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The commoncement of the twenty-sixth volume of the Canadian lliustrated News marks a new era in the history of this journal.

With the new volume from July first next, we propose to somewhat change the method of illustration, hoping thereby to effect a material improvement in its general character. To the public we need only say that we expect this change to result in illustrations of a greatly superior type and more nearly allied to the best productions of the English and American illustrated press.

The rapid growth of the artistic element throughout the Dominion during the past few years has led us to the conclusion that some such step was necessary in order that the character of our illustrations might keep pace eaily understood that any change of this charac. ter is synonymous with an increased expenditure, and we trust that our patrons will appreciate this fact and by their liberal support enable to carry out the proposed improvements.
Wo have further determined, with a view of obtaining a large number of Canadian Art outside, to offir inducements to Artists and Amatears throughout the country to produce work of a character suited to our paper. For all such work we will gladly pay on a scale calculated according to the suitableness of the sabjeet and its facility of reproduction. We invite the cordial coöperation of all Canedian artists in this matter, and as a further inducement to them to send us pictures for reproduction, we will undertuke, in all cases in which they are accompanied by a request to that effect, to return all drawings and sketches to their owners after using them. Such drawings as may be found unsuitable for our purpose we will in like manner return as 800
aible after they have been examined.

In our riading matter we intend to introduce some new foatures. Fresh departments will be opemed and we propose to avail ourselves here of the eelvices of the principal writers of the Dominion. An early number of the new volume will eontain the opeuing chapters of a new and intereating novel
Beaides this we have arranged for a eries of papers to which the following gentlomen

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This new departure will be, we trust, fully appreciated by the Canadian public, and we look to them confidently to support our efforts. Our paper will be from this out more than ever to feel that in supporting it they are not only helping to produce a work worthy of the vast improvement in culture and artistic feeling
throughout the country, but that they are getting good value for their money.

CMIADAAM ILLUSTRAED IEWS.
Montreal, Saturday, June 24. 1882.

## THE WEEK.

We are glad to welcome a new book by a Canadian authoress. Miss F. Gwilt, who is best known in Canada under her nom de plume of "Maple Leaf," has just
published a novel entitled "Wanted a published a novel entitled "Wanted a
Housekeeper." We have not space this week for a more extended notice of a at length in our next.

## AT THE POLLS.

Electionerring is the order of the day. As a subject of conversation it has during these last days beaten even the weather; as exemplifying the "whole
duty of man" it has run church going very close. Men talk, think, dream of party candidates and party victories and the end is not yet.

While we write this, preparations are going on around us for the polls, and 'ere this be read we shall all know the choice of the country. It is not to anticipate this we write, but there are some peculiarities of electors to which atten tion may be drawn without being influenced by the hopes and fears of this or that party.
Of course, if you who read this are an active politician, if you take a real and a lively interest in the election of your chosen representative, your plan of action has been unimpeachable. You have pre.
sumably voted for your party, and we trust the best man has won.
There are others, though, whose motives have been less easy to decide, whose policy is to say the least of $i t$, mixed.
There are some it may be, who are not of the initiated, to whom the onvelopes containing the invitations to vote for the
Liberal and else for the Conservative candidate of their division lie side by side upon their table, while their own decision is either doubtful or indiffer
"Oh 1 tuke no interest in the matter at all," perbaps he cries. "I shall probably vote fur the man who asks me first." It may be perhaps, "Oh I haveu't even had my uame placed on the voter's list." Has such a man ever reflected for an instant that he is carelessly throwing aside the greatest privilege a citizen of a free country possesses, the power of sharing in the government of his country. Suppose. he does not know the difference between
Grit and Tory. Is he by pleading isnorance, of what after all he has no right to be ignorant, to excuse himself from his plain duty. At least he might have added his grain of areight to turn the soale in favor of an privest, upright man, to keop out, it may bst, a man whom he
knew for a schemer, dishonest, unfit to govern or help to govern him and you and me.
Scarcely lees blameworthy is he who has based his decision upon the claims of casual friondship, who has voted for one
whose only claim to his support has been the bond of good-fellowship. It is
ing; our convivial friend may or may not be the right man for the post. But it is not for his social qualities, rather, be it said, in spite of them, that we shall support him, if support him we do. And yet how many men vote for this or that candidate on no better grounds than these.

There is another class, perhaps, who have voted for a fellow-countryman because he is such. Far be it from us to discourage the love of country in any man. But did these men never reflect that it was not the government of Scot ansl for which they were choosing a rejresentative but that of Canada? Let our representative be a Scotchman by all means, if he be the best man, but let him be more than that, a Canadian. We have had enough, and more than enough, of divided nationality. If we are not Canadians we have no claim to be electors of a Canadian Parliament.

Once more, then, we have seen the staunch Protestant who was not going to see a Roman Catholic get in if he could help it. And on this ground, perhaps, men are harder to convince than any other, partly because religious prejudice is the strongest of all pri judices, but partly, also, because they have just the shadow of a right on their side, since a man's religion, f he be truly religious, must stand before his political convictions.
And yet once more, it is not a minister who will be elected to-morrow, nor a de legate to a religious conference. By all means let us have none but a Christian. But surely we can bury mere difference of creed when we come to record our vote for our country.
So, then, we end as we began. Honor above all to those who have fought the fight well and honestly, who have forgotten their purely selfish interests, put aside the cares of their businese, the attractions of their pleasures, remembering how great is the responsibility that will rest on them individually should their neglect have contributed to some national disaster,
or have helped to hinder the prosperity of their country. Time will show the justice or otherwise of the choice each has made or will make to-morrow, but the consideration of the motives which dictated that choice may give some ford for reflection apart from the results thenselves.

