Walter Scott a better Novelist Than Scientist.

Jan. 28 marked an interesting anniversary in the history of street lighting, for it was on that date in 1807 that Pall Mall was lighted with gas—the first street of any city so illuminated. The idea of using gas for purposes of illumination first occurred to Mr. William Murdoch, a native of Ayrshire, who worked in the mines of Redruth, Cornwall.

He made his first experiments in 1792, at Redruth. Removing in 1798 to the machine making works of Messrs. Watt and Boulton at Birmingham, he there followed up his experiments, and succeeded in lighting up the building with gas for the celebration of the Peace of Amiens.

The merit of bringing gas light into use in London belongs to a German named Winsor, who somewhat regarded the success of his schemes by the extravagance of his pamphlets. Sir Walter Scott wrote from London that there was a madman proposing to light London with what do you think—why, with smoke.

Even the liberal mind of Sir Humphrey Davy failed to take in the idea that gas was applicable to purposes of street or house lighting. Yet, Winsor having succeeded after all in obtaining some supporters, "the long line between St. James' Palace and Cockspur street did blaze out in a burst of gas lamps on the night in question to the no small admiration of the public."

In London, about 1814, before any company had been established, Mr. Ackermann's shop in the Strand was regularly lighted with gas. It is said that a lady calling there one evening was so delighted with the beautiful white jets she saw on the counter that she offered any money for permission to carry them home to light her drawing-room!

Gas lighting had a ridiculous objection to contend with, worthy to be ranked with that which insisted for years, without experiment, that the wheels of steam locomotives would go on whirling without creating any forward movement. It was generally assumed that the pipes conveying gas would be hot and apt to produce conflagrations. People used to touch them cautiously with their hands, under the belief that a careless touch would burn them.

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