

The Colonist.

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"PROVINCIAL POLITICS."

We wonder if the men who talk so glibly about "provincial politics" attach any definite significance to the words they use.

The Province, in the matter of politics, has hitherto, in our opinion, been on the right track. The people have chosen their representatives, and the Government has done its work independently of political parties.

The Province is young, it is sparsely peopled, but it has great resources. In doing the business of such a province its governments have pursued the course which business men would have taken in managing their own private concerns under similar circumstances.

The first non-political managers of the affairs of the Province saw that the territory under their control was very large and the inhabitants very few.

The sale of timber and the preservation of the forests of the Province are matters under the control of the Provincial Government; but hard-headed, intelligent business men can manage this department infinitely better than the politicians.

men who are entrusted with the management of the public affairs of the Province, that it is work that requires business ability for its transaction, and that the less thought or said about politics—as politics is generally understood—in connection with it the better for the Province generally.

THE TRIUMPH OF RIGHT.

Common sense and common honesty have won a glorious victory in the United States. There was a time when the advocates of a vicious currency system and of repudiation believed that they would carry all before them.

It is to be hoped that the free silver party has been completely crushed by the defeat which it sustained on Tuesday, and that it will be a long time before the country will be again unsettled by a mischievous currency agitation.

REORGANIZATION.

There is to be a reorganization of the Conservative party of the Dominion under the direction or supervision of a central committee, in which all the provinces are to be represented.

TARTE'S "TREASON."

Mr. Tarte's speech at the Winnipeg banquet has given great offence to his French Canadian compatriots. During the election campaign Mr. Tarte was one of the most enthusiastic maintainers of the rights of the Manitoba minority that there were in the Province of Quebec.

It will not make his reputation as a speaker, but will confirm the reputation for cynicism which he has so justly acquired. It is impossible for one to so calmly turn around and burn what was adored; it was a cowardly capitulation to an opponent; the most sacred principles were trampled under foot.

The reader will see for himself as he thinks over the work to be done by the

Laurier Cabinet has capitulated and given up separate schools. The Liberal party, it states, was put into power at least by the Province of Quebec upon the solemn promise made by Mr. Laurier to settle the separate school question, and that in a more satisfactory manner than the Conservatives could have done.

La Presse continues that Mr. Tarte more than anybody else stood up for separate schools, and adds: The Laurier cabinet is not free to settle the school question, it only reached by the Dickey bill.

Our contemporary is loth to believe that "Mr. Laurier, who is an honest man; has failed in all his promises and betrayed his word by giving up the Catholics of Manitoba to the mercy of the fanatics who are opposing them and has accepted a settlement which has taken away from the minority all the rights recognized by the Dickey bill."

Other French papers express themselves in the same strain. When it is remembered that Mr. Laurier owes his majority to the province of Quebec it may be readily seen how he will fare in that province when its inhabitants are convinced that he has played them false on the school question.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

To THE EDITOR:—I believe the traffic in intoxicating beverages an injury to the state and a positive contradiction to the very best principles of political economy.

I shall show how alcoholic drinks minimize the value of labor, and thereby become the worst enemy of the state. I shall show, too, that the Bible, man's truest friend, is opposed to the use of intoxicants and solemnly warns men against their deceptive influences.

SEIZED BY THE RUSSIANS.

To THE EDITOR:—Four years have now elapsed since the memorable capture of the Russian cruiser Zaria by the men of the Copper Islands; yet to this day not a dollar of compensation has been received by those who then lost time, money and property.

Victoria, Nov. 3.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

Mr. Sifton Submitting to the Brandon Liberals the Terms of Settlement.

Minister Tarte Returning to Winnipeg to Confer With the Greenway Government.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 4.—The Tribune publishes a Brandon dispatch which reads: "Hon. Mr. Sifton is here. It is stated that he is submitting to the Liberal committee of Brandon the school settlement agreed upon by the two governments, and that he may leave for Ottawa any day this week, when he will be sworn in as minister of the interior."

A prominent French Liberal who was interviewed said that from Mr. Laurier's statement that the school question would be settled in about ten days, it has something to do with the final settlement of the school question. He had heard that this was understood when Mr. Tarte left Winnipeg.

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CROW'S NEST PASS RAILWAY.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 4.—(Special)—Collingwood Schreiber, deputy minister of railroads and canals, left last night for the West, and it is believed will examine the Crow's Nest Pass and prepare a report for the government on the advisability of building a railway there.

BIRTHS.

MORSE.—At No. 9 Erie street, to the wife of H. Wolcott Morse, a son. FISHER.—On the 1st inst., the wife of Mr. J. J. Fisher, Pandora avenue, of a son.

MARRIED.

PLUNKETT-ABBOTT.—At Vancouver, B.C., on the 29th October, by the Rev. Father ammelten, Edmund Abbott, Plunkett's son, of the late Edmund Walter Plunkett, Esq., of Montreal, Civil Engineer, to Harriet Amelia Abbott, only daughter of Harry B. Abbott, Esq., G.E., General Superintendent Pacific Division, Canadian Pacific railway.

DIED.

CHARLTON.—At 14 Milne street, Freddie, infant son of Arthur Charlton, aged 3 months. PORT.—At Work Point, Delroy, Equimant District, on November 2, James Port, aged 40 years, native of Montreal.

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