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#### PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

Since it was recommended by a section of the Indus-trial Relations Commission, held at Ottawa in September, that Proportional Representation be investigated with a view to introduction in Canada, this subject becomes of

general interest.

To John Stuart Mill is assigned the credit of having many years ago proposed this system of voting, as a means of giving representation in parliament, to minarities, according to their strengths.

His proposal, as set forth in Nelson's encyclopaedia, man to paymit a voter to cast his yote for any candidate

was to permit a voter to east his vote for any candidate in any constituency. This is by means of a single, transferable vote.

able vote.

If Nelson is right, then our correspondent's claim
t "no elector can vote outside his own constituency"
s not square with that authority.

There would be little merit in the Proportional

Representation voting system unless votes were transferable to other constituencies, since where a minority party can only vote for a candidate in the one riding, its fewness in numbers therein would not gain anything for it. Would a minority not be, to all intents and purposes, te same position as it is under the present system?

Taking the Dominion parliament, with 234 seats, it is estimated that the number of votes required under Proportional Representation to elect a member would be 10,000. In North Waterloo there are presently registered 21,000 voters. Of this number let it be assumed that there are 500 electors who are inclined toward Social-Were these, under the Proportional Representation stem, obliged to confine their votes to this one riding, would not be able to secure the necessary 10,000 votes to elect a member.

It seems clear that before any minority in one riding

could elect a member of parliament it would require to join strengths with similar minorities in other ridings or remain unrepresented in the Commons until it had converted a majority to its way of thinking.

In theory, it was first proposed that the voting be made general over a whole country. In practice it is often confined to a group of districts. These may, according to population, consist of as many as five ridings. The Proportional Representation Society of Canada is for instance advocating that the present single-member constituencies be discarded and that instead there be a

group of constituencies formed, which would on average elect about five members.

By way of illustration: Waterloo, Perth and Wellington counties, which for parliamentary purposes elect six members, might be made one federal election district ar large constituency. It would then be necessary for candidates to appeal to the electors of the combined stations.

And, the elector, while having only one vote, con indicate as many choices as he desired. As the method of marking a ballot is somewhat intricate, explanation erved for another article.

The advocates of P. R. claim that minorities are aften obtaining no representation at all. Speaking of min-orities, it includes the older as well as newer parties. Here follow two examples, used by Mr. Ronald Hooper when addressing the Industrial Relations Commission: At the Federal election of 1904, Nova Scotia Liberals

wept that province, winning all of the 18 seats. The

Conservative vote ..... 46,131-Seats won 0

Under Proportional Representation, it is said that in the Nova Scotia election the Liberal majority would have elected 10 and the Conservative minority 7 seats.

And that in the British Columbia instance the Conservatives majority would have secured 5 and the Liberals

of Proportional Representation. It has 5 seats in parliament, all represented by Conservative members. That being strongly in the majority. Yet about two fifths of its electors are Liberals. The presence of that two-fifths minority in Toronto gives the opposing party two extra seats. There the Liberal minority secures no representation in parliament. It is claimed that P. R. would give them two seats to their opponents three.

The subject is one of interest and merits careful consideration on the part of electors generally.

#### AUSTRALIA TO TRY TRADE BUILDING

The Commonwealth Government of Australia has reacted a Bureau of Commerce and Industry to promote organisation of the country's resources, prepare a policy for the expansion of trade, improve industrial methods and bring about the establishment of new industries. The Director of the Bureau is being assisted by a temporary general council representative of primary producers, the Chamber of Manufactures, the Chamber of Commerce, and banking, shipping and other interests.

The main purpose of the council is to achieve effec-tive organisation from within the industries in order, as far as possible, to secure cooperation, coordination and employment of modern methods in all stages of and employment of modern methods in all stages of production and marketing. It is proposed to encourage the formation of associations or groups of individual indus-tries with an executive for each group, such executive

being represented on the general council.

The Board of Trade Journal, which describes this opment, states that three other objectives will

be kept in view:

1. Adequate supplies of raw materials for:

(a) Local consumption.

(b) Overseas export.

2. Increased production with decreased costs.

3. Better marketing (buying and selling)

facilities.

Australia already is a large exporter of wheat, flour, butter, meat, tallow, wool, and non-ferrous metals. Consideration will be given to the encouragement of other branches of primary industry. In this connection, the Bureau will have the support of the Institute of Science and Industry in keeping primary producers informed, through their associations, of what is being done in other parts of the world to increase production. Advice and assistance will also be given to primary producers in the conduct of local experiments and the application of the most modern industrial methods.

BY THE WAY

The United States Tariff Commission is preparing an anti-dumping bill to protect American manufacturers of dyes, according to Mr. Fordney, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the United States House of Representatives. In addition to this anti-dumping legis-lation, Mr. Fordney believes that a higher rate of duty than that proposed by the Longworth Bill is necessary to provide sufficient protection for the industry.

The United States Consul at Sydney, N.S.W., in a dispatch to the Department of Commerce at Washington states that "just now there is a formidable movement to make Australia more of a manufacturing country also substantially to increase the tariff and the prefer-ence in favor of Great Britain."

