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A DARK PROBLEM.

We have our racial troubles in Canada, although they exist more as an element in bad politics than as a practical matter; but we are happily spared the danger which darkens the national pathway of our neighbors. The plantation owners of the United States had a lash over the backs of the black men whom they forced into their service, and now their children find the black man a scourge for their backs. Thus strangely does retribution follow upon wrongdoing in the revolution of years. The negro of the South groaned under the oppression of the white man, and now the white man groans under the oppression of the negro.

On the 21st instant a great convention is to meet at Montgomery, Alabama, for the consideration of this problem. The object is to secure white supremacy. The principal work of the convention will be the revision of the franchise law so as to bar the illiterate, or those who own no property, or both, from the ballot, but in such a way as to fulfill the pledge made by the last Democratic state convention in the following words: "We pledge our faith to the people of Alabama not to deprive any white man of the right to vote except for conviction of infamous crime."

The state has about 1,000,000 white and about 800,000 colored inhabitants. We summarize as follows the content of the Mobile (Ala.) Register: "White supremacy is essential to Alabama's prosperity. It is an observed fact that negroes have not the gift of government. The white man has had to assume control even where, according to the principles of our government, it would seem that the negro, being in the majority, should rule."

"How has it been accomplished? Simply by the white men denying to the negroes the right to interfere. We need not describe to the intelligent voters of this country what method has been followed. It has not been one that the conscience of good men could approve except on the ground that self-preservation is the highest law. Greatly has it been deplored that the whites have had to resort to measures that could not be commended. With rare exceptions, but justified only as necessary means to a good end. Now, those of our brothers of the black belt in this state appeal to us and to all good citizens to put an end to the necessity of the practices by which they have controlled elections in districts where the majority of the inhabitants are illiterate negroes."

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Next month a constitutional convention will be held in Virginia with the same end in view. Tennessee is also in a state of agitation, and the movement seems to be general in the south. The negro vote, in many districts, has been larger than the white vote for some time, and it has only been by the adoption of scandalous measures at the polls that the black men have not had it all their own way. The shot gun and the ballot box with a false bottom have been the means by which the minority have prevailed. The purpose of the legislation in view is to bar out the negro by establishing a literary standard in connection with the suffrage. What would happen, however, if the negro should then take to the shot gun?

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Fredericton, May 16.—The honor examinations which have been going on at the U. N. B. for some days past were concluded last evening. The result in the senior class will not be made known until after the degree examiners meet, but in regard to the other classes the following information has been given out.

In the junior class C. B. Martin, of St. John, who holds the L. A. Wilnot scholarship, has won honors of the first rank in Greek.

In the sophomore class Chas. Lawson, of St. John, son of Charles Lawson, formerly of this city, and Mr. McLean, of Charlottetown, have taken honors of the first rank in Latin and Greek.

In the freshman class Mr. Colwell and Miss Davis, both of this city, have won honors of the first class in Latin and Greek.

The following have won honors and distinction at mathematics: Junior class—Messrs. Perkins, Devin, Porter and Legere.

Sophomores—Miss Carruthers, and Messrs. Freese and Patterson.

Freshmen class—Messrs. Colwell, Sherwood, Jordan and Massee.

In Natural Science the following have won honors and distinctions: Junior class—Frank Raymond, Frank Patterson, and Tracey.

Sophomore class—Peters, Oulton, Miss Kinney, Fred Somerville, and Hugh Alward.

Freshmen class—Jordan, Miss Buchanan, Montgomery.

Junior Honor Economies—Class 1, Raymond, Porter, Tracey.

Class 2—Allan, Lane, McKenzie and Porter.

In the calculus required for engineering students, Messrs. Alexander Wilson and Baskin of the second year have passed most creditably in the first division.

The Douglas gold medal, for the best English essay on the centennial celebration of last year, has been awarded to W. O. Raymond, of the junior class. The successful candidate is a son of the Rev. W. O. Raymond of St. John, a graduate of the U. N. B., who has acquired quite a reputation as a historian. There were six essays handed in, all of which were pronounced by the professor of English to be of unusual merit.

The sheriff is satisfied that the year will begin on Saturday in the English department, and will be continued until Monday week.

Polynomial exercises are to take place in the college library on the evening of the 30th inst., commencing at 8 o'clock. Prof. Dixon is to speak on behalf of the faculty, the alumni and the students, and will be delivered by Rev. Mr. Heime, of Montreal, and C. W. Kelley, the valedictorian of the senior class.

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