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—[BROWNING.]

Never hear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds—all they have had, all they have now, and all they expect to have.

—[EDWARD EVERETT HALE.]

London, Friday March 16.

THE LONDON ADVERTISER, with its morning and evening editions, covers the ground. With one exception, it is the ONLY EARLY MORNING DAILY IN ONTARIO, outside of Toronto.

—Only those communications to which the writers are willing to have their names appended in print will be published in these columns. Neither the writing nor the publication of anonymous letters can be justified.

—Fielding, the Liberal Premier of Nova Scotia, had his Government sustained yesterday. It will be Sir Oliver Mowat's turn next.

—This is a bad year for leaders of Provincial Oppositions. Mr. Cahan, the Conservative leader in Nova Scotia, was among the slain in the Nova Scotia Provincial battle yesterday.

—Hon. Edward Blake, M.P., is spoken of by the Toronto Empire as a "Hoodoo." The "organ of gentlemen," as it likes to have itself called, is nothing if it is not "refined" in its editorial remarks.

—The very satisfactory balance sheet of the London Water Commissioners is an effective answer to those who oppose civic ownership of other departments of public service that practically are monopolies.

—The Manitoba Free Press, after sizing up the financial management of the Ontario Government, volunteers the statement that no Province, State or county can make a better showing. This is the inevitable outside, disinterested verdict. It is only in Ontario that a contrary opinion is expressed, but as it comes from jaundiced political opponents, almost mad with lust for power, it is easily discounted.

—In reference to recent squabbling between Toronto newspapers, the Kingston News (Conservative) says:

"One thing is certain. The Mail of late has assumed a tone distinctly hostile to the Mowat regime, and seems anxious to be allowed to drift gradually back to its old position as the Toronto organ of the Dominion Government."

That has been evident for some time past. Liberals who took stock in the Mail's "independence" can no longer be misled.

—A cablegram from London says that the British Canadian Stores Company (limited), of which a prospectus was recently issued, has found so little support among the investors that the few subscriptions which were made to launch the company in business have been returned. Perhaps the capitalists have vivid recollections of the dead meat speculation, to which Sir Charles Tupper gave a certificate, only to be disgraced, or they believe that the Dominion has plenty of stores now. Few will regret their decision.

—It is stated that M. Jules Simon, the distinguished French statesman, fast approaching his 80th year, afflicted as he is with cataract on both eyes, and no longer able to read, has consented to an operation which, despite his age, gives every hope of success. There is cheer for Gladstone in this declaration. The Grand Old Man may live to get over his eye trouble and resume his accustomed place as leader of the House of Commons. Sir William Harcourt would not be averse to such a course. Sir William likes to be a sort of Parliamentary free lance. As leader, he has to remain, comparatively speaking, on his dignity.

PRACTICALLY A PLEBISCITE.

"Shall Government House, the residence of the Lieutenant-Governor at Toronto, be abolished?" This question will be put to every one of the constituencies in the ensuing general elections for the Provincial Legislature, and on the instructions which the voters give to the candidates will depend whether or not the residence shall be longer maintained. In the Legislature, a section of the members wished to declare that Government House should be abolished several years from now; indeed, there was a consensus of opinion that it should not be abolished while the present Lieutenant-Governor holds office. That being the case, the settlement of the question, practically on the plebiscite plan, immediately on the new Assembly meeting, as proposed by the Premier, will be objected to by few electors who are not opponents of the present Administration, bent on trying to get up a catch cry by which to capture the unwary voter. For ourselves, we have for years advocated the abolition of Government House, and would have been glad if

both sides had agreed to abolition now, instead of waiting, as all were agreed, for several years to come. The one advantage in delay is that every candidate for election can be put on record as to his intentions when the question is definitely before the Assembly for settlement, which it has never yet been.

LIBERAL VICTORIES IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Though the full details are not to hand at the hour of writing, there seems to be no doubt that the Liberal Administration of Nova Scotia was sustained in the general elections for the Province, which were held yesterday.

