

Queen's Birthday
Honours.

The new Canadian Knights, Sir W. R. Meredith and Sir Joseph Chapleau, are worthy recipients of Knighthood. Sir Donald Smith's new order, whereby he receives the Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George, is only another addition to the honours already bestowed on the Canadian High Commissioner. Personal titles as distinguished from hereditary rank are quite as justifiable in a new country as in an old one. When they are conferred by a central authority whose endorsement is known to be one conceded only to a certain degree of merit they are worth something. If locally conferred personal or political influences interfere with that calm spirit of adjudication which is found, or ought to be found, in the empyrean regions of imperial indifference.

Honourary
LL.Ds.

At the meeting of the Senate of the University of Toronto, held on the 15th inst., the Nominating Committee reported in favour of the following persons as suitable to receive the honourary LL.D. from the University: Prof. Goldwin Smith, Rev. Dr. Caven, Rev. Dr. Burwash, Rev. Dr. Sheraton, Rev. Father Teefy. The four latter gentlemen are heads of religious colleges affiliated with the University. Prof. Goldwin Smith was selected for his loyalty and devotion to the continuance of British institutions in Canada. His well-known objections to the surrender of the Dominion to the United States are an obvious reason for the choice of his name. When he appears on the platform to receive his degree and the young Canadians present are called on to cheer him which of his sentiments will they applaud? Will it be his advice to the Americans to consider the building of the C.P.R. as an unfriendly act and his suggestion as to the propriety of their tearing up the rails in case England should use the road as a trans-continental route for the troops or supplies? Will it be his presidency of the continental league and his furnishing the funds for the treasonable purposes of that league? A nice object lesson for the Senate to furnish young Canada, and yet the report was unanimously adopted. In there one other country in the world where a man so plain-spokenly hostile to the only feeling which keeps alive the spirit of independence and national honour would have been selected for distinction? The University has made a decided blunder and in our opinion lowers the value of the degree. An American University might have appropriately conferred it on Professor Smith for his advocacy of the claims of the Union. No Canadian University should have dreamed of it.

The Church
Parade.

Any man who could witness without emotion the church parade on the 17th inst. of the Toronto Garrison must have had the soul of a fish. Beautiful weather, large crowds of well-dressed, well-behaved spectators, and an excellent turn-out of citizen soldiery, all combined to make the occasion one of exceptional interest. Looking back to last December, when it seemed that before the snows melted the Americans would cross the frontier, and reflecting on the then unsatisfactory condition of our defensive armament, some consolation can be derived from the assurance that the spirit of one city at all events is sound. What is true of Toronto is true also, we are proud to say, of every other place in Canada, if the men only get the chance of encouragement. These displays are excellent for recruiting purposes and they accustom the people to the knowledge that the military element in Canada is a strong factor to be reckoned with when the occasion arises. The Queen's Birthday will afford an opportunity for an interchange of regiments. It seems a

pity that in Toronto we always send our men to other towns and seldom or never see those of other places. Toronto people dearly love a show, and regiments from outside are always well received.

The Manufacturers'
Resolutions.

The meeting of Canadian manufacturers, held in Toronto on the 19th, was a decisive endorsement of the Protection policy of the present Dominion Government. The resolutions passed by those present emphasize what we said above as to the trade dilemma of the average voter. This question is one of business, not of politics, and the Conservatives are absolutely united in support of the views upheld by the meeting. The Liberals have permitted their leading men to trifle with the question. The consequence is that the public know only that if that party get into power there will be some tariff reform. The country is not ripe for any such change, and the most candid friend of the Liberals must admit that the contradictory attitudes of their prominent speakers and the studied ambiguity of Mr. Laurier on this question have not advanced their cause. The essence of Liberalism is that every man shall say what he really thinks. The theoretical value of this principle of existence is diminished when in practice it takes the form of kicking against the pricks. *C'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas la guerre.* The instinct of self-preservation, strong in the breast of the Canadian people, has made them devoted to what they think is appropriately called the National Policy. A leading section of the Liberal party have never reconciled themselves to the acknowledgment of this stubborn fact and the consequence is they have led the rest of their party from disaster to disaster.

The Jews
in Egypt.

One of the singular facts of Egyptology is that among all the discoveries which have been made in that mysterious country no record has been found of the Jewish race. We have been accustomed by tradition and the associations of childish days to consider that the Jews really ruled Egypt and that the Red Sea engulfed the whole strength of the Egyptian monarchy. That no trace of these events should have been discovered has been attributed to Egyptian pride which refused to chronicle national disasters. But the explanation is not satisfactory. Quite lately, according to Mr. Flinders Petrie, who ought to know what he is talking about, an inscription has been discovered which does mention the Jewish race by name. A King called Merenptah flourished in Egypt about twelve hundred years before Christ and he records a conquest over the Jews or part of them. "The people of Ysiraal is spoiled, it hath no seed," so runs the inscription. Merenptah is thought to be the Pharaoh of the Exodus, but the inscription does not help the recognition in the slightest degree. All that it seems to imply is that there were Jews in Palestine at the same time as there were Jews in Egypt, in other words, that the whole race had not emigrated to Egypt. But as the first discovery of a genuine mention of the Jews in Egyptian hieroglyphics the find is valuable and will lead to further search.

South Africa
Still.

The latest news from South Africa is still disquieting. The sentences on the prisoners held by the Boers are not yet modified. The truth is that these men are being held as hostages for England's good behaviour. The Colonial Secretary seems to have been somewhat discounted in his game of policy. The Boer President has played his cards very well and has taken advantage of the blunders made by somebody—who it really was, is not plain—and has made no mistakes him-