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THE QUEEN'S PRIZE.

terday, when Private T. H. Hayhurst won Association meeting at Bisley—Her Majesty in Parliament of both sides see very clearly. the Queen's munificent prize of £250 and Although there are many Conservatives the Gold Medal and Gold Badge awarded by from Ontario, Quebec and the other prothe Association in token of the victory. vinces who do not approve of the policy of Queen Victoria has presented this gift annu- the Government, Mr. Laurier has not been ally since the establishment of the Associal able, as far as we have been informed, to Mr. Laurier's motion with regard to the tion in 1860, but so keen has the competition attach one of them to his party. Even Mr. Manitoba school question "spoke quite gathered every year at Wimbledon and Bis- have been the case if Mr. Laurier had the province," but very prudently forgets to talion, of Hamilton, to which Private Hay- have made converts. But it was seen that champion then, in 1879, being the present one could tell—not even Mr. Laurier himin regard to the question are calculated to portance to Victoria as well as to the Information and the proposed to adopt. ing, have frequently come this way. Last doubt disgusted with the shuffling, the inyear Canada secured the St. George's Chalfor which on that occasion Mitchell of Canada was fifth. A few years before Davidson had finished fourth, the highest place ever every division. His tactics were such that attained by a Canadian until yesterday.

creditable performances of her representa. with the Government could place no faith tives have drawn great attention to Canada in him. on the part of those who interest themselves in volunteering and in rifle shootingnotably the best element in the population of the United Kingdom. One result of the secured, has been that several of the expert riflemen of England and Scotland have made and to win a place on our Bisley team has meant for them a very acceptable opporclass Private Hayhurst belongs; but the fact that he is a Canadian by recent adoption rather than by birth should not affect the are able men in that country, and some of that no one in the House of Commons unrecognition which upon his return will un-

THE OPPOSITION'S POWER.

The wonderfully clever politicians of the Opposition when ridiculed for the sharp prac. tice and elusive tactics of their leader on the school question say with affected innocence, "What can he do? He is in a minority, and any proposition that he may is by no means certain. But even if it were there is nothing to hinder Mr. Laurier or, indeed, any other member of the Liberal party submitting a proposition to the House in which would be embodied the principles ple. But he did nothing of the are of opinion that those nations who in kind. His motions were motions to trip the matters of trade treat Great Britain in a is questionable.

and yet, when he comes to regret that the government is dealing with the Manitoba question in a manner not demanded by the the most natural thing in the world. test interests of the country, he has no suggestion in his resolution or speech as to what would be the manner best adapted, demanded by the best interests of the country. Not the least. (Cheers.) My hon. riend reached to the height of twice movwho is opposed in the least particular to any for. I challenge my hon, friend to put motion before the house laying down once. He is in a position to do it. (Cheers.) rted for less than \$2.50, and accepted only Jurisdiction is vested in this house. My it law. (Cheers) If he and his party have any plan they can put it in the shape of legslation, and this Parliament is in a position Will he give even a suggestion of it? My

gentleman done the same?

can be found in the parliamentary history itoba schools. When have an Opposition on a question of vital importance, a question which has agitated the country in which it was raised, deliberately refrained from any was raised. defeat of the Government and not the set- lunges in the air. tlement of the question as their sole aim? Mr. Laurier has by his tactics done infinite harm to the Liberals of this Dominion. been, by the host of expert riflemen now McCarthy and Col. O'Brien take good care plainly, as might have been expected, numbering upwards of two thousand who have to keep clear of the Grits. Would this against the idea of Parliament coercing ented by the Prince of Wales ticable middle course? Certainly not coercing the province. Here it is: has four times come to Canada, a noteworthy If he had been earnest and sincere coincidence being that the Thirteenth Bat in any course Mr. Laurier would Government to deal with the Manitoba hurst belongs, was the first to secure it; her the Opposition had no policy and that no the opinion that the ministerial declarations Gibson. The Kolapore Cups, for team shoot. The dissatisfied Conservatives were no sincerity, the trickiness and the want of lenge Vase and Gold Cross, a prize in earnestness displayed by the Grite, and order of merit second only to the Queen's, their contempt for them was increased rather than diminished. It was Mr. Laurier's own fault that he was defeated in the members, whether English or French. The successive victories and the always Protestant or Catholic, who were displeased

NOT QUITE KILLED.

