

FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 1894.

THE COLONIAL CONFERENCE.

The speeches at the opening meeting of the Colonial Conference now in session at Ottawa, and at the banquet given to the visiting delegates, give only a general idea of the design of the gathering. Mr. Playford, of South Australia, declared that the conference was for the purpose of establishing trade relations between the colonies and Great Britain; he added that it was not a matter of sentiment, but a matter of pounds, shillings and pence, and he suggested that the Australians ought to be able to purchase Eddy's Canadian matches, instead of depending upon Sweden for their supply. This was about the nearest approach to a discussion of details in yesterday's whole proceedings. We do not imagine that any business man will advocate trade for the sake of trade. Britain, Canada, Australia and the Cape produce some things in excess of their own needs, and want some things that they cannot economically produce. Britain has set an example to her Colonial children by removing tariff restrictions which hinder the free exchange of commodities. When Canada, Australia and the Cape do likewise, there will be an increase of trade all around, with or without the stimulation of Colonial Conferences. After all is said and done, the question for each colony to consider and to settle is the old question of taxation—whether revenue shall be raised by direct taxes or by indirect taxes upon imports. When the people of any country want free trade, they can get it by electing a Parliament that will reduce or abolish customs duties, and no intricate or protracted negotiations with other countries are required. All Canadians will desire that our visitors from over the sea may have a pleasant time in Canada, and that they may be impressed with a sense of the greatness of Canada and her resources. But the hard, un sentimental question of pounds, shillings and pence has been settled for the present, so far as Canada is concerned, by Hon. Mr. Foster's latest tariff bill, and it will be further discussed by the Canadian electorate between now and the time when a new House of Commons has to be elected. Our actual trade with Australia and the Cape is small, and it is not likely to be extremely large under any system, in comparison with the volume of trade between Canada and the United States and Britain. There is no sentiment in geography.

THE ASPHALT PAVEMENT.

A subscriber sends us a sample of Toronto's asphalt pavement, which he brought home with him recently, and he says that by the best test it seems to be a mixture of Trinidad and common pitch, which is sometimes supplied to cities when the contract does not contain a guarantee to keep the road in order for a long term of years. He makes a sketch of the condition of the pavement adjacent to the car tracks on King street west in Toronto, where the asphalt has crumbled away, owing to the vibration of the cars and the use of bad material, and he advises facing each side of the roadway with hard stone. If this is not done in the first instance, repairs will soon have to be made. Indeed, there are hundreds of men now at work in Toronto removing the crumbled asphalt for about 12 inches from the rails, in order to replace it with something that will stand. Now that the people of Hamilton have voted money so liberally to secure good roadways on our principal streets, all the costly mistakes into which the neighboring city has fallen through carelessness, lack of experience or false economy, ought to be avoided here.

ECONOMICAL STONE DRESSING.

Hamilton will have to pay double what it cost any other city for the curbing of the new pavement, if tenders for the work are let according to the specifications recently approved of by the Board of Works. It is stipulated that the stone shall be delivered in the rough, and dressed by the city of Hamilton stonecutters. Those who know say that the work of dressing the stone has always been done in the quarry where the curbing has been purchased, and that it will be almost impossible for contractors to figure on the contract as now required by the city authorities. In the quarry, when a stone is found to be unfit for curbing, even if the center has begun on it it is thrown aside and used for some other purpose. Thousands of such stones, of course, will find their way to the city, to be condemned by the City Engineer or other official in charge of the work. Intending contractors are at a loss to know how to figure on the job. They will have to pay freight on stone from the Credit quaries, and maybe one-half that stone will not be used. If the Hamilton Corporation wishes to help the unemployed, it will pay it to adopt some other scheme than that of cutting the stone on the streets.

HALDIMAND.

It looks as if Dr. Baxter may have another chance to become the representative of Haldimand in the Legislature, the discovery having been made that Mr. Senn, who got 11 votes more than the doctor, is disqualified because he is an issuer of marriage licenses. Our information is that Mr. Senn's election was due to over-confidence on the part of his Reform opponent, and in the event of the constituency being re-opened, that mistake will not likely be repeated. Dr. Baxter is almost the last of the charter members of the Legislature, and the House would not be itself without him.

