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## STOPS A WASTE OF MONEY.

Hon. J. I. Tarte says in his paper, *La Patrie*, of Montreal, that "the abstention of the Conservative party from going to the country will have the effect of preventing the painful and regrettable scenes that have characterized the elections that are just past. There is more than one country in which the candidates of the two political parties have been obliged to make extravagant expenses, which are also illegitimate, such as the distribution of alcohol, etc. There must have been at least a million dollars expended by the Ministerial and Opposition candidates in this way. No person could dream of being a candidate in a city division without demanding of his party organization great election funds. Eight or ten thousand dollars are quite ordinary figures. A point is arrived at that everybody wants to make money out of political organizations."

The quotation above appears to justify the oft-repeated assertion that the electors of Quebec have become accustomed to wait for the money before going to vote. It is too bad that political morality has thus been discounted. It is just possible that Hon. Mr. Flynn, in deciding not to place any Opposition candidates in the field was actuated by motives of economy, and possibly that is the reason so many of the Liberal organs in Quebec are vexed about the Opposition leader's course. Where there is no opposition the newspapers will not be able to gather up shekels for printing and advertising. The situation is unique and unprecedented, but may have a good effect on political morals.

## A NEW ERA.

Lord Lansdowne's address at the Lord Mayor's banquet in London was one of the most significant utterances of the century. It was a strong and manly plea for the recognition of common sense in the settlement of international difficulties. It was a justification of the Government's conduct in seeking at once a peaceable and honorable settlement of the complications arising out of the North Sea incident; but it was more. It was a plea for the substitution of arbitration generally for the horrors of war. "Between the lines of every reference the Foreign Minister made to the Russian-Japanese war," says the cable report, "was an urgent plea, amounting almost to a demand that it might be settled by arbitration." But Lord Lansdowne went even farther than that. He pleaded for the recognition of the simple truth that there are usually two sides to every story, and that justice demands a consideration of both sides. "By most of his hearers," we are told, "Lord Lansdowne's utterances were regarded almost as a plea for Russia. A dead silence greeted him, as after pointing out that the two governments in good faith believed in contradictory statements, of facts, he asked—

"Could we have done better than get full apology and compensation and leave the question of facts to an international tribunal with a guarantee of punishment of any who may be found guilty?" This is the spirit which will go far to make the abolition of war possible. It is the spirit which prevails among reasonable individuals; why should it not prevail among nations? The fact that Lord Lansdowne spoke to a rather unsympathetic audience is not surprising; but it is much less significant than the fact that he had the courage to face the coldness of an audience with a plea for reason and common sense. The spirit of conciliation in international affairs is new to the masses of the people, and they cannot be expected to take kindly to it all at once.

The election of Mr. Folk as governor of Missouri is a striking instance of the truth of the assertion that virtue is more than its own reward even in United States politics, of which Missouri politics holds the record as the worst ever. It was Mr. Folk, who, as district attorney in St. Louis by his almost unaided efforts, broke up the greatest boodle organization that the republic has yet seen. At the risk of his life, for he was several times threatened with assassination, he pursued millionaires, senators, representatives and political heelers until he put enough of them in the penitentiary to break up the ring. The people have shown their appreciation by electing him to the highest office in the state, though the rest of his party's candidates were slaughtered at the polls. There will be some hope for the republic if Mr. Folk's success induces the younger element in politics to imitate his course in appealing to public approval

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W. E. Park, of the Wallaceburg Sugar Co., spent Sunday in the Maple City.

Miss Wells will resume her classes in Shortland and Typewriting.

Prof. H. M. Cockfield, the well-known orator, is now attending Model.

Three new slate blackboards have lately been placed in the Central School.

Guaranteed 25 years' perfect sewing—the handsome "White is King." Geo. Stephens & Co.

Mrs. Watson, of Head Street, who has been seriously ill, is somewhat improved.

Miss Bertha McDonald, of Ridgetown, is visiting friends in the city for a few days.

Alex. Denning, Head Street, who has been quite ill is somewhat improved to-day.

When you want an artistic design, call up or visit Victoria Ave. Green Houses, Phone 181.

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