It is a mistake to conclude that because Lord Ripon, the Liberal Secretary of State plainly as to what would be in the best infavorable reputation the Dominion thus for the Colonies, did notapprove of the trade policy outlined by the Ottawa Conference, preferential trade had received its "quietus." Canada their home. Naturally they have That Conference was composed of men from taken part in the shooting competitions here, all the large colonies of the Empire and it represented the opinions of men of ability and influence, not in the Colonies only but tunity of visiting their old homes. To this in the Mother Country. Every intelligent observer must see that free trade has ceased There is nothing, plain or otherwise, in this to be a superstition in Great Britain. There them are in the present Government, who doubtedly be shown him for the high honor doubt its applicability even to Great Brit-

than one occasion, given utterance to opinbe found men who are zealous protectionists, and they do not scruple to give free make will be sure to be voted down." This utterance to their opinions. The fair as to where they stand, looking only and the three Kingdoms and their number is power to themselves through the disintegracontinually increasing. It has been found that free trade has not been an unmixed blessing even to England. It is indeed deen which in his opinion the Government clared by thousands that it has proved the should act in dealing with the question. ruin of the farmers of the country. The He could have submitted a measure to the opinion is general that some modifi-House that, according to his judgment, sation of free trade would be benwould meet the difficulties of the case and eficial to the very considerable prolead to a settlement satisfactory to both portion of the population who can find parties. He could have compelled any nothing to do. Thinking men are beginning member of the House to put himself on re- to see that it is a mistake to give outsiders cord either in favor of, or op- all the benefits of the British markets to, some definite princi- and to get nothing in return. They

Government up or to embarrass it without churlish and unfriendly manner, should recommitting himself or anyone else to any ceive similar treatment in return. When course of action with respect to it. The this view becomes more general it will not Hon. Mr. Foster, in his speech in reply to be so difficult as it now appears to establish hees Reserve have not sufficient energy to Mr. Laurier, showed very clearly that the a policy of preferential trade with the cololeader of the Opposition had it in his power nies, for such a policy would mean simply to do a great deal for any course which he treating those well who treat Great Britain favored and really desired to promote. He well, and withholding trade favors from those who treat her badly. The principle of The government's work for five years is reciprocity in trade is already believed to be all before him (the Leader of the Opposition), a sound one, and it has only to be extended to make preferential trade with the colonies

UNCHANGED.

Those who expected that before the ses- land of which it is utterly impossible for sion closed Mr. Laurier would give a clear them to make a proper use, should remain ing the adjournment of the house to defeat and definite opinion on the Manitoba school in their possession, and it is evident that the government. (Laughter.) But to day question must be disappointed. He has intelligent citizens of Victoria must see that he reached a still higher place, and he moved made three motions of want of confidence. allowing the Reserve to remain in its prea colorless, catch motion which every man He has censured and condemned the course sent condition is a serious obstacle to the step the government has taken, or who is which the Government is pursuing; he has progress and the prosperity of the city. opposed in the least to having a single talked around and around the question, but Permitting the Indians to remain on land in ray of light on the matter, could vote he has not yet committed himself or his almost every respect unsuited to them is the party in any statement he has made regard- reverse of kindness. Its situation near the a definite, plain policy in substitution for ing it. He made his great speech on that city exposes them to temptations which the policy of this Government and ask this subject on Monday, the 15th inst. Before many of them are unable to resist, and the house to support it. My hon, friend says we had seen even a telegraphic summary of consequence is that the longer they rethat something must be done, and done at that speech we ventured the statement that main on it the less disposed are those "it was as vague and as non-committal as who survive to lead lives suitable to their hon. friend can introduce his measure, and the others he had previously delivered on condition and to their advancement in civilsubmit the same to the house for its adoption, and this house has jurisdiction to make the same subject." This is what a writer ization. The reserve in its present condition, and this house has jurisdiction to make the same subject. who had most probably heard the speech tion is a blot on the landscape and a standdelivered says about it:

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the government for its treatment of the the government for its treatment of the will be give even a suggestion of it: My the government for its treatment of the hon. friend taunted us with being cowardly. Manitoba school question. What could land was not in possession of the Indians it would, long ere this, have been used for proplainly and clearly before this house and lution? Surely he had no hope of defeating fitable purposes, and would have been imhave taken our stand on it. Has the hon, the government. While the ministerial crisis of last week was in progress he tested proved in such a way as to add to the It is not creditable to the leader of the the feeling of the House by a motion to ad- beauty and the prosperity of the city. But Opposition and to those with whom he is journ, and was badly beaten. Did he wish if the Indians are allowed to retain it to state his own views? On the contrary, until A D. 3000 it will then be in associated that they had not a word to say he anxiously avoided committing himself in reply to the challenge of the Minister of Einance. We do not believe that a parallel he desire to show that there were differences of the Minister of the M among the followers of the government in will be allowed to grow upon it, exercising regard to the action to be taken? Was this a baneful influence upon all who may be so of any country to the course which the Op- his purpose in delivering a discourse to position have seen fit to pursue with regard which his friends and colleagues, Mr. Tarte, to this very important question of the Man. on the one side, and Mr. Martin, on the other, listened with countenances equally expressive of admiration and approval?

expression of opinion on its merits and consignifying nothing. Its author reminded tented themselves with pursuing a tricky one of an expert swordsman fencing with a policy of worry and annoyance, having the shadow, making sharp cuts and desperate

