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The British Elections.

The electoral battle now in progress in Great Britain will soon be decided and the Government will have a new lease of power, if not in the fullest sense a new life. Usually an election in England is a very uncertain thing. This time it was a foregone conclusion, and the conclusion which seemed so apparent is evidently to be borne out by the actual course of events. The Government will be returned to power with an overwhelming majority, and in such a case a few seats more or less is neither here nor there. The Government goes back practically unfettered as to the future, as they have fought the battle not on a programme for the future, but on their war policy of the past year. As to the war, there are many who realize that the glitter has gone from that some time ago; but the great mass of the people evidently feel that the duty of Britain in Africa means the transformation of the Boer republics into British colonies, and that in a matter of such importance it is dangerous to change horses while you are crossing a stream.

The Government goes in on a wave of imperialism, but we are glad that it has been proved that the Conservative party in England has no monopoly of imperialism. Lord Rosebery was a convinced and enthusiastic imperialist before the so-called "Unionist Party" arose, and the fiercest fighter on the "Unionist" side belonged to the opposite school. However, things have changed since then, and Mr. Chamberlain claims to be the champion of the real pure patriotism, so that he can and does state that the empire will be ruined if intrusted to the party through which he once gained prominence and power. The loyal action of the colonies, and the federation of the Australian communities, has helped the Conservative party, and no fair complaint can be made on that score; but when one of the colonies sends a message to England which is really an interference in a political contest, it oversteps the bounds and makes itself ridiculous. The life of the colonies must, of course, act and react on the life of the mother country, but not in that direct foolish fashion. We must do the right thing, and are not responsible for the direct political consequences of our actions; but politics in England have to do with many questions besides those that are called in the special sense imperial, and the British elector is quite capable of managing his own business, and he will not scruple to tell us so if we are impudent enough to interfere. However, Canadian politicians of both parties have sufficient sense to recognize this.

The time will soon come for summing up the results of the British elections, and learning the lessons. In the meantime, we note that in British politics domestic questions are pushed aside, and because of the exigencies of the situation the Government goes back without any very clear statement as to its Chinese policy, and without any very definite policy of army reform. The appointment of Lord Roberts to the highest military post was made in time to influence the elections, but practically the only question submitted was that of the annexation of two petty African states. Even the burning question of ritualism, which threatened to become an important political issue, was tied in khaki, so that it could not have full course.

Lieut.-Col. Robert Cartwright.

We understand that Lieut.-Col. Robert Cartwright, assistant adjutant-general, son of Sir Richard Cartwright, has just had a serious operation performed and got through it successfully. The operation was necessary owing to the work in the field in South Africa. Lieut.-Col. Cartwright did some exceedingly good work in pushing railroad construction, and won commendation from the British officers in that quarter, and was afterwards on Gen. Hutton's staff. He was sent from Ottawa on special service. He has been at St. Luke's Hospital, Ottawa, since his return to Canada.

Sir Richard has another son, F. L. C., an officer with the Strathcona Horse, whose engagement to a charming Cape Town young lady has just been announced.

Lieut.-Col. Robert Cartwright has many friends in London, and they will be glad for his own sake, and for Sir Richard's, to learn that although he has had to undergo a serious operation, it has been undergone successfully.

It is asserted that so great has been the increase in the pork packing establishments in Canada that the number of hogs being reared is not sufficient to meet the demand. Farmers have the remedy in their own hands. Let them raise more hogs, but let them listen to the demands of the packers with regard to breed and quality. They are in a position to fully gauge the wants of the foreign purchaser, who is annually asking us for more of our bacon.

The Binder Twine Slander.

The London Free Press revives the Taylor slander against Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and asserts that a firm of dealers in binder twine were so favored by Hon. David Mills that it "could afford to present the Premier of Canada with a \$15,000 residence." This slander was thoroughly exposed in the House of Commons, and no men were more ashamed of the attack on the Prime Minister than those members of Parliament who sat on the same side of the House with him. Though Mr. Taylor made this unfounded accusation with some forty of his fellow- Opposition members present, and though he was unmercifully trounced in the debate that ensued by the friends of the Prime Minister, not one member of the Opposition came to the rescue of the slanderer. It has been left for our city contemporary now to revive the slander.

The facts, however, are that the Minister of Justice gave no unfair advantage to anyone in the marketing of binder twine. He instructed one of his officers—a Conservative appointee of the last Government, the inspector of penitentiaries—to prepare a notice for the sale of the output of the penitentiary by tender. Tenders were called for accordingly, and special notification was sent to all the leading dealers, including dealers who are well-known Conservatives, as well as to Patron agents. When the tenders were put in they were duly opened, and as was shown in Parliament, the tenderer who made the highest bid was awarded the output, cash on delivery. The attack on the Prime Minister, and impliedly on Hon. David Mills, Minister of Justice, is therefore most unwarranted, and would never be made by an Opposition possessed of any reasonable excuse for asking that the present Government should be defeated.

The fact is, that since 1896, there has been a vast improvement in the management of the binder twine industry of the penitentiary by the late Government.

When the industry was started in 1894, by the late Government, it was handed over to Mr. Connor, who was permitted to pay twice as much for the machinery as it could have been provided for by responsible tenderers. He was allowed to install his own brother as manager, and he was permitted to sell the output, at exactly the same price as the combine agreed upon, and to keep the money paid to him, and hand it over to members of the combine, with whom he was in partnership. He paid a small portion of the money the following year, and then the Government of that day took his note for the balance. To this day, we believe, the tangle thus engaged in by the late Government has not been straightened, so difficult is it to get over the unbusinesslike proceedings of those bunglers and favorite favorers. Having little, if any, regard for the public interest, when it came in conflict with political friends, the late Government, in the winter of 1896, again arranged to hand over the control of the entire output of the penitentiary to a single individual, without tender, and to be sold, in collusion with the combines, as it had been in 1896. The upshot of the bungling was that the season for selling the output had gone past, without a pound of the penitentiary twine having been sold when the present Administration came into power late in the summer of 1896, and the whole of the twine, which would have been sold if business principles had actuated the Government, had to be sold at a sacrifice or be kept over for another year, in a condition where it would deteriorate.

