

course in political economy will be given in our Universities; the country calls for it; public opinion demands it. The present age is one of reality not idealism. What the world needs is men for the times, and to what extent antiquated, fossilized subjects are going to produce such men is an open question.

He must indeed be wise who will attempt to give a cause for the result of the recent election. It must be most amusing for foreigners to read the party press of Canada, and most puzzling for them to make causes and effects, as regards Canadian politics, agree.

In looking over the catalogue of political issues, it is a rather difficult matter to determine to what one or set of issues the Conservatives owe their return to office. The National Policy, which undoubtedly has been their strong point in years gone by, could not have been very materially influential in their behalf, because the Conservative papers made it publicly known that Blake had accepted the N. P. in all its parts. The only plausible cause which suggests itself is that of popular confidence of executive ability and general straightforwardness.

The great fault of the Liberal party in Canada, and perhaps their greatest source of weakness is the absence from their platform of any settled system of government. Thought is getting to be a more powerful factor in all conditions of life than emotion. The time for the excitement of the moment to rule over reason is slowly, but surely, slipping away.

One would think that a knowledge of provincial relations, and an understanding of provincial political attitudes previous to the late election would elucidate matters somewhat as regards the provinces taken collectively; but the more provincial feeling is studied, if we can assume that provincial acts have any significance, the more abstruse the problem appears. Nova Scotia has shown a vast amount of consistency or inconsistency, and which of the two conjectures is right, who will attempt to say? The decided answer she gave in June last on the real or imaginary burdens of Confederation has been, so far as Dominion representatives are concerned, almost entirely annulled. What the result of the Repeal agitation will be, time alone can tell. New Brunswick has never had much to say agreeable or otherwise to the powers that be; but in those portions of her where unusual excitement has been carried on, Opposition members have been elected. Prince Edward's Island, whatever may be

the cause, has thrown her whole strength with the Opposition.

In Quebec, where the blood of the Regina scaffold was supposed to be still warm, the Independent Rielites are few and far between.

There is no doubt but that the true situation received the greatest airing in Ontario; and though it resulted in a change, it is so small as to be hardly worth mentioning. It is generally admitted that Manitoba and British Columbia will support the Government.

After carefully summing up results, one is led to exclaim with the poet: "Canada thou art peculiar."

CONNECTED with every student's education there are certain matters, not perhaps considered by any of minor importance, which yet in many cases do not receive their just due of attention. The neglect of these matters at once makes itself known in conversation or in writing; and it is from these two sources, perhaps more particularly the former, that we have been forced to conclude that such a neglect exists. It is not enough that every line of study in the curriculum be complied with, nor that an extensive course of other reading be pursued. The symmetry of an education demands that the possessor should be able to express himself correctly in both speaking and writing. We do not wish to convey the idea that the students of Acadia are more distinguished for solecisms than the members of any other College; nor that the neglect referred to prevails here in a greater degree than in other places. In the majority of cases we even feel it right to say that carelessness is the cause of the error; that should the blunder be pointed out the perpetrator would readily recognize it, and quote the rule violated. Personal experience may enable us to assign the mistake to its proper source, but can never excuse it. Let the student, after leaving the institution of learning at which he may have studied, enter into conversation with almost any intelligent citizen, and let him during the course of his talk make use of two or three ungrammatical expressions, mispronounce as many words, to say nothing of what embellishments may be thrown in by way of slang, and that citizen will have a just right to claim that at least one part of the graduate's training is sadly deficient. Or on the other hand, let