

## ROSS A FIGHTER.

Premier Ross of Ontario, the man with a majority of one, says he will fight his opponents to the last ditch. Those who knew the man expected such a declaration. And they have no misgivings as to the result of the battle. The disturbance which occasioned the defeat of several of the candidates of the government has now subsided. The opponents of Mr. Ross have raised a great clamor about alleged corrupt acts. Let us wait and hear what the courts have to say on that subject. The Tories were particularly anxious to capture Ontario. When they set their minds upon a point, particularly when they feel that the gaining of that point will make the road smoother to a still higher point, our friends of the opposition are not usually over-scrupulous about the means they employ to attain their object. If they could have dislodged the Liberal government of Ontario and obtained the reins of power, they would not have cared a button about revelations in courts. The treasury would have been in their keeping. Power would have been endowed with ample power to reward those who had been faithful. The strength of Toryism in Canada lies in the sureness of the reward of those who endure to the end. Those who cannot be supplied with sinecures in the government service because they are above such paltry recognition, will secure such a revision of the tariff as will divert public funds from the treasury of the people into the pockets of the individual. Such a course has been followed in the past, and it will be resorted to in the future, if the day of triumph for the party arrives before the people of Canada have made it clear through a long sojourn in the wilderness that the practice in vogue in the past will not be tolerated. In the meantime a party that is prepared to distribute rewards after such a fashion will never be short of funds when there is a fighting chance of success.

## NEWFOUNDLAND'S TROUBLES.

The celebrated suit of Reid vs. the Government of Newfoundland has been decided, the arbitration court awarding the capitalist the substantial sum of \$854,000. The claims arose out of the arrangement for the construction and operation of the Newfoundland railway. At the time the agreement was entered into it attracted a great deal of attention, because of the alleged extravagance of the terms. A few years ago it is well known business in the old colony was in a bad way. Hoping to stimulate trade by a comprehensive scheme of development, the government entered into an agreement with a Mr. Reid, a capitalist of Montreal, to finish the construction of the government road, and to take over the telegraph lines, control steamship service and dry dock at St. John's. The legislature ratified this by a pronounced majority, and it was regarded by many as the best way out of the situation that existed, as it relieved the colony of considerable financial responsibility. It was later attacked by the opposition and Sir Robert Bond, who succeeded in the general elections, and found himself under the necessity of coming to a new arrangement. After prolonged negotiations an agreement was made by which Mr. Reid, who had been prevented from turning his property over to a company, was to receive \$1,000,000 and interest at 6 per cent, until settled by cash or bonds. The bonds were to be taken at 86 and to bear interest at 3 1/2 per cent. Mr. Reid returned to the colony a millionaire and a half acres of the land grant he had earned, he having the right of selecting the location of said lands, for which the government agrees to pay him \$850,000 cash. Mr. Reid surrendered the telegraph lines, receiving compensation for improvements and increases, the amount to be settled by arbitration. He also retained one wire for the railway's business. There was also a claim made by Mr. Reid under the original contract for construction work, etc., not covered by the settlement. The government admitted that the work had been done and his right to be paid for it. The only question was as to the value which, it was agreed, should be fixed by arbitration. At the end of fifty years Mr. Reid, or the company representing him, and which has since been formed, is to be paid on surrender of the road for the additions and improvements that have been made during that period, the amount to be subject to arbitration. The original subsidy vote for running the railway, \$42,000 a year for fifty years, was continued, as well as the steamer subsidy of \$97,000, which is to go on for thirty years.

## THEORIES AND FACTS.

The advocates of high protection on both sides of the boundary line profess the belief that national progress cannot be maintained except under the systems they support. The New York Sun, once a Democratic paper, under the elder Dana would never have expressed its conviction that while strikes did occur when the Republicans were in control of the national government, they were invariably the result of demands of employees for higher wages, while when the Democrats were in the industrial disputes invariably arose from the demands of the employers for a decrease in the wages paid. The New York Times, which is independent of either political party, on seeing this foolish statement, decided to devote a few hours to an investigation. It proceeded the publication of the result of its observations with this

remark that the Sun had adopted another way of saying that under a Republican administration times are always good, business always prosperous and everybody makes money, while under a Democratic administration adversity and blue ruin seize upon the land. The period of dreadful trade depression and panic which began in 1873 and lasted six years fell wholly within the administrations of Grant and Hayes, both Republicans. There were general and sweeping reductions of wages—what the Sun calls "a strike of capital for a share of the laborer's wages as a defence against a depending deficit." There were panicky times and serious checks to trade prosperity in 1884 under the administration of Arthur and in 1890 under the administration of Harrison. The great Home-Steak strike occurred in 1892, the last year of the administration of Benjamin Harrison. The strike was ordered because the men refused to accept lower wages, notices of reductions having been posted in the works. The panic and trade depression which began in 1893 was, as every honest man knows and will admit, an inheritance from the preceding Republican administration. Wise and prudent men saw the storm coming and had begun to shorten sail before Harrison went out of office. It is one of the commonest and vilest Republican misrepresentations to charge to the administration of Governor Cleveland the hard times of 1893 and the following years due to the Republican silver coinage act of 1890. They even charge it to the Wilson tariff act, which was not passed until a year later.