## oscar's Latest.

Trackeray mentions somewhere that Grorge IV. once invented a shoe-buckle when in the prime vigour of his fancy and the maturity of his power. Mr. Oscar Wilde, according to a Now York legend, has gone even further than Geores IV., If Mr Wae invented a new suit of clothes. an almost overweening opinion of his own genius as a costumier and a poet, that will be the fault of the Americans who send reporters to "interview" his tailor. In
England, they "interview" generals, released political prisoners-"steeped to the lips" in the usually quoted way-they intervicw cannibals and other intergeting people. But Engli $h$ enterprise has stoppod short of catechising Mr. Davirt's bontmaker, or the artist who cut Sir F. Roberts's hair. More eager for knowledge, the $\Delta$ merica $: s$ who guide public oninion have found out all about Mr. Wildes new clothes. He is going to indulg", in raiment described as "cuuleur du lac au clair de la lane "-the hie of a noonlight. coloured lake. Whences Mr. Widide got this inspiration the critics of the future must decide. Did he borrow an idea from an earliur if not so great a poet, who writes of the cloud that displays its silver lining 9 Or was he guided by the words of the Scotch minister, who was called on for a a kind of toast $\}$ This poor minister could think of no mentiment more convivial than " the reflection o' the mion in the cawm bosom o' the lake." After all, weare left in clothes. Black velvet is black velvet, when it is not velveteen, all the world over, however you maya puff it, slash it, em broider it with marsh-marigolds, and take
other liberties with its texture. The other suit, we presume - the Captain Moonliont tic, wonde fol, after the manner introduced to public favour by the Lady of the LakeMr. Tennyson's lady, not Sir Walter's. A plain white samite doublet, fitting tight to the body, the upper part of the arm in large (and very appropriate) "puffs," sown with silver lilies of the valley, may be becoming, and cannot but suggest. the reflection of the moon in the lake's calm bocom. In place of shoes we might respectfully suggest that any one who takes to this costume should imitate Duke Humphrey in the "Bab Ballads:-
Duke Hunphrey greatest wealth compates.
And sticks, they say, at nothing,
He wears a pair of silver bnot
And golden underclothing.
The golden underclothing is less important, but the silver boots are quite essential. Thus attired, and with a silver wand in his hand, a reformer of costuma could not fail to attract attention to himself in any company. And yet one hardly hopes that this sort of garment will ever be universally worn. We cannot all afford to teal around like embodied moonehine, or to flutter like moths, or to attire ourselvee like the lilies of the field, even if we believed our personal beanty worthy of such adornment. And talking of the lilies of the field, and of the nutriment which they are supposed to afford to some sensitive natures, it may be said that there is no new thing under the sun. If our young men can lunch on lilies, there was a girl in the time of the author of the "Religio Medici"-"that maid of Germany" he calls her-who professed that she supported existence on the smell of a rose. But she was proved to be an impostor, a horticulwas proved to be an impostor, a horticul-
tural variety of the modern "fasting girl."

## " A LittLe mUSIC."

Mrs. Leo Hunter no longer affeets to patronize iterature. Music and so-called musical people have been ,taken under her wing, and her evenings " are the topic of fashionable goasip and of society intelligence in the newspapers. In due time, everyone must have his chance, shall ride your hobby to your heart's content even in Mrs. Hunter's spacious parlors. Her masical entertainments are conceived and carried out on the plan of her once famons literary gatherings. They are for thowe who trifle with the art, and whose slight knowledge serves its purpose if it but ministers to the vanity of its possessors, - young men and women who have ittle love and less taste for the "art divine," but who have managed to pick up enoug on he programme of the dreary parlor concert, and whose efforts, feeble as they are, yet arouse the onvy of some of the still more ignorant listeners. Perhape, too, while they make the jadicions grieve, such concerts sometimes afford amusement; that they furnish a sort of agreeable excitement is evident from the frequency with which they occur.
The fault is not in that these idle pe.uple have directed their listless attention to musio nor
that thev arp not, each and all of them, ulever musiciais. The chjection is to the pretence and fummery that eharacterixe the average parlor concert. A few friends may meet to entertain each other musically, whether it be with operatic selections, more or less florid, with glees or madrigals, or with instrumental trios or qua. cettes; and, although the performance be ever so indifferent, if singers or players are doing heir best with the brst music thet they unving. rfining, reetiful. Should thiy ask in a few frieunds as listeners, they will simply be oxending the radius of sunshiue, aud in the silu. cere applanse of their audience will find a new ncentive to stuiv. Some of our most delightful nemorips are of just such musical evenings in cony, comfortable homes, where, although could not $t$ ke part in the performanoe, we yét n. W there was a welcome for us. The reader or of Sebwutian Hensel's "Mendelseohn Family," will pleawnitly recall the accounts of the meftings in which, although the music wais of the kind which ordinary mortals cannot hear without paying for it, there was the great, charm of
the abeonce of formality. Now, if we connot have a Moschples, a Mendelssohn, or a Fanny Hensel at the piano,-if we cannot have a Malibran tn. sing for us or romp with the
youngsters, -if neither Joachim nor Piatti will drop in for a quiet cup of tea and a little mus $e$ afterward, -we can, neverthelese, get our ahare of pleasure out of music, if we rightly aet about t. We, all of us, spend too much of our time in other people's houves, and, as a consequence sometimes overlook the resources of our own homes. If you really care for music, and want

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[^0]:    to have it about you, devote one evening of
    every week or fortnight to your musical friends.

