

# THE BEE

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As both the Conservatives and Liberals claim that they will "sweep the Dominion" on the 5th of March, it should be pretty clean thereafter.

GEN. WILLIAM T. SHERMAN is dead. The United States loses in him one of her greatest soldiers, most brilliant statesmen and patriotic sons. In the great civil war of 1863 it was General Sherman who led the Union forces on their "March to the Sea." The remains were interred in Calvary cemetery at St. Louis, on Saturday, Feb. 21, with full military honors, an immense number of people being in attendance.

The Dominion voters' lists are a badly mixed up affair. Many voters are omitted; numbers of names down twice, and others long since dead, and to our mind it is all but impossible to get a true representative vote of the electorate. Why not use the provincial lists throughout the Dominion which are much more reliable? It is absurd to say that the Ontario lists are partial to Mowat, because the assessors, who have the making of the lists, are as frequently Conservatives as Reformers. Again, the expense thus saved to the country would be something enormous.

## BE TRUE TO YOUR TRUST.

At its recent session the American Academy of Political and Social Science discussed the franchise, voting and balloting and their relations to the duties of citizenship. The points brought out are of interest at this juncture when the throes of a general election are upon us and popular ideas on these questions are not quite so clear perhaps as they should be. It is an accepted principle of political ethics that the elective franchise is a solemn trust, which once accepted ought to be discharged uninterruptedly and unflinchingly. This trust is held for the benefit of all who are affected directly or indirectly by the election. It was, therefore, agreed that to abstain from voting is a furtive exercise of the franchise, inasmuch as it doubles the power of the vote of a man of opposite views who does cast his ballot. Neither is the ballot a private matter to be used for personal objects or to please another person. Both abstention and voting otherwise than in discharge of a solemn duty are detrimental to the best interests of the community. These views, if accepted, it was believed, would achieve the grand object of bringing out the educated, intelligent, conscientious vote and give a great impetus to political education. We commend them to public attention as worthy of consideration in the present contest.

## SIR RICHARDS'S ASSURANCES.

Some of our friends were prone to censure THE BEE editor, and even brand him as a flagrant Tory, for putting a vital question to Sir Richard Cartwright at his meeting here last week in reference to his alleged "assurances" from Secretary Blaine accepting Unrestricted Reciprocity as advocated by Sir Richard and the Liberal party. Of course he could not answer the question, but instead read a letter from the Secretary of State stating that he would not entertain Sir John's proposal of reciprocity in natural products. And yet Sir Richard would have that audience of five hundred people, and the people of Canada generally, believe that if they returned him and the Liberal party to power Free Trade with the United States was verily assured. We have nothing to say detrimental to Free Trade or Unrestricted Reciprocity on its own merits, but we do object to any politician hoodwinking the electorate in the manner referred to above. At a similar meeting in Windsor the ex-Finance Minister made the same statement for which the *Toronto Mail* (Independent), in an editorial, brings him to task. The *Mail*, of Feb. 21st, says, "Sir Richard Cartwright stated at Windsor on Thursday that he was sure that a measure of unrestricted reciprocity could be had with the United States, and that he had for this the word of Messrs. Cleveland, Bayard, Hitt, Butterworth, Sherman, Carlisle, and Blaine. This is an important announcement, and it is somewhat strange that it was not made earlier. There has heretofore been no evidence that Mr. Blaine has said anything further than that reciprocity in natural products only could not be had, while Mr. Hitt's resolution, as is well known, favors commercial union, not unrestricted reciprocity. Sir Richard should emphasize the fact that he has received the assurances he mentions, for it is the general belief among the electors that no such assurances have ever been given."

