

disease. And he reports that it fulfilled all his expectations, since all his party remained well and strong. M. Andree will make the next polar trip, in his balloon.

The heroic spirit of the explorer was splendidly present in the instance of Prof. Lillenthal, the German inventor, who fell from his flying machine and died within twenty-four hours. After rising fifteen metres above the mountain from which he chose to ascend, the machine turned several somersaults and finally shot down like a rocket. The enthusiasm of the scientist came out in his last words, "Mine is the true inventor's death. I am satisfied to die in the interests of science."

MRS. BRYAN, the wife of the 'silver' candidate, deserves our sympathy; but fortunately she does not appear to be aware of the fact. Here is the manner in which the details of her everyday living are at present laid open to the public gaze:

The Boy Orator was accompanied by Mrs. Bryan, who wore a gown in which she has not before appeared in public. It was black, and was trimmed with velvet and peacock blue silk. She also wore a new hat. It was a black straw, trimmed with flowers, and there was a bunch of cherries that nestled in the coil of her hair.

And again:

A moment after this first yell there was another one; it was for Mrs. Bryan.

"She's eating dinner," said the Boy Orator. "We must see her," said the crowd. Mr. Kerr was equal to the occasion. He rushed into the car, pushed his way into the Boy Orator's seat, hoisted the window, reached over and hoisted the window beside Mrs. Bryan, and then, leaning half way out, he cried:

"Now, ladies, come and look! This is Mrs. Bryan. Come and look. She is eating her dinner now." Mrs. Bryan, not disconcerted in the least, looked out of the window and shook hands with all who wanted to shake.

Surely this is not political fervour, but idiocy and impudence.

Let us be thankful that in Canada we preserve and permit some semblance of dignity and self-respect during political campaigns.

WOMEN are entering actively into the presidential campaign. A number of Bryan clubs have been formed in each State. Mrs. Mary E. Lease and Mrs. Minerva Roberts are selected as campaign orators on the Populist side. The latter lady was chosen to second Bryan's nomination at the St. Louis convention on behalf of Colorado, and her speech met with much favour.

It is probable that, without understanding the silver question in all its complex bearings, a very large number of women will favour the Populist cause. The platform is attractive; appeal is made largely to sympathy and emotionalism; superficially viewed it is the cause of the underworld; and last, yet not least, the candidate is handsome and magnetic.

That three States in the Union have woman suffrage makes the trend of woman's vote an important consideration.

If the present 'silver' campaign in the States has no other result, it will at least prove markedly educative to the masses in the matter of finances. Seeing how the people are led away by specious reasoning, the wealthy and the more sober-minded citizens are using every practical means to impress the truth upon the former. Object lessons in the values of silver under varying conditions are being given by the big stores, manufacturers and newspapers. Mexican silver dollars are being brought north by the barrel, and given together with a fifty cent purchase in exchange for American dollars. Old silver is being bought up, smelted and sold in lumps; employers give their hands the choice of being paid in American money or double the amount in Mexican silver.

When the campaign is over every United States citizen will be a financier.

THAT was a remarkable scene at Old Orchard Beach during the Convention of the Christian Alliance, when the people were seized with a mad epidemic of missionary giving, and munificent checks, gold, silver, watches, jewels, were poured upon the plates. A satirical politician's comment upon it is that the emotional convention is spreading, and that we may soon go back to the good old word 'camp meeting' to describe such hysterical gatherings as either the Chicago political convention or the Old Orchard religious conference.

Doubtless a more deliberate and well-considered offering is better for the giver; doubtless, also, the true value of the gift is proportionate to the calmly pursued motive. Yet, in accomplishing His holy purposes God makes use of many imperfect tools, and it is better for a man to give to a good cause under the influence of emotion than to never give at all. Yet the instances reported of donors repenting their action at this conference, and making demand for return of their jewels, is not surprising. The larger and more perplexing question is, in how far a religious exhorter is justified in working upon the emotions of his audience in order to achieve certain dramatic results.

DURING the intense heat of early August, the ten o'clock rule concerning vacating the Brooklyn parks was suspended, and the people were permitted to remain in them all night if they chose.

