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 —TROWING.

London, Thursday, October 6.

## CANADA AND DESTINY.

Were it necessary, no doubt one could name persons more or less prominent who espouse each of the four following views: (1) Remain exactly as we are—or the Permanent Colonial Idea; (2) Imperial Federation—having a voice in and contributing to Great Britain's world-wide concerns, wars, etc.; (3) an equal partnership between Canada and the United States; (4) an Independent Canadian Republic.

We say the question of who favors what is not for the moment very important. What is more important in this question: What is the stream of tendency?

1. Take the Permanent Colonial Idea. Can one perceive a stream of tendency along that line? The Sir John Macdonalds, the George Browns, the Alexander Maclezens, who came from the Old Country, have all or nearly all passed away, and the Permanent Colonial Idea has died with them. Their places are being taken by native-born Canadians.

2. The Imperial Federation Idea. A few can be found to talk of Canada entering an Imperial Federation in which she would be outvoted 50 to 1. A few can be found who believe that it would be reasonable for Canada to embroil herself in the wars, just or unjust, of Europe, but who can say that any substantial stream of tendency heads that way?

3. Is there, then, it may be asked, any stream of tendency in favor of either of the two remaining alternatives?—i. e., Canadian Independence and Continental Union. Undoubtedly there is.

And probably both streams of tendency have their natural source in the American Republic. Canadians are there by the hundred thousand, and indeed are working up into the millions column. The influence of the American Republic upon these hundreds of thousands of Canadians who live in the United States is overwhelming. In turn, the influence of these American-Canadians upon sentiment in Canada is measurable. And it is all in the direction of either of the two alternatives named—a Canadian Republic on the model of the United States Republic, or a complete business and political partnership between Canada and the United States.

If we are correct as to the direction in which the stream of tendency sets, one need not bandy epithets about the matter. The stream will move on to its destined end.

The issue is thus simplified. The Permanent Colonial Idea takes its place in limbo alongside of the Imperial Federation Idea, leaving the two remaining ideas to manifest before the public which will turn out to be the Aaron's rod of destiny.

LORD ROSBURY has decided, after communication with the civil service commissioners, that shorthand writing shall be one of the optional subjects in future examinations for admission to the Foreign Office and diplomatic service. Thus doth the pen of the ready writer become more and more a recognized necessity in the business world.

## THE DEATH OF TENNYSON.

Death has garnered some of the master prose and verse writers this year. Whitman, Lowell, Curtis, Whittier, representative American writers, have passed away within a very short time, and to-day the British poet laureate, Lord Tennyson, died ripe in years and honor. Like nearly every great man who has died in recent years, Tennyson breathed his last at an early hour of the morning. Already there is talk of his successor, and one British newspaper nominates Swinburne. It would not surprise us if the nomination held good. There is no other prominent poet in England to-day, though there are one or two good Scottish verse-makers. Why not make the honor British, and let a North of the Tweed man have an opportunity to celebrate royal events in verse? One great Scotchman, Sir Walter Scott, was offered the office when Pye died in 1813, but refused, and Southey, who then accepted it, did so on the ground that he should only write when he chose to do so. Wordsworth and Tennyson, who have since held the office, followed his example. The position brings about \$300 a year to the holder.

In recently-published reminiscences of Thomas Carlyle, a lady tells us that Mrs. Carlyle was never weary discouraging Carlyle, his genius and his dyspepsia. "If you wish for a quiet life," she used to say, "never you marry a dyspeptic man of genius." But why should a woman marry a dyspeptic man of any kind? It is a big enough risk to run chances of a man becoming dyspeptic after he is married.