The Conservative party of Canada has been somewhat thrown out of countenance by the floating it has received from the powers that regulate mundane affairs. The period which our New York contemporary describes as one of "dreadful depression" occurred during the Mackenzie regime in Canada, when practically all the civilized world was passing through a similar experience. The United States under a protective tariff suffered more than Canada under a revenue tariff of about 17 per cent. Great Britain, under free trade, felt the depression less than either. But argument is useless in the general elections of 1878. The people had been persuaded to try the panacea known as the National Policy, and they would not listen to reason. They did try it, and Canada's progress under it was far from encouraging. There was a temporary boom, a short period of inflation, followed by a depression which was felt from one end of the land to the other and from which it seemed impossible for the country to shake itself free. Our young men emigrated to the United States by the thousands annually. Then came a change of government in 1896, followed by a modification of the tariff. The revivifying influence was felt immediately. There was a greater increase of the trade of the country in four years than had occurred in the previous twenty. Instead of the sons of Canada crossing the boundary by thousands Americans are coming north by tens of thousands annually. These are facts which no attempt is made to deny. They confound the theories of the men who profess to believe that the higher the taxation the more abounding the prosperity of the people. But the advocates themselves cannot be confounded. They admit the facts because they cannot be denied, but say when another period of depression comes we shall be swamped by a deluge of cheap goods from the United States. So we must burden ourselves permanently in preparation for that evil day. That is a position which will not bear investigation.

The people of Chicago are thoroughly original in their ideas. The burglar who stole a collar of coal resides in the prairie capital. If that knight of the jimmy had been a gentleman burglar of the old school he would have carried off the jewels and precious stones that lay ready to his hand. The coal famine has set prices of fuel upon a pinnacle, and while New York holds up its hands in helplessness, Chicago helps itself to whatever is handy. In certain sections sidewalks have disappeared in a night. The blocks in the roadways are now rapidly disappearing. Nor can the change make the streets much worse than they were before they were denuded, unless there has been great change within a very few years. Chicago is a warm place, if the temperature does occasionally drop away down while the stormy winds from the lakes do blow.

Sir John Bourinot, who for many years has been a light to the path of the budding Parliamentarian, has departed this life. He had long been the final authority on parliamentary procedure and constitutional practice at the Dominion capital. His works on his favorite themes have become the standard in Canada. Another clerk of the House of Commons will arise in his place at the head of the table, but in the eyes of the old-timers he will never fill that shade as its late occupant filled it. The shades of many of Canada's gifted sons now haunt her legislative halls.

The snow has fallen in the East, but the price of coal is still away up. Black has the next move.

An infallible sign of returning prosperity—the Russian World has increased in size by a column a page.

S. Burnside and wife, of Vancouver, are guests at the Dominion.

## SIR JOHN BOURINOT

## DIED LAST NIGHT

He Was Clerk of House of Commons for Many Years—A Sketch of His Career.

Ottawa, Oct. 14.—Sir John Bourinot, clerk of the House of Commons, died last night, after an illness of several months.

"Sir John Bourinot, K.C.M.G., LL.D., D.C.L., D.L., who was a son of the Senator Bourinot, was born at Sydney, Nova Scotia, on October 24th, 1836. In his early days he received his intellectual training under the tutelage of Rev. W. Y. Porter at Sydney and was afterwards sent to Trinity College, Toronto. At college he distinguished himself and secured the Wellington and other medals. He was a member of the Nova Scotia Assembly. In 1868 he was appointed to the Senate as shorthand writer, and this office he retained until appointed second clerk assistant of the House of Commons in April, 1873. In February, 1879 he was appointed first clerk assistant, and on December 18th, 1880, became chief clerk of the House of Commons.

Throughout his life he was a tireless literary writer. An early article on "Intellectual Development of Canada," appeared in the Canadian Magazine. He contributed to a number of leading newspapers and was for years the best known contributor to the Canadian Monthly. He also contributed papers to the Royal Colonial Institute. Mr. Justin McCarthy devoting a whole chapter in his "History of Our Own Times," to the consideration of the Canadian question. An article in Blackwood's "Progress of the New Dominion" was reviewed by the London Times as "the best article that has yet appeared on the subject in a British periodical." His sketch of the "Intellectual Development of Canada," which appeared in 1886, attracted much attention. Later he wrote a large work on "The Practice and Procedure of Parliament," with a review of the origin and growth of parliamentary institutions in the Dominion of Canada, also the "Constitutional History of Canada" and "How Canada Is Governed."