## TARIFF REFORM.

In order to give our readers a more accurate knowledge of the feeling of Americans on the trade question we submit the following article from the *Montreal Star*: "Political prognosticators over the border have come to the conclusion that tariff reform is certain to be carried in the next Congress. Their opinion is based on the results of the Senatorial elections. The House of Representatives elected last November being overwhelmingly Democratic, is sure to move for revision of the tariff and lowering of duties, as soon as it gets together. The Senate being Republican by a small majority was relied upon to prevent the proposed fiscal change. Besides, there is the President's veto. But the senatorial elections have upset these calculations. South Dakota has just chosen an Independent Senator, Mr. Kyle, in place of a Republican. He is in favor of tariff reform. It is generally expected that this action of the Democrats in South Dakota will be reciprocated by the vote of the three Independents in the Illinois Legislature for General Palmer. The Senate will then stand: Republicans, 46; Democrats, 40; Independents, 2; giving the Republicans a majority of only four over all. It is regarded as certain that the two Independents will vote with the Democrats on each of the bills to make wool free, iron ore free, salt free, lumber free, and also on the bills to reduce the duties on chinaware, linens and woolen goods. A well posted correspondent estimates that it will require but three Republican votes to pass these bills through the Senate. In a certain contingency, it will require but two, three Republican senators having voted against the McKinley bill. President Harrison may, therefore, prepare himself to receive a tariff reform act before his term expires. Meantime the Democrats are looking forward to a safe majority in the Senate in 1893, when they also hope to have the President and House of Representatives.

## THE LOYALTY CRY.

The Conservative press are doing a heap of "loyalty" shouting during the present campaign. One would think from their utterances that every Tory was a U. E. Loyalist and that the Grits were annexationists, traitors and scoundrels. The late Hon. George Brown was a Reformer, and a more truly loyal and patriotic Canadian never graced the House of Commons. To brand one half of the people of this country with "disloyalty" simply because they desire closer commercial relations with a neighboring republic is the basest kind of libel on the honesty and integrity of our people. Hon. Oliver Mowat, in a speech in Toronto last week, and in reply to Sir John Macdonald's attack on Edward Farrer, of the *Globe* editorial staff, voices our sentiments and those of the Liberal party respecting the anti-loyalty cry in the following words: "It is a fallacy to assert, that unrestricted reciprocity will have any injurious effect upon British connection. Extracts are printed in newspapers from American journals, in which they affirm the opinion that unrestricted reciprocity will involve annexation, and I do not wonder that we find these statements when the Premier of the Dominion says so, when his Ministers say so, when his organs all over the country say so. When they have been saying all that for months, I do not wonder that the journals of foreign nations may believe them. We do not believe them. Sir John Macdonald in his speech spent a good deal of time in referring to Mr. Farrer and a pamphlet he had written. He did not tell his audience that that pamphlet was prepared when Mr. Farrer had no connection with the *Globe*. Mr. Farrer is commonly spoken of as being the editor of the *Globe*. That is not Mr. Farrer's position on the *Globe*. The editor of the *Globe* is a young Canadian whose ability as a journalist is not surpassed by the journalists of this Dominion, and a gentleman who is as true a Canadian as ever breathed the air of Canada—a gentleman who loves British connection, as I do, and as you do, that if we are ever to cease to be British subjects here, if a time is ever to come when our relations with the old land that we love so dearly are to cease, then those relations shall be followed by independent government. He believes, and I believe, and the Liberal party of this country believe, that there is ample room in North America for two great nations—and we are unwilling to believe—we do not believe—that it is impossible for two Christian nations of the same race to live side by side in perpetual peace and amity." Thus it will be seen that the "annexation" cry is simply chaff and designed to catch votes. If the Conservatives would hope to win they must abandon such silly tactics and deal with the real question at issue.



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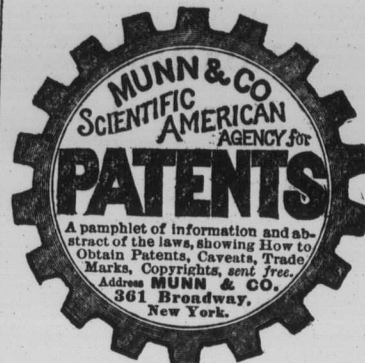
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