

A WAR OF RACES.

"Where there is then no good for which to strive no strife can grow up there from faction." So said Milton, and if we are to interpret "good" as meaning power, in observing the bickerings and jealousies of mankind we might with reason assert that it would be well for many did this good never present itself for competition. The relationship that existed between Upper and Lower Canada since 1841 having been dissolved in 1867, the Lower Canadians having assumed the management of their own domestic affairs, and being unable conveniently to quarrel with us have done the next easiest thing—begun to disagree among themselves. The component elements of the Quebec population are diverse at least, if not decidedly and directly antagonistic. There is the full-bred Anglo-Saxon, there is the Celtic blood that has flowed in an uninterrupted, unmingled stream for centuries, and there is the descendant of the Gauls who is as much like his father, and his father's grand-father as he can possibly be. We do not at the present moment remember an instance of men of different races living under the same government and being absolutely devoid of jealousy. It is unfortunate that the rancorous spirit which subsisted between the Jews and Samaritans still exists and is as strong and mischievously vigorous as it was eighteen hundred years ago. Austria is peopled by men and women of four or five different races, and so strong is the antagonism between some of these that they have each preserved intact their peculiar mental and physical characteristics, and refrain as religiously from intermarrying, as the Sultan of Turkey could from wedding a Christian. The are among them those whom nature or the misfortunes of war placed in the position of hewers of wood and drawers of water, and their fellow subjects exert every effort to make them stick to their trade.

The predominance of race has not yet been settled in the Province of Quebec, but a struggle for domination has been inaugurated. On the one side is numerical superiority, and on the other English courage and resolve. On account of the overwhelming preponderance of the French element, Confederation reserved twelve counties for the benefit of the English speaking population. These are their peculiar inheritance, and no French candidate dares intrude on them. This was a wise provision to secure in all future time, at least an English minority in the Legislature. But it would appear that a moderate majority is not satisfactory to some of the leaders of the French party, they want overwhelming numbers so that they shall be able in the plenitude of their power to direct the machinery of Government at will. When the Standing Committees were struck by and with the consent of the Ministry, of the thirteen members composing the Committee on Private Bills, six were English. The Quebec Journal in a late article, the authorship of which is attributed to Mr. Cauchon, complains of the strength of the minority, and it has been suggested that three more members, Frenchmen, of course, should be added in order to counteract the evils of this tendency to encroachment. This is a most important Committee, as it has control of all measures not coming directly from the Government, and the French with eyes jealously prophetic behold the time, not far distant, when the seven necessary to constitute a quorum shall be Englishmen, do as they please, and without scruple or hesitation trample on the rights of French Canadians. This is the beginning of strife between the Anglo-Saxon and the Gaul, but the Celt also declares war—and true to the tradition of his father it is to be inferred that he strikes at the heads of both parties. The ground of complaint on his part is, that there is no Irishman in the Cabinet, and an Irishman must be placed there before he is willing to acknowledge that equal justice has been meted out, or before he will declare himself satisfied. All things considered, Provincial legislation in Quebec has made rather an indifferent commencement, but as Sterne says, it has just set out on its journey, and may learn better manners as it gets along. An eternal war can be waged by no people, some party must acknowledge the power of the other, and a few years at most will settle the question between superiority of numbers on the one side, and intellectual force and moral courage on the other.

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cle with this heading, the *Trade Review* after talking about the fatness of business says:—"The winter is too far advanced however, to expect any great revival of a business nature. The general character of the season's trade will, in all probability, continue to be quiet. How far this may have arisen from an over-estimate of the extent of our last harvest, it would be difficult at present to determine. We incline to the opinion that the anticipations of a brisk fall and winter trade, have been disappointed as much, if not more, by the Bank failures and the succeeding panic, as by any other cause. Thousands of individuals lost more or less by the stoppage of the Upper Canada and Commercial Banks, public confidence was so shaken that many farmers preferred their grain to bank notes, whilst the Banks contracted their circulations so much as to press very seriously on the commercial public. These circumstances could not fail to exercise a very important influence on the business of the country. That effect has been, we feel assured, to cause a greater dullness than we have experienced at this season for several years past.

