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"What with franchise acts, gerrymanders and Judge Elliott, the minority has been inhumanly used," remarks the Toronto Telegram, which is an independent Conservative journal.

In Toronto, the Bible Society directors number some twenty. The three principal denominations, Church of England, Methodist and Presbyterian—have an equal number of directors, namely, five each, the Baptists three and the Congregationalists two.

It is said that another effort will be made to have Newfoundland become part of Canada. There will be time enough to talk business when the right of France to the Newfoundland foreshores is settled by Great Britain. Canada has enough of "burning questions" on her hands now without undertaking the settlement of so grave a national complication as that now existing between France and Great Britain with regard to the right of French fishermen to use the shores of Newfoundland, despite the protests of the Newfoundlanders.

LORD DUFFERIN has sent to the Foreign Office a report on the increase of the French army since 1870. This has been very large, as the following shows:

	1870.	1892.
Battalions of infantry.....	368	428
Squadrons of cavalry.....	478	428
Batteries in the field.....	224	484
Batteries in the fortresses.....	60	96
Sappers (companies).....	60	80

Moreover, each regiment has a fourth battalion, and there is also a large territorial army. The report says that the condition of the military force and of the defenses is unsurpassed, and that they are well worth the cost of bringing them up to their present standard. It all depends. The workers who have to toil long hours, on the poorest of fare, to earn the taxes that pay for this military display cannot be very well satisfied with the state of affairs that is held to necessitate expenditures of so huge proportions.

THE FREE LIBRARY.

It is now made evident that the dispute between the Board of the Workingmen's Free Library and the London Ministerial Association was the result of a misunderstanding. There cannot be a doubt that the practical outcome will be the drawing closer together of the two bodies. They both aim at the bettering of the human race, and it should not be difficult for them to co-operate in every forward movement.

The candid discussion of the points upon which the Ministerial Association asked for light cannot fail to help the movement to extend the influence of the Free Library, while it must convince citizens generally that the Ministerial Association can, when it chooses, do a great deal to promote discussion of questions affecting the moral and social welfare of the people.

There were doubts in the minds of many as to the condition of the Free Library; the clerical men have been the means of having these doubts met with full and free explanations by the Board, as well as of bringing forth declarations in favor of the Free Library movement by almost every association of workers in the city. That is a good deal to accomplish in ten days.

WOMEN AND THE CONFERENCE.

The question of admitting women hereafter to the General Conference of the American Methodist Church was yesterday practically settled in the affirmative at Omaha. The amendment which carried provides that the word "laymen" as applied to the lay delegates must mean male delegates, and in case this interpretation of the word is not sustained by a two-thirds vote of the annual conference, and a three-fourths vote of the general conference, then the word "laymen" shall mean both men and women as lay delegates. This was carried by 241 to 160. It is well understood that this vote practically admits the women, as the final result does not now admit of doubt.

Well done, General Conference at Omaha! Philadelphia has six day nurseries where working women with children, ranging from three months to eight years in age can leave them from 6:30 in the morning until 6:30 at night. Three meals and ample amusements are given, costing the mother six cents a day. These institutions are supported by voluntary contributions. Other cities have them on much the same plan. They are a great boon to poor widows.

HOW THE SEATS SHOULD BE REDISTRIBUTED.

The Redistribution of Seats Bill, it is now announced, will be proceeded with this session, and the ruthless carving up of constituencies and destruction of county boundaries, begun in Ontario in 1882, is to be continued in every Province of the Dominion, unless better counsels are made to prevail at Ottawa. It is admitted by newspaper supporters of the present Administration that the rearrangement is not made on the basis of providing that the constituencies shall be equalized. They even freely confess that their object is, as far as possible, to give their friends a partisan advantage. They have learned the lesson taught by Sir John Macdonald, who boasted after the infamous gerrymandering of 1882 that he had "hived the Grits," and they chuckle with glee while they count up the partisan gains that will accrue from the dishonest manipulations of county divisions that are found in every section of the new gerrymander act.