In October, 1895, he was married to Emily Alden Philbrick, daughter of the American consul at Halifax. She died in September 1897.

Sir John was a Fellow of the Royal Colonial Institute, Fellow of the Statistical Society of London, honorary secretary of the Royal Society of Canada, and held other positions in learned societies, and received knighthood and other honors for his services to Canada.

## AN ELOQUENT LECTURER.

Characteristics of Scottish Race Form the Subject of Rev. Dr. Kilpatrick's Address.

The lecture delivered by Rev. Prof. Kilpatrick, of Manitoba college, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church last evening, was listened to with great interest by a very large audience. Rev. W. Leslie Gray occupied the pulpit and introduced the speaker of the evening in a few remarks, paying a tribute to the visitor.

Scottish nationality formed the subject of the address, and in the introduction of the subject the speaker, in a humorous manner, alluded to some of the peculiar characteristics which existed respecting the Scotch character. The idea that Scotchmen were incapable of appreciating a joke was alluded to, and instances given which proved that not only Scotchmen but Englishmen and Americans were not devoid of a sense of humor. He also alluded to the part which race played in the world's civilization, and to the very heavy work of Scottish nationality who led in the departments of literature, exploration and science.

In an eloquent manner he outlined the characteristics which had conducted to the success of the Scotch race in the prairie capital. If that knight of the jimmy had been a gentleman burglar of the old school he would have carried off the jewels and precious stones that lay ready to his hand. The coal famine has set prices of fuel upon a pinnacle, and while New York holds up its hands in helplessness, Chicago helps itself to whatever is handy. In certain sections sidewalks have disappeared in a night. The blocks in the roadways are now rapidly disappearing. Nor can the change make the streets much worse than they were before they were denuded, unless there has been great change within a very few years. Chicago is a warm place, if the temperature does occasionally drop away down while the stormy winds from the lakes do blow.

## MINING AT QUATSINO.

Progress of Work in Yreka Copper Claims—W. C. Spicer Arrives From West Coast.

W. C. Spicer, secretary of the Yreka Copper Company, arrived from the Coast by the Queen City today, and is a guest at the Dominion hotel. He visited the Quatsino mining properties, and says that work in connection with the development of those mines is proceeding as actively as ever. About 70 men are employed, and the mines are rapidly being put into condition for making large shipments regularly.

The aerial tramway, although not yet finished, as has been stated, is rapidly nearing completion and promises to be ready for operation well within the prescribed time. About 2,000 tons of ore are on the dump waiting to be sent to the smelter.

Men are busy at present preparing the water flume and making other arrangements for the installation of the 10-horse power compressor plant, which will arrive from San Francisco in the near future. The power for running this machinery will be derived from a steam running through the Yreka properties.

BABY HUMORS.—Dr. Agnew's Ointment soothes, quiets, and effects quick and effective cures in all skin eruptions common to the human race. It is a sure remedy for the rash in cases of Scald Head, and cures Eczema, Scald Rheum and all Skin diseases. It is sold in 25-cent and 50-cent jars by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—55.

Rev. Charles Henry Robinson has been appointed Dean of Westminster, in succession of the Rev. George Granville Bradley, who has resigned.

## MAY BE SOLD.

Old Schooner Amethyst, Now in Euclidean, Will Probably Be Placed on Market.

Settlers living along the West Coast in the neighborhood of Euclidean will endeavor, it is said, to sell the hull of the schooner Amethyst, the craft which sailed to Barkley sound last winter, bottom up. The schooner now lies in Euclidean. She was placed on an even keel last winter shortly after the storm carried her in from sea, but as nothing was found in her hold the craft was taken to a safe anchorage and there moored. In the meantime nothing has been heard of her crew or from her owners.

The Queen City, which brings the news of the sale of the hull of the schooner Amethyst, writes from 1425 Dunning street, Chicago, Ill., the following letter:

"For years I suffered with catarrh of the kidneys connected with the army. Medicine did not help me any until a comrade who had been helped by Peruna advised me to try it. I bought some at once, and soon found blessed relief. I kept taking it four months, and am now well and strong and feel better than I have done for the past twenty years, thanks to Peruna."

## SKELETON CAMPS.

Lord Dundonald on Work of the Eastern Militia.

Lord Dundonald was recently asked for his opinion in regard to the recent skeleton camps of instruction at Sussex, Thetford, and other places. He said: "I have for some years advocated a skeleton system of training as the best means by which peaceful and industrial nations can defend themselves at the least cost to the nation. The skeleton system of training officers, non-commissioned officers, and a few selected privates in every company and squadron, working hand in hand in hand with a widespread instruction of the militia, is the most efficient means of defence. I have seen at these camps of officers and non-commissioned officers, and I am in the belief that a well thought-out system of training officers, non-commissioned officers, and a few selected privates in every company and squadron, working hand in hand in hand with a widespread instruction of the militia, is the most efficient means of defence. 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