

Public Opinion.

Hamilton Herald (Ind.): The results point clearly to the fact that the feeling in Queen's and Sunbury and in North Grey is strongly in favour of allowing the Laurier Cabinet a fair chance to show what it can do in the government of Canada.

Toronto Globe (Lib.): Mr. Laurier and his Quebec followers were all elected upon a policy of opposition to clerical interference with State affairs. Their platform was Mr. Laurier's declaration that in discharging his political duties he would act not as a Catholic but as a citizen.

Calgary Herald (Con.): Sir Charles Tupper is reported to have made a bon mot of no mean excellence. A leading citizen of Ottawa and a Liberal met Sir Charles on the street the other day and congratulated him on his apparent good health. "Yes," remarked Sir Charles, "I have had a good outing."

Montreal Gazette (Con.): No one needs to be told of Mr. Foster's strength as a speaker. He combines intellectual capacity with a power of oratory that, on the Government side, only Sir Richard Cartwright can match. His speech in reply to Mr. Laurier, in the Address debate, was one of the best in its way ever listened to in the Canadian Parliament.

Regina Leader (Ind. Con.): Paterson's large majority in North Grey as well as being a marked tribute to the worth and courage of an able statesman and fearless campaigner, is a signal Protestant endorsement of Laurier and his Cabinet. It is emphatic proof that the Mail and Empire's "French domination" scarecrow is viewed by Ontario with the ridicule which it merits.

St. John Globe (Lib.): Parliament is now prepared to go on with the real business of the session. The debate on the address was not long, but it could have been shorter without any loss to the country, for the speech afforded no field for discussion and there was even no party advantage in reviving old issues and indulging in the scrap book oratory which is the delight of so many members.

Montreal Gazette (Con.): Sir Charles Tupper's reply to Lord Aberdeen's memorandum clearly establishes that it was an unusual course which His Excellency took when he desired his then Cabinet to "avoid all acts which may tend to embarrass the succeeding administration," and, in order that his desire should be observed, he, in effect, declined to sanction his Minister's recommendations. That memorandum marked a distinct departure from a course that has the support of precedent, both in Great Britain and in Canada.

Halifax Chronicle (Lib.): The demand of the Tory leaders in Parliament that a Government which has been only a few weeks in office should be ready at such a short notice to bring down a measure revising a tariff which covers nearly a thousand dutiable articles, though not intended to be, is really an unconscious tribute to the practical ability and statesmanship of the eminent men who compose the Laurier-Mowat Government; and will go far to justify the people in expecting from them a statesmanlike administration of public affairs.

St. John Telegraph (Lib.): The victory of Mr. Blair, by so large a majority is the most stinging rebuke that has ever been administered to a political leader in this Province, and will totally destroy Mr. Foster's influence with his party. The fight was, as we have frequently explained to our readers, Mr. Foster's own battle and he must bear the entire responsibility of the defeat. Mr. Blair's return is a magnificent triumph of good political principles over narrow, mean and sectional politics, and as such must be viewed with satisfaction by men of all political opinions.

Montreal Gazette (Con.): Without counting prospective successes, however, it can be said that in the aquatic branch of manly sport this year Canadian muscle, pluck and skill have won many more honours than, judging by the number of competitors, our representa-

tatives had reason for aspiring to. They have done their country, as well as themselves, credit, and what is ground for special satisfaction, have won their triumphs without creating any ill-feeling among their equally manly, if less fortunate, rivals.

Hamilton Times (Lib.): It will not take the man of plain business qualifications long to conclude that the proposition that a Government rejected by the people should be privileged to pack the Upper House with its appointees before stepping down and out is too great an absurdity to merit discussion. To fully state such a preposterous claim is to refute it. Judges can only be retired by an address from both Houses of Parliament. Ought judgeships to remain the spoil for the followers of a Ministry in whom the people have voted want of confidence? Few will be found who will so assert however much they may regret the necessity of executive interference in such matters.

Winnipeg Free Press (Ind. Con.): The Government will require some better reason for the dismissal of Gen. Cameron from the position of commandant of the Royal Military College than the fact that he is Sir Charles Tupper's son-in-law. And even if there were a sufficient reason, a decent regard for the amenities in such cases ought to suggest that something more than a fortnight's notice was due to one who had filled so high and important a position for a number of years, and not without credit, both to himself and it. In the eyes of good Liberals the Tupper may be a very bad lot, but it occurs to the rest of Canadian humanity that even they are entitled to consideration.

