

CANADA, A FOSTER MOTHER.

President Hinds Delivers an Inaugural Address Before the Young Conservative Club.

THIS COUNTRY'S PROUD POSITION.

Thankful That He Lives in Our Fruitful Dominion—Other Short Speeches Delivered.

The inaugural address of the new president of the Toronto Conservative Club, D'Arcy Hinds, was given last night in the club-rooms. There was a good attendance, and as shown by the numerous short speeches after the president's, the object of the club is to work for the conservative party.

The address of Mr. Hinds was a liberal-minded one, and so much so that the country is governed as to what had to be governed.

A Mighty Say.
He said: "Does not the government of a country have a mighty say in the raising of the mind of the individual? If a just one, training in the path of virtue and rectitude, and doing away with such sins as religious bigotry and disloyalty. Canada is a country that has been a foster-mother. In speaking of Canada's position among the nations of the world, Mr. Hinds said that Canada formed a part of the greatest Empire the world had ever seen, and of which Empire Canada's history was the greatest; its forests were filled with the best timber, the annual sale of which amounted to \$30,000,000; its grain was at the top notch in the European market, its great wheat belt containing 100,000,000 acres; its minerals were such as to be proud of gold, silver, copper, lead, iron and nickel, and the best system of highways by water and land, having the fastest transcontinental American railway, and the shortest direct route for the commerce of Europe to the east. The best educational system ever devised was found in Canada."

Military Achievements.
The military achievements of a patriot, and of his country, were then referred to in which he mentioned the wars of the years 1770, 1812-1814, 1858, 1884, and the Canadian contingent.

Possessing so many advantages, all that was needed was a good system of government, which would protect the natural wealth and opportunities of the country. It should have a court of arbitration, before which employers and employees should be compelled to appear, and the disputes there should also be a cleansing of election counts, and condign punishment of the briber and the bribed.

Let All Give Thanks.
In conclusion, Mr. Hinds said: "Setting aside the thoughts of Canada, and of the religious history, let us join hands in a chord of Christian sympathy, and send a chorus of thanksgiving to the Almighty God, the most fruitful country He hath given us."

Other short speeches were given by Messrs. S. A. Jones, William Lee, W. J. Owens, N. Robinson, F. C. Cook, J. Connell, M. M. Stinson, C. C. Robinson, and Col. Patterson, all of whom thanked the president for his address and declared their faith in the Conservative party.

The meeting next Monday night will be a business one. Steps are being taken to prevent future apathy at meetings.

MR. WHITNEY AT ARNPRIOR.

The Only Conservative Meeting in the South Renews Campaign—Voting To-Day.

Amprion, Ont., Nov. 13.—The Conservatives held their first and only public meeting in the present campaign here this evening. The commodious Town Hall was packed to the doors by an audience which did not break up until 11 o'clock. Mr. Armstrong, president of the Liberal Conservative Association, was the chief speaker. He was followed by Mr. J. P. Whitney, leader of the Opposition; the candidate, Mr. T. W. McFarlane; and Mr. J. P. Whitney, leader of the Opposition. The election takes place to-morrow, and the parties appear confident. A close contest is expected.

CRUISER CHARLESTON WRECKED.

Ran on a Reef While Patrolling the Northern Coast of Luzon.

Manila, Nov. 14.—The United States cruiser Charleston, which had been patrolling the northern coast of Luzon, was wrecked on a reef off the northwest coast on Tuesday, Nov. 7. All on board were saved. The cruiser Charleston, which was built in San Francisco, in 1888, had, according to the official report, a displacement of 3700 tons, was 312 feet 7 inches in length, 46 feet 2 inches beam, and 21 feet 6 inches in draught. She was armed with two 10-inch guns, two 8-inch guns, two 6-inch guns, two 4-inch guns, two 3-inch guns, two 2-inch guns, two 1-inch guns, two 1/2-inch guns, two 1/4-inch guns, two 1/8-inch guns, two 1/16-inch guns, two 1/32-inch guns, two 1/64-inch guns, two 1/128-inch guns, two 1/256-inch guns, two 1/512-inch guns, two 1/1024-inch guns, two 1/2048-inch guns, two 1/4096-inch guns, two 1/8192-inch guns, two 1/16384-inch guns, two 1/32768-inch guns, two 1/65536-inch guns, two 1/131072-inch guns, two 1/262144-inch guns, two 1/524288-inch guns, two 1/1048576-inch guns, two 1/2097152-inch guns, two 1/4194304-inch guns, two 1/8388608-inch guns, two 1/16777216-inch guns, two 1/33554432-inch guns, two 1/67108864-inch guns, two 1/134217728-inch guns, two 1/268435456-inch guns, two 1/536870912-inch guns, two 1/1073741824-inch guns, two 1/2147483648-inch guns, two 1/4294967296-inch guns, two 1/8589934592-inch guns, two 1/17179869184-inch guns, two 1/34359738368-inch guns, two 1/68719476736-inch 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