## WAYS OF VOTING.

The New Zealand Parliament, having enacted a law giving the right to vote to women, has further provided that the fair voters can register without attending at the polls. This, we presume, is intended as a proof of the gallantry of the legislators, but surely a woman who has a vote should think it no more derogatory to her standing in the community to go to the polls than to go to a public meeting or to church. There is nothing degrading in the polling booth, if the vote is honestly taken by decent officials, and all the outcry against women being mixed up in "filthy politics" is raised by individuals who desire to frighten women out of asserting their rights to have a voice in the making of the laws which they, in common with men, must obey. But sufficient progress may yet be made to enable not only women but men to record their vote in regard to men and measures without going to the polls. The present method may be superseded by a simple system of registration, by means of which the voter shall be supplied with papers at his or her home, to be filled up and returned as are the census papers in Great Britain. But in any case we should have the one man one vote and the one woman one vote, and the voters for the House of Commons should only vote where they reside. This practice, carried out in the Ontario Legislature with regard to men, must commend itself to everyone who wishes to have an honest record of the popular vote.

## AN HONORED LONDONER.

Dr. C. I. Campbell, of this city, who has just been elected grand sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Oddfellows, has returned to London and quietly resumed his practice. In this he exhibits his usual modesty, for if the doctor had informed his brethren here of the date of his entry into the city as the honored chief of the order, he would have been given such a welcome as has never been extended to a Canadian Odd-fellow. And rightly, too, for Dr. Campbell is the first Canadian selected as head of this progressive order, which embraces a membership of nearly 1,000,000 men. It is a thoroughly cosmopolitan society, and Dr. Campbell has been chosen on his acknowledged merits as an earnest exponent of its principles both in and outside of the lodge room. His journey home from Portland, Oregon, where the Sovereign Grand Lodge met, was broken by demonstrations in his honor which his brethren at three great centers insisted on holding—first at Fargo, North Dakota, then at Winnipeg, and afterwards at St. Paul and Minneapolis. Now that he is at his old home, among the scenes of his early triumphs in his professional, public and society life, congratulations are being showered on him from every quarter. Dr. Campbell would be more than an "odd" fellow if he were not satisfied with the many assurances of good wishes for his long enjoyment of the honors so deservedly bestowed on him.

To-morrow will be the centenary of the founding of the first Protestant church in Montreal—St. Gabriel's. There are to-day many fine edifices devoted to the preaching of the gospel, as understood by Protestants.

## COMING POSTAL CHANGES.

The United States Postmaster-General believes that the present generation will live to see established a free delivery system in the country, a house-to-house collection of letters in the cities, the postal telegraph and the postal telephone. There is no reason why all these reforms should not be brought about, not only in the United States but in Canada. Great Britain, the home of economical self-government, finds that it pays to have the telegraphs and the telephones operated by the Government, in conjunction with and on the model of the postal service. Postmaster-General Wanamaker has also discovered that in cities, if proper means of collection are provided, it will be as easy for a postman to distribute letters and collect letters to mail as it is now to merely deliver letters.

But the most important proposition advanced by this progressive official, and which has already been advocated by this Journal, is the establishment of a country free delivery service. Some have scoffed at this proposed extension of the privileges now enjoyed by persons living in the cities, just as there were some who thought the Mackenzie Government was extravagant when it extended the system of free delivery to London and similarly sized cities less than twenty years ago. We believe that the reform will be brought about. It would be fraught with far-reaching influences for good to our rural fellow countrymen. What is it that makes the lot of the average farmer less tolerable than that of the average resident in an urban community? Is it not the lack of community of interest with the outside world, the comparative loneliness of the occupation, the inability to keep abreast with what is going on in the outside world? Let the farmer have a free delivery of letters and newspapers, and a powerful aid to the reconciliation of the young to stay on and make the most of the farm would be presented.

Why should the farmer not be entitled to every convenience granted by the Government to citizens, seeing that he contributes his full share of the taxation necessitated to supply these civilizing agencies? An excuse is the expense. But would it be so very much more expensive than the present system after all? The increased business would, in a large measure, pay for the extension of the postal service, but if it did not do so, there are many ways in which the authorities could economize, so that money now practically squandered could be applied for this most useful purpose.

