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-[BROWNING

London, Wednesday, Sept. 2.

ANOTHER GERRYMANDER.

There is talk in Conservative circle about another redistribution of Dominion constituencies-a gerrymander, having for its object, under pretense of equalizing the electoral divisions, the "hiving of the Grits." This expedient, we suppose, is intended to convince the public that the men now in power at Ottawa have confidence that the independent electors are ready to vote confidence in them. We do not know how the carving up of the constituencies will affect electoral divisions in other parts of the Dominion, but we have no hesitation in affirming that the Western Ontario divisions were in 1882 so carved and twisted around in order, it possible, to secure untain advantage for the high tax party, that no changes now made can be expected to add to its strength. With all their expedients to trump up majorities the high tax leaders cannot stem the tide of popular desire, and so in almost every constituency in the West, despite the gerrymander of 1882, the high tax policy was rejected last March, and there is reason for the belief that, in the event of a new election, even the gerrymander would not keep the majority of the electors in such constituencies as West and North Middlesex from voting in favor of trade freedom.

The last gerrymander, despicable though it was, has not been that success the players with loaded dice expected it to be. If there is to be more juggling with the representation the attempt will carry no darm to the opponents of the discredited promoters of the scheme. In Western Onario further manipulation of the electoral districts cannot be relied on as an expedient to get rid of able critics of high tax tactics. The electors will simply regard all such art-ful dodging as indicative of a disposition to distrust the verdict of the people.

IT is announced that Capt. Murray, Murray & Cleveland, St. Catharines, will sue the Toronto Mail for giving currency to statements regarding the work of that contracting firm at Toronto. Murray asserts that so far as his firm concerned it is carrying out its work in accordance with the specifications, and

HOW NOT TO DO IT. The Conservatives of Ottawa held ucus the other day and very heartily in orsed the policy of Mr. Abbott in respec ics, to punish offenders with stern justice, nd to remodel the service wherever it can

This declaration would in some measurbe calculated to reassure the public if the conduct of the Government, so far, were not diametrically opposite to its alleged determination. It is not difficult to supply notorious in-

A disgraceful illustration was brought out in Parliament last night when the Minister of Finance confessed that a Montreal customs clerk, who had embezzled \$3,500 of public money, had not been prosecuted, because his friends had made good the stolen funds! Think of this compounding of a felony by the rulers of the land, and then tell us that offenders are being punished

with "stern justice." The Hamilton street railway employ gave up \$12,000 worth of property, when it was found that he was a thief, and he was only tried for stealing \$8,000, yet he goes to the penitentiary for a long term. Will our city contemporary say why the "stern justice" dispensers should have pardoned the civil servant found guilty of a similar offense merely because he has hitherto moved in higher society circles? Then we have Tetu, a former employe in

the department controlled by Mr. Carling. Nearly a year and a half ago, the Ottawa authorities were informed by a responsible officer that Tetu was a thief, but probably because he was a nephew to Sir Hector Langevin no decided action was taken against him till a few weeks ago, when Mr. McMullen, M.P., brought the question up in Parliament, and again made the serious harges. Then a special officer was sent to Manitoba, but not to place Tetu under surveillance, and secure his punishment, it guilty. Tetu was allowed to clear out, and take up his residence in Dakota, where he is now in hiding. Again we ask, was it "stern justice" to play with this fficer and the "forgery and embezzlement" of which he has been found guilty by the official investigator? Any financial institution that would administer "stern justice" in this fashion could not hold the onfidence of its shareholders for a day.

We might enlarge on the "stern justice that has been extended to Mr. Thomas McGreevy, M.P., who was allowed to flee to Maine; and to boodling Superintendent Senecal, who was permitted to collect \$20,000 in tolls from contractors with whom he did business on behalf of the Government, and was then permitted to flee to the States; but that is unnecessary The illustrations we have given are surely sufficient.

