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The Advertiser" looks forward with hope to Canada's future as that of an Independent Canadian Nationality, in equally friendly alliance with the United States and with Great Britain, believing that such a status would be best for Canada, best for Great Britain, and promotive of the best attainable relations with the United States. As to Imperial Federation, sometimes spoken of, the ADVERTISER as yet has seen nothing proposed that bears any stamp of practicability, and in any case infinitely prefers the grander and more really hopeful scheme of a federation of the English-speaking peoples of the world.

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"The Advertiser" is a believer in Christian Union, and considers the time has come when the various Christian denominations should come closer together. Those bodies which are now pearest should unite first. Under the present system there is an unjustifiable waste of men, means and effort. The ADVERTISER will endeavor to promote the movement for Christian union not alone by direct appeal and argument, but by seeking to present the best rather than the worst side of each

sary and practicable. Nothing would so ask any fair minded citizen, is the fairer? much purify electoral contests. Nothing But it has been said that when a man is would so much enforce the idea that the tranchise is a duty, not a chattel.

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God's in His heaven, All's right with the world. -[BROWNING

London, Wednesday, Nov. 25.

WE SHALL NEVER RETURN TO THE WAYS OF PROTECTION." The cable dispatches did not do full Mayor's Day. It will be remembered that the British Premier discussed the question of trade or affected by the control of the control of the control of trade or affected by the control of the contro of trade as affected by "protective" tariffs. His concluding sentence in view of the statements made in this country is most

"But I have no doubt that the commercial community of this country does not falter in its attachment to free trade; and I do not ascribe to it any special virtue in that respect, because the fact that the articles with respect to which we should have to exercise protection, if we exercised it at all, are mainly articles of first consumption, hearing upon the necessities of the whole ody of our population, is, in my belief, an absolute guarantee that we shall never return to the ways of protection."

Backing up this view comes the speech of Right Hon, Mr. Jackson, the new Secretary for Ireland, who is a prominent

Secretary for Ireland, who is a prominent merchant and manufacturer in Leeds. His view, as enunciated in that busy town, is as

dark days of the Corn Laws, upholders of up lands around him, and playing the ter-free trade. They are ready now as then to free trade. They are ready now as then to say with Lord Salisbury: "We shall never return to the ways of protection." Imperial Federationists and Trade Leaguers will find small comfort in these explicit declarations against a return to a "protective" tariff in the Motherland. The British people, with characteristic independence, are bent on doing the best they can for them-Canadians must follow their example, and arrange to make such necessary trade arrangements with their near neigh bors as may be most conducive to their own welfare, without reference to olworld interests. We already have free entry to the British markets. There is no prospect of our losing that privilege, because it pays the British to have it so. But that is no reason why we should not obtain, by a bread, statesman-like agreement, free access to the markets of the great consuming public to the south of us. Only the combines and the politicians who accept their funds and work for a retainer can be seriously averse to freeing the commerce between Canada and the States from all unnecessary

THEY BO NOT WANT FAIR LISTS. The general public is not interested in legal technicalities regarding the Dominion Franchise Act, such as have been resorted to, time and again, to prevent properly qualified persons from exercising the franchise. What they desire is that every qualified man shall have the right to vote. Consequently the law should be so plain that no ordinary elector could err in its interpretation. There should be no ambiguity in its provisions; no sharp practice resorted to in order to prevent a good citizen exercising the right to vote. In striking off names of men not entitled

to be on the list, the same rule should hold good. Justice should be the one thing aimed at. While the measure is inforce, there should be no unfair advantage given to any party, or to any individual, but every person should have an equal chance of having his name on the list, or of defending it when objection is raised.

