SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 18, 1882. PROVINCIAL RIGHTS AND POLITICAL

PARTIES. Looking at the drift of much political on going on in Canada to-day, we might get the impression that while the magnify the federal authority, embodied in the liberal party just as naturally becomes. really in accordance with any great law of the most recent developments: political affinity and repulsion, if such political affinity and repulsion, if such there be; or is it but local andtemporary in its nature—a mere accident of time and place? That is the question and it is now fairly before the Canadian public. Just at the present time, and on the surface of things, it appears as if every Ontario liberal should feel himself bound to stretch to the utmost the rights of the province, while every Ontario conservative should feel bound in like manner to contract these rights within the narrowest limits, and to magnify the authority of the Dominion.

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But if we extend our view and take in the history of other countries and of other times, we may see reason for suspecting that the present situation in Ontario in this respect may be but the accident of a day in an exception to the general rule. To a certainty it was not so in Europe during the half century or more following the outbreak of the French revolution. All over Europe the radicals and revolutionists of period were apostles of centralization and extinguishers of provincial rights. In France they blotted very names of the old provinces, and substituted new names of departments instead, with the avowed object of annihilating the remnants of ancient provincial rights, and customs, and local assemblies which were denounced as itself in competition with a European in strument; and the vague unrest of the semi-barbarous and disconetnted Russian population cannot be allowed to communicate itself in competition with a European in strument; and the vague unrest of the semi-barbarous and disconetnted Russian population cannot be allowed to communicate itself to neighboring peoples. It may very or elsewhere, the first political work done was to destroy as much as possible all vestiges of ancient provincial rights and immunities. Some sort of civic government had to be left in the cities, but otherwise local powers were ruthlessly crushed. With bullet and bayonet the idea was driven home that provincial toryism was to be put down, and that the grand central authority of the republic must be recognized as above all others. It was not merely that French revolutionists did this delocal assemblies which were denounced as that French revolutionists did this destructive work in other countries. They had done it first in their own; and in every country they invaded native revolutionists were as eager as they to extinguish pro
liberty, and what not; and behind these, in the cooler heads which direct the were as eager as they to extinguish provincial governing bodies, which were regarded as hotbeds of toryism. The testimony as to the general truth of all this so voluminous and so canclusive, that who ever affects not to understand it has ally ignorance of history to plead as an excuse.

In the American civil war and in the

anti-slavery agitation which preceded it, the contest was between the party of state rights and the party of federal authority. the radical party? We need not hesitate for a moment about giving the answer: the national party were undoubtedly the radicals and the state rights party the tories of that time. The southern slaveholders were tories to the backbone, though nominally citizens of a republic; and their northern allies and the democratic press generally never tired of denouncing radical ideas and radical innovations. This algoris a fact of history beyond all dis-

relative to the question of home rule is further fitted to give us pause ere concluding that advanced liberalism and the extension of provincial powers are necessarily interlocked as one cause, so that the two must stand or fall together. He is now attacked not only by tories, who accuse him of yielding to the demands of revolutionists and rebels, but also by whigs, who take the contrary view and who look upon any kind of provincial government for Ireland as a revival of medieval toryism. Advocates of provincial rights in Ontario, and of state rights over the border, may fairly claim, however, that they have Mr. Gladstone on their side rather than on the other. In a recent speech he eulogised the principal of local government, and protested against the spirit of centralization.

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The Guelph Herald invites the young men of the grit party to enlist "under Sir 20 to 42c. Choese firm at 7c to 12c. CHICAGO, March the principal of local government, and protested against the spirit of centralization, to which latter as he is quoted by the New York Tribune's London correspondent, he had the "strongest objections," not for Ireland only, but for England as well. And he went on to define his position in these words: "I believe," said he, "that local institution—the institution of secondary authorities-is a great source of strength and that in principal the only necessary limit to these powers is the adequate and certain provision for the supremacy of the central authority." "A pregnant sentence, surely-" says the correspondent: to which let us add that the same idea may be found running through whole pages and chapters strength have access at all times to pure air, exerging the same idea may be found strength and the same idea may be found to strength and the same idea may be found strength and the same idea may be found to strength and the same idea may be found to strength and the same idea may be found to strength and the same idea may be found to strength and the same idea may be found to strength and the same idea may be found to strength and the same idea may be found to strength and the same idea may be found to strength and the same idea may be found to strength and the same idea may be found to strength and the same idea may be found to strength and the same idea may be found to strength and the same idea may be found to strength and the same idea may be found to strength and the same idea may be found to strength and the same idea may be found to strength and the same idea may be found to strength and the same idea may be found to strength and the same idea may be sa of the tory historian Alison, also through the speeches of Tory advocates of slavery in America. Both friends and foes are puzzallad what to make of Mr. Gladstone's of adults or children. Price 25 cents per position on this question; they do not bottle.

easy a matter as may at first sight appear. A rational solution of the difficulty may be possible, however, and we need not for all that despair of finding it.

