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THE RESULT IN MAISONNEUVE.

It is the sound of going. Indications have been multiplying of late which point to the last turn of the Liberal tide.

There are portentous signs in the province of Quebec of disruption of the party through intestine feuds of a factional character.

It is true that the government has had successes in the new Northwest provinces, where apparently its policy of educational coercion has been largely approved.

We had as preliminary to all this the sweeping condemnation of Liberal methods in the downfall of the Ross government, and the installation of the first Conservative Government in the history of Ontario since Confederation.

Mr. Whitney went into power upon a tidal wave of revulsion, on account of Grit corruption under machine rule—the first serious setback to a series of Liberal successes.

Now comes what is really, from the standpoint of Dominion politics, the most serious blow of all. Maisonneuve, the constituency for which the late Hon. Mr. Prefontaine sat, in the province of Quebec, the stronghold of Laurierism, returns a Laborite candidate by a majority of 1,200 over the Liberal candidate.

The contest was in a bye-election, and as there was no cabinet minister, with whom to appeal for their support, the electors had an opportunity to express an unbiased opinion as to the administration.

LOOKING TO WASHINGTON.

In connection with the present bye-election in which a Minister of the Crown is seeking confirmation in his office at the hands of the electorate, there is a matter of serious importance to consider.

The tendency of the policy of the Liberal Government of more recent years has been in the direction of independence, rather than towards the goal of Imperial unity.

The reception of his policy of preference and his personality in Great Britain was flattering in the extreme.

We had evidence of that in the delay which occurred in responding to the call for Canadian volunteers to go to South Africa.

isolated position which Sir Wilfrid and his colleagues took at the conference of colonial premiers in 1902, and also in the objections which the Canadian prime minister took to the proposal for the next conference, proposed for the present year, by the late secretary of the Colonies, called "Imperial Council," a fact which was commented upon by the London Times in no uncertain way.

To this latter fact is directly attributable the withdrawal of the imperial naval defences from Esquimaux. Regarding this there is absolutely no doubt in the minds of those who have followed closely the events of the past two or three years.

But this is not all. Indications of this policy towards independence and ultimate separation are multiplying rapidly.

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It was in 1862, just at the outbreak of the conflict, that Mr. Foran delivered here in Toronto a remarkable lecture on "The Future of Canada."

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his supporters affect to despise the opposition candidate and the forces at his back, by no means easy in his mind, and in marshalling every influence at his command to win.

PREMIER TWEEDE IN LINE.

A few weeks ago Mr. Guoin, Liberal premier of Quebec, gave warning in an interview that unless Sir Wilfrid headed the claims of the provinces for increased subsidies, there would very shortly be a complete separation of the province, in which party allegiance would be lost sight of.

Mr. Guoin's utterances have emboldened Mr. Tweede, premier of New Brunswick, to follow suit. In consequence on Thursday morning the Colonist published the following despatch:

Mr. Tweede in delivering his budget speech in the local legislature yesterday, said that he was surprised that Hon. Mr. Fielding, who when Premier of Nova Scotia, had been in favor of the claims of the province for increased subsidies, had given those claims support since he had entered the Dominion cabinet.

THOMAS D'ARCY MCGEE.

Public gratitude is due Dr. J. K. Foran for the address which he delivered before the Empire Club on Thursday, when he recalled to the minds of his hearers the high in the history of our confederation.

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and to Davis, as an orator he possessed powers rare and light in an Englishman's persuasion, imagination, humor, and spontaneity.

JOHN FOSTER FRASER.

London Express. Mr. Morley has become Secretary for India, the lands of many strange gods. He has never trodden the rose-strewn pavements of the Golden Temple at Amritsar.

Yet we smile in England that a Chinese should be appointed the chief telegraphist in the Celestial Empire because he can read Confucius sideways.

Mr. Morley is another evidence that the man with a literary soul finds it hard to succeed in the Empire.

IRISH INFLUENCES.

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(From Friday's paper) Governor McInnes—Hon. McInnes, governor of the territory, has left for Ottawa.

A Business Note.—Wm. of the grocery firm of Watson & Yates street, has taken a vacant store in the Old Douglas street, and will open as a grocery store about March 1st.

Ask for Senator.—At the meeting of the Liberal Association which was held to meet the federal government in regard to a representative of the vacant senatorship.

Wedding Bell.—The Methodist church on West Alexander street, has taken a vacant store in the Old Douglas street, and will open as a grocery store about March 1st.

Financial Notes.—The ear White Pass & Yukon railway last three weeks in January, 1906, has received \$4,400, 31st, \$5,741. Bank North America shares have risen at 70 1/2 to 71 1/2, according to small advices. Shares of the Empire are up one at 81-82. Kings are two points lower.

Island Mining.—Mr. John went up the E. & N. line yesterday to examine some mining prospects. Mr. John reports having seen very favorable indications, which he says with full confidence will result in the largest mines on the island. An early date make another effort at the same prospect and expect more prospecting.

Work on Hotel.—Work on the hotel is progressing in a factory manner, a start having been made on the erection of the three-story building. The main entrance will not be facing the water, but on the fronting on the property known as the hotel. The portico is a beautiful piece of stone.

Has Her Postponed.—The has been requested to announce the "sea and music" party to be given at the residence of Mrs. H. at Mount Adelaide, Esquimaux, on February 27th. It is postponed until Tuesday, March 1st, when all members and friends are most cordially invited.

An Enquiry.—The local post office is inquiring as to the whereabouts of Mr. Henry, who is supposed to be living in the city. Mr. Henry is a member of the local post office and has been absent for some time.

Cadboro Bay.—It was reported that agents of the C. & N. railway had purchased a considerable amount of land in the vicinity of Cadboro Bay for a bathing beach at the foot of the mountain. It is reported that the land is being purchased for a bathing beach at the foot of the mountain.

Farmers' Venture.—The Brick and Tile Co-operative Society, which was recently organized under the Farmers' Institute, has been found of the advantage to the farmer.

Ill at Dawson.—Charles F. the "Colonist" staff of this city, is reported to be ill at Dawson. The illness of his brother, Capt. Holmes, the letter conveyed is dated the 5th inst. and says that the captain had a paralysis and that his physical condition was such that he was unable to return to his duties.

Wedding at Duncan.—The wedding of Miss Beatrice Camilla Jayne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jayne, and Mr. J. A. Sayward, was celebrated at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jayne, on Wednesday afternoon, February 22nd. The bride wore a cream dress and carried a bouquet of roses. The ceremony was officiated by Rev. J. A. Sayward.