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Comments on the Cartoons.



DICKBURDENOLGY.
If the visitor to Winnipeg has ordinary luck, he is sure to see that remarkable institution of the city, Dick Burden, the noted advertising man, whose "business" costumes on the street are fearfully and wonderfully made. Dick is a circus, menagerie and brass band combined, and as a medium for influencing public opinion he altogether discounts the newspapers. In the spirit of a well-wisher of the Manitoba Government we respectfully call Mr. Greenway's attention to Richard

at the present time. Perhaps the idea hasn't occurred to the Cabinet, but could a more effective means of working up popular support on the French language and separate school questions be devised than the employment of the great Perambulator in some such rig as is suggested in our cartoon? Let a meeting of the Cabinet be called to discuss the scheme.

THE NEW PARTY IN TRAINING.—The New Party doesn't seem to be particularly crushed by the recent anathemas of the *Globe*, though there is probably no foundation for the insinuation that Dr. Sutherland pays that paper so much a line for its opposition. A formal entry has been made into the political arena by the candidature of a new party man in the Lambton contest, and hereafter the Prohibitionists who have lost all confidence in the

temperance professions of both Grits and Tories, will form a factor which the managers of the old organizations will have to reckon with.



CAN it be that the growth of the Equal Rights movement is having the effect of drawing the Grit and Tory partisans closer to each other and causing them to forget their old-time differences in the presence of a common danger? It certainly looks a little like it. Here is the *Canadian Gazette*, Sir Charles Tupper's London organ, praising Mr. Laurier in the highest terms as one "in the front rank of British statesmen," and characterized by "honesty, directness of purpose, and pure-minded patriotism." Then again, Mr. William Paterson, M.P., for South Brant, has been speaking at

Paris, Ont., on "The Canadian House of Commons." "His description of Sir John Macdonald,"—we quote from the *Globe*—"was so manifestly a large-hearted recognition of the old chieftain's statesmanship and devotion to his country, that it was greeted with vociferous applause." What, if we may so vary the historic query, has struck Billy Paterson? It would be a rather remarkable development if the Tories should make common cause with their hereditary antagonists against the party of Equal Rights. Well, stranger things have happened.

THAT was a curious coincidence wasn't it, by which the election of officers, held on the 14th inst., by the Toronto Young Liberal and Young Conservative Clubs, respectively, resulted in the triumphant return of a McPherson to the presidential chair of each organization? It is another proof, moreover, of the ascendancy of the Scotch element in Canadian politics. Patriotic Caledonians, who are fond of pointing with pride to a Macdonald succeeding a Mackenzie as Dominion Premier, and a Mowat following a Macdonald as leader of the Ontario Government, as evidences of the way in which their countrymen "get there with both feet," have a further illustration of this national characteristic in the two McPhersons. It only confirms the wisdom of Sidney Smith's advice to those who would be successful in life,—“If possible get yourself born on the north side of the Tweed.” If you can't manage this it will do pretty nearly as well to get your father or grandfather born there.



THE unusual degree of interest manifested in these club elections and the importance attained by the junior political organizations, is an indication that they are likely to be a permanent and influential factor in politics. Thoughtful men will regard this development with what the novelists are wont to describe as "conflicting emotions." It is a good sign to see the young men taking an active part in politics and a lively interest in the welfare of the country. But it is not so pleasing to see them captured by the machine at the very outset of their