ance and superstition of the French ination." habitant" and every other term of approbrium and insult that its ingenious and not over polite or refined management could conveniently lay hold of have been persistently brought into use to express its thorough contempt of "Quebec, Catholic Quebec," as it now calls that enlightened and independent province.

During the local elections of 1893 and 1896, it fairly outdid its former efforts of abuse of the French Canadian race, their customs, habits and "lack of progress." We were appealed to to uphold the Greenway government in this young province of Manitoba, who were so disinterestedly contending to preserve our childeren and children's children from the "mediævalism" of and other more or less dreadful evils of "Quebec, Catholic

To-day "Quebec, Catholic Quebec" is

the one glorious, free and enlightened portion of the Dominion. Its mediævalism, its lack of progress, and all its other numerous abominations, have disappeared and it stands before the Dominion the peerless star of confederation. We have been telling the Tribune all this and more about "Quebec, Catholic Quebec," for the last six years, but we could not stem the wild current of its abuse. When Joseph Martin was enabolishing the French language and the separate schools, after having come into power by solemnly promising to conserve both; when the Tribune, with coarse and vulgar invective, was applauding this disgraceful act of unheard been announced. of treachery; the Northwest Review hurled back in its face the falsity of its statements and proudly pointed out to it and its masters the fact that "Quebec, Catholic Quebec" was the only province in the Dominion that was just, fair and even generous, in its treatment of minorities. When intolerance and bigotry were running riot with the calm, common sense of the people of this province; when pulpiteers and demagogues were preaching a crusade of hatred so shameful and diabolical that its memory is a blot upon nineteenth century civilization, to say nothing of Christianity when the Tribune was the sewer through which this abominable garbage was conveyed to the public, the Northwest Re-VIEW was holding up "Quebec, Catholic Quebec," its laws and its people as a direct contradiction of all the false and wicked things said against the customs, traditions and religion of "Quebec, Catholic Quebec." But protest as we would. the same foul and slanderous statements were reiterated and embellished by the Winnipeg Tribune and all the lesser lights supporting the government of Mr. Greenway. At that time it was the proper caper to abuse and malign the people of Quebec. The people were seriously told that if they did not support Mr. Greenway in his racial and religious war against the rights and privileges of the Catholics of this province we should have a second Quebec here, a Quebec much worse than that which lovingly nestled on the banks of the beautiful and historical St. Lawrence.

But now a change has come over the dreams of the Winnipeg Tribune, and it sees nothing so very dreadful in the cry of "French domination." We quite agree with this view of our contemporary. Wherever French domination has been, there will be found freedom of conscience, liberty of action and the fullest and most complete sense of fair play and justice. No persecution of minorities; no violation of the constitutional liberties of the people, whateger may be their race, sect, or color, has ever found a resting place where French domination exists. Let the Winnipeg Tribune Sewell, of Maine, for vice-president, on a take this historical lact well to heart and platform which makes a clear issue with let it remember, that while the French will undowbtedly be fought out on the Canadians have ever been most gener monetary question and bids fair to be

Canadian race. Ever since its appear- their midst, they will exact for them- history of the country. It is to be war sofar from defending them, it has been they have been so scrupulously just in hierarchy," "an alien race," "the ignor- have nothing to fear from "French dom- are involved.

## POLITICAL NOTES.

The following is the new cabinet as Commerce, Sir Richard Cartwright: Justice, Sir Oliver Mowat; Finance, Premier Fielding (of Nova Scotia); Militia, Dr. Borden; Marine and Fisheries, L. H. Davies; Public Works, J. I. Tarte; Railways and Canals, G. H. Blair; Agriculture, S. H. Fisher: Postmaster-General, W. Mulock; Customs, W. Patterson; Inland Revenue, Sir Henri Joly; State, R. W. Scott; Solicitor-General, Chas. Fitzpatrick : without portfolio, C. A. Geoffrion and R. R. Dobell. The Interior Department is not to be filled at

It seems to be the general opinion that whilst the new cabinet is strong in some respects, there are several weak or not altogether satisfactory features. From a Catholic point of view the absence of Mr C. R. Devlin's name from the list must be regretted. The Hon. David Mills would certainly have been the choice of a large number of people in preference to some who have been given portfolios, whilst the appointment of Mr. Tarte as head of the department of Public Works is not calculated to increase the confidence of the general public in the new administration.