Now that public confidence in our monetary institutions has been restored, and the wheels of trade are beginning to move smoothly again in their accustomed channels, some improvement may reasonably be expected. This is exceedingly to be desired. As we have stated already, very heavy stocks are held in many western cities and towns. It is of the highest importance that these should be largely reduced within the next six weeks, if retailers are to square up with the importer and keep the "balance" on the sunny side of the ledger. Very energetic efforts are being put forth in many quarters by merchants to reduce their stocks to less bulk. Attractive announcements of "great bargains" and "clearing sales" are very common, and will, we doubt not induce many to unbutton their pockets who would not otherwise have done so.

THE AWFUL RESULT.—A summary of the killed and wounded by the Clerkenwell explosion is published in the report of the Relief Committee. There were killed, 7; badly wounded, 41; in some cases maimed for life, 56, many of them heads of families, rendered homeless at mid-winter; 600 families suffering in health, person, and property, from the violence of the shock. To relieve this great mass of poverty and sorrow, something like £7,000 has been subscribed by the public. The *Daily News* remarks: The proportion of female sufferers is unusually large, and all of them were dependent on their own exertions for their living. Four of these have lost eyes; others have been maimed or terribly shaken, and will never again be what they were. A revolting barbarity of the outrage is shown by the fact that not fewer than 26 cases were reported of injuries done to mothers and their infants.

CONGRESSIONAL COMFORT.—The nice little bill of contingencies in the United States Senate is \$164,892. Numerous gallons of "alcohol" and "fluid" at \$5.50 per gallon are among the items. Corkscrews, boxes of lemons, lemon-squeezers, and 168 lbs. of sugar go side by side with the alcohol. The venerable legislative gentlemen also treated themselves to Bay rum, a certain quantity of toilet powder, and some *eau de Cologne*. We may fairly presume that the windy oratory we sometimes read consists of a judicious admixture of the above ingredients.

BRICK BY A NEW PROCESS.—A company for the manufacture of brick, styling itself the "London Pressed Brick Manufacturing Company," has been organized in London, Ont., with a fixed capital of \$4,000, in shares of \$100 each. The Co. propose to commence operations in the spring, the bricks to be manufactured by an entirely new process, by a machine recently invented in the States, one of which is to be purchased immediately. It is said that a much better article than that heretofore brought into market, and at a less cost, will be produced by the company, which must have a material effect in the reduction in the cost of buildings for the future.

DICKENS AND THE PHILADELPHIANS.—Charles Dickens gave the first of his series of readings in Philadelphia on Monday evening last. He was at first coolly received. The correspondent of the *N. Y. Tribune* says: "The Philadelphians were not only determined that they would never give in to a Britisher, but also felt a real disappointment in the man. The first smile came in when Bob Cratchet warmed himself with a candle, but before Scrooge had got through with the first ghost the laughter was universal and uproarious. The Christmas dinner of the Cratchets was a tremendous success, as was Scrooge's niece by marriage. There was a young lady in white fur and blue ribbons, name unknown to the writer, upon whose sympathies Mr. Dickens played as if she had been a piano. A deaf man could have followed his story, by looking at her face. The goose convulsed her. The pudding threw her into hysterics, and when the story came to the sad death of Tiny Tim, "my dear little child," tears were streaming down her cheeks. This young lady was as good as Mr. Dickens and all the more attractive because she couldn't help it. Then as the joke began to be dimly foreseen, it was great to see the faint smile dawning on long lines of faces growing brighter and brighter till it passed from sight and sound, and thundered to the roof in vast and inextinguishable laughter."

DEATH OF A FENIAN COLONEL.—Michael Bailey died in Buffalo last Friday night. He was Irish by birth, and fought in the American war. His name was more familiar to Canadians as a Colonel under O'Neil in the Fenian invasion of 1866, at Fort Erie, where he was seriously wounded across the breast by a rifle ball fired by one of the Welland Field Battery from the post-office.

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DIED.
HIGGINBOTHAM—At the residence of his daughter, in Alma, on Monday morning, the 27th inst., Mr. N. Higginbotham, senr., late of Coochell, Co. Cavan, Ireland, in the 82nd year of his age. (The funeral is expected to arrive at the Union Cemetery, to-morrow, (Wednesday) at 2 o'clock, in the afternoon.)

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