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God is in His heaven,

All's right with the world.

—(BROWNING)

London, Thursday, March 31.

The recent election of a Conservative

M. P. for Monck has been protested. There

are many allegations of fraud, personation,

bribery, etc.

Mr. Proulx (Liberal) has been re-elected

M. P. for Prescott county, by a majority

of about 250. The Conservatives held the

seat from 1878 to 1891, when it was captured

by Mr. Proulx.

Brantford Expositor: The London Free

Press of to-day contains a laborious double-

headed editorial headed "Judge Elliot's

Vindication." It is written in a legal

strain, and will no doubt be handed down

in law calf as Elliot on Elliot.

The London Free Press says editorially

that Mr. Vallance, M. P. for Dorchester,

Que., has decided to support the Abbott

Government. Mr. Vallance, who should

know his own mind, authorizes the statement

that the report is absolutely untrue.

He has no such intention.

At last there has been a party division

of the members of the Ontario Legislature. It

shows that in a full House, counting the

Speaker and giving the Opposition Mr.

Campbell (Durham), Mr. Mowat has a

majority out of the 90 members of the

House of 26. Very nearly two-thirds of

the whole membership is Liberal.

Hugh John Macdonald, M. P. for Winni-

peg, unlike his father, the late Conservative

leader, has no liking for political life.

He announces that he intends to resign his

seat as soon as possible, and that he has re-

quested Premier Abbott to relieve him.

His reasons are: "I never don't like the

work. I have no natural gift for political life.

My tastes don't lie in that direction."

A Michigan correspondent asks us if the

Right Honorable W. E. Gladstone is a be-

liever in Spiritualism. In none of his

writings that have come under the review of

the writer has the great English statesman

declared his adherence to what is known as

Spiritualism. It is enough for those of

us who are admirers of the right honorable

gentleman to know that he is a Christian

statesman, whom to know is to respect and

esteem.

The Stratford Beacon claims that a

Conservative law firm in Windsor, of which

Mr. Patterson, recently appointed to the

Dominion Government is a member, has

been in the habit of posting letters in

Detroit to save the one-cent difference be-

tween the Canadian three-cent and the

United States two-cent rate. Our con-

temporaries say:

"Several letters of this firm mailed in

Detroit and bearing the figure of three stamps

have been received in this city, and one the

Beacon saw as late as Feb. 1."

Instead of being condemned for this

endeavor to avoid the stupid and excessive

postal charges that call for a three-cent

rate for a circular printed in imitation of

typewriting, as have been other business

men alleged to have followed his example,

Mr. Patterson is elevated to a position in

the Dominion Cabinet! "Let there be fair

play all round."

Oil will be used more and more as fuel

in the United States until such time as

electricity is under better control. The

latest bid contract given out for heating

by oil is that awarded to the Standard Oil

Company by the World's Fair directors,

who have decreed that coal oil shall be con-

sumed in the whole of the furnaces on the

grounds. The lowest bid for coal was

\$2 44 per ton. From this figure the bids

ranged all the way to \$3 95 per ton. The

Standard Oil Company's bid was 70 cents

for a barrel of 42 gallons of oil, and 72 1/2

cents a barrel during 1893. Agents of the

company said that three barrels of oil would

produce as much heat as a ton of

coal. That meant a saving of about 14 per

cent, on the lowest bid for coal, and a com-

mittee decided in favor of oil, on one con-

dition. The Exposition Company will pay

70 cents a barrel until 1893, and then have

the privilege of getting the oil at the

lowest market price, not to exceed 72 1/2

cents a barrel. The contract will be for

perhaps the largest quantity ever sold to

one consumer. The lowest estimates that

have ever been made of the amount of coal

that would be burned at Jackson Park

during the Exposition was 75,000 tons. On

this basis 225,000 barrels of oil would be

used, but it is probable that the amount

will be largely in excess of that estimate.

Mr. Burnham told the members of the com-

mittee that oil had been successfully used

for years by several of the largest power

houses in Chicago, notably the cable lines.

STILL TRUSTING TO MISERABLE

TECHNICAL QUIBBLES.

There has been more quibbling at Ottawa

over the reception of the serious allega-

tions against Judge Elliot, and, implicitly,

Mr. Carling, the man who has probed by

Judge Elliot's unwarranted actions.

Sir John Thompson's disposition seems to

be inclined to fall in with the views of the

local conspirators—that a full investigation

should be delayed as long as possible. From

the inception of the series of racialities by

means of which the votes of men struck off

the list by a Conservative revising officer

were counted by Judge Elliot, the con-

spirators have adopted the view that delay

in their exposure would help them, and

the friends of Mr. Carling in Parliament

seem to place faith in similar tactics, or

they would not be guilty of contemptible

quibbling and hair-splitting, with the sole

object of delaying proceedings on the most

serious charges.

If these men had nothing to fear, they

would court investigation, and ask that not

a moment's delay should take place in

taking the evidence alleged to be forthcoming.