CIGARS AND BEER FOR INDIANS. It came out in the House of Common last night that Minister Dewdney's subordinates in the Northwest Territories have been allowed to charge the public purse with expenditures for "cigars and beer" for Indians. We agree with Mr. M. C. Cameron that it is not probable that the Indians ever received a cent's worth of cigars or beer; but even if they had obtained it, the expenditure of public money for these articles would be most unwarranted. The assistance to the Indians should take no other shape than the sup ply of food, clothing or implements with which to aid them in earning a living.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

So UNDER the Franco-British Treaty, Great Britain enjoys trade privileges in France that are denied Canada. This is nothing more nor less than discrimination against us. Assuredly it is time that the Dominion insisted on drawing up its own trade treaties.

IR LEONARD TILLEY says that under no circumstances will he re-enter public life. The compiler of the high tax policy has a long head; he will not go on board a sinking ship. No one can disguise the fact that his project for making a few rich at the expense of the many is thoroughly discredited.

IF THE REPORT that the people of Kingston, irrespective of party leanings, are thinking of tendering a nomination to Edward Blake for the House of Commons is correct, the news should be welcome to every honest man in the House and in the country, whether Conservative or Liberal. As an independent force in Parliament, Mr. Blake could render inestimable service at this time in the needed work of raising Canadian politics to a higher plane.

THE Maritime Provinces are at present the stronghold of the Conservative party, yet so great has been the loss of population that under the proposed redistribution of seats the representation of New Brunswick must be diminished by two, Nova Scotia by one, and Prince Edward Island by one, two of the lost seats going to Manitoba. When the Maritime representation is reduced from 43 to 39, there will be lively times for the men who made themselves responsible for keeping the country prosperous.

WHAT an illogical set the Government administrators at Ottawa are. In the last eight years they have spent \$2,342,107 of public money for mail and steamship subsidies, in a large measure presumably to encourage trade with foreign coun tries, while they keep up the high tax barriers to render that trade as difficult as possible. They even subsidize steamships to compete with private lines, to the serious loss of the independent capitalists of the country. How long will the people tolerate this money-squandering aggregation?

william Ann-Allright; and all you have to do is to believe that I have paid your

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by a good many farmers, who, as a rule, speak well of it. It is a bald wheat, the grain being white and showy.

WINTER WHEAT EXPERIMENTS. Prof. Shaw and Mr. C. A. Zavitz, as

sistant enperintendent of experiments at the Ontario Agricultural College, have been ioing splendid and timely service in the matter of testing winter wheats, the results of which have now been given the farming public in bulletin form. The Ontarie will no doubt, as has already been pointed out in these columns, stimulate the sowing of a large area, and if next season be less favorable, as is quite likely, then many farmers will be disappointed. Prof.

Shaw, therefore does well to express a word of caution on this point. He says: "The aim should be not so much to grow
a large acreage as to adopt such methods of
cultivation and to secure such varieties as
are likely to give a large yield per acre.
With this end in view, the importance of good drainage, sowing at the right time and suitable conditions of soil in relation to rotation, fertility and natural adaptability cannot easily be over-estimated. All things considered, it would be better not to sow winter wheat at all than to sow it under conditions not likely to produce good crop."

During the year there were in all some 70 plots of winter wheat grown at the Guelph station, including 51 varieties. Of these 24 were Canadian and American, and 27 were foreign. The foreign varieties came chiefly from Germany, England, France and Russia. As none of the foreign varieties have as yet proved equal to some of the Canadian and American kinds the experimenters do not feel justified at present in recommending them to be sown. This bulletin, therefore, gives the parciculars relating to 23 Canadian and American varieties grown under exactly the same conditions.

