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EDWARD BLAKE'S LETTER.

Elsewhere we print a letter to his late constituents from the Hon. Edward Blake. The letter will excite considerable attention. The ADVERTISER is a newspaper. It therefore gives the document in full to its readers, though unable to agree with Mr. Blake in all his conclusions.

Practically-to get at the kernal of the nut speedily-Mr. Blake discusses broadly the question of Canada's political future. Practically, he says thus: The high taxation policy, the crushing burdens of debt caused by the extravagance of the Government, the exodus of the best of our people, eleventh hour a pronounced supporter arthe dangerous relations growing up between Canada and her great Englishspeaking neighbor, indicate a condition of things fast rendering imfoll and all. This spoiled the ballot, as the with the United States. Assuming that to handed to the returning officer, who must be so, is Canada to go on drifting, drifting, tear off the counterfoil containing the drifting ?-or should our destiny "rather | number. be determined, so far as it remains within our own control, of fixed purpose, after due free people resolving on their lot ?"

There are four possible futures before

- 1. Things exactly as they are.
- 2. Imperial Federation.
 3. Independence.
- 4. Political union with the United

As to the first-Nobody believes the status quo is other than evolutionary, leading on to something else.

As to the second - Nothing more isionary was ever promulgated.

As to political union with the United Nova Scotia, 19; New Brunswick, 15. States, that would certainly give absolute blood and brains would tell in that station in life in which it pleased God to place Columbia, 6. them. But we do not think that is Can-

What is the ADVERTISER'S view of Canada's future? Independence. There are Northwest were each accorded a member many reasons why we think so-why we in the House of Commons, namely Alberta, think Canada could successfully hold her Assinibola East, Assinibola West and own—and why we estimate highly the Saskatchewan. Therefore the representa-tion of the several Provinces and terrilife which would ensue,

cussed at another time.

LIBERAL ONTARIO.

The popular majority for the Mowat Government in the Province of Ontario is now about 17,000. Too bad there were not a few more bye-elections to bring the ma-

THE FREE PRESS CANNOT TAKE DEFEAT PHILOSOPHICALLY.

Our contemporary does not take the defeat of its patron, Mr. Carling, with good grace. It publishes a number of cock-andbull stories about corruption on the night before the election, and hints that a protest may result. There is no reason why the clection should not be upset if the Liberal victory has not been squarely earned; but after diligent inquiry the ADVERTISER has found no grounds whatever for our concontest has been honorably carried on and honestly won, and it will take something more than the apocryphal stories of the Free Press to even suggest any other view of the case to fair-minded citizens. The Liberals having won, we have said nothing of the shady transactions of some of Mr. Carling's agents that are known to the Liberal leaders in this city, or of the remarkable prilgrimages that were undertaken by unscrupulous men on behalf of the defeated candidate and thwarted by the vigilance of the Liberal committees.

The facts ascertained are that there are thorty arger than the United States. The facts ascertained are that there are thorty as a writer in the Forum truly says, theorem as a writer in the Forum truly says, the very same sun which sustains our lives also, and these continents reflect towards to his light. There are darker seas which they intended should be the inheritance of their obliders. There are darker seas which they intended should be the inheritance of their obliders. There was as radical a difference between the agricultural class and the floating population of the defeated candidate and thwarted by the sun, the very same sun which sustains our lives also, and these continents reflect towards to his light. There are darker, seas which they of their intellect and ability, competent to fill almost any public position. They were the owners of landed estates which they intended should be the inheritance of their obliders. There was as radical a difference between the agricultural class and the floating population are the straight lines which chiefly invite inthe visual continents was the work of tarmers. In short, as a writer in the Forum truly says, short, as a writer in the Forum truly says, short, as a writer in the Cunited and they are the in Mars continents for the constituted a class from which they in the continents and the form which there are also, and these continents from the continents as the work of tarmers. In short, as a writer in the Cunited and short, as a writer in the he vigilance of the Liberal committees, But if an election contest is forced on the city by the defeated candidate good care will no doubt be taken that these illegal expedients are thoroughly exposed.

ELECTION ECHOES.

The greatly-increased Liberal majority for Mr. Armstrong in South Middlesex was largely owing to the indefatigable \$3 00 | exertions of Mr. E. Parnell, jun., the secretary of the Liberal Association. He left constituency in its proper position, as the vote in South London most undoubtedly shows. Other parts of the riding fel! short of their duty, owing to the mistaken notion full Liberal vote. Such reasoning is demoralizing.

> The ADVERTISER received its returns from all over the country by special wire, the Great Northwestern Telegraph Comoany temporarily establishing an office in the editorial rooms. We have nothing but oraise for the promptitude of the officials. The service was excellent, and the many housands of electors who crowded the streets in front of the ADVERTISER building must have thoroughly appreciated it.

