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God's in His heaven,
All's right with the world.
—Brownlee.

London, Tuesday, April 28.

The New Deal.

The conspiracy has succeeded. Sir Mackenzie Bowell has been politically decapitated, and Sir Charles Tupper reigns in his stead. After the revelations of disloyalty to him in January last, it was not to be expected that Sir Mackenzie would ever be comfortable in close association with men who secretly conspired to overthrow him, who professed to be his best friends, while denouncing him as incapable and in his dotage, and so he has taken an early opportunity to retire as gracefully as possible. Sir Charles Tupper, who was early associated with the conspirators, has undertaken to rearrange the Cabinet, and Sir Mackenzie retires. The overthrown leader goes to Great Britain, of his own motion, as a delegate to the colonial congress, but he absolutely refuses to be a member of the Tupper Cabinet, or to lead the Senate in its behalf. In this he exhibits dignity and wisdom, for no one who has studied the political outlook expects the new combination to last beyond the day of the general election. Sir Mackenzie Bowell is apparently determined not to go down with the men who betrayed him—of whom he spoke, in the memorable days of January last, as "a nest of traitors."

The number of Conservative members of Parliament who have accepted Government offices, or are yet clamoring to be appointed, is a sure indication that these men look upon the defeat of their leaders at Ottawa as certain.

Sir Donald Smith's Testimony.

A high class contemporary sneers at Hon. Mr. Laurier because of his determination to have the Manitoba school question settled in a conciliatory manner, and not by bulldozing, coercive methods that never have succeeded, and never can succeed. In this attitude, the Liberal leader has the cordial indorsement of Sir Donald Smith, who, on the eve of his leaving to assume the Canadian High Commissionership in England, says: "It remains now for the electorate to decide the question as between the parties. Speaking for myself, I consider Mr. Laurier an honorable man, who was as anxious as anybody that the school question should be settled, and who would have been only too willing to help the commissioners when they went to Winnipeg. I do not believe that he wanted to make capital out of this question at all. He was sincere, as far as my conviction goes, and I have ever regarded him as a well-intentioned statesman."

As Sir Donald has been a political opponent of Mr. Laurier, and as he now asserts that he is out of politics for good, his testimony is of great value, and will be accepted as fairly representing the views of the vast majority of the people of Canada.

Since 1885 the public debt of Great Britain has been decreased by over \$400,000,000. The position of the debt in 1885 and in 1896 was as follows:

	1885.	1896.
Funded debt.....	\$240,182,000	\$208,716,000
Unfunded debt.....	\$6,115,000	\$3,683,000
Total debt.....	\$246,297,000	\$212,400,000
The gross debt in 1896 was \$209,400,000.		
In 1875, it was \$277,200,000; in 1886, \$274,000,000; and in 1895, \$260,000,000.		

Keeps a Safe Thing.

Those Conservatives who undertook to speak for Chief Justice Meredith by announcing that he had consented to join a Tupper Cabinet, are rebuked by our commercial contemporary, the Monetary Times, in this way: "Men have left the judicial bench for the political arena before; but the parading of the name of a judge in the political circle, in advance of the official call, is unfair to him, to whom it seems to attribute aspirations which he may not possess, and which, while he wears the ermine, it is his sacred duty to suppress."

Mr. Meredith, when last interviewed on the subject, attributed the statements made to the imagination of those who had been making them, and said he would not interfere with their meddling with his name. The indications at present are that our former fellow-townsmen does not mean to let go a certainty for an uncertainty, and that the stories circulated, if made to test public opinion, have not produced results at all satisfactory to the discredited aggregation at Ottawa, which is at its wit's end to discover any source of strength that will save it from condemnation in the day of trial now at hand.

Future of the G. T. R.

Sir Rivers-Wilson, president of the Grand Trunk Railway, at the recent half-yearly meeting of the shareholders, spoke hopefully of the future of the line under Mr. Hays, the new general manager, in whose business ability the directors have full confidence. Mr. Joseph Price, vice-president of the company, in seconding the adoption of the report, expressed regret that, so far as Canada was concerned, there had been no improvement in trade. This, of course, is to be regretted, but we all expect that in the near future there will be a satisfactory advancement, in which the whole country, as well as the Grand Trunk, will share. The country undoubtedly needs a change.