Hon. W. S. Fielding, the Liberal Premier, was actively opposed by Sir John Thompson and other Nova Scotian members of the Dominion Government, who threw their weight into the contest in many objectionable ways. The Ottawa authorities openly increased the number of employees on the Government-controlled Intercolonial Railway after the writs were issued, and promised Halifax a drill shed and other places public works of various kinds as sops to induce them to replace Liberal members with sycophants of their own.

The most signal result of the contest is the defeat of Mr. C. H. Cahan, the leader of the Conservative Opposition, whose place as one of the representatives for Shelburne has been taken by Mr. Thomas Robertson.

Premier Fielding and the Attorney-General of his Administration (Mr. Longley) participated in the great Liberal convention at Ottawa last June—the former as vice-chairman, Sir Oliver Mowat being chairman—and pledged themselves and their followers to use every legitimate effort to promote the return of a Liberal Administration to power at Ottawa.

The triumph of these friends of Liberalism in the Province down by the sea will be welcomed as an omen of what is to come at an early day in Ontario.

PARLIAMENT AND THE VOTERS' LISTS.

If either friend or foe expected to learn much from the speech from the Throne, put into the hands of Lord Aberdeen by Sir John Thompson on the opening of Parliament yesterday afternoon, disappointment has been the result.

The speech tells us that there will be tariff changes, but that they will be made without destroying the principle of "protection," which is simply a means for restricting commerce and of giving to a few in the community wealth that belongs to the many. It promises a new insolvency bill, a demand for subsidies to steamboat owners on the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, and a few minor bills that may or may not be proceeded with. All of which measures have been foreshadowed in the public prints.

A very large section of the electorate will be dissatisfied if a radical measure for the amendment of the Dominion Franchise Act is not gone on with. The best way would be to destroy the enactment altogether, and permit the constituencies to revert to the municipal lists, as demanded by the Liberals and the Patrons of Industry, but that is too much to expect from men who were elected chiefly by the unfair working of these lists, coupled with the gerrymander. Last year an act to amend the obnoxious and expensive measure was heralded by Mr. Costigan with a great flourish of trumpets, but when the amending bill was brought in, it was found to be a mere insult to the intelligence of the House; it made but a few verbal alterations, and left the great blots complained of on the face of the act. It was soon made apparent that the most determined opposition to the continuance on the statute book of the Franchise Act would be made when the amending bill was considered, and Mr. Costigan promptly pigeon-holed it and decreed that the Dominion lists should not be revised last year. The result was that in Winnipeg and other places where bye-elections were held many hundreds of electors were disfranchised, and nearly as many more who had removed to the United States were enabled to return and participate in the contest. The scandalous proceeding was witnessed of these foreigners deciding the elections while stalwart young Canadians, who have been qualified for years, were shovelled to one side because they were voteless.

If the Liberals at Ottawa do not make one of their best fights of the session to bring about a remedy for this state of affairs, in accordance with Liberal principles, we will be ashamed of them. When the act was adopted in 1885 they made a long struggle against the inequitable measure, and succeeded on some points; but they failed to secure the incorporation in the measure of the democratic principle of "one man, one vote," with residential suffrage, which has proved so signal a success in Ontario Provincial elections.

The act requires amendment in many respects, but two amendments should be insisted on at all hazards: 1. Plural voting should be abolished and the elector should vote only where he lives, thus doing away forever with the expense and corruption incident to bringing in the "foreign vote." 2. It should be made impossible for a partisan judge to steal a seat from the man elected by the majority of the qualified voters and give it to his friend and patron. On the readiness of the Administration

to consent to legislation of this fair character and to the thorough examination into charges of gross corruption in high places will doubtless depend the length of the session.

LORD ROSEBERY'S DECLARATION.

