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SPECIAL NOTICE. We have at last obtained the official figures of our Canadian census...

ARCHIBALD BLUE, Special Census Commissioner. We have long and patiently waited for this information...

As soon as the census closed all reports were turned over to the committee on awards...

It has been frequently stated that the British are treating the Boers much too well...

ANOTHER LIBERAL VICTORY. The result of the by-election Tuesday in Victoria, B. C., is a great victory for the Liberal party...

The Quebec Tory Policy. The French-Canadian Conservative organ of Messrs. Borden and Monk...

Profits in Poles and Ties. When one speaks of raising trees for profit one's ideas are most naturally associated with the orchard business...

The Giggling Girl. If you tell her she's modest or tell her she's vain she'll giggle...

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on the tie question told the Central Association of Railroad Officers in Louisville only a year ago...

NOTE AND COMMENT. It will be Senator Robert Thomson.

Another Liberal victory in Victoria, B. C.

The demoralized and sickly condition of the Tory party has extended to British Columbia.

Colonel Lynch, M. P. for Galway City, will get a wireless fit-out to communicate his views to Westminster.

The wave of Liberalism is following Greeley's advice and going west. But a strong wing still remains in the east.

There is a great muddle in majority matters in Montreal. It would not surprise anyone to see Mr. Raymond Prefontaine the next mayor.

It is understood that Lieutenant-Governor Snowball proposes to reside in Fredericton and re-establish the government house. This will be popular among the citizens of the colonial city.

There were indications that Mr. James Cochrane, M. P., would have defeated ex-Mayor Wilson-Smith in a straight fight. This would have been another "people's Jimmy."

Sir C. Herbert Tupper resides in British Columbia and the parliamentary representation is five Liberals and one Conservative. It must remind him of the result of the provincial elections in 1897, when he led the party under Spair.

A debating society at Bangor has decided that the British must surrender South Africa to the Boer republics. Some of our debating societies might resolve that Uncle Sam must surrender the Philippines to the Filipinos. The latter resolution would be about as effective as the Bangor one.

The local opposition emissaries have visited a number of the counties looking for possible candidates and combinations. The leader, however, feels he has not yet got the numbers which the combination, and that the Liberals approached have not forgotten the rejected Moncton convention.

President Roosevelt always seems to have been a poor sort of fortune. Circumstances seem to have combined to aid and give him his opportunity. In Washington he is fortunate in having a young family which the Americans look to with admiration, and no doubt his daughter, Miss Alice Roosevelt, will pass into history as "the belle of the White House."

When one speaks of raising trees for profit one's ideas are most naturally associated with the orchard business and the fruit of trees. The advice has often been given people who spoke of planting shade trees that they might as well have something useful as merely ornamental, for a fruit tree may be a shade tree as well as profitable for its fruit. This is all very well where one desires ornament, and when one can afford a fine avenue of beeches or maples it is a credit to the man who raises them, for doubtless he who does so can likewise afford the space for an orchard if he wishes to go in for fruit raising also. To raise such wood as cedar or spruce purely for profit, however, is a thing that seems foreign to those who, like New Brunswickers, have been accustomed to go into our natural preserves and cut an abundance of supplies of trees, trusting blindly to nature for replenishment.

Yet the profit in cultivating trees for their wood has in late years become so forcibly apparent that the Department of Agriculture of the United States has recently issued a bulletin to awaken the farmers of the west to the need of raising plantations of wood to supply such needs as those of telegraph, telephone and railroad companies. It is shown that the telegraph lines of the United States require nearly 600,000 new poles every year and the cost of these is more than a million dollars. It is also estimated that there are more than 620,000,000 ties in use by the railways of the United States and that ninety millions of ties are required every year for renewals. The street car systems use nearly as many ties as the steam railroads, and the telephone and light companies use nearly as many poles as the telegraph companies. In the past ten years the prices of poles and the timber have advanced. It is stated, nearly fifty per cent, and it is estimated that in the next ten years they will appreciate another fifty per cent. It is also to be noted that an expert

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