Montreal Witness (Lib.): Mr. Laurier sits in the old seat of of Sir Charles Tupper. His attitude towards the Opposition is full of dignity. He treats Sir Charles with a beautiful courtesy. The man himself, in spirit and temperament, is above the pettiness of personal feeling. He has triumphed; but an alluring modesty marks the man. He is in the position which he could not have dreamed a few years ago he would ever occupy, but he makes no boasts; he exhibits a nice reserve in bearing, in thought, in speech; he rises to the height of the great statesman. And it is the feeling of old parliamentarians, from the little that has been seen of Mr. Laurier as Prime Minister, that in his high courtesy, keen sympathies, and broadly patriotic ideals, he will shed lustre upon the office. This is the opinion of Liberals and Conservatives alike.

Quebec Chronicle (Con.): General Cameron was shown to be incompetent also by the report of the officers who were specially charged to investigate college affairs, and especially General Cameron's administration. The report was very adverse to him and the wonder is that no action was taken on the matter until now. General Gascoigne is of the opinion that the chief teachers in the college ought to be changed every five years, so that up-to-date men, fresh from the great schools in England, could be employed to the betterment of the service in this country. General Cameron had a 'pull' doubtless, and so long as his friends remained in power he could snap his fingers at the reports of official committees and the G. O.

Montreal Herald (Lib.): The circumstances were undoubtedly such as to warrant plain speaking and courageous action on His Excellency's part. He was asked by a Ministry which had been defeated at the polls to sanction an immense batch of acts as to which in the strict observance of the public interest, no urgency could be shown. Among these propositions were suggestions of several appointments for life and of a nature to embarrass the incoming Ministry. He declined to sanction these acts, taking the ground of the exceptional circumstances of Sir Charles Tupper's accession to the Ministry. Sir Charles Tupper's precedents, therefore, are not in point. The proposed acts of his government were so little in accordance with the public interest that he left His Excellency an opening for the making of a new precedent if any such had been necessary.

Literary and Personal.

Hon. J. W. Longley, Attorney-General of Nova Scotia, was in the city this week and attended the opening of the Industrial Exhibition on Tuesday.

A movement has been started in London for an international memorial in honour of Cyrus W. Field, Sir James Anderson, and Sir John Pender, as the promoters of submarine telegraphy.

We understand that "Martin J. Pritchard," the author of that extraordinary Messianic novel just published by Messrs. H. S. Stone & Company, entitled "Without Sin," is the daughter of Lady Monckton.

By an editorial slip in last week's issue the monograph on Cabot, extracted from the Proceedings of the Royal Society of Canada, was attributed to the late Father Dawson. The author was Dr. S. E. Dawson, of Ottawa, to whom our apologies are due for the mistake.

Littell's Living Age is to take on a monthly supplement, free to its subscribers, containing readings from American magazines and new books, and a list of books of the month. Occasional translations from articles in foreign reviews and magazines will form a still more decided departure.

"The Martian," a new novel by George du Maurier, author of "Trilby" and "Peter Ibbetson," will begin in the October number of Harper's Magazine. There will be numerous illustrations by the author, who characterizes his hero as "in reality the simplest, the most affectionate, and the most good-natured of men."

Rev. Principal Grant, of Kingston, is in the city and has been sought out by the inevitable interviewer, who this time wanted to know among other things his opinion on Lord Aberdeen's action in refusing to take the advice of the late Government in certain instances after the election. The Doctor said: "It is very clear to me that he acted rightly as well as constitutionally."

J. T. Trowbridge's "Prize Cup," which has been appearing serially in St. Nicholas during the past year, will be published by The Century Co. in October. Two other books to be issued by the same house are "The Swordmaker's Son," a story of boy life at the beginning of the Christian era, by W. O. Stoddard and the new Arabian Nights story by Albert Stearns, "Sindbad," Smith & Co.

General Horace Porter's personal recollections of General Grant, which The Century will publish, beginning in November, are to be called "Campaigning with Grant." General Porter first met General Grant at Chautauque; he soon became attached to his staff, and was with him constantly from that time until the close of General Grant's first term as President, during which he was Grant's private secretary.

The last Chap Book has a portrait of Mr. Bliss Carman, drawn from life by Dawson Watson. We cannot speak as to the likeness, but it makes a striking picture. The poet is represented with bushy, unkempt hair and upturned trousers (and other apparel), seated on an uncomfortable chair, smoking a bulldog pipe and writing, apparently with a pencil or, it may be, a fountain pen, at a very shaky-looking, one-legged stand or table.

Queen's College, Kingston, has been fortunate in securing as Professor of Latin, Mr. T. R. Glover, Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge. Mr. Glover's academic honours are many and distinguished; and his testimonials exceedingly commendatory. Prof. Gwatkin says of him: "I rank him, without hesitation, as one of the strongest men I ever had to deal with in my advanced classes, and now as one of the most promising of our younger lecturers." Mr. Glover will undoubtedly prove an acquisition to the professoriate of Queen's.