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(Capital to put their heads together and endeavor to come more united. There have been several joint meetings of the Executive Committees of the two organizations lately and the result is that a meeting of 'The Conservative Association of Ottawa' has been called for Monday evening for the election of officers. There will be no rival meeting, and it is understood that the leaders of both wings of the party have come to an amicable understanding for reunion, so that the party in Ottawa will be a unit whenever Mr. Hardy gets ready to bring on the Ontario elections and prepared to capture both seats in the Local House, which are now held by Liberals. While adversity has taught the Conservatives the wisdom of being united, success appears to have turned the heads of the Liberals, and there is said to be strong probability of a serious split in the Reform ranks. At the Annual Meeting of the Ottawa Reform Association held on last Thursday evening for the election of officers, there were many evidences that everything is not peace and harmony in the Liberal Camp, and unless something is soon done to reconcile the conflicting elements now existing in the Association, its future can easily be predicted. It was a noticeable feature of the meeting that a large number of those present were not regular members of the Association, but were brought in expressly for the occasion, and were largely imported from the Chaudiere lumber yards and the Public Works department. The friends of Mr. Dowlin, who was defeated by Mr. Crannell for the Presidency, are highly dissatisfied with the result, and it seems very probable that inside of another month the Reformers will try the experiment of having two Associations, and the result of that is easy to see. The strongest newspaper supporting the party in Ottawa is United Canada, the Irish-Catholic organ. In this week's issue it is particularly severe in its comments on Thursday night's meeting which it characterizes as very disorderly; and in the course of its article says:—

'Under Conservative rule it took about sixteen years to create the necessity for two Tory parties at the Capital, the credit of which was largely due to the skill and tact of Mr. C. H. Mackintosh, backed by the great master of political managers, Sir John A. Macdonald. Under Liberal rule, and largely through the absurdness, self-honesty and stupidity of Mr. Brown, backed by the 70 Federal members—after ten months only, the die is cast for two Liberal parties at the Capital. In the election for President on Thursday the majority of the recognized Liberals voted to prevent party dissensions, while to see himself and friends from defeat, Mr. Crannell and his friends had to resort to the government employees, who were afraid to refuse, and also to innocent French shantymen who were in want of a dollar, around the cheap hotels, and who know no more about politics than they do about astronomy, but whose votes elected Mr. Crannell. These tactics may be all right, but the only question is if the price paid by the Liberal party for such victories is not dangerously high.'

NOTES.

The government has been officially informed that only 200 men can be sent to the Military contingent from Canada to participate in the Jubilee ceremonies. The idea of sending 'a regiment' as, therefore, been knocked on the head.

JOHN A. PHILLIPS

OTTAWA, April 19th.—The adjournment from Thursday last until to-morrow, over the Easter holidays, has caused a general confusion in Ottawa. Members of Parliament are scarce here as snow storms in July. Thanks to the unpreparedness of the Government to meet Parliament, and its insistence upon proceeding with the Franchise Bill because it had nothing else with which to make even a pretense of going on, the time of the House has been literally wasted, and the real business of the Session will not begin until Thursday when the Budget will be delivered, just four weeks from the meeting of Parliament. The Government has been deriding most of its time during the recess to tinkering up its tariff policy. There was a long sitting of Council on Thursday and another on Saturday and it is believed that the measure is now pretty well agreed on. It seems to be understood that all the attention for the United States which the Liberal party has been professing in opposition will be thrown aside, and the tariff framed as 'pro British' as possible. It is generally believed that there will be considerable reductions in the duty on woollens and some classes of iron and steel manufactures; that the duty on coal will be considerably lower and binder twine, and perhaps agricultural implements placed on the free list. On the other hand it is believed that there will be a sharp advance in the Customs duties on spirits, beer, tobacco and wines, and a corresponding increase in excise rates, while tea will be replaced on the dutiable list at a lower rate than it paid under the Cartwright tariff, and the duties on sugar rearranged and increased so as to yield a larger amount of revenue. There is also an impression that lead tobacco and raw cotton will be taken from the free list and a specific duty placed on the former and an ad valorem duty on the latter. This opinion has become so general amongst importers, distillers, brewers and cigar and tobacco manufacturers that enormous quantities of goods have been taken out of bond during the past week and still larger quantities are likely to be 'put paid' in the next few days, so that the immediate effect will be the reimbursement of Mr. Fielding's exhausted coffers to the extent of probably \$2,500,000 or \$3,000,000. This is simply money borrowed from next year, and although it will prevent, by that amount, so large a deficit of the 30th June next as might otherwise have been expected, it will make the revenue for 97-98 appear just that much less than its normal amount, and if the tariff does not have the expected effect of increasing the revenue Mr. Fielding's deficit on 30th June 1898, will be something phenomenal.

REPLY AMONGST OTTAWA LIBERALS.

The re-call of the last general election in Ottawa, when two Conservatives were replaced by two Liberals, wholly on account of the split in the Conservative ranks and the formation of two rival Associations, has, as it was expected it would, caused the Conservatives of the

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MACEO VENGED.

A COMPANY OF THE SAN QUENTIN RE-UNION CUT TO PIECES.

NEW YORK, April 5.—The Herald's Havana correspondent sends the following, via Key West: I saw of a decided insurgent success in the very place where Maceo was killed and the famous San Quintin battalion, whose soldiers killed him. The engagement occurred on March 27th, near Pinar del Rio, twelve miles from Havana. The insurgents, 1000 strong, under Major Acosta, who was with Maceo when killed, and a few Delgado, had combined and surrounded one hundred and fifty men of the third company of the San Quintin regiment under Captain Ruiz at the Lacooes estableness where the Spanish had a good fodder. The insurgents poured a volley into the Spanish column and there was sharp fighting for half an hour, when the Spanish column attempted to retreat only to find that they were surrounded. Then the insurgents charged with the machetes, cutting the San Quintin soldiers down right and left. Only twenty of the one hundred and fifty escaped. Forty were killed and ninety wounded. The survivors after a brave fight against heavy odds fled, leaving their wounded comrades and reached Punta Barua, where they told their story.

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From the Echo, Warton, Ont.

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