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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We are now sending out our subscription accounts to subscribers to THE POST and THE TRUE WITNESS...

The Methodists of Mansfield, Ohio, are evidently a very liberal body. At a solemn meeting of its district conference...

Resolved—After listening to the able and eloquent address of our brother, the Rev. Geo. W. Pepper...

The election of Prince Waldemar in succession to Prince Alexander of Bulgaria was only what has been expected...

The Reform demonstration in Toronto appears to have been a very magnificent affair. One of the most striking and significant features...

The sublime egotism of Mr. Goldwin Smith was brought into great prominence in England during his recent visit to that country...

I respectfully affirm that the speakers in the Temperance Hall, on the occasion alluded to, are not in accord...

prayers, until her deliverance comes—not in shape of separation—but in the line of fair dealing and common justice.

In accordance with the suggestions of Mr. Blake the workmen are about to put some of their best men in the field for the coming elections...

MGR. STRANIERO, the Papal Ablegate who brought the Beretta for Cardinal Gibbons, has given willing testimony to the extraordinary growth of Catholic sentiment in the United States...

The principle of protection is rapidly growing in favor in England. A statesman who boldly grappled with the subject would probably be surprised at the strong feeling on the subject he would find in existence...

MISREPRESENTATION.

The Star makes a deliberate and wilful attempt to misrepresent the position of Mr. McCarthy in connection with the recent presentation of addresses to that gentleman at the Windsor...

A more outrageous piece of misrepresentation could not have been penned. Mr. McCarthy did not say a word of the nature implied...

there was much to be conserved; and that reformers in such cases would necessarily be conservative. As to the Blake and Costigan resolutions, it was not even mentioned.

DIRECT TAXATION.

Mr. Blake, in his recent speech at Toronto, hints very strongly at direct taxation in his own province and suggests various schemes of readjustment of taxation.

If we were attempting to pay direct taxes in Ontario, I should strongly favor a succession tax, under which realized capital upon its descent should pay a toll to the State...

LORD SALISBURY'S SPEECH.

very little more concerning Ireland, than he is reported to have said, was expected from the lips of Lord Salisbury at the Mansion House last night.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM IN THE UNITED STATES.

According to the last report of the Civil Service Commission of the United States, the new law seems to be working well...

more important, an equal improvement in the manner in which the public work is done. In past days the knowledge that the office-holders only occupied it during the dominance of a particular faction necessarily put the idea of duty in the background...

Obviously the best men of every party are those who are most active for principle and the worst men are those most active for spoils.

Their conclusions are of course self evident. On the whole the establishment of this system of Civil Service Reform seems to have removed one of the most mischievous elements in American politics...

THE TENANTS' POSITION.

United Ireland is a more trustworthy authority on the affairs of Ireland than the Marquis of Salisbury, and when we contrast the picture of its condition as shown by the noted journal with that briefly sketched by the Prime Minister at the Mansion House...

THE DEGRADATION OF PUBLIC LIFE.

All persons acquainted with political life in Canada must observe with pain the deep degradation of public life since the exposure of what is known as the Pacific Scandal.

Next comes the enforced reduction of rents. The lowering of the landlords' flag, even though it be a very little, is a sign of surrender, and the act shows that the victory is practically already won.

MR. BLAKE ON THE LABOR QUESTION.

The full reports of Mr. Blake's speech show that his remarks upon the present condition and aspirations of the laboring orders were of more importance than the first brief statements indicated.

Years ago, when in office, and just previous to the elections of 1878, Mr. Blake himself advocated the establishment of a Bureau of Statistics...

Since that time—since the year 1880—we have had an overflowing treasury and it is said, a flourishing condition of affairs...

Nor does Mr. Blake appear to be in any way impressed with the sincerity of his opponents by the appointment of a Royal Commission, and very reasonably so.

On the relations of capital and labor Mr. Blake is equally firm, and he expresses the profoundest regret that on this important subject, Sir John Macdonald, while affecting to pose as the workmen's friend...

"The power to rise is a great incentive to industry, integrity, and the orderly advance of humanity. It keeps us at work. But it should not be impaired by artificial advantages given to the few...

The workingmen will probably arrive at the conclusion that from Mr. Blake and his friends they will be most likely to obtain that substantial justice at the hands of Parliament...

debauchery. The odium of the transactions with Sir Hugh Allan properly rested on Sir John Macdonald. All his colleagues, except Mr. Mitchell, accepted their share in it afterwards...

But one of the most trite of historical admonitions warns us that national sins invariably produce national punishments, and we may see in the afflictions of misgovernment that have disgraced and burdened the country for the last eight years the natural consequences of popular error.

But it is evident, from the course taken by the ministerial press, that every effort is to be made to divert attention from the misdeeds of the government by raising false issues and carrying the war of parties into regions altogether foreign to the ground where the battle ought to be fought.

We think, however, that he has grossly misjudged the people, and that he will find them wiser than he thought they were; that their common sense is stronger than their prejudices...

Unfortunately the anarchical efforts of the Conservatives to create religious discord show no signs of abatement, and may, therefore, be regarded as a settled policy from which they will not be diverted.

When the Conservative party adopts hatred to the Catholic Church as its leading principle, and we see the Liberal party conducted on the highest and broadest principles of toleration and equal justice to all religions...

The solidarity of the Opposition under Mr. Blake is assured, and strengthened, as it is sure to be, by wholesale secessions from the ranks of large classes heretofore on the other side...

A GRAVE CRISIS.

People in all parts of the country recognize that there is something far more important than a mere struggle between parties in the approaching political campaign.