So persistent is the attempt to misrepresent the new British Premier's attitude in regard to the extension of a full measure of local self-government to Ireland that it may be well to print his declaration as made in the House of Lord the other night:

"The noble lord (Lord Salisbury) has made one remark on the subject of home rule with which I confess myself in entire accord. He said that before Irish home rule could be conceded by the Imperial Parliament, England, as the predominant member of the partnership of the three kingdoms, must be convinced of its justice. That may seem to be a considerable admission, because your lordships well know that the majority of English members elected in England proper are hostile to home rule."

"I believe that the conviction of England regarding home rule depends upon one point alone—the conduct of Ireland herself. I believe that if we continue to show the absence of agrarian crime, and continue to point to harmony in Ireland, the Liberal party of the country will continue to give proofs and pledges that Ireland is entitled to 'the boon,' which she has never ceased to demand since the act of union was passed. I believe the conversion of England will not be slow or difficult."

"The question of home rule has a triple aspect: First, Ireland will never be contented until home rule is granted, and the policy of administering palliatives is bound to fail; second, we have not merely to satisfy those living in Ireland, but for the good of the Empire and the continuity and solidarity of relations with their brothers across the Atlantic it is necessary to produce an Irish policy that will be satisfactory to the Irish people; lastly, from the highest of imperial grounds, because I believe that the maintenance of the Empire depends not upon centralization, but decentralization, and if you once commence to tread this path you must give satisfaction under the same condition, certainly in the case of Scotland, and possibly that of Wales—not in the same degree, nor in the same way, but so as to relieve the Imperial Parliament of the burden of legislation."

If Lord Rosebery had been less explicit regarding the trend of the Liberal policy, the attempt to make believe that it radically differs from that hitherto espoused might not have been made. To give home rule to Ireland is the policy of the Liberal party. Because that policy has been misrepresented, and some of the electors in England have been misled in regard to its ultimate aim, Lord Rosebery and his colleagues now mean to set about converting them to Liberal views on the subject. With co-operation from the people of Ireland and continued progress towards decentralization in England and Scotland, Lord Rosebery looks for a speedy consummation of that project which the Liberal party has set before it, and without which, the Premier confesses, Ireland will never be contented.

There may be some delay in bringing about the reforms to which the Liberals are thus committed; but when was any great change accomplished without delay? Sufficient it is for Liberals that there is a determination not to shirk the doing of justice to Ireland at the earliest possible moment, and that Lord Salisbury has sense enough to see that what will be good for Ireland will, in a modified sense, be good for Scotland as well, while the Imperial Parliament will be relieved of an enormous burden of petty legislative questions continually pressing upon it in increasing volume.

Clear it is that Lord Rosebery aims at trusting the people to manage their local affairs, and at making the British Parliament imperial in reality and not merely in name. It is a statesmanlike project.

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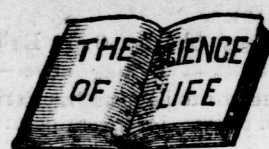