No amount of swapping of high tax Cabinet positions can save the Ottawa combine from defeat.

The Militia Misanthropy.

The case of Col. Hamilton, of the Queen's Own, furnishes another example of the way in which the Dominion Government exploits the volunteer service of Canada to further its party ends. The determination to remove Col. Hamilton was discussed several times in the House of Commons during the closing days of the recent session, and every time the subject was taken up the more clearly was it made to appear that a gross wrong was being attempted against a competent officer. As a last resort the confidential reports of an officer, himself a political partisan, was presented to the Senate, and this is used by the Minister of Militia to prove that the conduct of his Department in the premises was justifiable. According to this report it appears that a non-commissioned officer made a vague charge to the Department against his colonel, and that certain other officers were dissatisfied for some cause, which nobody has been able to state or explain clearly, unless it be that some one of them wanted the colonelcy for himself. Col. Otter, who inquired into the matter, under instructions, was obliged to say that both parties were careful not to commit any act that might be construed into a breach of discipline or of the regulations, and he does not pretend to dispute the truthfulness of Col. Hamilton's defense, that "the splendid musters and general appearance of the battalion proved that his administration was all that could be desired." The worst Col. Otter ventures to say is a statement of the objections to Col. Hamilton, which "seems to arise from his insincerity, his business and social standing, and lack of administrative ability to conduct the business affairs of the battalion, which, it is contended, is getting deeper into debt every year." These allegations are not proven, and Col. Otter admits that "so far as his knowledge of his drill and ability to handle his battalion on parade are concerned, no complaints are made." Col. Otter himself was for years the colonel of the Queen's Own, if we are not mistaken, and it may be asked what "his business and social standing" was which enabled him to fill the position. Col. Hamilton is a member of the Ontario civil service, and Col. Otter was a clerk in the office of the Canada Company. What advantage had the latter over the former as to business and social standing? we should like to know. Yet it was for such trumpery reasons that the Government has demanded the resignation of Col. Hamilton.

When we recall the opinion formed by Wolseley, the commander-in-chief of the British army, on the way the Government at Ottawa administered the militia service of the country, a quarter of a century ago, we need not wonder at the treatment accorded to Col. Hamilton. "When appointments are to be given away," Wolseley wrote, "it is not a question of obtaining good men, but of how party purposes may be secured by a judicious allotment of them amongst political supporters and their relations." "This was what Wolseley said of the Conservative Government of 1870, and it is equally true of the Conservative Government of this day."

Scribner's for May offers an interesting table of contents. Most Americans, probably, will turn to Hamilton Busbey's "Evolution of the Trotting Horse," but after that comes the first of two papers on "Vallonia Table Talk," describing Robert Louis Stevenson in his home life. The late Dr. West Roosevelt is represented by a short story, "Rather Too Much Energy," and J. M. Barrie, Mary Gay Humphreys, W. J. Henderson, and Octave Thanet are some of the other contributors.

OATS IN EVIDENCE.

It may be of interest to Kent farmers who were selling oats in Chatham today at 19 cents to know that oats are selling in Detroit—45 miles further west—at 22 cents. What a blessing to the Kent farmers the N. P. is, to be sure.

QUEER THINGS AS THEY ARE SAID.

London Spectator. Shortly after the tidings came of the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg, the captain of the Boys' Brigade (a popular military religious organization in the parish), at a meeting of his little corps, referred sympathetically to the sad event, and choosing an appropriate hymn to close the service, added, "Let us sing these lines in solemn silence."

Here is another: The preacher was speaking of the transitoriness of other things. "Look at the great cities of antiquity!" he exclaimed, "where are they now? Why, some of them have perished so utterly that it is doubtful if they ever existed."

The War in Cuba.

Cold-Blooded Butchery Conducted by Gen. Melquillo.

Not Even the Women and Children Being Spared.

