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LONDON, TUESDAY, SEPT. 29.

A FALSTAFF'S ARMY. Has a political party in Canada ever gone into an election so bankrupt in brains and character as the present

federal Opposition?

It is impossible to compare the men behind Borden with the lieutenants of Blake and Laurier, when the Liberal party was in Opposition. There is no comparison-only a contrast.

Cartwright, Mulock, Mills, Davies, Fisher, Paterson, Geoffrion and Scottthese were some of the men who for years carried the federal banner of the Liberal party in its darkest days. Every one of them had a national reputation, and was acknowledged to be fit for the highest responsibilities. The great name of Mowat was added in the campaign of 1896.

The Liberal leader in Opposition was surrounded by giants. The Conservative leader in Opposition is surrounded by pigmies. Who have been Mr. Borden's lieutenants in the House of Commons? Apart from Osler, who is a C: P. R. director, and Monk, the French-Canadian leader has there been a man of first-class ability and untarnished reputation behind Mr. Borden? There is Foster, who in office betrayed chant for slander and coarse abuse. and who was leagued with Pope and Fowler in some of their western exploitations.

Such are the men who are in the front rank of the federal Opposition! THE BRITISH OVER-SEAS STATES

AND THE NAVY. The announcement that the British admiralty has given its general approval to Australia's scheme for the formation of a "mosquito" flotilla as the nucleus of an Australian navy is important in that it indicates a change of attitude on the part of the naval

At the second colonial conference they advanced the theory that as the sea is all one, though there may be many colonies, there should be but one admiralty and one fleet, though divided into many squadrons.

Cape Colony and Natal accepted this view and principle, and have contributed in a small way to the imperial navy without any conditions as to tempt to influence the discretion of the should inwardly digest: admiralty in its dispositions.

Australia, however, has always insisted on the presence of a small fleet in her waters as the condition of her subsidy, and latterly appears to have practically decided to have a fleet of her own, and not trust wholly to imperial protection. The fact that Canada has taken over the garrisoning of the naval stations at Halifax and Esquimalt is taken to mean that the Dominion inclines to the Australian rather than the South African view.

Of the two alternatives-one imperial fleet supported in part by colon-1al contributions, and an imperial fleet under the admiralty, with colonial ities. If there is any opprobrium conauxiliary fleets under separate local nected with it in the public mind, the management-the Manchester Guard- fault is not in politics, but in poliian, one of the most influential of Eng- ticians. There is no reason why polilish papers, inclines to the latter. A tics as a career should not be as highly writer in the Fortnightly Review, on regarded as any other profession or Railway, and the building of the National the other hand, pleads for the old ad- calling. In the mother country the miralty ideal of one imperial ficet term "professional politician" carries under one contral, and draws up an no sinister meaning. Many men deimperial naval budget in which the liberately make it their life pursuit. imperial naval budget in which the liberately make it their life pursuit. News from its position of "independence" ful play, set to the most enchanting amounts payable by England and the Of course, they belong mostly to the into a full-fledged Tory organ compels a music. The period of action is probcolonies are severally assessed accord- leisured class, and with many of them ing to revenue and population. On public life is an hereditary occupation. the basis of a £40,000,000 budget, he There is no corresponding class in this political scandal." calculates that the mother country's young country, and the professional share would be £35,000,000, Canada's politician is thought of as a man who and Australia's £1,500,000 each, South treats politics as a trade, not as a sci-Africa's £1,000,000, India's £500,000, ence. Canadians, irrespective of party, the German treasury administration. The New Zealand's £250,000, and the crown ought to welcome the other type rep-problem is easily enough solved by the colonies £250,000. In other words, resented by Mr. King, who frankly under this scheme, India would be chooses politics as a career, from prosperity, which has brought with it liacalled upon to increase her present motives which are not open to the bilities in kind. But, somehow or other, contribution five times, Australia and suspicion of selfishness. To enter this a prosperity which has brought so enor. Idaho" is a play true to western life. nettograph is there with the real as a member of the Ghost Club had New Zealand would increase theirs field he relinquishes a lucrative post, the deficit must be wiped out. That is seven times, Cape Colony and Natal in which he has won reputation and very quickly done by increased taxation theirs eleven times, while Canada, success. He declares that there should spirits, beer and tobacco and "other arwhich contributes nothing, would be be some higher object in life than ticles of universal consumption," under asked to tax herself to the amount of money-making. The country has ear may possible distinguish higher taxes

TAXATION REDUCED. In 1896, under the Conservative tariff, \$18 28 was the average an paid upon every \$100 worth of goods imported into the country. Under the Liberals, the average rates per annum have been as follows:

1897 \$17 87 1899 16 70 1902 15 09

If, since the Liberals have been in power, the Conservative average rate One year \$5.00 of taxation in 1896 had been levied upon all the imports, nearly fifty million dollars more duties would have been collected. That is the fair measure of he reduction of taxation brought about by the Liberals.

