

Manitoba School Question, which, by the way, should never have been made an issue of the contest, was for the most part responsible for this, although the dissensions in the Cabinet also added materially to the spirit of acrimony that existed.

In spite of the antipathy that was engendered, now that the elections are over, it behoves all Canadians, irrespective of party, to unite and lend the new Government all the support they can command in order that it may have every facility for promoting the best interests of the country. The Conservatives have had a long term of office, and a few years' opposition will do the party good. (By the way, it is remarkable how many Conservatives are of this opinion now that the elections are over.) During the next five years the Liberals will have an opportunity of demonstrating that which they have all along professed, and which we thoroughly believe they are in earnest over, namely, their loyalty to the interests of the country and their devotion to Canada and the Empire.

From Mr. Laurier's remarks it is to be judged that there will be no discrimination against the Mother Country; the cause of Preferential Trade will be fostered, and no material changes will be made in the tariff, although a little tinkering may be done; the Liberal party will seek to reform but not revolutionize, and there are many reforms which can, to advantage, be brought about in this country. Canada has little to fear from the Liberal party, and at present a great deal to gain. Let us all, Conservatives and Liberals alike, combine to assist the new Government in advancing the interests of Canada for the next five years to come. Above all, let us render Mr. Laurier all the help we can to remove the obnoxious Manitoba School Question from the realm of politics, where it should never have been introduced; let us do this, even though, for party exigencies, Mr. Laurier saw fit to embarrass the late Government on that question. And when that question is settled let us hope that we shall have seen the last of religio-racial questions in this country.

TWO CANADIANS GONE.

CANADA has lost two distinguished sons during the past month—one was the Lieut.-Governor of New Brunswick, and the other was an ex-Lieut.-Governor of this Province. Both came of United Empire Loyalist stock, and both honorably sustained the unsullied loyalty of their forefathers. The late Hon. John Beverly Robinson was a man who was respected by all who knew him, and also by a great many who never had that honor. The work which the late Sir Leonard Tilley has accomplished for Canada, and the interest ever manifested in Canadian affairs, even after his retirement from active service in the lists of public life, will long be remembered by the Canadian people.

The examples which the lives of the two men furnish might well be a matter of emulation to the young men of this country.

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THE MOSCOW DISASTER.

THE disaster attending the coronation of the Czar has proved one of the most terrible happenings of recent years. The reports that have reached this country vary widely as to the number of the victims, but the authorities admit that there were at least 1,700 killed, while newspaper reports have placed the number as high as 3,800.

It is a relief to know, however, that the catastrophe was not caused by the gluttonous and "bestial instincts of the masses," as was at first reported, but by a desire on the part of a loyal people—and there is not a more loyal people under the sun than the Russian peasantry—to procure some token or souvenir of the proceedings which they might hand down as an heirloom to posterity to commemorate the liberality of their sovereign.

It is remarkable that even so great a disaster had no effect in lessening the greatness of the festivities. It is probable that had such a thing happened in England, not only would the demonstration have been terminated, but the courts and entire nation would have gone into mourning at once.