

THE BRITISH IN CANADA

Sir John Bourinot at the Political Science Club.

CANADIAN AND AUSTRALIAN MODELS.

A highly interested audience heard Sir John Bourinot lecture last Friday. The knowledge of the speaker's position as a constitutional authority would have been sufficient to command the deepest attention and interest, but when that was coupled with a graceful eloquence and facility of expression, the lecture was made doubly interesting.

Before the Political Science Club yesterday afternoon at the University, Sir John Bourinot delivered a very interesting address on "British Rule in Canada." It comprised a succinct historical review of the evolution of responsible government, under whose beneficent influences Canada has attained so prominent a position among the political communities of the world.

As a logical sequence of the full concession of political and commercial freedom to the Provinces after 1841, the misunderstandings that so constantly occurred between the legislative bodies and the Imperial authorities on account of the inability of the latter to appreciate fully the importance of colonial grievances and of their constant interference in matters which should have been left exclusively to the Provinces have been entirely removed.

It is now an admitted principle that the Dominion is practically supreme in the exercise of all legislative rights and privileges set forth explicitly in the B.N.A. Act of 1867, so long as her legislative action does not conflict with the treaty obligations of the parent State, or with Imperial Legislation directly applicable to Canada, with her own consent.

What's all dis heah racket kick up fo? Call de coon Wes' Turnah frum 'cabin trade.' Yo' first-class niggahs to ellect de change. On de Sabbath Day, Dis heah am strange. Fo' niggahs like yo', 'stead of actin' right.

Well, look heah, niggahs, to what I says. First, got one paah o' new bob-sleighs. An' I got a Gen'wine five dollar bill. An' I got it home yit, got it still. An' I may de lawd strike me stone dead if dat's a lie what I jus' now said. Great fan o' Goshen, but dat's a fine trade.

We must be impressed by the fact that the constitution of Canada appears more influenced by the spirit of

English ideas than the constitution of Australia. The Australian constitution federates the various Provinces as "States," uses the word "commonwealth," and "House of Representatives" instead of "House of Commons." The States of the commonwealth may at any moment choose to elect their own Governors instead of having them appointed by the Crown, as in Canada.

Sir John went on to point out how, under the Canadian constitution, the French-Canadians had taken an active part in strengthening the Confederation. It was their political constitution, derived from English principles, that had made the French-Canadians a free, self-governing people, and developed the best elements of their character.

A vote of thanks, moved by Professor Wrong and seconded by Mr. Dixon Craig, was enthusiastically passed to Sir John for his able paper.

WES' TURNAH'S MULE TRADE.

Wes' Turnah ain't no common coon. I want yo' fo' to know. An' wen Wes' puts de britchin on dey's sometin' got to go.

Well, I'll be cropp'd of all ma wool. If you don't peah 'a if you ah full. Say, 'iv I got a pitch fo'k in ma han, O-or do you want me ta stick yo' whah 'so start'?

I tell yo', Brown, yo' can't lick me; if yo' think yo' can, why come an' see. I'll clean yo' whole roost like a chicken-bone.

Say, Wes', yo' de man we want (see? brown, heah, an' me, we can't agree. Say, what yo' trade yo' dun mule fo'. Beside dat maah dey's how much mo'?

Well, Brown, dey's moah o' sometin' in yo' head.

Dan what jes' crawls-jes' what I said. Tu of man Blake, when I trade de mule, Sez I, Mistah Blake, I ain't no fool; Now, what yo' gwine tu give tu boot.

No, sah, Jones, de man what gits dem sleighs. Is de fust man what ten dollars pays. W'y, man-a-live, dey's all bran' new. An' de wood's de best o' hick'ry, too; But, say, I jes' heah ma o' woman yell.

In a certain portion of "America" this song is sung: My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty— Of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrim's pride, From every mountain-side Let Freedom ring!

ST. MICHAEL'S.

Back again, says everyone, or at least those few that are back. "Here I am," says Tiny Cunningham, as he drops his carpet-bag to shake hands with those around him.

Lobster Kelly is back again, after a vacation of three months. Joe Dooley is not back yet, but is expected every day.

Mr. P. F. Loughney is back, but is confined to his room with a severe cold. Willie Curtain has returned, after an extensive lecturing tour.

The American students will hold their annual play on February 22, Washington's birthday. The following list of officers was chosen: President, Fr. Howard; vice-president, J. Leo Golden; secretary, James S. Cunningham; committee, Gus Luby, Joe Dooley, Willie Green, and Jack McGuire.

On December 27 Mr. James J. Golden entertained his Scranton college friends to a banquet. The event was a great success, and all the fellows report a swell time.

"Joisey" Billington made a flying visit to Jersey City yesterday. Charles Warner, the noted full-back, is laid up for repairs at St. Michael's Hospital.

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE.

It was with deep regret that the students of Wycliffe heard on their return from the Christmas holidays of the death of Mr. Geo. McCallum. It was known that he was seriously ill when a few days before the closing he was taken from the college to the General Hospital, but none expected to hear of his so sudden death.