A MENACE TO CONFEDERATION.

Under our Federal system, every Province has control of its own local affairs, and the smallest and weakest member of the Confederation would resent interference by any of the rest. But the people of one Province cannot help being interested in what goes on in the others, even to the extent of sympathizing or condemning. In the Ontario general elections just concluded, the people of Quebec, no matter what their general political views, disapproved of the Ontario P. P. A. The French newspapers, *Rouge* and *Blanc*, hoped for Sir Oliver Mowat's success; the *Conservative Montreal Gazette* condemned the P. P. A. movement, and the *Liberal Montreal Herald* regarded it as a menace to Confederation, and was surprised that it should receive the countenance and support of such journals as the *Toronto Mail* and *Hamilton Spectator*, especially as Mr. Meredith repudiated P. P. A. principles "in terms of characteristic manliness and patriotism." Says the *Herald*:

"But for the correction of the savage bigote to whom the P. P. A. gave a certain sectional prominence it might have been hoped that the energies of the entire press of Ontario would have been bent. It was not so. In many constituencies the Conservative organs were outspoken in their advocacy of the claims of the P. P. A. candidates. The *Hamilton Spectator* was even more than usually shameless in the advancement of opinions which will be forced to recant when Sir John Thompson faces the electorate. The *Toronto Mail* and its satellite, the *News*, gave an allegiance, only thinly veiled, to the cause of intolerance. Such journals, which are not without influence in their constituencies, and of which the *Mail* at least was one of the most intelligent exponents of a certain shade of Canadian opinion, have made themselves ridiculous in their devotion to a lost cause, but worse than that, in their defence of a principle of which the success would involve the dissolution of Confederation, they have become a disgrace to Canadian journalism."

WOOD PULP AND PULP WOOD.

The "Printer and Publisher," Toronto, advises placing an export duty of \$3 a cord on pulp wood, because the McKinley Bill caused the closing of 16 pulp mills out of the 28 that were operating successfully in Canada before the United States duty on pulp was imposed. The argument seems to be defective in at least one particular. We quote:

"But the Government has seen mill after mill closed down, and yet refused to put an export duty on spruce logs. If they had issued a proclamation of this kind: 'The Canadian Government has decided, until further notice, to place an export duty of \$3 per cord on all spruce logs exported to any country imposing an import duty of \$2.50, or over, per ton on wood pulp,' there would have been a different tale to tell."

What would have been the tale? Instead of shipload after shipload of pulp leaving Portland, Me., for England, enormous quantities of pulp would be exported from Montreal, Quebec, St. John and Halifax to supply the British market. Canadian spruce would not be taken into the United States, manufactured there, and sent on to England. The Canadian vessel owners would have earned a few hundred thousand dollars extra, while Canadian labor would have smiled and grown fat.

The operation of the McKinley Bill may explain the inability of Canadians to sell pulp in the United States, but how can it affect the sales of Canadian pulp in England? The wood must be cheaper in Canada than it is in the United States, with the cost of carriage from Canada added. How then can Portland pulp undersell Halifax pulp in England? An export duty might still further depress the price of the pulp wood in Canada, and thus enable Canadian pulp mills to quote still lower prices in England, but that would not be very pleasant for the owners and producers of the Canadian wood. An export duty may help one industry, but it is always at the expense of another.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

In answer to an enquirer, we quote from the Parliamentary Companion that Hon. George William Ross was born in Middlesex county on September 18th, 1841. He is therefore in the fifty-third year of his age.

Wonder if the defeated Mr. A. F. Wood, the man who scooped so much in fees from the Dominion Government, knows anything about booming arguments now. The electorate seems to have taken his condemnation of the franchise system seriously and applied it to himself.

Keep right on figuring, gentlemen. Get Mowat's majority down as fine as you can upon paper, for when the House meets after Christmas it will be Toronto's four members and Toronto's City Solicitor on one side and Sir Oliver Mowat and the rest of Ontario on the other. Mowat won't go.

The Pennsylvania Democrats have nominated Mr. Wm. M. Singler, of the Philadelphia Record, as their candidate for the Governorship. If Mr. Singler's newspaper methods are carried into his political life he will conduct a clean and vigorous campaign and if elected he will do honor to the highest position in the gift of his fellow citizens.