Appealed to if they think it is British fair play for the dominant political party to endeavor to stifle public opinion by gerrymandering the constituencies, the followers of Sir John Thompson reply that it may not be that, but if "the Grits were in power they would do the same, therefore it is excusable." Suppose this were true, would it be the right position for an honest man to assume? Surely no decent Conservative who desires the country to be ruled well, and that the majority shall prevail on every occasion, can uphold such a doctrine, so long as there is ample opportunity for the best men of both political parties to join hands, and compel such a change as shall prevent any political party, be it Liberal, Conservative, or yet undefined, from using its power to stifle the voice of the constituencies.

Such tactics as is apologized for on the miserable subterfuge that "they all do it," and therefore it is right, would not be tolerated for one moment by British public opinion. Why should Canadians be less chivalrous, less honest, less anxious to let the best men win in a fair fight?

When Mr. Gladstone brought up his Redistribution Bill in 1885, he called in the leader of the Conservative party, and told him the principle upon which he proposed that the constituencies should be readjusted, and informed him that he proposed leaving the duty of arranging the new constituencies in the hands of thoroughly independent public officials. The Opposition leader admitted the fairness of the proposition, and the consequence was that when the scheme was laid before the House it received the unanimous sanction of Parliament, and there was absolutely no discussion on the practical revolution in the constituency boundaries. As it turned out Premier Gladstone's friends got the worst of it, but look at the satisfaction that both he and they had!

No man worthy of the name can object to the redistribution of seats in the Dominion being made by a body as far removed from partisan influences as possible. Recent events have, in some measure, shaken our faith in the judiciary, but we would gladly endorse the passing of a law taking the redistribution of seats out of the hands of the partisan and intensely interested Government of the day, whose fate may be involved in the result, and placing the duty of rearranging the constituencies in the hands of an independent judicial body. The organization probably further removed from partisan influences is the Dominion Supreme Court. Its members sometimes complain of having too much to do, but as this work has to be done only once in ten years, and once properly performed, as it has never yet been, the task would be a comparatively light one. Parliament now has the right to delegate to this or to any other court or body of men the work that in the past has been so badly done, but has caused so much ill-feeling, and has resulted in positive injustice to one-half of the people of Canada.

Why should the present Parliament make a beginning. Let the court have carte blanche to rearrange the constituencies, as nearly as possible according to the population, taking every precaution to observe civic and county boundaries. It is not too late to be honest, Sir John Thompson; it is not too late to let gentlemen of the House of Commons. Many of us in the west have good reasons to object not only to the present gerrymander, but to all previous carvings and cuttings. No one who desires, as does the ADVERTISER, that the majority shall rule, will object to a non-partisan distribution of seats. In every contest we support certain candidates because we believe in the principles which they profess to be willing to forward; but if in any fairly formed constituency such candidates found themselves in the minority, then the voice of the people would be respected. It is the stifling of the public voice by partisan manipulation of municipalities that we protest against, and we should be supported by every fair-minded elector in Canada. Can any person bring one valid objection against this proposal?

PAYMENT OF MEMBERS.

The representatives of English labor in session at Leicester resolved to make the payment of members of Parliament a test question in the coming general election. Those candidates who fail to declare themselves in favor of salaries for members are to be opposed by the influence and votes of organized labor. It seems to be reasonable that the servants of the people should be worthy of some indemnity for the loss of time entailed in working for their country. At present it is only possible for men of independent means to go to Parliament, unless their constituents are generous enough to put up the money. Why should the able, but poor, man be debarred from serving his country?

The first Indian woman to prepare herself for nursing by a scientific training is Nancy Cornelius of the Indian school at Carlisle, Pa., who has just received a diploma in the Hartford training school for nurses.

TOPICS OF TO-DAY.