There was no question about their choice. Entire families left the choky tenements and came out to sleep beneath the trees. Many brought pillows, a few brought mattresses, but the majority were content to lie upon the grass. On the hottest nights the parks resembled open-air lodging-houses, so thickly were they tenanted. The rules governing those who wished to sleep thus were very strict, and rigidly enforced by police patrol. Everybody had to sleep in plain view, and women and children were limited to certain parts of the grounds.

It was an experiment; but all who watched the tired sleepers resting under the open sky, pronounced it a most happy and successful one.

IN CANADA.

THREE is not much serious need of warning people possessing small savings against rash speculation in the present mining boom. The average citizen of modest means is more inclined to invest in something he can see—real estate, for instance—than in the far-off and more intangible mining venture. The capitalist and professional speculator are aware of their risks and must accept them.

Concerning women investors, there is no reason why a woman should not invest, provided she has good business understanding, and there are plenty of such throughout Canada. Otherwise she should get only on reliable advice from a disinterested source; and, otherwise, again, she should let all speculation alone. But so also should a man under similar conditions.

THE proposal that a Minister of Mining be appointed, and that this industry form a separate portfolio in the Dominion Government, should receive consideration.

If the assertion that there are already too many Ministers be allowed, then, at least, some provision should be made by which the mining interest of the Dominion may be thoroughly protected. In a country of as varied resource and developing as rapidly as Canada is doing,

one Department of Interior is too comprehensive to be able to do justice to the varied interests included under it. If Agriculture demands a Minister and portfolio, certainly Mining should, especially when it is discovered how much of the country's wealth lies in this industry.

PROFESSOR ROBERTSON's suggestions are usually both practical and valuable. Since commissions are the order of up-to-date government, the proposal of the Dairy Commissioner, who knows the North-west well, is worthy of thought. Speaking on the subject of immigration he says:

I believe in the North-west so thoroughly that I think its problems and difficulties need to be investigated still further in a thoroughly systematic way, probably by a special commission, in order that progress, settlement and development may be made along lines which may be followed year in and year out with the greatest measure of benefit to the settlers, the lowest cost to the Government, and the largest possible advantage to the whole Dominion of Canada.

FRANCES WAYLAND GLEN, an ex-Canadian resident in Brooklyn, declares it his purpose "to devote for the remainder of my life, my physical, mental, and moral powers without intermission" to the promotion of political union between Canada and the United States.

With such tremendous odds against the maintenance of her autonomy, Canada might as well give in at once. Frances Wayland Glen and the Quebec correspondent of the *New York Sun*, are a combination not to be resisted,—to say nothing of Professor Goldwin Smith.

THE present session of the Dominion Parliament is not likely to be a long one. It is the third consecutive summer session, and members on both sides of the House are weary of the conjunction of dog-days and debates. Neither Government nor Opposition are fully prepared for action. The former have not got their Windsor uniforms, nor the latter—at this time of writing—a duly credentialed leader. A few months later will find both parties well furbished and in fighting form. Unless an unexpected move or attack prevent, the House will probably follow the course outlined in the Speech from the Throne,—pass the estimates, and prorogue until the beginning of the new year.

THERE is certainly much putting in order required among the Conservative members before an effective Opposition can face the Government. Dr. Nesbitt's speech at Owen Sound revealed the lack of harmony yet prevailing in the foremost rank of the Conservative party. With such dissention comes the lack of organisation and its concomitant weakness.

The serious aspect of existing conditions in the new Opposition is whether antagonism between certain of its members has not become too bitter to make healing possible. In such case the only hope lies in one or other dropping out into the silence of private citizenship.

MONTREAL wants an International Exhibition next year, and Toronto has been 'lotting' on something almost, if not quite as big. Montreal has 'spoken first' in petitioning for Government assistance, and Toronto cries out, in consequence.

It is altogether likely that Government will deal fairly in the matter, and assist both cities provided Montreal carries out her scheme. Perhaps if the big commercial city is prettily approached, she may waive her right in courtesy to Toronto for that especial year. But under any circumstance, Toronto will have her Industrial Fair, the Conference of British Scientists, the British Medical Association, the Cabot historic celebration, and the commemoration of Her Majesty's sixtieth anniversary as Queen,—this should surely be enough for the 'Queen' City.