What's this we see? Sir John Thompson, the leader of the loyal party, of which the patriotic *Spectator* is a humble member, has been complimenting the French Canadians. He said at the Ottawa banquet that "but for the devotion, heroism and loyalty of the French people there would be no Canada to-day," and the unthinking gentlemen who heard him actually cheered. It will now be in order for the *Spectator* to indulge in a few polite references to "French Mr. Laurier."

Mr. J. R. Miller, Toronto, writes to the *Globe* advocating the establishment of a Dominion reformatory on the lines of the Elmira concern ruled over by Brockway, the man whose frightful

cruelties revealed in recent investigations have shocked the world. Yesterday, Judge Seaver, of Buffalo, refused to sentence a young convict because he would be obliged to send him to that hell of torture. Other Judges have done likewise. The testimony presented shows that under the indeterminate system hundreds have been wrongfully deprived of years of liberty, while scores have been beaten and tortured to death at the whim of the fiendish superintendent who has the powers of liberty and life, or prison, torture and death in his arbitrary control. Let us not be too quick to adopt any such methods.

The esteemed *Spectator* is feeling in much better spirits, and with considerable show of reason. In an elaborate leader it convinces itself that Mowat is defeated, that he is in the minority, and, of course, that the election means the return of Meredith to power. There remain, however, a few who are unconvinced by the *Spectator's* reasoning and one of them is Sir Oliver. If the organ's persuasive dulcet tones can woo the Old Man Tenacious to let go his hold upon the Province, pack his grip and make a midnight flitting it will have some reason to feel proud of its powers.

Keir Hardie, the radical member of the Imperial Parliament, has had the hardihood to remark that he was undignified for Home Secretary Asquith to wait around the Duchess of York's room in order to personally vouch for the identity of the heir to the British throne. He even went so far as to hint that he didn't care whether Her Majesty's great-grandson was genuine or spurious, and though some fellow-members called "order" Mr. Hardie refused to withdraw his words. The incident affords another illustration of the idea that distance lends enchantment. Such plain speaking in any colonial Parliament or Legislature would never be thought of.

The famous Spang estate case, in which gullible "heirs" spent \$7,600 good money hunting for a \$12,000,000 property which existed only in the fertile brain of a swindler named Dress, who thus secured a two years' outing in Europe, has ended with the conviction of the swindler in a Reading, Pa., court. These "fakes" are so common and so many people are susceptible to the wiles of the "next of kin" advertisers, who are always to be regarded with extreme caution, that we quote the following from the judge's charge to the jury, by way of warning:

"The question is not whether these people who tell themselves the Spang heirs have been swindled. Of course, they have. This foreign inheritance business, as well-informed men everywhere know, is nothing but a swindle, and an organized swindle at that. Nothing has ever come out of the supposed efforts made to recover such fortunes, and nothing ever will, except expenses and disappointed hopes. People who go into such schemes must make up their minds to meet with both, with absolute certainty and without any prospect of ever seeing a cent of money for their pains. The fact, therefore, that these people were swindled is neither here nor there. The question is, was this defendant also one of those who were swindled or one of those who did the swindling; and incredible as it seems that anyone should believe such nonsense as is contained in the letters sent over by defendant, it is still a question for the jury whether he believed in all the foolish stuff he was writing, and if he did not, whether the Spang heirs were deceived by it."

HOW IT STRIKES A WOMAN.

Poem read at Miss Willard's welcome at Boston. Written by Miss Ella Gilbert lives.

There's but one sphere for man and woman,
This little ball that flies through
Dominion over it in common
God gave to all the human race.
The devil hates this double tether,
He likes to take us single-handed,
And knows that when we pull together
To Hades he'll be soon remanded.

He likes to see a woman "shielded"
From dirty politics; they've wielded
That weapon well to cut her pinion
And leave her, like a dove, in beauty.
To scratch and hatch her safe dominions,
When, in a hencoop's safe dominions,
To scratch and hatch her safe dominions,
When, in a hencoop's safe dominions,

To nest or offspring less devoted;
For nature has a quiet word
That's uttered things, though oft misquoted,
And instilled that the bird has mated.
Will keep this old world populated.
At freedom's fount, still, newly fledged,
An eagle, gazing at the sun,
Its swift, untrammelled flight begun.