Mayer Taylor's friends accuse Mr. Marhall's agents of corruptly carrying East Middlesex. The bad voters' lists enabled the Tory agents to get in a good many receaters, and it is even said that dead men voted. No wonder honest men detest the rascally Franchise Act.

Winnipeg seems to have been carried for the Conservatives by an enormous expenditure of money. The old lists, too, enabled unscrupulous men to personate extensively. No fewer than five persons are under arrest for personating dead or absent Conservative voters in the interests of the Tory candidate.

Mr. Hyman lost one good vote at No. 15 polling division (No. 3 ward). At the

THE MAKE-UP OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The House of Commons of Canada consists of 215 members. Each Province is represented in the Commons on the basis of population. By the British North America Act the Province of Quebec is to have 65 members, and each of the other Provinces is to have as many members as will bear the same proportion to the number of its population as the 65 bears to the number of the population of Quebec.

At the period of Confederation the four original Provinces sent members on this the newspaper, and were taken by country basis as follows: Ontario, 82; Quebec, 65;

By the census of 1871 Ontario gained 6, free trade among the largest area of Nova Scotia, 2, and New Brunswick 1. prosperous and off-hand buyers in the Manitoba, Prince Edward Island and prosperous and off-hand buyers in the Manitoba, Prince Edward Island world. Providence may have in the eternal British Columbia were admitted, and by decrees some such plan of healing the special agreement were accorded the following representation in the Commons, which this continent. If so, and Canada were to become a balance-wheel in a mightier Conportionate gain of population over Quebec on, no doubt the vigorous northern entitles them or anyof them to more: Manitoba, 5; Prince Edward Island, 6; British By 'he census of 1881 Ontario made a

further gain of four seats, but none of the other Provinces made a gain on Quebec. In 1866 the four territorities of the tories is as follows: Ontario, 92; Quebec, But these points can be more fully dis-65; Nova Scotia, 21; New Brunswick, 16; Prince Edward Island, 6; British Columbia, 6; Manitoba, 5; Northwest Territories, 4total, 215.

IS MARS INHABITED? According to the totality of recent inves-

tigations into the physical constitution of jorities up to the even 20,000. Again we mark that ungerrymandered Ontario is like our own, the seat of great activity. Liberal to the core.

As most readers are aware, Mars circles As most readers are aware, Mars circles next beyond the earth in the order of planetary distance from the sun. During several consecutive years it has received the interested attention of astronomers, because of good. It used to be when the love of the extraordinary meteorological and climatological events noticeable on its surface. While it resembles the earth in some respects, there is no doubt that it is an entireelection should not be upset if the Liberal ly different land, with different elements, fair means and education was to temporary's charges. So far as Mr. Hyman and his committee were concerned, the Moreover photography last year detected leading representatives in Government in Mars a snow storm, which in 24 hours were farmers, and the legislation for towns and his committee were concerned, the contest has been honorably carried on and covered a territory larger than the United and counties was the work of farmers. In

cross the Martian continents, and bring property,

During the past year neither of these conno legitimate steps untaken to place the fluents have been visible except the one on

cerned. This changes the whole configuration of that great territory. The Lake of the Sun, formerly circular, is now elongated. Ambrosia is incomparably narrower than that the seat being safe for the Liberals in 1877. Lake Phonix is greatly diminished. anyway, there was no need for polling the The Fountain of Youth, which disappeared in 1879 has now returned. The River Araxes is seen to be straight and no longer serpentine as in 1877. It connot be doubted that incontestable and important changes are taking place on the surface of the method of brewing. He says the tea this neighboring world. How can these leaves should be put into an earthen or this neighboring world. How can these changes be explained? As Camille Flammarion, the clever Frenchman who writes on this subject in the February Arena, says, "It is far easier to play cards or take a has been freshly boiled should be poured in walk than to make an effort toward the solution of the problem." The most simple the stove for ten minutes, where it will hypothesis would be to imagine that the keep hot but not boil. At the expiration of surface of Mars is flat and sandy; that it's that time the tea will be perfect, but if it is lakes and canals have no beds so to speak, desired to keep it so the liquor must be but are very shallow, having a thin layer of water, which may easily contract, expand, overflow, or even change its location ac-

cording to atmospheric circumstances. The

atmosphere may be light, and the evapora-

tion and condensation of waters correspond-

smaller, and less important in bulk. It is if they do not get a new light on the ques-about one-tenth as heavy as our globe. tion of getting the most out of a cup of tes-The density of our world's materials being represented by 100, the average density of 71. That is to say a man weighing 140 pounds on earth would weigh only 52 ounds in Mars. It turns on its axis once in 24 hours, 37 minutes and 23 seconds, and 668 days in one of its years. Its seasons resemble ours in temperature, but each when in the service of the Czar, accom season is about twice as long as ours. The panied an expedition to Eastern Siberia, studiously minute attention bestowed upon everything discoverable on the surface of this planet will be for the astronomer and possible any outcome of our political voter could be identified, and it was not future other than that of political union counted. The ballot must in every case be faction and probably of surprise.

