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strongest must emerge covered with scars and in such a demoralized condition that the dearly bought victory will seem worthless. We do not think the picture is overdrawn; there may be small patches on the battle ground where the fight is not waging so fiercely, but these cannot long remain comparatively free from action, and a general survey of the field would warrant the description we have given of it."

The Political Situation.

The latest returns up to the time of going to press, indicate that the government will have a slightly larger majority than was thought likely at the time this article in another column of this issue was written. The government majority will likely be fully twenty-five. There are three elections yet to be held, one in British Columbia and East and West Algoma in Ontario. Ontario is about evenly divided between the two parties. Quebec is now the banner Liberal province of the Dominion. The three maritime provinces give the government an aggregate majority of twenty. In the west there is no change, the representation from Manitoba, the territories and British Columbia being exactly the same as in the last house. Robert Watson, the old member for Marquette in Manitoba, is the only Liberal elected west of Lake Superior, out of the total fifteen constituencies, with West Algoma yet to hear from. The overwhelming defeat of Martin in Selkirk, Manitoba, is one of the features of the campaign in the west. Martin resigned the office of attorney-general of the province to contest this constituency in the Liberal interest. The

majority of over 500 in Winnipeg, for Hugh J. Macdonald is also one of the surprises of the result. Mr. Macdonald was brought out very late in the contest, and this fact taken with the great personal popularity of his opponent, made his return by such a sweeping majority very satisfactory to his friends, and a surprise to all. Mr. Watson's re-election in Marquette is generally regarded with favor by both sides here. The majority for the government after the elections in 1887 was thirty nine. This was increased by eleven at by-elections during the term of the house.

Lumber Cuttings.

Timber prospects in the Pacific coast States do not seem bright. A correspondent of the Minneapolis *Lumberman* asserts that in San Francisco there has been over building in the residence portion and that there must be a cessation of building in that line until demand catches up with supply. The correspondent further bears out the impression that trade does not promise to be particularly good at the points around Puget Sound. The prospects for a south coast trade are no more flattering, while according to the correspondent the conditions of the principal foreign lumber markets are notoriously worse. All this bears out the opinion repeatedly expressed in the editorial columns of the *Lumberman* that the conditions must change very materially before there will be a fair margin of profit in the Pacific coast lumber trade. There must be a better trade in the middle region. Mill capacity, says the *Lumberman*, has increased in the west beyond the limit

of the demand for lumber and it may be a year or two, probably longer, before the business in that quarter will be fairly on its feet again. In the meantime there will need to be a pretty vigorous weeding out of the smaller concerns.

Montreal Stock Market

Reported by Osler, Hammond & Norton,
March 7, 1891:—

Banks.	Sellers.	Bu. cr.
Bank of Montreal	22½	22½
Ontario	117	114½
Molson's	160	157½
Toronto	225	215
Merchants	115	112
Union	—	—
Commerce	123½	127
Miscellaneous.		
Montreal Tel	103½	103½
Rich. & Ont. Nav	56	55½
City Pass. Ry.	190	187
Montreal Gas	212	211
Canada N. W. Land Co.	76	74
C. P. R. (Montreal)	75	75½
C. P. R. (London)	—	77½
Money—Time	7	
Money—On Call	5	
Sterling 60 Days, N. Y. Posted Rate ..	489	
“ Demand	489	
“ 60 Days Montreal Rate Between Banks	91	91
“ Demand Montreal Rate Between Banks	91	91
“ New York Exchange Montreal Rate Between Banks ..	1-16 prem	par

Thos. Nixon, jobber in boots and shoes, Winnipeg, is in deep water. His stock was sold by the sheriff on Saturday, on judgment, by eastern creditors. The stock was purchased by C. H. Mahon & Co., shoe dealers, Winnipeg. Nixon left for the states last week.