The people of the west will await with interest an announcement regarding the gaged in the characteristic pastime of head of the Department of the Interior. A significant article appeared in the Tribune of Monday last in which the ground was taken that it would be unwise for any Manitoba member to accept a seat in the cabinet until the Government's policy on the school question has For the

> An eastern Liberal paper discussing the rumors regarding the formation of the new cabinet beld that Mr. Laurier should not pay any attention to the wishes of the English-speaking Cathotics in this matter inasmuch as they almost unanimously supported the Conservative party in the recent elections. There seems to be no doubt that these Catholics did cast an overwhelming majority of their votes in condemnation of the course pursued in the late house on the Remedial Bill by Mr. Laurier and his

The proceedings for a recount in the Selkirk constituency were brought to a sudden close on Saturday, the county court judge ruling that Mr. Armstrong had committed a fatal error in depositing with the wrong official the two hundred dollars required by the law as security for costs. There is little doubt tha a recount would have given him a majority, but as it is, the returning officer's declaration that Macdonell is elected by a majority of one stands good. It seems a shame that a purely technical mistake should deprive the electors of this important constituency of being represented by the man of their choice.

A recount is to take place in the constituency of Lisgar and it is genegally believed that the result will be that Mr. Rogers, Conservative, and not Mr. Richardson, Liberal, will sit in the next par-

At the close of the recount in Western Assiniboia the judge declared the election a tie, and the returning officer cast his ballot for the old member. Mr. Davin is one of the ornaments of the Dr. Morse's Indian Dominion Legislature, and the fact that he is to sit in the new house will give general satisfaction.

Across the line in the United States matters political are getting rather warm. as each of the two great parties have their candidates in the field and have commenced in earnest the campaign which will close with the election to take place in November. The Republica ans have nominated Major William Mc-Kinley, of Ohio, for president, and Mr. Hobart, of New Jersey, for vice-president, on a platform, the two main planks of which are declarations in favor of high protective duties and a gold standard; whilst the Democrats have selected Mr. W. J. Bryan, of Nebraska, as their candidate for president, and Mr. A. their political opponents. The election Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills. ous in their treatment of all classes in one of the most bitter contests in the

ance on the field of Canadian journalism, selves the same measure of justice which to the knife between the advocates of the two theories and the situation is untheir most bitter enemy. "French dom- meting out to others. In this, as in all from considerations of mere party policy ination," "Quebec rule," "the Quebec things else, the Tribune and all Canada the foundations of industrial prosperity

### A Youthful Politician.

Chauncy Depew tells this story: "] once asked a New England man-a class mate of mine-what were his inannounced on Monday: President of tentions for the future of a vigorous the Council, Wilfrid Laurier; Trade and youngster who was playing on the lawn. Well,' he said, 'my wife and I believe in natural selection, and letting a boy follow the bent of his mind. To find out what that was, we left him in the sitting room one day with a Bible, a silver dollar and an apple. I said: "If when we come back he is reading the Bible I shall train him to be a preacher; if he has pocketed the dollar I will make a banker of him; if he is playing with the apple I will put him on a farm." When we returned he was sitting on the Bible, eating the apple in one hand and clutching the dollar in the other, and I remarked: "Wife, this boy is a hog; we must make a politician out of him." ' "

> Mr. Bowen Rowlands, Q. C., the Latest prominent convert to the Catholic faith is the leader of the South Wales Circuit and represented the Liberal interests in the House of Commons for Cardiganshire from 1886 till last year. In early life he was a Church of England clergyman, but relinquished the Church for the Bar, at which he has attained suc-

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