So far as the friends of Mr. Hyman,

M. P., and of justice are concerned, it

seems to us that they gain rather than lose

by the policy of delay. Every day, the

press of the country is becoming more

fully seized of the methods pur-

sued by Judge Elliot and his co-

conspirators to secure a seat for Mr. Carling

to which he can lay no legal claim, and

every day the evidence accumulates that no

matter how great may be the effort put

forth to suppress the facts the truth will be

laid bare, and the view of such independent

Conservative journals as the Toronto News

receives increasing adherents. That paper,

in its issue of last (Wednesday) night says:

"John Carling does not hold his seat in the

Commons by the voice of the legally

qualified electors of London, but by grace

of Judge Elliot. It will be an outrage past

endurance if the judge who has usurped the

position belonging to the electors should be

rescued from trial for his offense on a

quibbling technicality that would not avail

to save an offender before Chief Justice

Baker's Police Court."

If there is any attempt to suppress a full

investigation at Ottawa, the conspirators

will be tried elsewhere. They should not

be tried, but be made to give up the

proceedings of their plunder.

CANADIAN INDEPENDENCE BEST

FOR EVERYBODY.

The other day the ADVERTISER said the

Independence of Canada would be best for

Canada, best for Great Britain, best for the

United States, best for mankind. The fol-

lowing cablegram published in to-day's

papers shows what the most influential

organ of British opinion thinks:

LONDON, March 30.—The Times this

morning contains an article reviewing the

Boring Sea dispute. The writer comments on

the fact that the matter has no direct impor-

tance for the English consumer of sealings,

to whom it matters nothing whether the

skins are obtained from Canadians or

Americans. The writer says: "The con-

trovery only concerns a semi-independent

colony who treats us as a commercial

enemy. These colonies are always embroil-

ing us in foreign disputes. We are obliged

to fight their battles while they treat us as a

foreign power. How long is this to last?

A few troubles like the Bering Sea con-

trovery will compel us to face the problem

and seriously ask ourselves whether the

present relations between the mother coun-

try and the colonies are quite fair to the

British taxpayers."

The Times can hardly be blamed for this

view. Despite all our loyalty cant, we do

treat Great Britain, by our anti-free trade

policy, as "a commercial enemy."

Great Britain is more vitally interested

in maintaining good relations with the

United States than in retaining Canada as

a British possession.

Canada's interest runs in the same di-

rection.

No people content to be other people's

"Colonials" ever did, ever can, or ever will,

amount to anything.

The invitation of the London Times to

strike out for ourselves ought to be ac-

cepted.

A MARE'S NEST DISCOVERED BY

THE FREE PRESS.

Through an error in transmission by

telegraph, the name "Belts" affixed to the

petition to Parliament for an investigation

into the conduct of Judge Elliot was trans-

formed into "Betts," and the name was so

published in the ADVERTISER.

We take this opportunity to set the mat-

ter right with our readers. Any one ac-

customed to handling dispatches knows

how easy it is for an error of this descrip-

tion to take place.

Our city contemporary, which is ready in

its present critical position to grasp at any

straw that may, even temporarily, divert

attention from the main issue, now alleges

that it is no error in telegraphing, but a

deliberate forgery of the name of Mr.

Belts!

This allegation is inexcusable, in view of

the fact that the name was correctly given

in the dispatch sent to the Free Press, and

its editor had but to compare the two lists

to find that his discovery and simulated in-

dignation had no good foundation.

BY POPULAR ELECTION.

Mr. Tarte, the well-known Quebec politi-

cian, favors the election by popular vote of

the lieutenant-governors of Provinces.

The idea is a good one. The populace are

more likely to select a good chief adminis-

trative officer than the coterie of politicians

who happen to control public affairs at

Ottawa.

The governor-generalship should also be

made a prize to which Canadians might

aspire. Why should it be made a gift to an

old world politician who may know com-

paratively little of the desires and aspira-

tions of the Canadian people?

There are many of us who believe that

the judges might better be elected by

popular vote for a term of, say, six

to ten years, than elected for

life, too often as a reward for

party services. Considering

which there is in getting rid of the ineffic-

ent or unrighteous judges this view of the

case has many attractions for those who wish

for a judiciary that will be put on its

mettle to do that which is right under

pains of bringing down upon itself the dis-

pleasure of right-thinking, justice-loving

citizens of all classes.

TOPICS OF TO-DAY.

The comedy and tragedy of Boulanger and

his black-horseism is ended, and the pathos

holds the stage for one brief hour. At the

auction sale of his memorabilia his wedding

ring was privately bought in for his wronged

wife.

England's representative at the Bering

Sea Conference in Washington, Sir George

Baden Powell, is a pronounced free-trader.

As an author in the economic field he has

made his mark, his work on "Protection and

Bad Times" being considered a standard.

John Burns, the Socialist Democrat, has

been a member of the London (Eng.) County

Council for three years. He is only 38, and

gives his occupation as "working engineer."

Mr. Burns has stalwart shoulders and a

thick, short, brown beard.

The year 1819, which gave birth to Walt

Whitman, was one of the years of "great

babies." Queen Victoria, John Ruskin,