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MR. REID, the new Prime Minister of Australia, has issued an address to the electors in which he explains his position. He says that Free Traders and Protectionists have decreed a fiscal peace, which will enable the new administration to restore sound government and repress visionary schemes. "Although our majority is small, it is a majority of the whole House. The Labour Party is no longer in a position to drive the other two parties." In an address to the electors of New South Wales Mr. Reid urges the same argument. He says that the appearance of a caucus-tied Labor Administration raised constitutional and national questions which justified the effecting of a junction to rescue Australian politics from the grasp of an arrogant minority which sought to bend the national power to its own selfish ends. These statements confirm the view most persons took of the meaning of the alliance between Mr. Reid and certain of Mr. Deakin's followers. It is an alliance like that of Fox and North, in which particular measures and old differences are suspended in order to put an end to a particular system of government. Mr. Reid's own following is smaller than that of either of the other two party leaders—14 votes in the Senate and 26 in the Lower House. It is difficult to form an opinion on the prospects of this coalition.

THE Right Hon. John Morley, M. P., the author of the biography of Mr. Gladstone and many other works and who has held important Cabinet positions in Britain expects to be in Toronto sometime towards the end of October. Such is the purport of a letter which the Hon. Mr. Harcourt the Minister of Education received from Mr. Morley. When Mr. Harcourt was about to leave Britain after his recent

visit he learned that Mr. Morley was to go to Pittsburg, Pa., to open the great new library Mr. Carnegie is donating to that city. Mr. Harcourt at once wrote urging Mr. Morley to visit Toronto, and in reply Mr. Morley wrote that he would probably visit Toronto before going to Pittsburg, and might spend two days there.

SPEAKING of the appointment of Lord Grey as Governor General, Black and White says:—"Lord Grey is essentially the type of a man—a type which England has always been able to breed for her Imperial needs—fitted by nature for the great Pro-Consulship. He bears an historic name, that is both directly and indirectly connected with the history of Canada; for his aunt was the wife of the famous Lord Durham, under whom the present constitution of the Dominion was framed; his father held important military command under Lord Durham; and his sister is the wife of the retiring Governor-General, Lord Minto. Lord Grey is a young man, as public men go nowadays, but he is one of manifold activities. He has served as Administrator of Rhodesia, and as a director of the British South Africa Company; and he is one of the founders and leading spirits of the Public House Trust—a movement which has already done so much on new lines in the direction of reforming the licensing system. In politics his sympathies have been of an Imperial rather than of a party character; and though he sits on the Liberal benches in the House of Lords, his attitude is strictly independent, and rather more critical towards the Opposition than to the Government of the present day. He is an admirable speaker, without making any pretensions to showy qualities; and on South African questions speaks with especial authority. But there are qualities even more essential than those of eminent ability for a successful governor of a great colony—the qualities of tact, bonhomie and accessibility. These qualities Lord Grey possesses in a remarkable degree. He understands the Colonial temperament and attitude of mind which have caused such severe discomfort to some Colonial governors; and he knows how to

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