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SEMI-WEEKLY COLONIST

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MR. TAFT ELECTED.

Mr. Taft is the choice of the peo-de of the United States for Presi-ent. He has not, strictly speaking, seen elected, for that is a formality been elected, for that is a et to be gone through, but the de-ision of the Electoral College was determined by Tuesday's vote. The gen-eral opinion of people outside the United States will be very favorable. Mr. Bryan is a man, who has deservedly won the esteem of the English speaking public. He is thoroughly manly, and experience has tempered his views on economic questions. His personal character is above all question and he is one of the strongest personali-ties, who have appeared in public life in the United States during the last quarter of a century, and perhaps we might say in a longer period. He represented in the cabinet. One would would have made a good president, but would have made a good president, but suppose that Sir Wilfried Laurier is would have made a good president, at there is little doubt that his election would not have been as well received in the business world as that of Mr. Traft. He would have attempted nothing revolutionary, but time would have been necessary to demonstrate this. The business community was The business community was panic of last year and the fact

tural way.

WORK TO BE DONE.

prompt and thorough. It demands that civil service reform shall be complete and that every precaution shall be taken to secure purity of elections. It says the country demands "a ruthless cleansing of the departments of the old leaven wherever it can be found." It profests against any more white-washing by parliamentary committees. It tells Sir Wilfrid Laurier that his real "work" is "to bequeath to history a clean country." There will be every hope on the part of the people of Canada that what the Witness says is the duty of the government will be discharged in a manner that will restore confidence at home and gain respect abroad. The strong views of our Montreal contemporary, which is Liberal in this province was greatly facilitated by the conduct of those, who assumed, and doubtless possessed, the right to be lieve is a valid red claim. We are very sure that no reasonable man would for a single instant take the position that the assertion of this reversionary right is ill-advised. We have already seen how it enabled to continue this course of folly, they have a perfect right to do so; but if an attempt is to be made to punish great the provincial government to make an excellent bargain with the Grand Trunk Pacific. We have seen that in the provincial government has any time for better government will be distant the provincial government has any time for the provincial government has any time for limitation of the position that the assertion of this reversionary right it may be read to be made to punish a summary of the provincial government has any time for limitation of the position that the assertion of this reversionary right it may be read to be made to punish the case of the Songhees reserve the provincial government has any time for limitation. It is summary to the country. There will be inaugurated that will be felt throughout Canada. The voters of British Columbia are not very strong partizant as a rule, but they are men, and if any attempt is made to make the provincial government has any important great ground existed for a campaign Cabinet Minister, they will know how. better government. As we have to resent it. already said in this connection, pa-triotism is above partizanship, and much as Conservatives may regret their defeat as a party, as Canadians they will welcome any honest effort on the part of their successful rivals on the part of their successful rivals to remove the reproach that has been attached to public life in Canada. So that what they strive to bring about is accomplished, they can afford to be indifferent as to who shall bring it about. There is a great work to be done. The leeches must be shaken off the public treasury; the public service must be placed outside the influence of patronage; the system of public arecount of the ballots by a judge of a recount of the ballots by a judge of a recount of the ballots by a judge of a recount of the ballots by a judge of a recount of the ballots by a judge of a recount of the ballots by a judge of a recount of the ballots by a judge of a recount of the ballots by a judge of the recount of the ballots by a judge of the recount of the ballots by a judge of the recount of the ballots by a judge of the recount of the ballots by a judge of the recount of the ballots by a judge of the recount of the ballots by a judge of the recount of the ballots by a judge of the recount of the ballots by a judge of the recount of the ballots by a judge of the recount of the ballots by a judge of the recount of the ballots by a judge of the recount of the ballots by a judge of the recount of the ballots by a judge of the recount of the public service must be placed outside the influence of the recount ence of patronage; the system of pub-lic expenditure must be brought down to business principles and every op-portunity for graft must be eliminatportunity for graft must be eliminated; there must be a full and frank account rendered to the country by the cabinet minister to suffer defeat, and stewards of its national assets; there must be an end to parliamentary with the cabinet minister to suffer defeat, and the disposition seems to be to regard must be an end to parliamentary stewards of its national assets; there must be an end to parliamentary whitewashing. The Conservatives must labor to promote these things. There certainly is a great work to be done, quite apart from the national undertakings needed for the development of the country. If this is to be Canada's Century, the Dominion must be fitted for its new responsitions. must be fitted for its new responsi-bilities, and the first and most impor-tant step in that direction is the puri-fication of public life and the inaugura-

