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A GENERAL ELECTION.

A dispatch from Ottawa says that Parliament, which usually begins its session about the middle of January, will not be organized till the end of February.

We have more important intelligence than that from the capital. An early dissolution of Parliament, in accordance with the prognostications already set forth in the ADVERTISER, has been agreed to.

The Government will go to the country in January, if it does not again change its mind. The Ministers are beset with difficulties, and the indications of trouble next year are so great that they wish, if possible, to snatch a verdict before another session of Parliament is held or the evils of trade restriction are made more fully manifest.

The revelations of colossal boodling in connection with Government contracts, which a Tory newspaper in Quebec has been laying bare, have to be considered also. These revelations implicate a Minister of the Crown and Tory M. P.s, and have only been made in consequence of a falling out amongst alleged participants in the plunder. No doubt during next session of Parliament a demand will be made for a commission to make a thorough investigation into the charges promulgated by Mr. Tarte, ex-M.P. The Government will not dare to face the impartial investigation of these scandalous ongoings, which are alleged to be so bad that even men hitherto friendly to the Ministers who are responsible for their occurrence refuse to condone them, and in fact are aiding in the expose.

We warn the friends of tariff reform, of reduction in taxation, of reciprocity, to get ready for the battle that is impending. Hon. John Carling has not been spending the major portion of his time in London during the last two months for nothing, and those who are opposed to the principles represented by the Government of which he is a member cannot afford to be idle.

PUBLIC SCHOOL AGRICULTURE.

The long-looked-for work on agriculture to be used as a text book in the public schools of Ontario has made its appearance. From the publishers, the J. E. Bryant Company, of Toronto, we have received a copy of the volume. It is a modest appearing little book of 250 pages, clearly printed, well bound in cloth, the front of the cover displaying in outline a plow, a bunch of grain stalks and the head of an individual of the bovine race. Within appears a full page illustration of the Ontario Agricultural College building at Guelph. The work is a composite production from the pens of James Mills, M.A., president of the college, and Thomas Shaw, professor of agriculture at that institution. In providing this text book the Education Department of the Provincial Government in accordance with its accustomed policy has met the expressed wishes of the people in regard to agricultural education.

That the subject should so long have been passed without special recognition at least in the rural schools of the country finds explanation in the general policy of past days regarding lists of studies prescribed for the youth. It has been the great fault of old educational methods, which unfortunately are not yet wholly discarded, that the child has been made a memorizing machine instead of an intelligent, observant being. In fact, as a writer in a scientific publication recently pointed out, the disposition of the child to observe and ask questions about natural objects, so freely exercised before, encounters a harsh and too often fatal check within the walls of the school house. What a wealth of suggestion, under the direction of an intelligent teacher, is to be found in the animal and vegetable life of every neighborhood. To embrace even an epitome of agriculture in a single volume is an ambitious attempt, because it is so closely allied to physiology, botany, chemistry, entomology and other branches of natural science. When it comes to adapting such a work to the comprehension of children in the third and fourth classes of a public school some idea may be gathered of the difficult task undertaken by Messrs. Mills and Shaw, and of which they are duly sensible, as the preface indicates. That so much valuable information could be packed within so small a space, in so practical and intelligent a form, is indeed creditable to the authors.

How comprehensive the volume is may be seen from the following list of contents: Definitions and explanations, the plant, the soil, tillage, improvement of soils, preparation of soils for seeds, rotation of crops, crops of the farm, their growth and management, crops for soiling, weeds of the farm, diseases of crops, insects, outlines of the principles of feeding, feeding, care and management of horses, cattle, sheep and swine, breeding, breeds of live stock, dairying, the silo and ensilage, and the cultivation of forest trees for shade, ornament and protection. Mr. Mills is responsible for the introductory chapter on definitions and explanations and for those relating to the plant, the soil, crop diseases, insects and dairying, and Mr. Shaw the remainder of the volume.