Ever since the present Government has controlled affairs, until last year, the output of the penitentiary has been sold by public tender to the highest bidder. It has been insinuated that political friends have been favored by the Government. This was proved on the floor of Parliament to be a falsehood. The invariable rule has been to sell to the man who made the best bid, no matter whether he was black or white, Liberal or Mugwump. It was of no moment to the department. The public interest alone was its aim, and no miserable political attack that can be made can alter this fact. Nor will any reasonable man attempt to hold the Government that put binder twine on the free list, and enabled consumers to purchase in the markets of the world, responsible for the increased price that has been charged for the commodity. Every one knows that the raw material was so scarce because of the war in the country of production, that the price advanced enormously, and the penitentiary authorities, like all other manufacturers, had to pay for it accordingly. In the last twelve months, owing to the very unsatisfactory state of the market, and the increased price charged to consumers, the department has sold the entire output, not by tender wholesale, but in small lots to farmers. Its action, in both instances, has been hampered by the mismanagement of the former Government by burdening the outfit of the penitentiary with enormous and unnecessary burdens, on which interest must be calculated in accounting the expenditure. But both methods, we affirm, have been vastly superior to those adopted by the political friends of the Free Press. The management of our public institutions is a fair subject for criticism, but we take leave to doubt the wisdom of those who persist in retelling slanders against the statesmen of the country, and in ignoring facts established under oath in the parliamentary committee. They apparently believe that misrepresentation

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Forward, Medical Men.

A few years ago a number of London's well-known doctors started the London Medical School. It was no small undertaking, and some thought it was doomed to defeat, but instead of defeat it prospered and increased from year to year. Its professors kept the best ideals before them, and their students successfully passed the examinations at Toronto. The London Medical School is now, in point of proficiency, equal to any, and in some respects a student might well prefer it to any other. One important consideration is that he can have a better opportunity to see operations than in most other schools.

Canada boasts of its educational system, and justly claims that it is as good as any, and better than most. A medical school, though for a special purpose, is but a part of the system, and should be strengthened and perfected in every way in which it can, and every facility it can obtain should be obtained.

In this connection the erection of an infirmary at the asylum is worth mentioning. Dr. Buckle has a continental reputation, and Dr. Hobbs in certain specialties, has already made his mark. The infirmary will enable the best work to be done, and it is quite likely that the future will see forms of insanity hitherto considered incurable, placed on the curable list.

There is a wider field to which we wish to draw attention. We believe that in Germany there are medical men employed by the Government solely for the purpose of experimenting, discovering, if they can, new remedies, and estimating justly the value of remedies already partly known.

There are few prizes within the reach of medical men, such for instance, as judgeships are to lawyers. We suggest that the medical schools at Toronto and London should have in connection with each of them one of the best men available, whose duty it would be to experiment and discover. There is no reason why much good should not be accomplished. A few years ago diphtheria was much more deadly than it is today, and so with other diseases. What is Canada doing along the line of original research? We may, no doubt, adopt as soon as others discover. Why not do our part in discovering, and at the same time stimulating all medical men to do their best? The result could not fail to do good, both to the doctors and their patients.

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THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS

Discuss the Cause of the Society's Alleged Decline—"The Young Man Problem."

Guelph, Ont., Oct. 2.—At the Provincial Christian Endeavor convention, while the number of delegates is up to expectation, the quality of the addresses and the enthusiasm and earnestness of the Endeavorers are up to high water mark. The reports of the Provincial union work were of a hopeful tone, although financially the union is in a hole to the extent of about \$300.

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men in the various young people's movements, a missionary spirit adequate to the opportunities of this generation," by Rev. Dr. McKay, of Toronto, foreign missionary secretary of the Presbyterian Church.  
Rev. A. C. Crews, general secretary of young people's work in the Canadian Methodist Church, conducted a round-table conference on "Committees and their work."  
Rev. Canon Richardson, of London, Ont., gave an interesting and inspiring report of the World's C. E. Convention, held in London in July last. The afternoon was given over to the junior rally.

STATUS OF THE C. E. SOCIETY.  
The secretary, Mr. A. T. Cooper, of Clinton, stated that reports from the union in Ontario received during the year showed decreases in both active and associate membership from the societies reporting. There were, however, 90 new societies, making an increase in the total membership of 3,500. There were now 2,293 societies in the union, with a membership of 100,000. Of the societies in the union 991 are Methodist, 555 Presbyterian, 113 Union, 115 Baptist, 44 Congregational, 27 Church of England, 34 Disciples, 14 Christians, with the other 17 divided among various denominations. Contributions to missions amounted to \$25,000. 144 of the societies having increased their contributions. During the year 1,500 members joined the church.

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LAST DAY.  
Guelph, Ont., Oct. 5.—The third and last day of the Provincial Christian Endeavor convention opened yesterday morning with a quiet devotional hour. The attendance was larger, and great enthusiasm and earnestness were manifested. Missions was the theme, the keynote of the discussion being the bright outlook for the evangelization of the world through the influence of the young people's societies.

George S. McClellan, of Brockville, gave an excellent address on "The achievements, present position and significance of missionary movements among the young people throughout the world." He was followed by an able discourse on "How to foster and utilize among the vast army of young men and wo-

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