Messrs, Mackenzie King and Richard Reid have ended their contest in the amicable manner in which they began it. Mr. Reid had called at the Walper House half a dozen times to meet Mr. King, but had only managed to convey his congratulations over the phone, but tonight found him in, and the candidates, in reviewing the campaign, agreed that each side had put up a clean fight. Mr. Reid stated that the Conservatives had got out all their in that respect that Mr. Templeman

Brothers King and Reid do in the Ontario town. The melancholy fact remains that sometimes they do not. As a rule defeated candidates do not ring up their successful opponents over the phone and tender their congratulations. We have an impression, it may of course be a mistaken one, that nothing of the kind occurred in this city, and we have an idea that the newspaper champion of the defeated Minister has not as yet been able even to say a kindly word to its own friends. We champion of the defeated Minister and a yet been able even to say a kindly word to its own friends. We kindly word to its own friends. We very difficult to defeat him, notwithstanding the strong feeling of the people of the Toppens question. have not yet read Mr. Bryan's con-gratulations to Mr. Taft, But since the Millennium has begun in Berlin, Ontario, everything will soon get all right everywhere, and the wicked will cease from troubling.

SOME POLITICAL RUMORS. A telegram from Ottawa says that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will sit for that city in the House of Commons, that the Department of Inland Revenue will be given to Mr. Jacques Bureau, that Mr. Templeman will be appointed to the Railway Commission and that "British Columbia is practically handed over to the Conservatives." It is astounding how poor a sense of proportion some people have, how wretched a conception of political leadership they possess and what ill-temper they can display. One would suppose that the defeat of the Minister of Inland Revenue of the Minis land Revenue was in the nature of a public calamity and called for an outdoubt the crop will be better if self personally in an attitude of hoslowed time to germinate in a way. Hot-house political with the fisheries. We counselled greater the Fisheries. We counselled greater activity in the protection of the fisheries were treated as imperiment. The administration shall be and thorough. It demands that the purification of the country facilitated by and thorough. It demands that the province was greatly facilitated by om of the administration shall be complete was greatly facilitated by government for insisting upon what the conduct of those, who assumed, they appeared to be lieve is a valid

RESULT OF THE RECOUNT.

The result of the recount in the Victoria election is that Mr. Barnard

led to his defeat, but an observation in the Montreal Witness shows how de-sirable it was that he should be dethat step in that direction is the purification of public life and the inauguraration of an administration which shall not only be great in its policies, but shall carry out those policies in an honest way.

MILLENNIAL DAWN.

We knew that the Millennium was about about due, according to the calculations of certain students of prophecy, but it appears already to have arrived. To be sure it is as yet local in its operation, but what else can you expect? Even the Millennium must begin somewhere. It seems to have selected Berlin, Ontario, not that other Berlin where the Deputy Providence lives when he is at home, as the place for its debut, and the story of its coming is thus told in a despatch from that town:

Messrs, Mackenzie King and Richard Reid have ended their contest in the amicable manner in which they began it. Mr. Reid had called at the Walper House half a dozen times to meet Mr. King, but had only managed be wise to take the should be defeated. The Witness show how desirable it was that he should be defeated. The Witness says the result was due to the dissatisfaction of the people of Victoria with the government's Asiatic policy. Hence it follows that if he had been elected, his success would have been construed as meaning that the people of this city are satisfied with that policy. Towards the close of the campaign that the people of this city are satisfied with that policy. Towards the close of the campaign that the people of this city are satisfied with that policy. Towards the close of the campaign that the people of this city are satisfied with that policy. Towards the close of the campaign that the people of this city are satisfied with that policy. Towards the close of the campaign that the people of this city are satisfied with that policy. Towards the close of the campaign that the people of this city are satisfied with that policy. Towards the close of the campaign that the people of this city are satisfied with that policy. Towards the close of the campaign that the people of this city are sa

the Conservatives had got out all their votes, and that the Liberals had evidently got out a larger vote, which had not been coming out at all in other cent elections.

ministry. It was unrough his language in all in their was not her province. It was not because as the head of a public department he had unfaithfully discharged his trust; it was not because as the city. There is not, of course, the least cause as a representative of the city reason in the world why brethren he had falled in securing a fair share should not dwell together in pnity as of appropriations. It was because he slight falling off, indeed,

ple on the Japanese question.

The final declaration of the vote The final declaration of the vote having been reached, we hope that any soreness engendered by the campaign will pass away and that our late representative will employ his enforced retirement in endeavoring through his newspaper to advance all things calculated to promote the wel-

INDIAN RESERVES Mr. Frank Oliver, Minister of Interior, has been making a speech at Kamthroughout the Dominion these high
achievements will excite genuine pride,
matter of the Indian Reserves in this create the impression that the failure and that more than one hund to extinguish the Indian title to certain claims have already been staked. of these reserves is due to the fact that discovery of this sort was about "d must be looked upon as sacred, he said that they could easily be extinguished if the province did not insist upon this reversionary right. If the province West to cabinet representation. One would abandon this claim, the rights would also suppose that no cabinet minister was ever defeated before, and yet those, who have not forgotten the political history of the country, will recall that even so eminent a public man as Sir John Macdonald went down to defeat and had to seek refuse in a cabinet must, he says, protect the rights of the Indians because of this reversions. secure his defeat. If it had not been for the panic of last years and the fact that even so eminent a public for the panic of last years and the fact that even so eminent a public for the panic of last years and the fact that the country is only slowly recovering from its effects, if business had been good and the outlook had good and

plece of property and will be yet more valuable after the new road to Mill Bay is completed. Is there any one so unreasonable as to say that it is the duty of the provincial government to hand this piece of land over to the Dominion government? We do not believe there is. If all that Mr. Oliver meant to imply was that, when the respective rights of the Dominion and the province in regard to the Indian reserves are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction, the settlement of all questions relating to them will be part to fight to the last ditch. Any candidate defeated by so small a majority would doubtless have asked for a recount of the ballots by a judge, as the law provides.

Wery naturally there is some companies upon the companies of the law position to the province would have to die before the province would be in a position to the province would be a province would be in a position to the province would be a province would be a province would be exercise its rights, is to talk politics pure and simple, but then we suppose that we would be unreasonable to ex-pect Mr. Oliver not to talk politics during an election campaign. His error lies in the fact that his political talk

is so transparent. The record of building progress for the year 1908 will show an aggregate expenditure of over \$1,000,000. This is not at all a bad showing for a period which has been characterized by a marked depression in industrial cir-cles throughout the continent of Amany respect.

That business conditions in Victoria re on a firm foundation, which cannot be shaken to any material extent by a depression in neighboring territory, prosperity were spent in insurance and is shown in very emphatic fashion by the bank clearings for the ten months of 1908. Most people, if they were asked to give an opinion off hand, would say that general business in this works badly organized would lead to the this year has not been so good as universal bankruptcy and universal city this year has not been so good as in 1907. But the figures show that this loaferdom."

estimate of the situation is a mistaken one. The bank clearings from January to October last year totalled \$45,-895,827, while for a similar period this year they totalled \$45,367,791—a very

Mr. Bryan has an advantage over most defeated candidates. He's accustomed to the experience.