The first seven chapters have been prescribed for the entrance examination to high schools and collegiate institutes, but the subject is optional. Some of the earlier chapters contain considerable matter relative to the chemistry of agriculture, numerous terms of that character being used, of the significance of which children can hardly be expected to form an adequate conception. Moreover chemistry itself is not a compulsory subject in obtaining a third-class teachers' certificate. Would it not therefore have been better to introduce the study with something more attractive to the young than abstract principles or chemical terms, such for example as the chapters on breeds of live stock, farm crops, weeds, or others of that type? The great object at the outset is to develop in the scholar an intelligent inquiring spirit regarding those things with which from day to day he comes in contact in farm life, leading by degrees to principles and definitions, thus proceeding as it were from the known to the unknown. Any scientific terms necessarily introduced could by this mode be easily explained and made familiar to the scholar as occasion for their use arose. In the hands of a skillful teacher, however, the subject so ably presented in this volume may be invested with the greatest possible interest, opening up before the minds of the youth fresh fields of delightful study, but if wrongly directed it may prove as irksome as the repellant text books and ironclad educational methods of the past.

The illustrations of the book are a good feature. Education through the eye is most effective, an idea which the authors did well to keep in view. The various breeds of cattle, etc., are portrayed so that the student can readily learn to distinguish one from the other. One well-known and widely-spread class is not represented on these bright pages, viz., the "scrub." 'Twere well for the Province if that particular type of animal could as easily be dropped out of existence.

To any farmer desiring a capital little hand-book regarding his own important occupation, the ADVERTISER has no hesitation in commending this work. It would constitute an excellent nucleus around which to gather a library. The necessity for intelligent methods and skill in farming are becoming more necessary every day, hence the practical importance of this study to the rising generation of farmers. No one need lack the volume, for the price is but 40 cents. A word of praise is due the J. E. Bryant Company upon the substantial and attractive form in which the volume is presented.

AN EXPORT DUTY ON NICKEL.

Dr. Robert Bell, of the Geological Survey at Ottawa, says that no one but an idiot would propose to put an export duty on nickel ore, and we think that in so saying he is pretty nearly right. Well, who is proposing it, can the reader guess? No less than the boss of the restrictionists, the Canadian Manufacturer. In a recent issue, that mouthpiece of the Canadian high-tariff party says:

> The Congress have shown a decidedly hostile spirit towards Canada in some of the provisions of the new tariff; and Canada would be lacking in self-respect if she did not look out for her own interests. This great necessity for nickel is Canada's opportunity. Heretofore the United States (brought that foreign nickel should pay a duty of 15 cents a pound into her treasury. Our nickel is certainly worth that much to Canada, and the way to realize it is by imposing an export duty on all nickel ore and matte going out of the country.

Of all the mad proposals yet made by the restrictionists, we think this is the maddest. We cannot conceive of any conditions short of actual war between Canada and the rest of the world which would justify the laying of an export duty upon nickel; but when we consider that nickel mining in Canada is only in its infancy, that British and American capital has been largely invested in it, and that for the most promising uses the metal is yet only in the experimental stage, it is not possible to conceive of a sane man proposing seriously to promote the interests of Canada by means of an export duty on the ore or the matte. There seems to be little doubt that in this Province there are vast ranges of ore, rich in nickel and copper, and that no other country on the face of the globe possesses a supply at all approaching ours. The members of the Iron and Steel Institute who visited Sudbury a few days ago spoke of nickel as a rare metal, and they were greatly surprised at the vast bodies of it which they saw opened up at the Sudbury mines. Some of their number also, it has been intimated, have become interested in properties there, and it is more than probable that mining operations will be commenced under their direction in the course of a few months. One of these men is Mr. Snelus, a vice-president of the institute, and a man of world-wide reputation as a metallurgist. Can anyone imagine that Mr. Snelus would invest capital in a nickel mine in Ontario if the Canadian Government seriously contemplated the placing of an export duty on the ore. He assuredly would not. Yet the Canadian Manufacturer is urging such a duty; and it is the organ of Sir John Macdonald's particular friends, the gentlemen of the Red Parlor. We sincerely trust so insane a proposal will never receive countenance at Ottawa.