The Toronto Telegram, stirred up by the raciality in connection with the East York election, and rebelling against the evils of the Dominion voters' list, remarks: "A revising officer's court is not a place merely for putting on those who are entitled to vote. It is a gambling den where the price of an advantage upon the list goes to the candidate who is aided by the most unscrupulous perjurers and the most expert tricksters." Strong language this, but apparently justified by the facts.

Three Senators, Messrs. Hale, Dolph and Colquhoun, discuss the Harrison Administration in the June number of the North American Review; they do so interestingly, but it is needless to say that the Senators do not agree in their conclusions. Sir William Dawson begins a series of articles on "Prehistoric Times in Egypt and Palestine," and Karl Blind discusses some "Modern Revolutions." Mr. Garner tells of his hopes with regard to the monkeys and their language. Contributions from Munro Hall, Archdeacon Farrar, Mrs. Barr and others make up an exceedingly interesting number.

The only counties in Quebec Province in which the Protestants are in a majority now are Bromes, Compton, Argenteuil, Huntingdon and Stanstead. In Compton and Huntingdon the population is about equally divided between Catholics and Protestants. In Missisquoi and Pontiac the Catholics now form the majority. In Kamouraska county, with 20,454 population, there are only 3 Protestants. In L'Islet there are 2, in Beloeil 4, in Charlevoix 25, in Maskinonge 46, in Montmorency 9, in Nicolet 34, in St. Maurice 15, in Three Rivers 25, and in Vercheres 23.

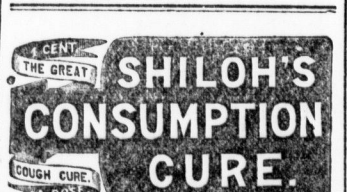
Prof. David Swing, in the June Scribner's, tells of the flight of his family before the fire in Chicago in 1871; his account respects the great fire more vividly than any other attempted description of it. It is the third of the series of "Historic Moments." Prof. Shaler, in his geological series, describes the formation of sea beaches. Mr. A. F. Jaccard describes a recent visit of the famous Swiss illustrations giving a pointed idea of lava in its native beds, and of the difficulties of the ascent of a little-visited volcano. Mr. William T. Elsing describes "Life in a New York Tenement House," and Mrs. Holgerson tells of the founding of the "Library Lane Boys' Club" in London—the club which she assisted in memory of her son, the "original" of Lord Fauntleroy. Mr. T. C. Clarke gives his solution of the rapid transit problem in cities—electricity. Mr. Grant's "Reflections of a Married Man" is concluded, and Mr. Stevenson's "Wrecker" is almost ended.

QUEEN VICTORIA.

[N. Y. Press.] Queen Victoria was 73 years old yesterday and she is still fairly vigorous and may live for many years longer. Personally she has led a moral and exemplary life, and while not a woman of uncommon ability she has exhibited a noble discretion in the performance of political duties.

The reign of Queen Victoria has witnessed the progress almost to culmination of a revolution of vastly greater importance than that which placed Cromwell at the head of the English nation. The common people of England have gradually shaken off the shackles which bound them as serfs to the aristocracy, and have, step by step, mounted to nearly complete political control. The suffering, from being confined to property owners, is now practically universal, and every man who has a name and a home can obtain enrollment on the voting list. The shell of feudalism remains, but it is only a shell, and would be crushed but for the fact that the House of Lords, of Chester, English feudalism does no harm and is interesting as a curiosity. The House of Lords, to take an American simile, will be spared as long as it plays the opossum. However, it gives a sign of actual life and possible mischief in the hearts of the English people will soon put an end to it. At present the lion rather disdains to attack an apparently inanimate object.

Victoria's reign has witnessed the effacement of religious intolerance in British laws, the disestablishment of that office of injustice, the Irish Church, and the admission of the Hebrew to the Parliament, over which a descendant of Hebrews, Benjamin Disraeli, has long held brilliant leadership. The Queen may live yet to witness the concession of home rule to the Irish people, and the virtual repeal of that act of union which was purchased by corruption and founded in oppression. The sign of a new rule will be a graceful rounding out of one of the greatest of English reigns.



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