SKOBELEFF'S BOMBSHELL.

It can scarcely be doubted that the cable ception given to General Skobeleff by the ive party naturally seeks to Russian officers' club at St. Petersburg is substantially true, and that he is overthe Dominion government and parliament, whelmingly sustained by the military element at headquarters. More than that, the champion of provincial rights. That he said boldly that he had spoken, not is certainly the way the matter would only in a general way for Russia. but for appear to any one, were the view confined the Czar, who had endorsed every word to the Province of Ontario and to the pre- of his speech. Our principal interest in all sent time. Sir John Macdonald either is this lies in the fact that Skobeleff's proor appears to be, pro tempore, the advocate nouncement is sure to antagonize Russia of the largest Dominion powers that the and Great Britain, and to force them written law can be construed to sustain, further apart instead of drawing them towhile Mr. Mowat, Mr. Blake supporting gether. According to present indications, him or seeming to do, claims for his par- the British government will take the Gerticular province, and by implication for man rather than the Russian view of what the other provinces as well-all the powers is best for Europe. This is what the Lonthat can possibly be extracted out of the don Times had to say recently about Skoreading of the contederation act. Now, is beleff's speech, after affirming its belief this relative position of parties on the issue | that the speech was really authorized, in named a natural and necessary one; is it spite of all diplomatic disguises, but before

fees that the events of 1873-7 are too fresh in our memories to make us look upon the present state of things with equanimity. We believe that it is necessary that this agitation should be put an end to, if Europe is not again to be distracted with the fear of war, and if, in peaceful countries like our own, commerce is not to be suspended and domestic legislation to be again thrown out of gear. The treaty of Berlin is not yet four years old; it is not to be tolerated that the subjects of one of the signatory powers should be allowed to play fast and loose with it. There is no reason to suppose that the observance of that treaty has not till now been loyal. The small states have been content with what the treaty gave them. Austria has done, unwisely, but not illegally, what the signatory powers asked her to do. It is only fair that Europe should demand of Russia that she too, in her unofficial as well as her official proceedings, should act loyally. The "Panslavonic idea" whatever it may mean, cannot be allowed to put itself in competition with a European instrument; and the vague unrest of the semibarbarous and disconetnted Russian population cannot be allowed to communicate itself to neighboring peoples. It may very wall be that Austria has here to cray de and ward and and the people of the semibarbarous and the people of the people of the proceeding the people of the proceeding the people of the proceeding the proceeding the people of the proceeding the people of the proceeding the people of the people of the proceeding the proceeding the people of the people of the people of the proceeding the people of the proceeding the people of the people of the people of the proceeding the people of the people of the proceeding the people of the proceeding the

In the American civil war, and in the reopen the Eastern question." Of these two which was the tory and which interesting after the news of the last

eral election is that the members are this session taking leave of Masses Rymel and session taking leave session taking leave of Messrs. Rymal and session taking leave of Messrs. Rymal and Wright, two fathers in Bedlam. These two gentlemen will not seek re-election; two gentlemen will not seek re-election; their political records extend over a long period, and each is highly respected both in his own party and in the opposite one; and if this be their last session in political life, it is the wish of all that it may be but two gentlemen will not seek re-election; relative to the question of home rule is fur- life, it is the wish of all that it may be but

hold aloof from both. And what is more. the young men are not to be caught by promise of government milk and honey.

a more friendly feeling between Irishmen who are unnaturally divided, than ever that, from all accounts, will soon take the heretofore. And why can't Irishmen be place of every other purgative and blood friends always? An "unhappy Ireland" purifier. Smith & McGlashan, agents for has its origin in a divided people-not in a fox-hunting Saxon.

-WEAK LUNGS AND HOW TO MAKE THEM cise moderately, eat nourishing but simple food, and take that best of all cough

know whether to take him as a radical or a tory. Enough has been said to show that, to decide where the proper place for liberals and conservatives is respectively on the constitution of provincial rights, is not so -People have no more right to become the question of provincial rights, is not so the trouble.

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\*\*CHRONIQUES.\*\*

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