As to cultivation and seeding the bulletin

"The soil was prepared on the bar "The soil was prepared on the bare fallow system, as it was felt that a test of this nature should be made under the most favorable conditions attainable, to bring out to the fullest extent the capabilities of the grains grown. This is the only bare fallow that we had on the farm. The ground was plowed twice the previous summer. Additional surface cultivation was also given. Farmward manure was applied at iven. Farmyard manure was applied a the rate of fifteen tons to the acre. The plots were all sown Sept. 4 with the excep-tion of the Winter Pearl variety, which was sown on Sept. 8. The same amount of see by weight was sown upon each plot, and it was sown at the rate of 12 bushels per

The average yields of 23 varieties tested were as follows

Varieties.

The weights of the different varieties vere tested by James Goldie & Sons of Guelph. As the yields seem remarkably large the bulletin remarks:

"It may be well, also, to remark that yields such as the above would not have been obtained from whole fields of these respective varieties, nor could they be looke or from cultivation given under average onditions. Small plots yield more rela tively than large ones, owing to cultivation around the borders and probably to othe causes, and from this extra yield it has been thought that if one-fifth were deducted the result would be a fair average to expect from a whole field under like conditions in ther respects.'

The results of the experiments are thus

"1. The splendid returns obtained in this experiment prove that the capabilities of Ontario as a wheat producing country are still of a high order.
"2. The bald wheats have on an average given 9.86 bushels more per acre, or 21.42 per cent. more than the bearded varieties, but the latter have weighed on an average in the latter have weighed on an average.

but the latter have weighed on an average 1.37 pounds more per bushel.

'3. The white wheats have given an average of 5.18 bushels more per acre than the red wheats, and they also stand higher in the estimation of the millers than the

"4. The bald white chaff white wheats

gave an average of 13.6 bushels per acre more than the bearded red chaff red

wheats.
"5. The seven leading varieties in point of yield were all white wheats except the erican Bronze.

American Bronze.

'6. These experiments tend to confirm the popular opinion that white wheats under favorable condition will give more bountiful returns than red wheats, and that the same may be said of the bald varieties as consistent wheats and the same was the same of the bald varieties as consistent who was the same of the bald varieties.

may be said of the bald varieties as contrasted with the bearded.

"7. The four best yielding white wheats for 1891 were Garfield, Surprise, Canadian Velvet Chaff and Bonnell; and the four best yielding varieties of red wheat were the American Bronze, Early Red Clawson, Red Velvet Chaff and Jones' Winter Fyfe, in the order named in both instances.

"S. The best four weighing varieties were the Manchester, Bulgarian, Lancaster and Democrat, each of which gave 64½ pounds

per bushel.

"9. The three velvet chaff varieties gave an average yield of 4.77 bushels per acre in excess of the mean average of the 23 varieties, and weighed .22 pounds more per bushel; and they are also included in the leading varieties mentioned in conclusion 7. '10. Of the varieties enumerated in thi

Eureka, not included, at least under that name in these experiments, has been grown

WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT?

[New York Press.]
What shall it profit Peter A. B. Widener, of Philadelphia, to be worth 10,000,000 of cold, hard dollars, made out of Broadway surface railroad and Chicago gas schemes, f he must go to Europe accompanied by a private physician and a body servant because of bodily ailments and physical infirmities? Better be a car driver or a gas stoker in good health. [New York Press.]

ABBOTT THE PURIFIER.

[Ottawa Free Press.]
Mr. Mercier should be dismissed, the Mr. Mercier should be dismissed, the Tory organs ery, because it is charged, but not proved, that he allowed \$100,000 of Provincial money to be misappropriated. But the same organs insist that Dominion Ministers who have connived at the steal-Ministers who have committed at the stealing of millions from the Federal treasury should be kept in office. This is the Tory dea of one law for all. If Mr. Abbott, the nead-center of the Pacific Scandal ring—the nam who handled the money with which he Tories purchased a Parliamentary majority in 1872—is fit to purify Dominion solities, surely Mr. Mercier is fit to reform whatever is wrong in the measurement. whatever is wrong in the management of Quebec's affairs.

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