On those great wings upborne, a brood
Of callow young, a multitude
Of earnest souls with longings rife
Have left the nest for larger life,
And in the fields of air full play
For growing pinions find away.
"Dix femina facti," we quote
With love and pride, and fully vote
Of heart and hand the dual choice:
And yet—this woman cannot vote!

DEPENDENT ON HUMAN NATURE.

"Are you saving up for the Fourth of July?" said one small boy.
"Yes, if I don't buy anything I want, I'll have 25 cents."
"You can't have much fireworks for that."
"No, But I can buy enough to get paw interested."

Backache is almost immediately relieved by wearing one of Carter's Smart Weed and Belladonna Backache Plasters. Try one and be free from pain. Price 25 cents.

HAMILTON ART SCHOOL.

Pupils of the Public Schools Who Won Scholarships.

The drawing competition by pupils in the 15 classes of the junior fourth grade of the city schools has been keener this year than ever before. About 45 were selected from the first competition and yesterday they had their final trial at the Art School. The Board of Education gives two scholarships and the Art School also gives two to the two boys and two girls respectively who take the highest marks in the annual competition. Fontie Griffith, Central School, Maude McIntosh, Central School, Arthur W. Brown, Hyerson School, Charles Locke, Central School, Herbert Kent, Ryerson School (the two latter being equal), are the winners this year. Last year there was a tie also. The Board of Education then gave three scholarships, and the executive of the Art School intend to recommend their board to do the same this year. The following names, although not the winners, receive honorable mention, and should be encouraged in art study, as should also the great number who almost equaled them. The names are given by schools, and not in the order of merit:

Ryerson School—Girls: Jessie Jamieson, Annie Erbes, Flora Lumsair. Boys: C. S. Applethorn.
Hess Street School—Girls: Alice Daley, Ernestine Kraft, P. Millen. Boys: C. T. Athawes.
Central School—Girls: Lucie Turner, Mary Evans. Boys: John Garthshore, Cannon Street School—Girls: Irene Russell, Rosa Wolf, Bertha Heilig.
Murray Street School—Girls: Florence Soper. Boys: H. C. Nicholson, H. Cummer, Walter Scott.
Wentworth School—Girls: Maggie Strong, Emma Williamson, Nettie Cameron, Barton Street School—Clare Stone.
Queen Victoria School—G. A. Fraser, Arthur Johnston.
Victoria Avenue School—A. Moore, D. Paterson, Roland Steven.
Boys' Home—W. Hartismark.
West Avenue School—E. L. Simons.

GOVERNMENT AWARDS.

Silver Medal and special certificate for architecture—John M. Byrnes.
Silver Medal and special certificate for taking the highest marks in the mechanical course—Isaac E. Medlar.
Bronze Medal and special certificate for modeling in clay—Rose A. Baine.
Bronze Medal and special certificate for wood carving—Ethel M. Hamilton.
Special Certificates—Drawing from the antique: Alex. Smith, Charles Sharp, John DeLorme, Marion Baker. Practical designing: Ottilie E. Palm, Frank H. Nairn, Dora Triggs.

Machine drawing from actual measurements—Robt. Chadwick.
Extra Advanced Course—Painting in oil color: Nellie Weylie, Lillian Hamilton, Amy Barnard. Painting water color: Dora Triggs, Jennetta McNelly, Lena Bowman. Wood carving: Ethel M. Hamilton. Modeling in clay: Rose A. Baine, Amy Barnard. Oil monochrome painting: Connie Farries, Jennetta McNelly, Caroline McIlroy, Maggie Kennedy, Amy Barnard. Seals from cast: Clara Wordsworth, Ottilie Palm, Jennetta McNelly, Lena Bowman, Grace Hall.