This criticism of Mr. Laurier's speech is in the same sense as white taken from the leading article of the Ottawa settlers and citizens own land. They have Daily Citizen. That it is just there can be only the use of it. They cannot dispose of He has degraded their party to the no doubt. It shows that Mr. Laurier kept a single foot of it without the consent of the very low level of a petty faction whose up his policy of dodging to the last. The Government. If the land were divided The ambition of Canadian riflemen for the leaders have no other object than their own course he has pursued on this school question among the members of the tribe to be their past quarter of a century was attained yea- profit and aggrandisement. The welfare of has been utterly contemptible, and he will to sell or otherwise dispose of as they the country is clearly a matter of very little find to his sorrow, if we do not very greatly should see fit, very much would be done the crowning honor of the National Rifle importance to them. This the earnest men mistake, that this is the opinion that men of towards removing the bar to improvement.

A PRUDENT OMISSION.

Our contemporary the Times says that ley, that it is not surprising that no Cana- clearly defined his position on the school quote the "motion." We will reproduce desire that the members of the Songhees dian has hitherto achieved the distinction question, if he had taken one side or the the motion in order that our readers may tribe shall be in any respect injured by any of winning it. The prize next in value—that other, or if he had pointed out a pracsee how "plainly" it protests against change that may be made. On the contrary

"This House regrets the failure of the school question in a manner demanded by the best interests of the country, and is of fited by the change. Canadian people."

This motion is a very good example of Mr. sight of by the Provincial Government, the Laurier's skill in saying something which, Corporation of the city, and the citizens when closely examined, really means nothing. There is, in the first place, not a word every point of view to remain in the possesin the resolution that has the slightest bear. | sion of those who cannot or will not even ing on coercion. Mr. Laurier says that the keep down the thistles that grow upon it. Government has not dealt with the Manitoba school question in a manner demanded by

the best interests of the country, but in

what respect it fails he does not say. "De. manded by the best interests of the country" is a very nice sounding phrase, but what does it mean? Neither in the resolution itself nor in the speech upon it which he delivered does Mr. Laurier speak terests of the country. We have not such poor opinion of our contemporary's discernment as to suppose for a moment that it does not see the utter emptiness of this part of Mr. Laurier's motion. Then the Leader of the Grits regrets that the ministerial declarations are calculated to promote dangerous agitation among the people. about coercion. It is somewhat singular derstood the motion as our contemporary understands it. Mr. Foster, in speaking to ain. Lord Salisbury himself has, on more | it in the House of Commons, said:

"I challenge him (Mr. Laurier) and his ions which were very far from being in lieutenants to get up to day and say what accordance with the teachings of the free trade doctrinaires. Among the merchants, the manufacturers, the landlords merchants, the manufacturers of the landlords which is definite; the thing they do not which is definite; the thing they do not record. and the farmers of the Old Country are to want to do is to put themselves on record. They have been skulking through this House and through this country without traders are quite numerous in every one of heping only for profit to themselves and tion which may come to their opponents.

This is strong language, but it is nothing more than the simple and the undeniable truth. Mr. Laurier in his catchy motion condemned nothing plainly, neither did he advocate anything plainly, he was merely beating about the bush trying to convince simple people that he was in earnest and had something to say worth hearing. Our contemporary has not yet answered the question which we put to it the other day,-"Is noninterference the policy of the Opposition?" for the very best of reasons. Mr.

THE INDIAN RESERVE.

It appears that the Indians on the Song-

cut down the thistles growing on their land. Those thistles are an emblem of the Reserve itself in its present condition. It is of little use to its owners, and it is a nuisance to those living in its neighborhood. Allowing that tract of land to remain in the possession of those who can never make a proper use of it is not beneficial to the members of the Songhees tribe, while it is a gross and a manifest injustice to the city of Victoria. We cannot see how the true friends of the Indians can desire that this piece of Mr. Laurier made a singularly character- obstacle to progress and improvement that HIGHEST MARKET PRICES AND FOR SPOT CASH even a worse condition than it is at present. unfortunate as to live in its neighborhood Those who have an enlightened regard for

the welfare of the Indians themselves should advocate their removal to a more suitable this handful of Indians should be allowed to continue in possession of the land to the disadvantage of the whole community. It must be remembered that be trusted with the fee simple of the be seen that if they are not fit to own the land they are not fit to occupy it when their occupation does them harm rather than munity. Removing them to a situation better anited to their habits can be no injustice tage to the citizens of Victoria. We do not children after them would be greatly bene-

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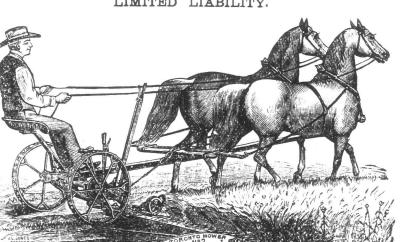
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