> movements in time of war would re-! main in the hands of the admiralty, for a polecat. What masterly repartee! no fleet could act under orders from half a dozen centres, and no scheme giving the colonies representative control at the admiralty is conceivable. That the colonies would consent to

vices that the fleet might render, but trade. Australia, at any rate, stoutly insists that they are more than equal to the ercise over imperial policy and the scale at all proportionate to their badly blemished. wealth is not only illusory, but dangerous. There is only one way in which the colonies could make a contribution to their defence at sea that is proportionate to their resources, navy under central management will never be much more than the imposture that they are now."

Moreover, the Guardian believes this indirect form of contribution by the creation of colonial navies would be "a his leader, and in private life violated more valuable form of assistance than a trust which every honorable man a contribution of five millions in forty would consider sacred. There is Fow- would be." If the colonies contributed Press dropped this shop-worn lie? ler, who remains silent under a sorry proportionately to the cost of an imaccusation, and whose western deals perial navy they would have a right have been a public scandal. There is proportionate to their contributions to Lefurgey, a confederate of Fowler in control the disposition of the fleet, and his secret negotiations with railway in time of war this right would be excorporations by which he pocketed a ercised pretty vigorously. The result nice fortune in land speculation. There would be that a portion of the fleet is Pope, the ringleader of the gang, equivalent to the amount of the conwho financed his enterprises on the tributions would be tied down to local credit of rallway magnates, and who colonial defence, which would be fatal plains that high protectionists in now reappears as the Conservative to sound imperial strategy. The leader in the Eastern Townships of Guardian scouts the claim that colon-Quebec after a period of exclusion ial auxuliary fleets could be of no as- drag her into their tariff politics. It

mergency, and says:

because the sea, forsooth, is 'all one,' why was the Japanese alliance held to relieve our fleet from its responsibilities in the China seas? We see no reason why colonial navies should not in time become as valuable to us in their own neighborhoods as the Japanese fleet was held to be in Chinese waters. Indeed, we can imagine circumstances under which the element of doubt that would exist in the minds of an enemy as to the part that colonial fleets might play in war with us would be far more embarrassing to him than an equivalent addition to an imperial navy would be. It is certainly not should discourage them by insisting that all their interest in sea power of the admiralty."

A CALL TO YOUNG CANADIANS.

Here is an excerpt from a letter written by one brilliant young Canadian. Rodolphe Lemieux, to another brilliant young Canadian, Mackenzie their local defence at sea or any at- King, which every young Canadian

> "I congratulate you on the patriotic and high-minded motives that have prompted you to enter public life. There is no worthier field in which a young man can seek honor and distinction. I am satisfied that your career of usefulness has but commenced, and that our common country will get great good from this bold and original step which you have me permission to marry you." taken. You have offered an inspiring and stimulating example to the younger generation of Canadians, manifesting, as you have done, a su- do it." preme confidence alike in the greatness of the destiny of Canada and in the judgment of the people of Can-

There is no nobler science than pol-

Mr. Roblin calls Editor Macdonald

Foster was Mr. Borden's misfortune Since Mr. Borden has whitewashed him, he is Mr. Borden's fault

Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, secretary consider such a proposal, the Guardian of the British Labor party, who vis- To lure and crush thy fellow men; "The colonies are ready to admit adoption of the principle of the ited Canada last year, advocates the The tramp of many feet shall still that their contributions to the navy adoption of the principle of the Pursue thy kin for exare incommensurate with the ser-

amount of control that they can ex- the last House of Commons were, dispositions of the fleet. The idea with one or two exceptions, medioof obtaining financial contributions crities. The foremost Conservatives Remembering his unpaid score; from the colonies to the navy on a were, with one or two exceptions, Your washerwoman, lingering where

Six hundred and sixty miles of the When you are gone. Grand Trunk Pacific Railway-from When you are gone Winnipeg to Wainwright, Sask .-- are The rains will still descend upon and that is by the formation of sep- in operation. The mileage was wrong- The just and unjust, as they did arate colonial navies, . . . Col- ly given as 66 in Saturday's Adver- Upon your unpaid Derby lid; tiser, through a misprint.