Dr. F. Howard Taylor recently addressed the students on the missionary work in Persia, and to Miss Allworth, who has undertaken work in the North-west. In spite of the disagreeable weather, a large number were present.

Rev. Prof. Hague has been advised by his physician not to resume his lectures during this term. He leaves the city in a few weeks for a trip abroad, and it is hoped that he will return much strengthened to take up his work next year.

Grip has entered the college. Nearly every man seems to have an experience with the unwelcome visitor.

The Students' Mission Society held its first meeting of the new term on Tuesday evening. Reports were presented by the secretary, assistant secretary, and treasurer of the work done during the last term, and the men in charge of mission stations during the Christmas holidays told also of their work.

New "Sunlight" lamps have been placed in all the rooms of the college, much to the appreciation of the students.

TRINITY UNIVERSITY.

All the men have been in college for a week past, and are now settled down to the ordinary routine of work. Prof. Huntington has left Trinity, and his place is being very ably filled by Mr. G. Oswald Smith, who comes with many praiseworthy recommendations.

The annual conversation of the Literary Institute has been fixed for Wednesday, February 6th. The arrangements will likely be nearly the same as last year. Mr. A. H. Mockridge is secretary, and the following Executive Committee have the affair in charge: E. F. S. Spencer, D. T. Owen, H. J. Johnston, J. Dunning, A. C. Lane-ford, W. E. Kidd, H. D. Woodcock, and W. C. White.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.

The initial meeting of the "Lit." for the new year and the new century, held on Saturday evening, saw the installation of the Hamilton administration. The energetic Premier, though affected by the depressing influences of a rather slim House and a vigilant Opposition, presented a vigorous front. The speech from the throne, like its predecessors, contained a number of good local and general hits, some of which, however, were lost on a dull and unappreciative audience.

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The officers of the Freshmen class for the spring term are: Hon. President, Professor Lang; President, W. H. Spence; First Vice, Miss Pyfe; Second Vice, E. E. Cleaver; Recording Secretary, J. Galt; Corresponding Secretary, W. H. Ruddell; Historian, Miss Weeks; Poet, J. Dawson; Poetess, Miss Watts; Prophetess, Miss Danard; Councilors, Miss Potter and C. L. Fisher; Orator, E. W. S. Coates; Musical Director, Miss Jeffery; Judge, E. Hamilton.

The sophomores' reception, held on Wednesday evening, was another of those excellent entertainments given by this class, which has become notable for its social functions. The upper hall was very tastefully decorated with flags. Addresses were delivered by the Hon. President, Dr. Bain, and the President, Mr. Dingman, and the rest of the evening was divided between games, promenades, and refreshments.

The juniors have elected the following officers to direct the affairs of their class: Hon. President, Dr. Bell; President, J. H. Beer; First Vice, Miss A. Smith; Secretary, H. Neville. The others remain unchanged from last term.

YOUNG CELEBRITIES OF TO-DAY.

Winston Spencer Leonard Churchill. Lord Tennyson in one of his minor poems has a refrain which runs: "Britons hold your own."

This is precisely what such young Britons as Lieutenant Churchill are doing—"holding their own," preserving and realizing the noble traditions of the grand and glorious old boys, who made our Empire what it is to-day.

We can gladly recommend such young Britons to our readers, who are themselves young Britons. Let them strive to emulate the heroism and gallantry of young Churchill, the youngest veteran of the British army. He is only twenty-six years old and has been in four wars, viz. with the Boers at Khartoum, in Cuba, in the late Greeco-Turkish war, and lastly in the Boer war. He has written a book on the "River War." He is a British army. He is a war correspondent. He is an author. He is a lecturer, and last and perhaps least, he is the son of a great family.

His father was the distinguished Lord Randolph Churchill, who, had he lived, would have probably been

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Prime Minister of England, Young Churchill, as probably most of our readers are entitled to have read in the daily papers, was captured by the Boers. He succeeded in escaping, stealthily making his way at night through a hostile country where the enemy thronged like ants, around their hills. He has a grim touch of humor in one of his letters, in which he describes himself followed by a lean vulture who moved every time he moved, and relentlessly dogged his footsteps.

G. J. Blewett, of the class of '97, Victoria, and a graduate student in Philosophy during the years 1897-99, spent last year in advanced study at Harvard, where his ability gained for him the reputation of being the most promising student in Philosophy that has come to that University in recent years.

A game law limiting two deer to each hunter would be more popular if it would guarantee the two deer—"Puck."

Many a home has been made happy by the neighbors minding their own business—"Puck."

SONNET. Great things were ne'er begotten in an hour; Ephemeron in birth, are such in life; And he who dareth in the noble strife Of intellects to cope for real power— Such as God giveth as His rarest dower Of mastery, to the few with greatness rife,— Must, ere the morning mists have ceased to lower Stand in the arena. Laurels that are won, Pluck'd from green boughs, soon wither; those that last Are gathered patiently, when sultry noon And summer's fiery glare in vain are past. Life is the hour of labor; on earth's breast Serene and undisturb'd shall be thy rest.

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