

CANADA A TERROR.

TO THE UNITED STATES, WHICH SHE DRIVES TO DESPERATION.

(New York Evening Post.)

The Scholar in Politics, Mr. Dana of the New York 'Sun,' did a great deal of 'the work of the world with much 'dust and sweat,' on the naval appropriation bill in the Senate. He gave a rapid survey of foreign politics, showing how Russia is gaining strength in the Orient and is sure to come into collision with England sooner or later, and how France will join Russia in that conflict on account of her jealousy of English influence in Egypt. There is another impelling force pushing France into war. ... is growing so rapidly that the conservative element can find protection only by throwing itself again into the arms of the man on horseback. 'When that is done,' says the Scholar, 'war is inevitable and instant.' How does that affect us? The Scholar has an answer ready: 'We are a part of the European balance of power. As in 1778 and 1812, we shall find ourselves in practical alliance with Russia and France, and in practical hostility to England and the Dreibund. Some people may remember, although the Scholar has forgotten, that in 1812 Russia and France were in deadly conflict, and that Russia was so friendly to us that she offered herself as a mediator between us and England, and actually took the first steps that led to the treaty of Ghent. Notrifle of that sort stops the Scholar. Having got us into alliance with Russia and France and its hostilities with England, Germany, Austria and Italy, he goes on to explain why we are in a position so far removed from the tenets of Washington's farewell address. 'It is because, so long as Great Britain remain a power on this continent, in Canada, we can be nowhere else.' There is some mystery about this which the Scholar ought to explain. In 1864-55, England was actually engaged in war with Russia, and she was 'a power on this continent in Canada,' yet we did not find any inconvenience in that fact. 'Her fortifications threaten us,' says Mr. Lodge; 'Halifax is a menace to us, Bermuda is a menace to us, and so is Kingston, so is the one opposite the isthmus.' Which one, Fiji or St. Lucia? 'So is Esquimaux on the other side; and the Canadian Pacific Railway, built by the Government, cannot be justified by any commercial principle.'

We think that the Scholar has made one mistake in his array of reasons why we should have a navy large enough to fight somebody. When he puts us in the attitude of siding with France against Germany in the next great European conflict, he does not reflect sufficiently on the fact that the German vote is much larger than the French vote. Indeed, there is practically no French vote in this country worth catering to. Even the English vote is larger than the French vote. So, too, it seems to us that the Scholar has overestimated the menace of Halifax and the other places he speaks of, and has misconceived the principles upon which the Canadian Pacific Railway exist. If Halifax is a menace to us, we are a menace to Halifax. So, we are even as to that. That the Canadian Pacific Railway was not built on commercial principles seems to be acknowledged in London since the passing of the March dividend, but on the other hand we have at least four Pacific railways in the same category. So we are more than even with Great Britain in that particular. Perhaps that is a good reason in itself for enlarging our navy. However that may be, we feel assured that when Mr. Lodge's speech is read in the cabinets of the old world, they will be aware of the existence of a new European power, with which they must reckon, and will no longer consider themselves sheltered on the west by George Washington's farewell address.

ST. GEORGES'S SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of St. George's Society, Ottawa, was held in St. John's Hall, Mr. Geo. Low, vice-president, in the chair. Among those present were Messrs. W. Lake Marler, T. Starmer, F. C. Lightfoot, C. F. Winter, F. Newby, Ald. Cook, Wm. Gliddon, C. F. Whittie, H. Parris, Harry Bott, Dr. Wickstead, Dr. Mark, G. E. Preston, J. E. Andrews, H. T. Pritchard and C. Downing Fripp, secretary. Mr. Thos. Askwith was elected a member. The annual report of the executive committee was read by Mr. Fripp. It was an able review of the society's operations during the year, and con-

tained a touching reference to the deaths of the treasurer, Mr. Mills, and Mrs. Slater, widow of a former president of the society.

On motion of Mr. Marler, seconded by Dr. Mark, the report was adopted.

Mr. Gliddon, acting treasurer, presented his report, which was adopted on motion of Ald. F. Cook, seconded by Mr. Winter. The receipts of the year were \$440, disbursements \$404, balance in bank \$977.

On motion of Mr. Marler, seconded by Mr. Starmer, a resolution of condolence with the widow and family of the late treasurer, Mr. Mills, was unanimously adopted. Mr. Mills had been actively connected with the society for the past twenty-five years. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Geo. Low, senr. 1st Vice-President—Ald. Fred. Cook. 2nd Vice-President—C. Downing Fripp.

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Stewards—J. E. Andrews, T. Starmer, J. Musgrove and B. Chilton. Auditors—Messrs. Wm. Parris and W. Lake Marler.

It was decided to celebrate the St. George's Day by means of a concert, and to invite Rev. Dr. Saunders, pastor of the Western Methodist Church, to preach the anniversary sermon on the Sunday preceding St. George's Day.

BELLEVILLE.

At the regular meeting of Lydford lodge, on March 4th, Bro. H. F. Ketcheson presented Bro. Charles Herring, Past President, on behalf of the lodge, with a Past Master's Jewel, accompanying which he made some flattering remarks. Several of the brethren also spoke in a congratulatory vein, and Bro. Herring made a neat and feeling reply, after which a pleasant time was spent with speech and song, Bro. Jos. Petty in the chair. The jewel, which was from the establishment of Mr. Allan McFee, was a fine piece of workmanship and was much admired. The lodge is in a prosperous condition and accessions are constantly being made to its membership.

WELL SATISFIED.

Mr. Jas. McPherson, of Clanwilliam, says he has no fault to find with Manitoba. He came here in the year 1879 with about \$1,000 but poor years at first soon ran through that sum. However perseverance prevailed in the end and to-day he is in a good position, as independent as man may be. A goodly number of horses, a large herd of cattle, numerous hogs, fair buildings, machinery all paid for, and a crop this year of over 3,000 bushels of grain. He thinks there are lots of men worse off than he is.

THE DELINEATOR FOR APRIL IS CALLED THE SPRING ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER.

and is an excellent specimen of this most popular woman's magazine. Supplementary to the regular issue of patterns there is a timely article on Bicycling, with illustrations of Costumes, that will interest all lovers of the wheel. The papers on the Voice, which were interrupted by the illness of the author, are resumed; and there is begun a most practical series on Preservation and Renovation, the first installment treating of the Putting Away and Care of Furs. Mrs. Roger A. Pryor writes very entertainingly on the Etiquette of First Calls and Introductions, giving the accepted usages and formulas; and the second paper on the Experiences of a Training School Life increases the interest already felt in the subject. The Dean of Barnard College contributes a charmingly written article on a Girl's Life and Work at the University of Chicago, of which she was a Fellow, 1863-94; Belle Pierson Springer writes forcibly of Typesetting as an Employment for Women; and Sara Miller Kirby gives further instruction in Kindergarten Teaching. How to Make Dolls' Houses is shown in Crepe and Tissue Papers, new and exceedingly pretty designs are given in Venetian Iron Work, Knitting, Tatting, Netting and Crocheting, and the chapter on Current Leather Work gives illustrations and information of the necessary tools and implements and advice to beginners. The Cookery article gives recipes for some new dishes. There is a paper on the Serving of Pineapples and Grape Fruit, one on Table Decoration and the usual contribution on Floral Culture. Around the Tea-Table is bright and entertaining. Mother and Son is earnest and instructive, and a novel Salmagundi Party suggests a delightful evening's amusement. There is also a review of the Newest Books, some Instrumental Music and an Easter Carol. BEGIN A SUBSCRIPTION WITH THIS NUMBER.

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