> way he said it would not cost the Will honk as wildly raucous there country more than \$13,000,000. Now As they have thus honked everyit is found that the road cannot be built for \$200,000,000.—Free Press. Isn't it time that even the Free Your doctor, lawyer still will frown,

The Weekly Farmers' Sun, which is thoroughly impartial, admits that the Fielding tariff "sensibly lessened"the burdens of the farmers of Canada. The Sun is too honest and intelligent to argue that an increase in revenue is an increase in taxation.

The Manchester Guardian com-Canadians brand England as their most dangerous commercial rival, and from Parliament. There is Bennett, a sistance to the imperial fleet in time of might have added, with truth, that these Canadians find their natural al-"If auxiliary fleets are valueless liance with the Conservative party in

> Looks as though oats will make up what is lost by wheat in the grand total of the west's harvest. Now, oats are not to be sneezed at, In the words of the Scotchman's reply to Dr. Johnston, see what horses they have produced in England and men in Scotland.—Quebec Tele-

Our contemporary's version hasn't the full flavor of the anecdote, as refor us to encourage the colonies in judice against the Scotch, defined the mania for building battleships, oats as a grain "used as food for horses in England and men in Scotland." A witty Scott retorted: "True; must be shown through the medium and where will you find such horses and such men?"

GOLF OUSTS CRICKET.

Golf seems to have ousted cricket from parliamentary circles entirely. Sir Home Gordon says it is hopeless to raise a parliamentary eleven, when a team can always be obtained for golf.

How completely have the allurements of the latter game succeeded is shown by the fact that on one Friday in June the computation was made "that 350 of our representative legislators were going to Gordon assures us that "next to politics of his and smoking rooms of the House as golf.

SUPERFLUOUS POSTSCRIPT. [Philadelphia Ledger.]
"It's all right, Prince," said the Ameri-

can woman, "my relatives have written "Excellent. And did they say nothing "They added a superfluous postscript

SURPRISING ADMISSIONS.

[Hamilton Times.] Mr. R. L. Borden addressed meeting in London last night. In the course of his address he astonished many Tory newspaper readers who have been accustomed to see it stated that the money spent by the Liberals had been wasted, by making the admission that large sums had been spent on great public works, such as the deepening of the canals, the extending of the Intercolonial

A TERRIBLE DROP. [Halifax Chronicle.] The complete conversion of the Toronto overdone, nearly every issue reeking with

GERMANY PAYING THE PRICE. [New York Post.] A deficit of \$500,000,000 to be made up in five years is the problem that confronts authorities. You see, the enormous demous a deficit cannot persist under it. So on real estate and legacies, and on which euphonious description the trained Julian Edwards' comic opera, "The Gay about one-tenth of her existing revenued of such idealists in the public on foreign grain and cattle. The direct on Monday, Oct. 5. The audiences that have crowded the theatre during treasury are also to be augmented. It that have crowded the theatre during the pounds with ease.

already pay an annual taxation of 23 per head, roughly estimated. Battleships must be built to keep in the race with Great Britain, which is straining its finances to keep up the naval race with Germany. Even in the face of the half-billion-dollar deficits, the madness persists. With taxes piting up on rent and on food, subsistence for the average man may become so difficult in the German land as to give added meaning to the belief that "Germany's future is upon the water."

LIMITED [Judge's Library.] Mrs. Dyer—What has become of Mrs. Higbee? I haven't seen her in an age. Mrs. Ryer—Well, you know she has only one afternoon out a week since she be gan keeping a servant.

> ONE BETTER. [Exchange.]

Cora-Pauline is smarter than you, my dear. She can accompany the new tenor on the piano Nora-Yes, but I accompany him on his

WHEN YOU ARE GONE.

When you are gone The tailors' bills will still lead on, Come hurrying with many a bill, Pursue thy kin for ever on,

The untarnished Conservatives in And suns and systems still wheel on, That grocery bill will yet hold pace With all thy brooding, mourning race; The butcher's boy will pass your door The sun glints on her rich, red hair, Will scowl and mutter and pass on

The comets and the stars perforce Will hold upon their wonted course; When Sir Wilfrid proposed to As from the day that you were born; The gopher gambol through the corn build the Grand Trunk Pacific Rail- And wild geese honking in the air

where: The sunset glow will still sift down, The "ten" you owe me still lead on, When you are gone.

A THIRD SOLUTION.

Two diners at a hotel were disputing as to what a pineapple really was. One of them insisted that it was a fruit, the other insisted that it was a vegetable. The friends determined to accept the decision

"John," asked one of them, "how do you describe a pineapple? Is it a fruit or is it a vegetable? "It's neither, gentlemen; a pineapple is always a hextra!" he replied.

> CROWDING A BIT. [Cassell's Saturday Journal.]