Key West, Fla., April 28.—(By mail from Havana, April 25.)—While Delgado, the American, is slowly convalescing from wounds inflicted on him by Spanish soldiers under Gen. Melquillo's bidding, several weeks ago, the brutal Spanish officer is still butchering people in Havana province. Although official investigation shows that Melquillo is guilty of all charges against him, he has not been suspended from his command. He is said to possess enough influence in Madrid to make it exceedingly uncomfortable for any superior officer who might endeavor to bring him to punishment.

News received here tells of his conduct during the past two weeks. Near Campo Florida, so the information runs, Melquillo arrested nine peaceable countrymen, and by his orders they were killed.

At Mines 19 "Paciferos" fell into his clutches, and were shot, and near Banco taxed ten farmers and gathered in 40 laborers, who were killed in cold blood.

The most horrible phase of the latest butchery is the fact that women and children were among those massacred.

In the vicinity of Jaruco, Melquillo ordered the slaughter of 10 persons, who were taken from fields where they were at work.

In Melquillo's territory the people are flocking to Havana to escape him.

A CAPITAL CONCERT.

Watkins Mills at the Grand—An Enthusiastic Audience—Able Assistance.

Watkins Mills' glorious voice was heard at the Grand Opera House last night by an audience that filled the balcony and occupied about one-third of the seats on the main floor. No doubt the House would have been crowded but for the lateness of the season and the previous appearances of other stars in the musical and dramatic firmament, in which few, however, shine more brightly than Watkins Mills. He was announced for five numbers, and responded to encores for each with a smiling cheerfulness that placed him in rapport with his hearers from the outset. The enthusiasm grew until it culminated in a veritable ovation for the English baritone. His voice is a thing of beauty and a joy to be long remembered. It is rich and deep, and soars into the upper register with an easy confidence, a firmness and strength that are no apparent effort. It combines flexibility with power, and is handled with the skill of a thorough artist. Mr. Mills' enunciation is also refreshingly clear, every word being distinct. His selections were popular, being drawn chiefly from Gounod, Lohengrin, Tristan and Isolde, Sullivan and Cobb. He won a deserved triumph.

Mr. George Fox, Hamilton's boy violinist, shared the honors, the execution of Sarasate's "Gipsy Dances" earning a double encore. He has shown much improvement since his last appearance in London. The reit, no doubt, of continued study. Miss Ella Roman, of Toronto, displayed a sweet contralto of wide compass and considerable strength, singing with exquisite sympathy. Her rendition of Tosti's "Good-Bye" was charming, and won a hearty applause. Mr. W. H. Hewlett accompanied admirably the principals, and opened the programme with a solo, "Air de Ballet," which showed him as proficient with the piano as with the organ.

The London Bicycle Club members were present in a body, and stimulated the enthusiasm.

BOTH PERISHED.

Newburg, N. Y., April 28.—Mr. and Mrs. Barney Cullen were burned to death in their home near Chester, Orange county, on Sunday. They perished together in the sitting room, where Cullen had dragged his wife from her bed in his effort to save her. Morris Cullen, a son, fractured a leg in jumping from a second-story window.

U. S. TREASURY DEFICIT.

Washington, April 28.—Officials best qualified to make an estimate of the treasury deficit for the year ending June 30, 1896, will be over \$25,000,000. The treasurer's estimate of \$172,000,000 from customs will fall short at least \$7,000,000, and the receipts from internal revenue sources will be \$12,000,000 below the estimate. The expenditure for the year will aggregate \$292,000,000, leaving a shortage of \$25,162,423, making the deficit for three fiscal years, ending June 30, 1898, \$126,848,812.

BIG BREWERY BURNED.

Dartmouth, N. S., April 27.—Oland's brewery, at Turtle Grove, was totally destroyed by fire on Sunday. It was one of the largest and best equipped in the Maritime Provinces, and was one of those acquired a short time ago by the English syndicate, which purchased all the breweries in the Lower Provinces. The building was valued at \$40,000, the machinery at \$45,000, and the stock on hand was worth about \$40,000 more. The origin of the fire is a mystery. It is insured for \$35,000, mostly in English agencies here.

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