It has been maintained by some, when a voter whose name is on the list has been notified that he will be called on to defend t on the ground that he is "not qualified," that this broad explanation is not sufficient, and that each man should be fully notified of the ground on which his vote is attacked. One newspaper defender of the act tells us that the words "not qualified," which, by the way, were used in this city without question when the lists were last revised, are merely put on the notice to compel a voter to appear at court, and have the whole question of his right to vote left to a "fishing examination." This may appear to be a very plausible explanation but the ADVERTISER is informed by those best able to say that so far as the Liberals are concerned there is absolutely no ground for the statement. They have exercised great care in avoiding attack upon any name on the list that appeared to have a right to be there. At the recent revision, it was shown that when Conservative agents visited the residence of a Liberal who had moved from one street in the city to another, they made no inquiry as to where he had gone, but at once arranged to have his name struck off, unless he lost many hours attending the court to keep it on. On the other hand, we are informed that when a man hitherto known to be a Conservative has moved from one street to another within the last few months Liberal agents have made a point to trace him to his new home, and, if convinced of his "The Advertiser" advocates Obligatory right to the franchise, have left him unattacked. Which of the two methods, we

> swer and comes prepared. Not under the operation of the act in this city. We give n example: John Smith is objected to by the Con servative agents. The objection reads, "Not qualified as tenant under the act." He goes to the court prepared to prove that he is a tenant in the meaning of the act. He submits proof of his tenancy. He is then examined as to his being a British

oters, he knows what he will have to an-

This being the case, it seems to u to be more just to the voter insert the words "not qualified" the notice of objection, and

A KING PICKING UP. follows:

"There were unmistakable signs that certain trades were not in so prosperous a condition as they had been for the last few years. One cause for this was that some of their great markets, such as South America, were now practically nil, and another sause was the tendency on the part of other countries to imposs higher duties on our commodities. It was difficult to see what the remedy for this was to be, but it was been, as Lord Salisbury had pointed out, that it was impossible to take any course of retaliation in the way of imposing import duties. The export trade was vital to the life and prosperity of the nation. It was impossible to adopt any system of fiscal policy which would impose any additional duty upon an article of food which came into the country."

These are the views of prominent Con-King Leopold of Belgium recently en These are the views of prominent Contervatives. They speak for the great mass of the people on their side. Of the views of the Liberals there can be no doubt. They are, as they have always been, since the

Buccleuch, Canadians will be better off b cause he has passed us by. Canada has too many land speculators now. What she needs is legitimate settlers. The foudal magnates who desire to live by the sweat of other people's brows we want not.

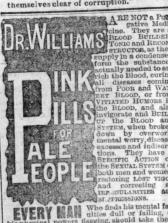
TOPICS OF THE DAY. MR. PATTERSON, ex-M.P. for North Essex says he will resign his office as chairman of the Conservative Association of On tario at the close of the year.

THE FACTOR, referring to the movement to elect women to the Toronto Board of School Trustees, remarks that "there never will be good horse-sense on the school board" till the women are fairly represented by their own sex.

A DIRECT parcel post has been established between Canada and Jamaica. The limit of weight will be seven pounds, and the rate per pound, 37 cents. The new ser-vice will go into effect immediately. The limit of weight of parcels between Canada and Newfoundland, and also for parcels exchanged with other countries via Great Britain, has been increased to seven pounds.

CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER, in opening the Editor's Drawer, of Harper's Magazine for December, will offer some pertinent words of encouragement to "those who are anxious about the fate of Christmas, whether it is not becoming too worldly and too expensive a holiday." The drawer is able to announce, he says, " that those who stand upon the social watchtowers in Europe and America begin to see a light or, it would be better to say, to perceive a spirit-in society which is likely to change many things, and, among others, to work a return of Christian simplicity. first at the wedding and last in the hospital ward. And, as might have been expected, also this spirit is shown by the roung woman of the period, in whose hands are the issues of the future. If she will preserve her present mind long enough, Christmas will become a day that will satisfy every human being, for the purpose of the young woman will pervade it."

A MONTREAL correspondent of the London Standard (the leading British Conservative organ) strongly combats the truthfulness of a recent statement that in the matter of official corruption "there is not a pin to choose between Liberals and Conservatives, between Ministers and Opposition." "A more unjust statemen it would," he says, "be difficult to make.
Mr. Laurier, the leader of the Opposition, and Sir Richard Cartwright, the present leader of the Ontario wing of the Liberal party, were members of the Mackenzie Administration, in power from 1873 to 1878, with every opportunity to adopt the measures and practice the arts, a few examples of which have recently been exposed in the Ministerial ranks of the Canadian House of Commons; but though every effort was made on their ments coming into office to discover something against the ex-Cabinet - a speculative commission having been appointed for the purpose—nothing could be found. It is admitted on all sides that, whatever the merits or demerits of their fiscal policy may be, they have kept themselves clear of corruption."



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