

THE NEW COUNCIL.

The return of Mr. Beaven to the mayor's chair was generally looked upon as a certainty, and excepting that the spirited contest by Mr. John Robertson's friends during the last day or two may have created a doubt in some minds, there never was the slightest hope that either of the other candidates would be successful.

The re-election of Ald. Macmillan is a matter for congratulation. He was about the only candidate seeking election against whom a "dead-set" was made. He has triumphed because his record for honesty, independence and ability was unassailable.

NICE THING FOR TUPPER.

From Ottawa the announcement is made that "there will be no appointment to the office of high commissioner, but as in 1887-88, when he returned to Canada and became minister of finance, Sir Charles Tupper will for the present administer the office from Ottawa in addition to his new duties as secretary of state."

WAVING AGAIN.

The public will greet with mingled amusement and contempt the renewed waving of the old flag to which the Tories at Ottawa have resorted in their dire despair. To a party in extremis an indulgence in absurd devices is all that is allowable, and nobody need begrudge what small satisfaction this very stale "old flag" device may afford the dying combination at Ottawa.

MANITOBA'S VOTE.

The Colonist enters into an elaborate analysis of the Manitoba election returns for the purpose of showing that the electorate of the province did not support the Greenway government's school policy so strongly as the political complexion of the new house would indicate.

toration of separate schools. The fact is that the overwhelming majority of the electors in Manitoba pronounced for the continuance of the school system as it is, and any person who argues otherwise displays either a vast amount of ignorance of the temper of Manitobans or a vast amount of assurance in assuming that a foundationless statement will be accepted in the place of the truth.

"LOYALTY."

From an examination of the trade statistics of last year the Montreal Star comes to a conclusion that can hardly be comforting to the wavers of the old flag. The Star says: "As compared with the previous year, the trade with Britain fell off \$14,300,000, while the trade with the United States increased by over \$7,000,000. Nor can we flatter ourselves that this was wholly due to variations in the laws of supply and demand."

GRAND MASTER HUGHES.

James L. Hughes, grand master of the Orangermen of Ontario West, has sent forth what the Colonist calls an "earnest and patriotic letter" bearing on the Manitoba school question.

Remember that the demagogues cry "Hands off Manitoba!" or "Let Manitoba manage her own affairs," or "The people of Manitoba understand their own business," would be just as logical and as constitutional if applied to Quebec as to Manitoba.

"THE CONSTITUTION" AGAIN.

Says the Colonist: "If one province considers itself justified in repudiating its constitutional obligations so can another. And if the provinces are permitted to disregard or violate the terms of confederation what is to hinder the federal government disregarding its part of the agreement?"

MANITOBA CANDIDATES.

At a meeting in North Winnipeg, just before the Manitoba elections were held, Mr. Taylor, the opposition candidate, said: "I claim I am a strong advocate, a stronger advocate of public schools than the Greenway government."

People unacquainted with Ontario political affairs will be rather astonished to learn that this same James L. Hughes, who now supports the Bow-L government in its scheme of forcing separate schools on Manitoba, has been for many years an opponent of the separate school system in Ontario.

It is to be observed that the Liberal party, even while the government was weakened by internal dissensions, have not gained strength in the country."

The Rossland Prospector asks: "If the customs are abolished, how is Mr. Laurier to obtain his revenue for carrying on the revenue of the country?"

Premier Bowell said of the statement of his bolting colleague, Mr. Foster: "He states there that there has been no difference of opinion between us. That being the case, can any of you conceive why, after parliament has met, after the address has been promulgated not only to parliament, but to the whole country, that you should find seven of the cabinet coming to parliament and sending in their resignations, simply because they did not like the gentleman with whom they had been associating, some of them for eight or ten years, and whose ability or character they knew just as well as they do to-day?"

prejudices of one party or another, to endeavor to carry out the policy of the government, and put it in force." The "bolters" must have enjoyed this little "roast" most keenly.

Speaking of the cabinet trouble at Ottawa the Conservative Toronto World says: "Next to the remarkable reasons for the crisis and the method followed in bringing it on, is the remarkable way in which it has been settled."

The flying squadron so rapidly and smoothly put into commission demonstrates to a nicety the prodigious naval power of England. No naval demonstration equally imposing has ever been made within the history of nations, and its effect may safely be stated to have awed the whole civilized world.