Lady (after tendering a shilling for Cabby-Thank you kindly, lady. I suppose you don't 'appen to 'ave a wisp of 'ay for the 'orse?

NOTHING OF THE KIND. [Yonkers Statesman.] Redd-Did you try a jinrikisha while u were travelling abroad? Greene-No; you must recollect I'm

he water wagon. A NEAR-RIGHT ANSWER.

[Lippincott's.] Some funny things happen in the school A Brooklyn teacher called upon small boy to define "multitude." "A multitude,' said the boy, "is what we

MISSING WEDDING RING.

[Westminster Gazette.] The curious incident at the wedding of Earl Poullett and Miss Storey of the ring falling on the ground and being for some time the subject of a fruitless search, suggests the query as to what have occurred if the missing ring had not been found. In such case any ring sent temporarily for the purpose would have been an effective substitute, and another wedding ring could afterward have been procured. In one distinguished and historic Eng-

lish family the same ring has been used for several generations at the marriage of its members, for which subsequently ordinary wedding rings are substituted.

WOULD NOT DRESS UP.

[The Referee.] Thackeray's crossing sweeper who kept golf in the week end." Indeed, Sir Home his carriage was not entirely a creation imagination. I knew a man who northing is so much discussed in the lobby took his stand daily outside a publichouse, fetched cabs and did odd jot relatives were very well off indeed, and they persuaded him to go and live with them. After leading a life of luxury for a couple of months he reappeared one day outside of the public-house. I, knowing his circumstances, asked him why he had left comfort for the cold pavement. had to," he said. "I stood it as long as I could, but when they wanted me to dress to the effect that I would be a fool to for dinner every time they had company I chucked it."



De Wolf Hopper Tonight. The De Wolf Hopper Company will be at the Grand tonight, presenting

fantasy entitled "What Happene correspondent of the Toronto World to ably about the year 1950, for the aerodescribe the News as "so unfair, and so plane and airship are in full perfection, and the automobile a vehicle of the

"Out In Idaho."

comedy drama, "Out In Idaho," will be here again with their wonderfully the alleged messages from the dead represented at the Crand. "Out In Idaho" ranks above the average seen in Lon- graphs. Much of the act is new, and beyond the reality of telepathy. An don. It contains the quintessence of it is always worth while. the best portions of those stories that made Bret Harte so famous. "Out In ishes excellent music, and the Ben- the late Professor Churton Collins, who

"The Gay Musician." New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Montreal, Toronto, etc., have set the seal of approval on the new

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dorsed the verdict of Manhattan, where "The Gay Musician" proved one of the greatest successes seen there for many seasons. The clean and refined work Alvinston Oct. 6 and 7 source when such attempts are made, of the book and lyrics, added to the charm of Julian Edwards' music, has Belmont Oct. 2 whether the medium we employ has resulted in one of the most enjoyable Beeton Oct. 8 and 9 established communication. If we be presentations given the public for a Blenheim Oct. 7, 8 successful in obtaining in this way of the waiter, who was called to the very long time. The admirable com- Blyth Sept. 29 and 30 duplicates of certain portlons of the pany gathered to sing "The Gay Mu- Barrie Sept. 28, 29, 30 diary, then we shall ask the professor sician" has not a single flaw in it, Burford Oct. 6 and 7 for more details concerning his death. while the chorus well deserves its appellation of "the pest singing comic Caradoc-Mount Brydges Oct. 2 Sir Oliver Lodge that it is possible to opera chorus in America." In the mat- Chippewau Oct. 8 and 9 obtain spirit messages from the dead, ter of costuming, the gowns are the Clarksburg Sept. 28 to 30 and all of us look upon the coming exhandsomest that money could secure. Cookstown Oct. 6 and 7 periment as an interesting test, which, All in all, "The Gay Musician" is one Delaware Oct. 7 if not conclusive, will at le And here are two buns you may have, orchestra of fifteen pieces is carried Dungannon Oct. 7 and 8