## THE PLACARDING OF DISEASES.

The statements made at the Board of Health, in meeting the reports that infectious and contagious diseases are not properly reported and placarded in the city, are reassuring. London, we know, is a healthy city. Its admirable situation, to a very considerable extent, favors that, while its inhabitants are, as a rule, a cleanly, careful community. Thus, we learn from the Government returns, London has a lower death rate than any of the larger-sized cities in the Dominion. Nevertheless, it was made evident by the discussion at the meeting of the Board of Health that if the city is to maintain its present prestige it will have to vigilantly promote some scheme for getting rid of its sewage and waste material, and the sooner the better. It is more by good luck than good management that the city has maintained its general healthfulness in the past, and if it is to grow, as grow we believe it will, those charged with the preservation of the public health must face this issue.

The medical health officer asserts that the use of the "medieval privy pit" and the use of well water are the causes of typhoid fever, which is an annually recurring affection, as well as other filth diseases. He is correct in this surmise. But how comes it that well water is used in this city? Surely no well in contiguity to cesspools should be left open. If the health officer knows of any such wells which menace the life of those who use water taken from them, it is his duty to report to the Health Board, and obtain power to compulsorily close them. With a water supply such as is possessed by this city, unsurpassed in purity, there is no excuse for using filth-tainted water.

We observe that it is left to the medical health officer to say whether or not a placard shall be placed on residences in which typhoid fever exists. This is a power of discrimination which should not be placed in the hands of any officer. It is true that typhoid fever is much less infectious than diphtheria or scarlet fever, but so long as its prevalence is dangerous to the community, and precaution is deemed necessary, it is just as well that the placarding should be continued. It need entail no unnecessary hardship to those affected. But there will always be allegations of undue discrimination so long as any officer has the power to favor one and enforce the law with regard to another.

SIR JOHN THOMPSON seems to be the dictator of the Ottawa Government. Sir John Abbott, the Premier, and all the other Ministers were ready to take part in a Cabinet Council yesterday, but Sir John Thompson did not put in an appearance, and the meeting was canceled.

## TOPICS OF TO-DAY.

Two of the most beautiful articles of feminine adornment are singularly ugly and unattractive in their crude state. Tortoise shell, as it comes to market from the West Indies, is coarse, dirty and lusterless, and only the most skillful patient manipulation makes it the rich and beautiful material it eventually becomes. Ostrich plumes, as they arrive in the market, look like bedraggled turkey feathers, and they pass through a score of hands before they become the fluffy and graceful adjunct to feminine attire.

The introduction of a new saw for lumber is to be noted—an upright implement, thin like a bandsaw, and having direct steam attachment; at each end of it is a steam cylinder, each of which has but a single steam port. The upper piston head draws the saw and the lower piston up, and the lower piston draws it the rich and beautiful material it eventually becomes. Ostrich plumes, as they arrive in the market, look like bedraggled turkey feathers, and they pass through a score of hands before they become the fluffy and graceful adjunct to feminine attire.

Some interesting processes in obtaining distilled or lighter products from mineral oils have been described by Dr. Laing of Edinburgh, before the Royal Scottish Society of Arts. Among these he names the arrangement of a still in such a manner that the oil is continuously being distilled into itself until the required density is obtained. Dr. Laing showed that radiant heat is a powerful agent in breaking down oil vapors, and can be utilized by passing the gases as they leave the still through a superheater, at a higher temperature, placed between the still and the condenser. His ingenious method for distilling under pressure—by means of which a high temperature can be maintained until liquefied—he describes as consisting of a relief tank interposed between the pressure valve and the condenser, into which the gases escape as they come from the still, the pressure here getting distributed over such a large area that it is practically reduced to nil, the oil running to the receiver at ordinary atmospheric pressure. Dr. Laing's new form of still for preventing oils being broken down, as in distilling for lubricating oils and paraffine wax, is so constructed that the non-condensing heavy residues which are continually forming under distillation are constantly being removed from the source of heat.

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