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### THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

public domain rather than private resources, but the precautions that public interest requires for the preservation
and development of national property, are equally useful
to the private owner. The preservation of the country's timber supply is a matter of moment to all. Protection of the forests is not only required to ensure the
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of them on ground very favorable to the government
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form goes not indicate a prospect
that the opposition can obtain a majority. The 266
seats heard from give 51 Unionist gains and 10 gains of
for 1. Yesterday The Standard concluded from the
trend of the first two days' elections that the Liberals
and their allies might have a majority of 125, which
would leave the Home Rulers able to turn the government out. The vote of the third day modifies this conto the unique treatment of the colonies, and the option and not all.

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received the Liberal nomination for the Ottawa vacancy in spite of the opposition of the party managers, The Standard ventured the prediction that he would be compelled to retire. It was true that he called it the producest moment of his life, and that he proclaimed himself in the field to stay, but he has retired after several moverers which were less proved than the instructed to go on with the inquiry into the statements made by Major Hodgins and more strong. He statements made by Major Hodgins and more strong. It was all in vain, Everything was voted down by the government majority, and the inquiry was choked off.

But a thing of that kind cannot be suppressed for Magee vs. City of St. John.

nation \$55,000,000 a year. This is, however, not a net addition to the expenditure of the nation. In England alone there were, three years ago, \$71,000 paupers, in Wales 55,000, in Scotland 108,000, while in Ireland 115,000 were receiving poor relief. The rates and other parish funds which contributed to the suport of these 1,150,000 persons would be sure to be elieved by a part of the sum which is contributed rom the national funds for old age pensions.

### A WORSE DAY FOR ASQUITH.

Yesterday's elections were much more favorable to the Unionists than either of the previous days' polling. Of the twenty-one seats carried by the Conservatives, twelve were captured from the government, while of the nineteen Liberal, Labor and Nationalist members elected, only one captured a seat formerly in opposition in the group of constituencies which voted yesterday ne opposition party increased its representation from ine to twenty-one, while the allied parties made coresponding losses. Mixed with the returns now arriving re unopposed elections in Ireland. These have so far ncluded four Unionist members returned by acclamat from that kingdom, of whom two represent Dublin University. It may be mentioned in this connection that Oxford, Cambridge, London and Dublin universities have f university opinion is to be judged by those holding the degrees that qualify for the franchise, the schools are no longer committed to free trade. It will also be The Canadian Conservation Commission, which begins its first session today at Ottawa, has before it great possibilities of usefulness. All the natural resources of Canada are included in the field of its activities and interests. It is true that the commission deals with the who made his plunge into politics this year as a foe of public domain rather than private resources, but the pre-cautions that public interest requires for the preservation. Among others defeated are the under-secretary for the

norals. But his opening address as chairman of the commission, as reported, is in all respects a worthy inaugural. It lays down sound principles and sets forth excellent reasons for the existence of the commission. Mr. Sifton makes the interesting announcement that in taking up this public service he renounces all connection with party politics. This is a significant statement from many points of view. While the chairman might go on with this work and continue to be active in politics, there is no doubt that his position at the head of this great national undertaking will be more dignified and influential if he maintains in all capacities perfect independence. There is work and glory enough in the national service which Mr. Sifton has undertaken to take his attention away from party conflicts.

In adde his charges of over-classification, it was the commission which asked for an investigation by parliament, which dis was the government which took the initiative in the master. Unfortunately it was also the government and the majority at its back which brought the inquiry to a sudden end without taking up the one matter in the charges which concerned the public. The government and the majority on the committee voted down a motion to take up the charge of over-classification. At that the head of this great national undertaking will be more dignified and influential if he maintains in all capacities perfect independence. There is work and glory enough in the national service which Mr. Sifton has undertaken to take his attention away from party conflicts.

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When the report came before parliament the Con-When it was announced that Mr. A. Lemieux had servative members of the committee asked that the committee be instructed to go on with the inquiry into

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rey. Granted. This is a foreclosure ment that, and the property is situated on Peters street. Mr. C. F. Inches is the plaintiff's solicitor.

Trustees of John Robertson vs. McDonald.

Mr. Bowyer S. Smith, in the case of S. Sydney Smith and R. Heber Arnold, trustees of the last will of the policy of the conformal and others, infants, moved to oving offer Referee C. A. Peck's report, who sold the land of the defendant's under an order of foreclosure. The partise of the parish of Coverdale. Albert counties and the parish of Coverdale. Albert counties ale was \$7.875. After paying the mort gate was \$7.875. After paying the whole Council had promited the present Council should know that Mr. Barbour went before the Council and the present Council should know that Mr. Barbour went before the council to this end of the claim yas after

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