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For the third time in the short history of the Australian Commonwealth, the Labor party has obtained control of the administration. But the late contest is the first in which this party has been mached against the other two together. So far as can be learned at this distance the recent campaign was not the usual three cornered fight, but a contest between the Labor party on one side and a fusion of Liberals and Commonwealth is interesting, and contest between the Labor party on one side and a fusion of Liberals and Commonwealth is interesting to the majority of the Australian Commonwealth is interesting to the majority of the canadian parlament may combination of two could orethrow a ministry which is interesting to the party of the history than the contest of the party of the history than the contest of the party of the history than the contest of the party of the history than the contest of the party in the political issues. All three parties are protectional, the Labor party more emphatically than the others, or if the original protectionists against the Labor party. But the Labor party in assuming the responsibilities of government has become a political organization with a policy on all national questions. Mr. Fisher, who is now its leader, was a coal miner in Scotland before he went to Australia. Doubtless he has the support of the trades unitority had the unpleasant duty of collecting most of the revenue while the States, corresponding to our provinces, retained the privilege of spending the most of it. The Canadian government has provinced the sums by indirect taxation, and are under contract to pay a relatively small fixed sum in provincial subsides.

The Australian Confederation is much looser than ours. Only the residuant of authority as against the althority of the estates, corresponding to our provinces, retained the privilege of spending the most of it. The Canadian government and parliament have power to collect unline tied sums by indirect taxation, and are under contr

about one-fifth of the people are Europeans. It will be an interesting study in comparative politics to watch to destroy the reserved powers of the States. He himself proposed the establishment of an Interstate Commission to regulate matters of jurisdiction. Mr. Deakin and Mr. Pisher are practically agreed on the question of imperial defence. The Dreadnought policy was unanimously adopted. There are no stronger imperialists in Australia than some of the Labor leaders. It is also a fact of some interest that women suffrage has not in the least modified the enthusiasm of the Commonwealth in matters of imperial defence.

The first Australian parliament, which met in 1901 was divided on the question of free trade and protection. Sir E. Barton was the premier, and Mr. Deakin a member of his government when that parliament met. Before the next election in 1904, the Labor party came into existence as a federal organization. From that contest the three parties emerged somewhat nearly equal in strength. Mr. Reid, Liberal and Free Trader, obtained office, but fell before a combination of the Commenters. Mr. Reid, Liberal and Free Trader, obtained office, but fell before a combination of the Commentary, which was defeated by a union of Liberals and Conservatives. Mr. Deakin became premiers and Conservatives. Mr. Deakin became premiers, who was defeated by a union of Liberals and Conservatives. These united on Mr. Deakin, who this time formed a fusion ministry. This administration appealed to the people as a coalition, and has been defeated by the Labor party sione. If Mr. Pisher now takes office it will be the first occasion since the Labor party was formed on which a political party has been able to stand alone.

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thousand years.

The Hallinger-Pinchot controversy has brought out a large series of such contradictory official statements. Mr. Pinchot and his bureau appealed to the nation to protect the forests in order to preserve the water supply. Then came the chief of the Weather Bureau with the statement that the rainfall is not affected by the disappearance of he forests, and that the clearing of land does not occasion floods at wet seasons, or cause the land to be parched at dry seasons. The whole tendency of the official literature following the dismissal of Mr. Pinchot is to discredit the conservation campaign which the late chief forester carried on so vigorously. The readiness with which the department produces this kind of literature, contradicting the consensus of opinion which led to stringent regulations, interfering with the speculations and enterprises of influential men, has a sinister appearance. Mr. Pinchot may be an idealist and too much of an enthusiast, but he has the sympathy of a host of people, and his final suppression will be a difficult programme. sympathy of a host of people, and his final suppression will be a difficult programme.

WHAT ABOUT PUSHER GRADES?

In the account given which Mr. Foster of the Valley In the account given which Mr. Foster of the Valley Railway directorate gives of the interview of the delegates with Sir Wilfrid, there is a suggested modification of the four per cent, grade provisio. The standard mentioned is that of the Transcontinental in this province. As there is a "pusher" grade of about one per cent, on this line, this standard may be made to mean anything. How many pusher grades would be allowed is there any difference between four-tenths per cent. standard with one per cent, pusher grades and a one per cent, standard? We shall know more about this when Sir Wilfrid has written his promised letter to the president of the Valley Company. At present the president of the Valley Company. At present the written record places the standard at four-tenths percent, unmitigated by pusher grades.

will have the responsibility.

The Fusion government, which has been defeated, had an understanding with most of the State administrations as to the basis of the readjustment. British press despatches during the campaign indicated that there was something like a campaign agreement between federal and provincial administrations. The Standard of Empire's Melbourne despatch of March 25, said that "the "position of the ministerialists has been greatly strengthing" and provincial administrations of the State ministers to the "inancial agreement." On the same day a despatch will be described by the adhesion of the State ministers to the "inancial agreement." On the same day a despatch will be described by the adhesion of the same day a despatch will be shad advised the electors to cast their votes in favor of the financial agreement. The same report came from Western Australia.

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