That British capitalists have abundant faith in the future of Canada is again shown by the announcement that the British-Canadian Departmental Stores, Limited, with a capital of \$3,000,000, most of which is British, have purchased the site of Knov Colhas purchased the site of Knox College, Toronto, for a big departmental store. The sale price is said to have been \$135,000.

world over, only two have received Of all the Rhodes scholars from the fellowships at Oxford. One is J. D. Archibald, from McGill, son of Judge Archibald, of Montreal, and the other fare of Victoria and the province at is H. B. Rose, son of Rev. Dr. Rose, of Winnipes, who holds a fellowship at Exeter college. Everywhere throughout the Dominion these high

province. With a disingenuousness of which he would have been incapable a few years ago, Mr. Oliver is seeking to the northern British Columbia coast, the provincial government insists that the province is entitled to a reversionary interest in them. After telling his hearers that the rights of the Indians learn that it is an important one. Opinion is unanimous that sections adjacent to the coast line are rich in mineral; and when the ground comes to be thoroughly prospected—and as yet it has hardly been scratched—some rich deposits may be located.

Australia easily leads the rest of the world in experimental legislation Students of political economy will be greatly interested in the new Labor Protective Law which is now under consideration. A cable from Mel-bourne says that the drafting of the

sponsibilities as well as devoid of the instincts of common decency. But Mrs. Laurence looks at the matter otherwise. A London cable reads: "Mrs. Pethick Laurence, speaking yesterday at a meeting of Suffragettes at Queen's half said she could not forget that the founders of the movement were sitting silent in solitary cells, garbed in the livery of disgrace. But the verdict of history, she said, would reverse the shame, as it had done bereverse the shame, as it had done be fore, and would turn into glory the symbol of woman's disgrace, which

would one day stand for woman's deli

Ireland is hanging persistently to the "All-Red" terminal port matter, so to speak, and, contrary to what may have been the general impression, she has legitimate reason for hoping that some day her aspiration will be realized. We note in this connection that a recent special cable from London says: "Sir T, Troubridge has an article in the Standard advocating Blacksod Bay connection with the All-Red rcute, which, he says, is the cheapest and fastest." There can hardly be any question that if the shorter distance to be traversed shall be the determining factor in the choice of a terminal por factor in the choice of a terminal port on the other side of the Atlantic, Black-sod Bay has a pre-eminent advantage over all rival points, and it is for this reason that the Colonist has special sympathy with Ireland in this matter. We have hopes that when the Pacific link of the great Imperial fast steamship service is coupled up, a port on Vancouver Island will be chosen as a terminus, and for the very same reason as that advanced by the promoters of the agitation in favor of the selection of Blacksod Bay—the saving of tion of Blacksod Bay-the saving of

In the British House of Common the other day Mr. John Burns crossed swords with Mr. Keir Hardie over the swords with Mr. Keir Hardie over the question of the respective attitudes of the Labor and Socialist parties in regard to the unemployed problem. Mr. Burns told Mr. Hardie that while the latter was touring the world he (Burns) had started works in Mr. Hardie's constituency for the relief of the unemployed. Mr. Burns' policy, as laid down in this and other speeches, is to organize co-ordinate government. is to organize co-ordinate go sentimental encouragement of the wasters. He told his Laborite op-posers tonight that the average Briterica, though it must be confessed that ish workman spent more than five shil-Victoria suffered but little from it in lings a week for liquor. He declared that these Laborites were no friends of the workingmen if they did not tell them where the responsibilities for their miseries lay. If the millions wasted by workmen in the time of the universal bankruptcy and universa

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or it is a curse instead of a blessing to its owner. Indeed, a good Hand-glass is a necessity to an up-to-date woman or man. We carry a large stock of Hand-glasses, Shaving Mirrors, etc. Many of them genuine Ebony goods, so popular for gifts. Each marked at as minimum a price as possible. Inspection invited whether you desire to purchase or not.

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