FARMING AS IT WAS AND IS. In the memory of the oldest inhabitant farmers used to constitute a class more nearly independent than any other in the community. Each farm produced about all vegetables, fruits, meats, and even such condiments as pepper, sage and other herbs -while the sweets for the table were limited to the sugar and molasses made from the sap of the maple, and to the honey this will be accepted as conclusive. It collected from the beehives. The products would be dreadful, indeed, to have another of farm, garden and orchard frequently open question in connection with the much paid the salary of the minister, the fees of the doctor, and the subscription price of storekeepers in exchange for groceries and drygoods. Shoemakers, tailoresses, wheelwrights and pumpmakers plied their art on farm house was then a manufactory, no of one kind of goods but of many. Carpets, shawls, bed spreads, table covers, towels and cloth for garments were made by aid of the spinning wheel and loom from materials produced on the farm. From the kitchen proceeded not only sausages, pickles and preserves, but soap, candles and vinegar; and cheese making was part of the regular work of the dairy.

forever with the flail, the distaff, the hand-loom and the spinning wheel. In the great grain producing sections of the country farming has almost become a sedentary occupation. The soil is turned by a gang plow, drawn by four horses, while the driver is mounted on a spring seat.

The sower no longer goes forth
to scatter seed, which he carries in
a bag or basket; he rides on
a grain drill, and at harvest in a self-binding harvester. Corn is planted, cultivated, sked and shelled by machines. Haymaking, once the most laborious occupa tion on the farm, has been rendered the easiest by the introduction of machin which cut the grass, spread it over the surface of the ground, rake together when t has become dry, and carry it to the hay

loft or stack. With all these apparently beneficial broad acres, of forests, orchards, horses, cattle, sheep and stately mansions sur-rounded by lawns and gardens was brought

all the seas into mutual communication. At It would be a bad thing for the country certain seasons these rectilinear lines diordinate the seasons these rectifines into two parts. They are generally believed to be canals, but the generally believed to be canals, but the crossing of these watery currents by one another cannot be explained. They can scarcely be crevasses, as they change in a nobler occupation than that pursued by the mechanic, the tradesman or the professional man. If it has fallen form: rectilinear.

Other transformations have been noted.

Size; nor vegetation, as it would not be so sional man. If it has fallen from its former high estate it is because farmers fact that the climax of the Cambe discourance is not reached till after several days'perlormance. Did a woman manage the lovemaking, a crisis would be reached in a
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making a crisis

distinct parts, as if by a sandbank or a gigantic bridge. This lake often shows itself united with another neigh boring sea, and its surrounding waters by three confluents, of which the two on the left have received the names of Ambrosia and Nectar. Janeiro. The Russian Government has been concerned at this movement and has established a system of serveillance the right, though four others have been dis- the German frontier to check it. In this way several hundreds of would-be emigrants have been arrested and forced to turn back

> A tea expert says that a pound of tea will furnish 300 cups of liquor if it is made properly, but that the maximum benefits of the leaf, both in the matter of quality and quantity, are seldom enjoyed because the general ignorance of what appears to be so simple a process as to require no care, agate ware pot (never use metal) and stand on the back of the stove until thoroughly warmed. Then hissing hot water which and the pot should be placed at the back of separate it from the leaves, which, after a while, would give off an astringent element. In serving, the cups and the cream should be warm, and the cream should be put in the cups before the tea. The public are told not to smile at these simple instructions, but to try them and see tion of getting the most out of a cup of tea. We all spell Behring Sea wrongly it

seems. The name of the Danish navigator, after whom the sea in question is galled, was Vitus Bering. "We do not, indeed," says a learned writer in the Neue Zuricher Zeitung, "possess an account of numbers in consequence of this rotation his voyages published by himself, but the historian, Gerhard Friedrich Muller, who, and had free access to all official document used Bering's written memoranda in his 'History of Siberia,' a work consisting o name of Commodore Bering. The same spelling was followed throughout by the reviser of Muller's history, J. E. Fischer, who was also a member of the expeditio just mentioned, and went to Siberia in 1740, when the commodore was still living; by the German, G. W. Steller, who had accommunity. Each farm produced about all companied the discoverer as naturalist; by the food necessary for the family—grains, J. G. Gmelin, St. Kraschenninikow and several other authors describing Siberian travels of the eighteenth century. The correct spelling is further found in our best handibooks and maps, such as Cannabisch, Daniel, Stieler, etc." Let us hope that all

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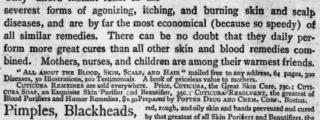
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