by the organization. Saie of seats opens Drumbo Sept. 29 and 30 Thursday at 9 a.m. Henry B. Harris, manager of "The Essex Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1 Fair, Embro Oct. 1 Lion and the Mouse" Company received a letter the other day from a Fordwich Oct. 3 village. Leslie Coombes, aged 18, is theatrical manager in Mexico in ref- Forest Sept. 30, Oct. 1 the alleged murdered, and it is said erence to procuring the rights to this Feversham Oct. 6, 7 the usual conditions attached to the Highgate Oct. 9, 10 rights of producing a play in another Harrow Oct. 5. 6 country, saving one thing. I should Kirkton Oct. 1, 2 Germany by German publishers last like to have permission to change the Kilsythe Oct 8, 9 year exceeded 42,000,000, weighed title of the play, as there is a law in Lion's Head Oct. 1, 2 42,100,000 pounds and were valued at Mexico which requires theatres and Lambeth Oct. 6 £15,000,000. circuses to present exactly what they Mildmay Sept. 28, 29 play being 'The Lion and the Ohsweken Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2 Mouse, it would be necessary to Otterville Oct. 2, 3 show these animals on the stage, Paisley Sept. 29, 30 which, of course, is out of the ques- PricevilleOct. 1, 2 tion. Therefore, I would like to know Ridgetown Oct. 12, 13, 14 if you and the author, Mr. Klein, Ripley Scrt. 29. would be willing to permit me to give Sarnia Sept. 29, the play a different name."

reddy Bear matinee at Bennett's Vau- Thedford Oct. 6, 7 deville Theater. No doubt there will Thorndale Fair Oct. 6 be a very large attendance of ladies Tillsonburg Sept. 29 and 30 and children, for what child can withstand the chances of securing a beautiful Teddy Bear? Manager Driscoll Underwood cordially invites all to be present, and Wyoming Oct. 2 and 3 guarantees the bill to be one of the best ever seen at Bennett's. Don't forbs. His get the Teddy Bear matinee at Bennett's on Saturday.

Olympia Desval and her trained horse and dogs form the feature act of a good bill at Bennett's this week. The act is far ahead of the ordinary and it won the approval of a large audience last night. The horse does some marvellous tricks, and is ably assisted by the well trained dogs. "The Congressman," an act put on

They are the funniest Irishmen on the stage today, and they say and do new things all the while.

Jessica Lewers and Ada Mae Mitchell have a splendid act. Albeit it with a full line of "Punch" jokes.

On Friday night the melo-dramatic Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Darrow are

The bill will be presented every pear if possible to the surviving memafternoon and evening this week. Only the highest grade teachers are

moving picture goods.

The Mexican porter handles loads of gaining the communication.

FALL FAIRS

Dundalk Oct. 8 and 9 Dresden Oct. 1 and 2 Elmvale Oct. 5, 6, 7

Shedden Sept. 30 Tara Oct. 1, 2 Saturday afternson there will be a Thamesville Oct. 5, 6, 7 Teeswater Oct. 6 and 7 Tiverton Oct. 6 Oct. 13 Walter's Falls Sept. 29 and 30 Wallaceburg Oct. 6 and 7 Wiarton Sept. 29 and 30 Wallacetown Oct. 1 and 2 Watford Oct. 8 and 9 West Zorra and Embro Agricultural

WORD FROM DEAD A MYTH

Sir Oliver Lodge Doubts Alleged Psychic Phenomena.

by the Quigley Brothers, is a scream London, Sept. 27.-Sir Oliver Lodge disclaims certain sensational opinions which have been attributed to him Field and Hanson, the oldtime min- with reference to alleged messages strel favorites, are back with their from the dead and states that he has ever welcome musical comedy act, made no announcement beyond the and it is better than ever. It's worth simple one that "Our evidence is parthalf a dollar to hear "Toad" Fields by published and partly to be published say "Then They Don't Want the in the proceedings of the Society for

Psychical Research." Sir Oliver defined his position in an article in Harper's Magazine for Auwas fashioned after that of the El- gust, and apparently the evidence more Sisters who are great favorites which has been submitted to the Sohere. One of the young ladies sings clety for Psychical Research and is now admirably, and the other gets away being prepared for publication by Alice Johnson does not carry him further A very pretty little "skitlet" is that than the pelief that it is possible that of Frank Coombs and Muriel Stone. discoveries of the first magnitude can Frank sings all to the merry, while be made by entirely scientific methods

Muriel furnishes the settings for the in the field of psychology. From this statement it seems fair to deduce that Sir Oliver does not accept clever sand pictures and shadow- cently published as proving anything attempt shortly will be made to enter Professor Stevens' orchestra furn- into communication with the spirit of entered into a solemn compact to ap-

bers of the club after death. The secretary of the club said it was proposed to use certain portions imployed in the F. C. B. College even- of Professor Collins' dlary that were unknown to anybody but the family and intimate friends as messages after

anticipate difficulty from the usua

valuable in our research work."

KILLED IN THE WOODS. Watertown, N. Y., Sept. 28. Harry Hosmer, aged 31, of Fine, St. Lawrence County, was shot and instantly killer

that he has confessed to the crime

at nearly \$800,000; the latest figures being 209,792 standing clocks, 441,755



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