

OUR CURBSTONE OBSERVER ON ELECTIONS.

Any of the readers who have taken the trouble to follow my weekly observations will recall that a few weeks ago I predicted a likelihood of the Government not bringing on the general elections this autumn.

Without expressing any view concerning the merits or demerits of the two great parties that wrestle for supremacy in the political arena, I feel inclined to say a word about the privilege of franchise, which is too frequently undervalued by those who have the honor of enjoying it.

AN ELOQUENT TRIBUTE

On the occasion of the solemn obsequies of the late Premier Marchand, of Quebec, His Grace, Archbishop Bruchesi delivered a short funeral oration. It was brief, as befitted the circumstances of the occasion, but it was all comprehensive.

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the authority of the Church. This, gentlemen, is not an exaggerated portrait, but is that of a sincere and convinced Christian.

"Death is but the echo of life. That of Mr. Marchand was marked by all the sympathy that friendship could call forth, and by religion's most abundant consolation.

C. M. B. A.

The regular monthly meeting of Branch No. 232, C.M.B.A., Grand Council of Canada, was held on Tuesday evening last, in their hall on St. James street.

The meeting also decided that owing to the great success which attended their efforts in the "Social" line last season the Branch would hold a series of four entertainments during the coming season.

BRIEF NOTES OF HAPPENINGS.

TRAVELLING ALONE.—The risks of visiting vacant houses alone are always great, and most particularly to persons who are suffering from nervous troubles.

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has instructed Minister Congor to arrange the preliminaries to a peace conference. He has also recognized Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching as peace commissioners on the part of China.

Germany suggested the advisability of demanding the surrender of guilty Chinese leaders before the beginning of peace negotiations.

Gen. Chaffee was instructed to re-employ his troops with all his troops except one regiment of cavalry and a battery of artillery.

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WAK NOTES.

London, Wednesday.—The following despatch has been received from Lord Roberts:—

"Pretoria, Tuesday.—A convoy of twenty-two wagons, escorted by six mounted men, was attacked by 140 Boers on October 1, near De Jager's Drift, while on the way to Vryheid. Twelve of the men escaped. The fate of the others is not known.

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