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London, Tuesday, June 9.

THE DEAD STATESMAN.

As announced by the ADVERTISER bulletin a few minutes after the melancholy event, Sir John A. Macdonald died at Ottawa on Saturday evening at 10:15, aged 76 years and 4 months. The stirring events in the long public career of the dead leader have already been detailed in these columns. It is perhaps unnecessary to say that with many points in the policy of Sir John Macdonald and with many of the methods which he and his associates choose to carry their ends, we have had no sympathy; but we have had no hesitation in acknowledging his great powers in managing men and moulding them to his way of thinking. No other man in Canadian public life has had so distinct a personality, and no other man has ever controlled and welded into a compact following elements so diverse. In these respects Sir John Macdonald was a truly wonderful man. Of the effects of his rule, and how far it conserved the best interests of the people, this is not the proper time to speak. We do not doubt that the historian will do the dead statesman full justice, and that is all that either political friend or political antagonist can desire. At present, the one marked fact that is forced on the country is that a master hand in statecraft—the all-controlling mind in the Conservative party—is gone, and with his departure a new era is about to dawn.

PERSECUTIONS OF THE JEWS.

The persecutions to which 5,000,000 resident Jews are now being subjected in Russia is the astoundingly brutal climax of the long series of sufferings which they have endured at the hands of various powers from the Christian era down to the present time. A few years after the crucifixion of the Saviour they were persecuted by Caligula and banished from Rome by Claudius. In the year 70, when Jerusalem was taken by Titus, the temple was burned and 1,100,000 Jews perished. At various times they were persecuted and massacred by the Romans, until 655, when Jerusalem was captured by Omar, and a number of European powers joined the army of persecutors. In 1020 Canute banished them from his realm. In 1204, under King John, Jews of both sexes were imprisoned, and their eyes and teeth plucked out. In 1278 they were accused of clipping coin, and 267 were hanged and quartered. Twelve years later all Jews were banished from England, and were not allowed to return till the days of Cromwell. In 1603 Pope Sixtus launched edicts against them. In 1840 they were persecuted at Damascus; in 1852 there was a violent outbreak against them in Stockholm; in 1864 the scene of their persecution was in Rome, and in 1866 it was changed to Bucharest. In 1881 they suffered violent persecution in Southern Russia, and now, despite of Europe's horrified protest, throughout the Russian empire cities and provinces are being forcibly cleared of them.

It is difficult to give even an imperfect idea of the impression these wholesale atrocities is producing through all Europe. Russia is not a remote country from England. It can be reached by 30 hours' travel from London, and the occurance of these mediaval barbarities so near the heart of civilization is bringing English blood to boiling point. Berlin is already overwhelmed by wretched destitute Jews driven on a day's notice from their homes and swarming westward without any idea of what is to become of them. Most harrowing stories are told of these unfortunates. For weeks past in Moscow strong police and gendarme patrols have scoured the city night after night; here and there a house where Jews live is surrounded, young and old are started out of sleep and dragged from their beds, and every corner is searched lest someone be in hiding. If the birth certificate of father and grandfather be wanting, and a person has only papers granting right of domicile, he must sign a document pledging himself to leave Moscow in three days. In many instances families have been driven with clubbed muskets from their peaceful homes. What is already known exceeds in its terrors the worst that could be imagined, and if Russia's savage threat is fulfilled that this persecution shall be stretched to cover 500,000 people, the outcome will make as black and awful a mark upon the history of this century as the French revolution did in the last.

Europe stands aghast at what is being brutally wrought before its eyes. That it may be forced to interfere seems probable, but how, when, and under what form of pretext it is impossible to foretell.

NOT ENDED YET.

The Briggs case in the United States Presbyterian Church has entered on a new and important phase. At the meeting of the General Assembly it was claimed by the fathers and brethren that the Assembly had a right to veto the transfer of Prof. A. Briggs from the chair of Hebrew to the chair of Biblical theology in the Union Theological Seminary in New York. The ground of objection was that Dr. Briggs was a little too much of a free lance in his criticism of the standards of the Church. The directors of Union Theological Seminary have now met and passed a resolution adhering to Dr. Briggs' transfer, and declaring the interference of the Assembly usurpation. This is a declaration that the appointment will stand. The theological battle will thus be resumed at the next meeting of the Assembly.

TRAVEL ABOVE AND BELOW.

A movement is on foot to establish underground railways in New York city, and a discussion has been precipitated as to the relative merits and popularity of the underground and elevated railway systems. There can be no doubt that the underground railway system of London affords a popular and expeditious means of travel throughout the city, but it is by no means as pleasant for the traveler as a ride on an elevated line is. Elevated railways are, however, out of the question in the British metropolis. For one reason the streets are not sufficiently wide, and for another the authorities would never allow the thoroughfares to be occupied by the unsightly tracks, or the peace of the inhabitants to be disturbed by the rush of the traffic. So careful are the metropolitan authorities of the public interests that they do not even allow street car tracks to cut up the smooth pavement of the streets in the city of London proper. This is a necessary precaution, the vehicular traffic is so great. In New York city, however, the speculative capitalists who look after the convenience of the traveling public have things more their own way. They run street cars even on crowded Broadway, they have elevated railways throughout the length and breadth of the city, and now they are about to provide a system of underground railways. There will be traffic for all. These big cities grow so fast that new agencies for getting around easily are consequently required. In London, the establishment of underground railways does not appear to have at all reduced the 'bus and hackney carriage traffic.