While Mr. Kenny, of Halifax, and other members of his party are frantically waving the old flag they should not lose sight of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper's historic speech. Here is his opinion of the matter:

"What is the whole policy of the mother-land to-day? Driven from the civilized markets of the world, steadily and every year finding their output to those markets decreasing, they spend millions on their navy and millions on their army to force their wares and their goods and their merchandise into the uncivilized markets of the world, which are endeavoring to occupy, to settle and control, driven there by the deadly effect upon them of the tremendous competition coming from the protectionist nations in the rest of the world."

The Colonist comes forward with a whole column of remarks on the Manitoba case, but it most carefully avoids the point of real importance. Did the judgment of the privy council order the restoration of the separate school system in Manitoba? It certainly did not, and therefore the Dominion government in proposing to force that restoration in defiance of the province's wish is acting on its own initiative.

The Conservative Hamilton Spectator was for a time opposed to the idea of a commission to investigate the Manitoba school question, but it now comes forward with the following recommendation: "The whole question between Manitoba and the Dominion should be referred to a commission instructed to inquire into all the facts affecting it and to report before the opening of the next session."

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"Mme. Hulda does not sing as well as she did three years ago." "She does not. What a shock it must be when a singer finds that she has lost her voice!" "It is still more shocking when she does not discover it."

At the Metropolitan Museum—Underhill (a crusty old bachelor)—There, that's Minerva, the Goddess of Wisdom. She never got married. Artful Widow—No; but this is King Solomon, the wisest man that ever lived. He married a thousand times.

IN THE TORY CAMP

How the Trouble Arose Which Resulted in the Late Crisis at Ottawa.

Sir Charles Tupper's Innocent Visit, and Its Peculiar Consequences.

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—There is nothing certain here but uncertainty. No one knows what will happen next. The only thing that is at all certain is that the government is doomed, and indeed before this letter reaches its destination the administration may be at an end.

A brief narrative of how the whole thing happened may be interesting. Until such time as the electors of Montreal Centre and Jacques Cartier had decided against the policy of coercion the members of the government were reported to be a happy family. The ministers in their speeches in Western Ontario spoke long and loudly of how United the Government was in all public questions and how untrusting were the newspaper correspondents who said the elections in Montreal Centre and Jacques Cartier.

On the day of the opening of the house a small caucus of the Ontario members, comprising Bennett, of Simcoe; Ferguson, of Leeds and Grenville; and Taylor, government whip, met with some of the kicking members in Dr. Montague's office. That was the time when it was decided to strike the blow. As soon as the meeting was over Messrs. Hargart and Montague left to meet Bowell and tell him that at a caucus of the party it was decided that he should resign.

This was on Thursday. The matter was talked over on Friday among the "bolters." On Saturday it was arranged that Sir Charles Tupper, sr., should have an interview with the premier in the afternoon. The high commissioner met Sir Charles at about five o'clock and waited with him until seven o'clock. During the interview a document arrived bearing the signatures of the seven ministers who have now become notorious in politics. Sir Mackenzie handed over a paper to Sir Charles Tupper to read. The subject was then talked over and the plot and how it was arranged, dawned upon Sir Mackenzie like a flash.

A NEW CLUB.

To the Editor: There is a scheme on foot to organize a Conservative Club in Victoria, to be conducted on the usual club lines. The only distinction that will be made between candidates for admission will be political; their social standing, wealth or private character will not, as in ordinary clubs, be taken into account.

THE EMPRESS OF GERMANY'S PEARLS.

The latest pearl story hails from America, and the heroine of it, or at least the owner of the pearls, is the Empress of Germany. She possesses a necklace of very great value, the pearls being not only large and having been of great purity of color, but all of unusual well-matched sizes.

Nervous Prostration

It is now a well established fact in medical science that nervousness is due to impure blood. Therefore the true way to cure nervousness is by purifying and enriching the blood. The great blood purifier is Hood's Sarsaparilla. Read this letter:

Hood's Sarsaparilla is the Only True Blood Purifier

Prominent! In the public eye today. It is not what we say but what Hood's Sarsaparilla does that counts for story.

he was willing to meet his political death rather than go back on his pledge to parliament. It was not merely a pledge to the minority, but a pledge to parliament, which he was going to stand by. Some time before this change in the leadership was contemplated by the members of the cabinet, Mr. Foster wanted to be leader from the beginning, but he could not get it. He had no following to fight for him.

As soon as these arrangements were made Sir Mackenzie Bowell received a cable from the high commissioner asking leave to come to Canada in connection with the fast Atlantic and Pacific cable scheme. It took over two weeks later on the part of the arch-conservator and those who were in league with him on this side to get the consent of the premier to allow Sir Charles Tupper to come to Canada.

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