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London Friday, May, 23.

This is a bad year for Tory oppositions.
For particulars consult the Nova Scotia election returns.

KING DODDS, the professional anti-tem perance orator, is the right bower of the Tory candidates in Toronto.

DAVID CHRISTIE MURRAY, the English novelist, is causing his friends some anxiety by giving no news of his whereabouts. He spent the winter lecturing in Australia, and should be in San Francisco on his way home by this time. 'Frisco detectives are looking for him.

Two months ago New Brunswick elections took place. The Liberals won. On Wednesday the Nova Scotia elections

took place. The Liberals won. Two weeks from yesterday the Ontario elections take place. And the Liberals will

Mr. Mowat begins the contest with majority of 24 on his side. He may even

increase that large majority. "The Grits are on the run," in deed and

THE last issue of The Colonies and India, of London, Eng., speaking editorially of the Rykert scandal, says Rykert was a prominent member of the Conservative party, and but for the scandal would soone later have been called to the Cabinet. Rykert is the Tory candidate in Lincoln Dominion election that takes place to-day. Perhaps he may yet be called to take a seat beside John Carling.

CLOTHING travelers are returning from the Lower Provinces and say business is not as good as it was this time last year. In Brit-th Columbia and the Northwest it is better. If we only could get a good harvest all over, the long-hoped-for improvement might arrive. A plenteous crop is better than any "N. P." that could ever be conceived as a promoter of business. Our Dominion high tax policy hurts rather than improves the trade of Canada.

IN A letter to the Hamilton Spectator, Mr. Edward Rosenstadt, of that city, says: I. see you state that I am the "commercial traveler" and "strong Grit who has been through the western part of Ontario," and "says that everywhere the talk is in favor of Meredith, and that the universal impression is that Mowat's day has gone by. Why, sir, I have not been out of Hamilton since Dec. 20. I have not been through Western Ontario since last July.

goes on, never ceasing night nor day. Can

institutions can afford to be without them, if for no other reason than as an extra protection against fire. In Denmark the Gov ernment is the most extensive patron of the telephone. It has erected 50 telephone stations, chiefly on the west coast of Jutland, for the use of fishermen, who are thus able to communicate with the fish dealers at a distance and secure better prices. All the life-boat stations in the country are also connected by telegraph and telephone.

THE following table shows the standing of the different countries of the globe today on the capital punishment question:

Australia	The gallow
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Belgium	The guillotin
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Hanover	The guillotin
Holland	The gallow
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Switzerland T	he sword and lotin
Snain	The garrott
Prussia	The swor
Russia Mu	sket, knout and gallow
	Sword and bowstrin
Japan	The swor
Siam E	lephants, fire and swor
	Gun and gallow
	The swor
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BRITANNIA rules the waves and peacefully conquers the world in the competition for markets for her products. From a return just issued, it is shown that the over-whelming proportion of the tonnage that passes through the Suez Canal is under the British flag. No less than 78.71 per cent. of it is owned by the British, while France comes next with 5.33; Germany, with 4.27; Netherlands, with 3.87; Italy, with 2.76; and Austro-Hungary, with 1.72. Britain was the only nation which increased, her tonnage through the much-favored water route between the years 1887 and 1889. And still our high tax friends assert that the mother land is going to the dogs because she refuses to return to the pro-tectionist policy from which she was emancipated nearly 50 years ago.

ORDINARY preachers should be allowed to dip into their barrel occasionally when even the most famous preachers are compelled to do so. The Congregationalist discovers that the sermon preached by Dr. Talmage a couple of Sundays ago can be found in the first volume of his sermons, published by Harper's, seventeen years ago. BRILLIANT PROSPECTS

Intelligence from every part of the Province is to the effect that the friends of Oliver Mowat are in the best of fighting trim, and there seems no reason to doubt that his Government, which had a majority of 24 at its back in the last Legislature, will be sustained by a majority as large, if not larger.

The features of the past ten days have been the brilliant campaign addresses delivered by Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, and Hon. A. S. Hardy, Commissioner of Crown Lands. Wherever they have gone these statesmen have been warmly received by large crowds of appreciative electors, and their speeches have invariably been well received. They have good case, and it is not difficult to convince fair-minded men of that fact.

With the exception of Mr. Meredith, the Tory leaders have been on a still hunt. They are able by this means to adapt their tactics to suit the supposed ideas of the men they meet with. Where it is deemed prudent, they tell the electors that they do not support every plank of Meredith's platform, that they are "independent," and so forth. The adoption of these crafty ex-pedients show how little faith can be placed n the party that deems it necessary to reort to them.