A HINT TO CHEESEMAKERS.

The ADVERTISER has not failed from time to time to impress upon patrons of cheese factories the necessity for absolute cleanliness at every step in the production and care of the milk till it is placed on the factory wagon. But all the blame does not lie with the "rascally patrons." Prof. Robertson told the Eastern Association last winter that one great trouble with the industry was that factories were not kept clean enough. Every article in and about the factory should be kept clean. Referring to this subject in Eastern Ontario one of the inspectors says: "The filthy condition of a few factories is really surprising. * * * Some weighing cans and floors are scrubbed only once or twice a week." Another remarks: "Some factories are still in a deplorable state. * * * I have notified a number to be put in better condition for operations next season." All this may not apply in Western Ontario, but a good deal of it will. Factorymen and makers who find that the cap fits them should take the hint and clean up at once. By all means set the patrons a good example.

WHAT THE "ADVERTISER" THINKS ABOUT IT.

THE ALBANY (N.Y.) ARGUS asserts that there is not left in the Canadian Conservative party a person capable of replacing Sir John Macdonald. It is wonderful how strong this idea is held at home as well as abroad.

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"What shadows we are and what shadows we pursue!" exclaimed the late Sir John Macdonald, in the words of the famous statesman Burke, a few years ago, in announcing the death of a colleague. He, too, is gone now, and in the present Parliament leaves but one member who sat with him in 1854. Mr. Bourassa, M.P. for St. Johns, is the man.

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Mr. Marshall, of East Middlesex, and Mr. Ingram, of East Elgin, dodged the vote in condemnation of Sir Charles Tupper's disgraceful conduct in the recent election. They were afraid to take a manly stand on the subject. But when they come before the electors they will not be allowed to shirk responsibility in that way. The Government they support has made Tupper's case their own.

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A GOOD picture of Sir John Macdonald will now be demanded. Probably the best now in the market, or likely to be offered, is an original autographed etching done on copper by Harold Blackburn Harte, one of the best six artists in copper in New York, and a brother of the journalist of the same name. This is an excellent likeness of Sir John as he looked last winter before his illness, and the delicate shading and expression which is reproduced in a copper medium, and is entirely lost in photography, makes the portrait of Canada's greatest personality very much more valuable than an ordinary photograph.

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THE NEW YORK school commissioners have decided that female teachers must in future use their proper names, and not sign themselves "Mollie," when they mean Mary, "Teenie," when they really are named Christina, and so on. This is right. The abbreviated, pet name absurdity countenanced by grown persons in public and other positions has gone much too far. The New York school authorities set a good example i callinng a halt.

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THE Cabinet which Sir John Macdonald formed in 1878, when he returned to power, was thus made up: Sir John Macdonald, Hon. John O'Connor, Hon. C. Tupper, Hon. James McDonald, Hon. J. C. Pope, Hon. S. H. Tilley, Hon. J. H. Pope, Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, Hon. Alex. Campbell, Hon. J. C. Aikins, Hon. L. H. Langevin, Hon. L. F. G. Baby, Hon. L. F. R. Masson, Hon. R. D. Wilmot. Some of these statesmen are dead, some are on the bench, others have retired to private life. Only two members of this Cabinet are now in Parliament, viz., Sir Hector Langevin and Mr. Mackenzie Bowell. The Cabinet representation from this Province is admitted to be the weakest since Confederation. Messrs. Carling, Bowell, Frank Smith and Haggart are a quartet that could easily be improved upon. Besides, two of the four have taken refuge in the Senate, and are therefore out of touch with the popular element in the constituencies.

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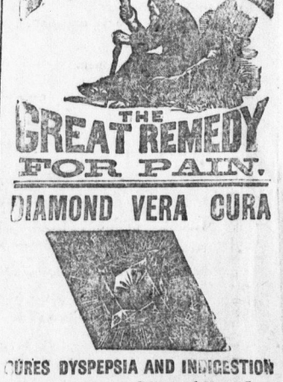
AT THE Methodist conference held at Brantford the other day Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Zion Church, in the course of a lively and interesting speech, said that if even an organic union should take place it will be between the Canadian Methodist and Canadian Presbyterian churches. He hoped sincerely that the day would come when that union would be consummated. He had preached in all the Methodist churches in the city, and no one could ever accuse him of preaching a more Calvinistic or less Armenian sermon than their own pastor. The speech, which was loudly applauded, was warmly seconded by Rev. Dr. Stafford, who sincerely hoped that the feuds of the past would be forgotten, and that union would become a serious consideration with them. The Churches are getting together.



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