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## ECHOES OF THE MONTH.

CANADIAN air is at present full of politics, and most of our boys will have caught the infection of the prevailing excitement and are Conservatives or Liberals or McCarthites or Patrons, as the case may be. Furthermore, not a few among our readers are voters and will be exercising the privilege of citizenship at the polls on the 23rd of June. We don't feel at liberty to surmise which way most of these votes will be cast. UPS AND DOWNS is not a political publication and we are no pronounced advocate of one party or the other, and we only advise our boys against being carried away by any cheap party clap-trap, and to try and think out for themselves the public questions that are dividing the present political parties and form their opinions intelligently and conscientiously.

As far as concerns the relations of the two principal parties and their leaders to our work we may say, that one party we know, and the other we have yet to prove. The Conservative party has been in office since Dr. Barnardo first commenced his immigration work on its present lines, and our dealings with the Government, which are often of a very important character and materially affect our success, have all been with a Conservative Ministry. As the result of our fourteen years' experience we can do no other than bear testimony to the generous consideration and support that has been accorded to the work of Dr. Barnardo; and whatever may be the faults and shortcomings of the Conservative administration, they have deserved nothing but well of ourselves as a body. The support we have received and the friendly spirit that has been shown to our

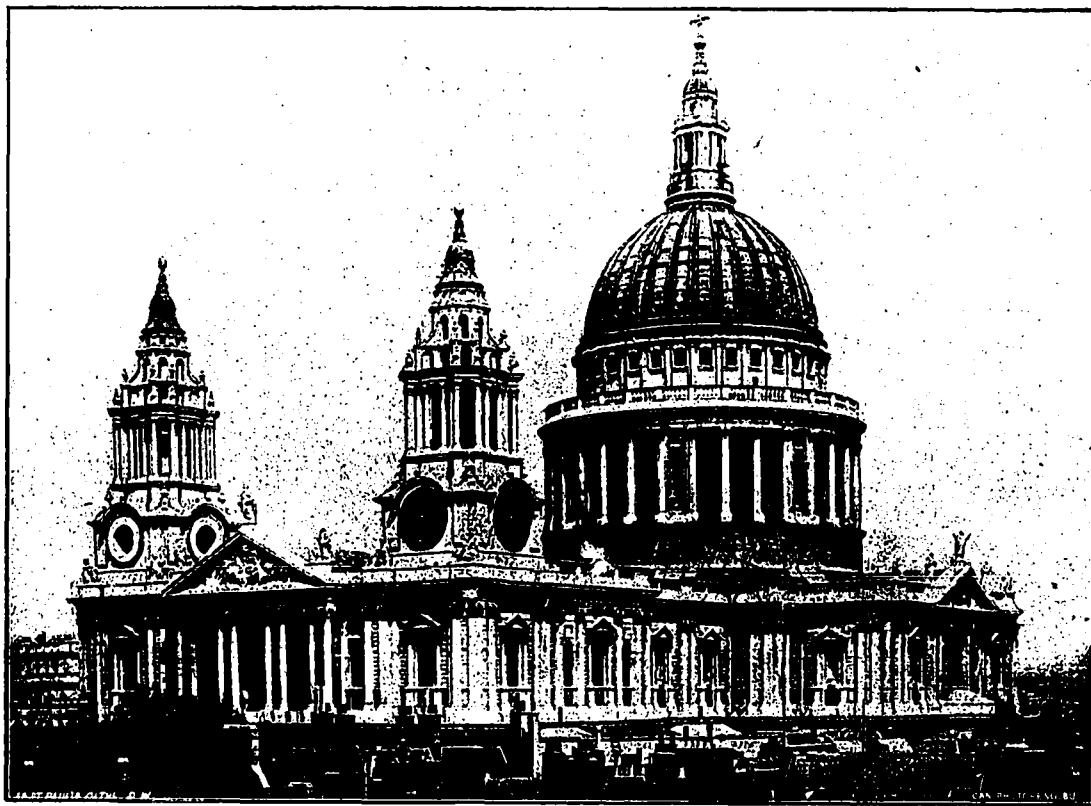
work has not been from any self-interested motives. We have had no "wires to pull" or influence to bring to bear, but the Government has closely examined and supervised our methods and our results, and, having satisfied themselves that we are doing good work for the country, they have done all in their power to strengthen our hands and to facilitate our efforts.

Sir Charles Tupper, the present Premier, has shown himself a warm supporter of Dr. Bar-

kindred institutions are performing in this country, but also to say that after the most careful investigation into the progress and management of this great undertaking, the people of Canada have learned and come to the conclusion that the criticisms which have been unwisely and unnecessarily applied in certain quarters to this great and important work, have not had that foundation in fact that any such criticisms ought to have had. . . . I can conceive no effort more calculated to benefit England, no effort more calculated to benefit these great and important dependencies of the Crown across the ocean, than the God-like work in which Dr. Barnardo and his colleagues are engaged."

After such testimony and expressions of opinion as these, we have little fear of any Government of which Sir Charles Tupper is the head, or in which his influence predominates, taking up a hostile attitude to our work or lending themselves to any miserable prejudice or attack upon us. As a party, the Conservatives have shown that they recognize that Canada, with its vast areas and boundless undeveloped resources, is crying out for population to build up a great and prosperous country, and to enable her to take the position to which she is entitled among

the nations of the world. They have made vigorous and successful efforts to encourage and attract immigration, and while there has been no lack of precautions against the influx of an undesirable population, there has been a ready and generous support extended to any movement that gave promise of bringing to the country people of the right sort, who are likely to assist in developing its wealth and resources. If Dr. Barnardo had been doing or attempting to do what our opponents charge us with—"dumping" upon the country people of vicious



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nardo and the Institution, and, during the term of his High Commissionership has, on numerous occasions, publicly identified himself with the work. The following were his words in the course of an eloquent and powerful speech delivered at the 27th annual meeting of the Institution, held in the Albert Hall in June, 1893:—"I have no hesitation in saying that I am proud as the representative of Canada to stand here to-night and not only to bear my testimony and that of the people of Canada to the great and good work which Dr. Barnardo's Home and