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- 1st—20 pieces all-wool serge Dress Goods, new goods, all colors, worth 40c, Bargain Day 25c.
- 2nd—4 pieces heavy Storm Serge, in navy and black, worth 45c, for 35c.
- 3rd—8 pieces all-wool Henrietta, new shades, worth 40c, for 30c.
- 4th—7 pieces 40 inch Henrietta Cloth, worth 25c, for 15c.
- 5th—9 pieces all-wool colored Serge, worth 25c, for 15c.
- 6th—5 pieces fancy Tweed Dress Goods, worth 50c, for 25c.
- 7th—3 pieces 38 inch all-wool Serge, in cream, Nile and green, worth 40c, for 25c.
- 8th—4 pieces 52 inch all-wool Broadcloth, worth \$1, for 75c, in colors, navy seal brown, fawn and black.
- 9th—25 pieces China Silks, all colors, worth 35c, for 25c.
- 10th—100 pieces Chenille Curtains, worth \$5, for \$3 75; worth \$6, for \$4 50; worth \$7 50, for \$5 65; worth \$10, for \$7 50 to-day.
- 11th—25 pieces Insertion Braid and Lace Effects, the new trimming, only 5c yard, worth double, all colors.
- 12th—Special bargains in Lace Curtains, 99c and \$1 21.
- 13th—Ladies' colored Felt Walking Hats, worth \$1 and \$1 25, for 50c.
- 14th—20 pieces Fancy Silk Ribbons, worth 50c, for 25c.
- 15th—Bargains in plush and silk Bonnets, for infants, 75c.
- 16th—25 dozen Straw Sailor Hats, new, only 25c.
- 17th—Cream Dress Caps, worth \$1 50 and \$1 75, for 75c.
- 18th—3 dozen large size White Quilts, only 50c.
- 19th—1 dozen Art Table Covers, worth \$1 25, for 98c.
- 20th—4 pieces Halifax Tweed, only 28c yard.
- 21st—3 pieces all-wool navy Serge for boys' suits, only 35c yard.
- 22nd—3 pieces striped Tweed Panting, value at 50c, to-day 40c.
- 23rd—1 piece Bleached Sheetting, plain, 2 yards wide, worth 28c, for 18c.
- 24th—2 pieces 72 inch Twilled Sheetting, worth 30c, for 25c.
- 25th—1 bale of heavy Factory Cotton, 16 yards for \$1.
- 26th—36 inch Twilled Sheetting, worth 13c, for 10c.
- 27th—5 dozen fancy Table Covers, worth \$2 25 and \$2 50, your choice \$1 75.
- 28th—6 pieces Art Drapery, 1 1/2 yards wide, worth 80c and 90c yard, your choice on Bargain Day, 63c yard.
- 29th—10 pieces Cretonne, good patterns, worth 20c, for 12 1/2c.
- 30th—3 pieces bleached twilled Cotton, to-day 12 yards for \$1.
- 31st—2 pieces double fold Factory Sheetting, only 18c yard.
- 32nd—10 pieces 34 inch Flannelette, worth 12 1/2c yard, to-day 8 1/2c or 12 yards for \$1.
- 33rd—Ladies' black Cashmere Hose, worth 65c, for 50c.
- 34th—Silk Ribbons in all shades, worth 12 1/2c, to-day 9c.
- 35th—Ladies' black and colored Kid Gloves, worth 75c, for 62c.
- 36th—Infants' Corset Bands, to-day 19c pair.
- 37th—Fancy Lace Handkerchiefs, worth 15c each, to-day 3 for 25c.
- 38th—A capital Corset, worth 75c and some \$1, your choice 50c.
- 39th—Sailor Hats, fancy, worth 50c, for 25c.
- 40th—Veilings in all colors, 20c value, to-day 15c.
- 41st—Black Cotton Laces, 15c, worth double.
- 42nd—Colored Knitting Cotton, in balls, worth 10c, for 7c.
- 43rd—Feather wall ornaments, worth \$1, to-day 25c.
- 44th—Fancy Frillings, white and colored, worth 15c, for 10c.
- 45th—Boys' Crush Felt Hats, worth 40c, for 25c.
- 46th—Boys' Fedora Hats, worth \$1 25, for 75c.
- 47th—Men's Flannelette Shirts, only 25c.
- 48th—Men's fancy Neglige Top Shirts, worth \$1, for 75c.
- 49th—Men's White Shirts, dressed, worth \$1, for 65c.
- 50th—Men's 4-ply Linen Collars, only 10c each.
- 51st—Gents' unlined Driving Gloves, worth \$1 50, Bargain Day only \$1 15.
- 52nd—Gents' Night Robes, worth \$1, for 75c.
- 53rd—Black Sateen Top Shirts, worth \$1 25, for 90c.
- 54th—Colored Knot Ties, worth 50c, to-day 40c.
- 55th—Gents' silk finished Handkerchiefs, only 5c.
- 56th—Men's black Cashmere Socks, worth 35c, for 25c.
- 57th—Gents' Linen Cuffs, English make, worth 35c, for 20c.

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