We have no misgivings as to the result n the West. On the contrary, we believe hat several constituencies now held by the Tories will be redeemed while the ridings ow held by Liberals will continue their allegiance to Oliver Mowat. But nothing hould be taken for granted. The full strength of the vote in favor of the Government should be polled. Even in pronounced Liberal counties, it is better to pay no atreution to the dodges of the enemy—the appeals for sympathy and so forth—but to pile up the majority till the last vote is The canvass cannot be too carefully gone about.

In less than two weeks election day will be here. Be ready.

NOVA SCOTIA'S SPLENDID EX-AMPLE.

On the 15th inst. the Toronto Empire, reerring to the then approaching Nova Scotia Provincial elections, expressed the opinion that there was "every indication that the Conservatives will carry the Province." No later than Monday last, the Halifax Herald eviewed the situation in a leading article beginning in these terms: Beaten To Begin With

And again:

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In Digby there are four Grit candidates in the field, two complete sets. What hope can the Government have of the election of either of them? It has no hope. Even though a large majority of the electors were Grits, which is not the case, the two Opposition men would be sure of election in consequence of the division in the Grit ranks.

So much for Tanks.

So much for Tory pre-election crowing. What did the election on Wednesday last bring forth? The Liberal Premier (Fielding) made as clean a sweep of the Province as he did at the previous general election, and in a House of 38 members it is doubttul if there will be ten Tories elected. Moreover, the Tory editor of the who was so sure, on paper, that the Liberal Administration gone to the dogs, and would be routed, was himself snowed in in the

how little they can trust Tory cries against Liberal administrations, and how hollow are their protestations of coming victory. The Fielding Government has been in dorsed for the third time. Its record has a cause be good that needs so much lying to been a fair one; it has honestly adminsupport it as does that of the Tory Opposition in Ontario? people have shown that they prefer it to a Many and valuable are the uses of the pack of adventurers who support a corrupt guarantees to minorities in educational fault with a much better Government in

> editors will keep writing of coming victory till the last moment, just as the Nova Scotia Tory editors did, and on the eve of election day, when the returns show how they have been trying to fool the electors, they will all begin to make excuses. We know them. These were their tactics in 1883 and in 1886. Meanwhile the "Grits" are really on the run in Ontario as well as in Nova Scotia. Let them all run, and we have no fear of their success.

THE SEPARATE SCHOOLS QUES-

One of the clever young men of Huron, Mr. Thomas W. Gibson, of Wroxeter, has written a short letter to the Toronto Mail which places the main aspect of the separate schools question in a very clear light. Mr.

schools question in a very clear light.

Gibson says:

Will you be kind enough to point out how Roman Catholic separate schools in Ontario can be abolished without also abolishing Protestant separate schools in Quebec! If I read the B. N. A. Act aright, the same rights as to separate schools are guaranteed to Ontario Catholics as are guaranteed to Quebec Protestants, and when abolition of separate schools is talked of the question at once arises, how is it to be effected in Ontario and not in Quebec!

schools is talked of the question at once arises, how is it to be effected in Ontario and not in Quebec 1. This view of the case carries all the greater weight because our fellow-Protestants in Quebec have availed themselves far more freely of their right to establish soparate schools than have the Catholics of Ontario. There are 916 Protestant separate schools in Quebec and only some 210 Roman Catholic separate schools in Ontario. The reason for this doubtless lies in the fact that the public schools in Quebec are practically Roman Catholic schools, while in Ontario they are practically unsectarian, and inoffensive to Roman Catholic p cjudice.

If we do away with R. C. separate schools in Ontario and at the same time deprive our brethern in Quebec of the right to maintain their own schools, we shall, it seems to me, strike a far deadlier blow at Protestantism their own schools, we shall, it seems to me, strike a far deadlier blow at Protestantism their own schools, we shall, it seems to me, and maintain all the separate schools they like. The struggling Protestant garrison of Quebec deserves better treatment at our hands than this, and it is significant that no echo of the cry for the abolition of separate schools comes from the other side of the Ottawa River. To abolish separate schools in Quebec would be to place the education of the Protestant youth in the hands of the Roman Catholic clergy, or to cast upon the Protestants of that Province the herculant task of organizing and carrying on a system of education entirely without financial aid from the Government, and, we may well believe, without any favors in the way of help-ful legislation. We ought to hesitate before placing these alternatives before our co-raigionists of Quebec.

but if Ontario is given that freedom it can-not be withheld from Quebec, and it behoves the strong Protestant majori ty of On tario to consider what might befall the weak Protestant minority of Quebec. The Equa Rights Association, for whom the Mail pro esses to speak, will hardly in this conne tion ask the old question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" The Protestants of Ontario are not enduring a wrong under the constitution which allows Roman Catholics to establish and maintain separate schools. are being denied no rights. But let the con stitution be altered so as to give the Legis latures of Ontario and Quebec power to abolish sectarian or dissentient schools, and what is likely to happen? If Ontario will

the letter, but we do not think that it suc

ceeds in making a reply. It is all well

Protestant side, Dr. Ryerson said:

netropolitan constituency of Halifax.