There is now an opportunity of establishing an important mining industry in Ontario, and whether the ore is admitted free into the United States and elsewhere or not, there is little doubt that the great bulk of what is raised at the mines will be roasted and smelted there, and so continue to give employment to a large number of men, of the skilled and unskilled classes. But let an export duty be placed on the ore or the matte, and the industry may be seriously crippled for many years. The Government has been taught one lesson of the folly of an export duty in the case of sawlogs. Does it need to be taught another at the dictation of the Canadian Manufacturer?

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

—Advertisements are out calling for tenders for the erection of buildings needed for the Victoria College on Queen's Park, Toronto.

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—The Evangelical Churchman has been studying recent developments and has reached the conclusion that "the question of municipal reform in our great cities is one of the most important subjects of the present day."

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—Grover Cleveland has been nominated by the Chicago Times as Democratic candidate for the presidency of the United States in 1893. Whatever failings he may have, the ex-President is sound on the trade question.

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—Mr. John Waldie has been confirmed in his seat as M. P. for Halton county. His Tory opponents made a desperate attempt to seize the seat, but Judge Armour has decided in favor of Mr. Waldie, and the plaintiffs have to pay all the costs, which must be heavy.

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—In taking note of the fact that in Detroit eggs have been selling for 25 cents a dozen, whereas 20 cents is the price in Windsor, the Ottawa Citizen says that with the tariff on exports to the States removed, eggs would still sell for 20 cents in Canada. Why? Does not the price in the greater market rule the price in the smaller, all obstacles to trade being removed?

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—The British farm delegates have left for home. They sail from Montreal on the Parisian on Thursday. Through the superior arrangements of the Ontario Government the delegates said they had seen more of this Province than of any other in the Dominion and liked what they had seen better. We hear that there is a probability of one or more of the delegates returning to Ontario as permanent residents.

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—Stanley, the explorer, is under a contract to take part in no public dinners or entertainments in this country. He will dine with the Fellowcraft Club, of New York, of which he is an honorary member, but the affair will be strictly private. The lecture managers demand that all the good things in Stanley's public utterance must be said in his lectures. What about his remarkable utterances in regard to Barttelot and Jameson?

OTHER NEWSPAPERS.

ONE OF LIFE'S COMPENSATIONS.

Atchison Globe.

The fun a man has watching a woman sharpen a lead pencil, a woman has watching a man thread a needle.

SLANDERING CANADA.

Ottawa Free Press.

Who is responsible for the dispatches sent to the London papers from Canada through Reuter's Agency stating that five feet of snow had fallen in Quebec before the 25th of October, and that consequently the farmers were unable to secure their crops? Is this the sort of information that is transmitted by cable at the expense of the Dominion Government?

UNDER GRAND TRUNK MANAGEMENT.

Sarnia Canadian.

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THE ONLY WAY TO GET RECIPROCITY.

New Glasgow, N. S., Chronicle.

The present administration of "red parlor" fame, bound hand and foot by rings and combines of monopolists are not the men to tackle the job of arranging a reciprocity treaty, even if they wished it at heart. There is only one wise course and that is to put in new men free from promises and contracts, and if better terms are not secured, or at least an honest attempt made to secure such, then, and only then will the farmer and laboring man have an excuse for voting against the Liberal party of Canada.

NO NEED FOR BREAKING THE LAW.

Hamilton Times.

The tavern-keeper who cannot make a living by doing business in the legal hours ought to get into some other business. A drink of liquor after 11 o'clock at night, or from 7 on Saturday evening until 6 on Monday morning, is not really necessary to preserve life or to maintain health. Customers of taverns ought to remember this, and not tempt the dealers to break the law. On the other hand, the tavern-keeper who cannot say no to a customer has only himself to blame if he finds himself before Mr. Cahill (Police Magistrate.)

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