Mechanical Art Course—Industrial design: John M. Byrnes, Grace Hall, Robt. Chadwick, Walter R. Blair, Ethel Innes, Wm. Trevor Owen, Isaac Medlar, John G. Mitchell, Jennetta McNelly, Caroline McIlroy, Ottilie E. Palm, William Southam, Dora Triggs, Nellie Weylie. Machine drawing: Lillian Hamilton, John M. Byrnes, Robt. Chadwick, Isaac E. Medlar, Jennetta McNelly, Herbert New, Nellie Weylie. Descriptive geometry: John M. Byrnes, Isaac E. Medlar, Jennetta McNelly, Nellie Weylie. Building construction: John M. Byrnes, Nellie Weylie, Isaac E. Medlar. Advanced perspective and topography: Isaac E. Medlar, Jennetta McNelly, Ottilie E. Palm, Dora Triggs, Nellie Weylie.

Advanced Art Course—Shading from flat: Mrs. Ireland, Mabel S. Ireland, John G. Mitchell, Marion E. Mattie, Frank H. Nairn, Ottilie E. Palm, Isabel Roberts, Dora Triggs, Clara Wordsworth, Shading from the round: Irene Clarke, John DeLorme, Katie Elmest, Mabel Twiss, Jennetta McNelly, Mabel S. Ireland, Rosina Jamieson, Charlie Locke, John G. Mitchell, Wm. E. McElcheron, Charles F. Sharpe, Helen Shepherd, Mabel Twiss, Ada Waller, Clara Wordsworth, Clara Wordsworth. Outline from the round: Herbert Bowman, Norma E. Bowman, John DeLorme, Connie Farries, Florence Harvey, Ella Marion Jones, Maggie Kennedy, John G. Mitchell, Frank H. Nairn, Ottilie Palm, Edith Press, Isabel Roberts, Dora Triggs, Nellie Weylie, Clara Wordsworth. Drawing flower from nature: Marion Baker, Irene Clarke, Jessie B. Dixon, Katie Elmest, Florence Harvey, Fannie L. Ireland, Mrs. Ireland, Mabel S. Ireland, Ella Marion Jones, Maggie Kennedy, Ralph Mason, Marion Mattie, John G. Mitchell, Wm. McElcheron, Frank H. Nairn, Ottilie Palm, Isabel Roberts, Lucie Turner, Mabel Twiss, Ada Waller, Clara Wordsworth, Ornamental design: Rose A. Baine, Grace M. Bull, John DeLorme, Jessie E. Garthshore, Ethel Innes, Mrs. Ireland, Alex. Smith, Jennetta McNelly, Wm. E. McElcheron, Ottilie Palm, Wm. J. Southam, Clara Wordsworth.

Primary Art Course—Free-hand: George Beck, Marion Baker, Arthur W. Brown, Louise Winnifred Black, Irene Clarke, Hunter Duff, John DeLorme, W. T. Gwydo, Fontie Griffith, Albert Gwyn, Emma Henning, Mabel S. Ireland, Irene Lockenby, Chas. F. A. Locke, Norma Luxton, Herbert Mason, Marion Mattie, Jessie Murray, Frank H. Nairn, Thos. R. Sice, Mabel Twiss, Winnifred Waugh, Ada Waller. Practical geometry: George Beck, Herbert Bowman, Robt. Chadwick, Matthew Garvin, Herbert Mason, Jessie Murray, Ottilie Palm. Memory drawing: George Brown, Robt. Chadwick, Constance B. Farris, Matthew Garvin, Fannie Gunn, Muriel Hills, Mabel S. Ireland, Ella Marion Jones, Percy Keltie, Maria Lester, Chas. F. A. Locke, Ralph S. Mason, Herbert Mason, Marion Mattie, Jessie Murray, Wm. McElcheron, Frank H. Nairn, Lucie Turner, Mabel Twiss, Ada Waller, Charles Young.

THE SOCIAL COLUMN.

She was reading over the column of marriage notices.
"It can't be true," she said, "that marriage is a lottery."
"And why not?" asked the young man with her.

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Bleached Cotton, 36 ins. wide, regular 8c, Saturday 5½c.

Parasols and Ladies' Umbrellas, \$1.50 and \$1.75, Saturday's price \$1.
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All-wool Delaines, 25, 30 and 35c, Saturday's price 19½c.
Print Blouses, 35, 40 and 50c, Saturday's price 25c.

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Black and Navy Serges, 58 ins. wide, \$1.50 and \$1.75, Saturday's price \$1 a yard.

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