It is a significant victory for two reasons: It shows that the people know very well

the Province. We believe the same result will follow in the coming Ontario elections. The Tory of Quebec.

enough to say that Ontario should be free to legislate as it pleases on the school question They are not suffering an injustice. They abolish separate schools, Quebec will abolish dissentient schools; and then, as indicated by Mr. Gibson, children of Roman Catholic parents will be compelled to attend the non-sectarian public schools in Outarlo compelled to attend the Roman Catholic public schools of Quebec. If the right to deal with the question is conceded to the Provinces, Ontario cannot interfere with Quebec and Onebec cannot interfere with Ontario, but the Legislature of each Province mu be free to make such laws as it sees fit. The whole question was care fully stated by the late Dr. Ryerson before the settlement provided for in the Confederation Act was agreed upon. In considering the abolition

instances lessen the means of supporting the common achools in Lower Canada to a much greater extent than the separate schools lessen the means of supporting the common schools in Upper Canada. But that is not the question. The question is, shall the Protestants of Lower Canada and the Catholics of Upper Canada stand on equal ground and have equal rights in the provisions of the school law. I have indeed desired to change this state of things in both Upper and Lower Canada. I have gone so far as to confer with the leading Protestants of Montreal, including Presbyterians, Congregationalists and Methodists, and said to them if they would consent, and get any sufficient evidence of consent from the Protestant in habitants of Lower Canada, to the abolition of the clauses of the law for the establishment of dissentient schools. I would urge the abolition of the clauses for the establishment of caparate schools in the protestant inhabitants of Lower Canada. I then said the greatest injustice and injury to the Protestant inhabitants of Lower Canada. I then said the Causes of the law for separate schools in Upper Canada must remain equally just with those for the establishment of dissentient schools in Lower Canada.

This we believe to be a true statement of the opinions and feelings of the Protestant

the opinions and feelings of the Protestant minority of Quebec at the present day, although it is quite likely that some extreme nen among them may be found to declare for abolition of the dissentient schools. But until it appears that the Protestants of Quebec are in favor of abandoning the protection which the Constitution affords and of taking their chances of getting evenhanded justice under a school law framed by a Legislature composed largely of repre-sentatives of another race and faith than their own, we do not believe that the Protestant majority in Ontario would be justified in taking away the guarantees which have been secured to minorities under the solemn compact of Confederation. This is not quailing before any threats, nor ack nowledging "the power of the Quebe hierarchy to govern as well as the habitants," as the Mail puts it. It is simply carrying out the terms of Union in fidelity terms without which the Union could no have been attained; and it is behaving with prudence and discretion in the interest of

peace and good government in Canada. And let us remind the Mail that the matters were not embodied in the Constitu tion mainly for the protection of Roman Catholics in Ontario. The governing idea was to secure protection for the Protestants

A NEW industry in Germany is the utili ation of the young leaves of the strawberry plant as a beverage. Having been carefully dried, they are used instead of Chinese tea, which they closely approach in taste.

In Africa the prefix serves for the pur pose that the suffix serves for in European languages. For example: Spain, Spaniard, Spanish—so in our mother tongue; but in Africa Uganda is the name of a State, Waganda are the inhabitants thereof, and Maganda the language.

Indigestion

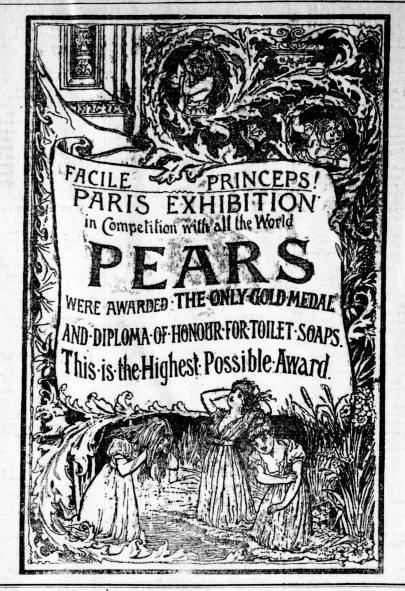
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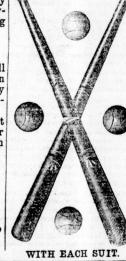


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