#### WAIT A MINUTE

AMERICAN CAPITAL AWAITS ROYAL VISITORS

While King Albert, with Queen Elizabeth and the Crown Prince are by no means the first royal visitors to be received in the capital, their visit nevertheless will in a way be something entirely new to this city. With the exception of the late King Kalakua of the Sandwich Island, Washington never before has received a reigning monarch as such. Heretofore all the illustrations royal visitors to the United States have been traveling incognito, which has robbed their recep-tion here of most of its blaze and glory, its fuss and

According to the official code of etiquette, binding enlightment nations, the head of one nation is bound to return an official visit from the head of an-other nation. Until President Wilson upset all prece dent by going to Europe, where he was received by the King of Britain, the King of Italy and the President of the French Republic, American tradition was pop-ularly supposed to forbid the Chief Executive of the American Commonwealth from going overseas dur-ing his term of office. Foreign monarchs, respecting that feeling, consequent-

ly refrained from paying state visits to the United States, inasmuch as the President would be unable to return the visit. Now the situation is entirely changed, return the visit. Now the situation is entirely changed, and the visit of the King of the Belgians is an official affair and made in compliance with the diplomatic custom requiring the head of one government who entertains the head of another to repay the visit. While it is understood to be the desire of their Belgian Majesties that their stay in Washington, as well as their visits to other cities, shall be as formal as possible, string climater requires that under the circumstance.

sible, official etiquette requires that under the circum-stances, it being an official visit, that certain formalities shall be complied with.

Government officials, statesman and White House attaches confess that they are not exactly up to snuff when it comes to receiving and entertaining results in accordance with results. royalty in accordance wih royal etiquette, but since the visit of the Belgian royal family was announced they have been brushing up on precedents and formali-ties for state occasions and they believe they will be able to "get by" without any serious faux pas.

During their stay in the capital the royal visitors from Belgium are to be quartered at the White House, This, together with the announcement that the Prince of Wales who is now touring Canada will be a guest in Washington were long, serves to recall the fact that the only royal visitor to the United States who was ever quartered at the executive mansion was Edward VII. (then Prince of Wales, and grandfather of the pre-sent heir to the throne), on the ocasion of his American tour in the sixties.

House at that time, and the fact that he had known the Prince of Wales while Minister to England made the executive mansion's hospitality all the warmer, although the President proved to be somewhat of a killjoy, for when the royal visitor proposed a dance with the younger guests at a levee, Mr. Bychanan, fearing the criticism of the people, frowned upon the frivolous

suggestion.

While no other visitors have ever been quartered at the White House a considerable number on their unofficial visits to America have been received there by official visits to America have been received there by the President. One of the most distinguished was the Emperor Don Pedro of Brazil, who has received by President Grant in 1876. Louis Philippe was a visitor before he ascended the throne. Others in the list have included Prices Henry of Prussia, Grand Duke Alexis, the Infanta Eulalie, and the Duke of Connaught. As for King Albert, it will be the second time that he has been a visitor at the White House. In 1898, on the occasion of his solourn of several month

1898, on the occasion of his sojourn of several month in the United States he was received by President Me-Kinley. That was, of course, more than ten yars be-fore his accession and when he was only Prince Albert of Flanders, the heir presumptive to the throne.

#### Smile or Two

Lack of Selection.

"How loud that girl looks the way her face "Yes; why haven't the girls sense enough to use

Silk Stockings

At an open-air luncheon in Los Angeles a pretty

movie actress said:
"Everything keeps going up and up and up, but the height that silk stockings have mounted to is simply

Rob Wagner, the humorist, looked with respectful admiration at the actress's slender, glistening ankles and remarked:

"But how much more horrid it would be if they came down!"

#### Oh! October!

Twas eventide. The small lad stood on the bridge slapping his hands vigorously. Beyond the brow of the hill a dull red glow suffuesed the sky.

"Ah, little boy!" remarked the stranger, who was a little near-sighted. "It does my heart good to see you appreciate yon cloud effect."

"Yes sir," replied the lad. "I've been watching it

for ten minutes."
Upon the boy's face there appeared a smile of perfeet bliss.
"A real poet without a doubt, and do you watch the

"Sunsets' Why, that ain't a sunset gov'nor, that's the village schoolhouse burning down."

Papa (from the next room))—"Ethel, aren't you going to light the gas in there?"

Ethel—"Yes, papa; we are just speaking of—er—striking a match."

Prince Charles of Roumania, who renounced his rights to the throne to make a marriage of hic choice, born

26 years ago today.

#### TORONTO WOMAN HAS RECEIVED

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"I was gust in this awful fix when I started on Tanlac, and it wasn't long before I felt it was bracing me up and making me eat. Now my appetite has returned and I relish every bite, my nerves are much stronger and I rest well at night and never have those terrible nightmares any more. I am able to do all my housework now without half trying and never feel tired and worn out like I did before."

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#### Letters To NewsRecord

MORE OF PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION.

To the Editor:—One fact which pleased me, in the reply to my letter on P. R., was that while the Editor may not be a "Brither Soot," he has sympathies in that direction, and if he will just bide a wee, during the coming winter, we may come to a better understanding regarding P. R. and he will see what a good electoral system it really is.

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# **OUT COSMETICS**

If the excessive user of cosmetics only knew the impression her artificiality reality makes upon-others, she would quickly seek means of gaining a natural complexion. Let her acquire the mercolized wax habit, discarding make-ups, entirely, and she will soon have the kind of complexion that women envy and men admire. It's so easy to get an ounce of mercolized wax at any drugstore, use nightly like cold cream and wash it off mornings. And the results are so remarkable. Gradually the lifeless cuticle peels off, in almost invisible flaky particles. In a weak or so there's a brand new complexion clear, velvety, soft, of girlish color and texture.

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