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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

The time is approaching when choice must be made of municipal office-bearers throughout the Province of Ontario. There is, we fear, but too little interest taken in the municipal elections. These elections are of a very important character, for there is, after all, nothing so essential to the public well-being under our system as the due administration of our municipal government. This cannot, of course, be accomplished without the choice of fit and proper persons to fill the various municipal offices. There is not one of these offices that does not demand intelligence, honesty and energy. We have reeves, deputy-reeves, and councillors, to elect in the rural, mayors and aldermen in the urban municipalities. These are all positions of honor and trust. We are happy to state that of late years Catholics have come to the front, more than was t'eir custom, to compete for their share of these positions. This is only as it should be, for Catholics possess at least as large a number of competent men as any other class for our municipal positions. In speaking, some time ago, of Dr. St. Jean, Mayor of Ottawa, we referred to the satisfactory manner in which he has performed the high duties of his office, and advocated his claims for re-election. We have since, however, learned that the worthy doctor has declared himself willing to retire in fayor of any one who may be nominated by his fellow Irish Catholic citizens for the mayorality of the metropolis. This is, indeed, a generous and high-minded course on the part of Mayor St. Jean. There are many among the English speaking Catholics of Ottawa fitted for the position, so many that we will now recommend no one in particular for the place. We may say, however, that we have heard amongst other mames mentioned that of Ald. F. Macdougal. Mr. Macdougal has sat at the City Council Board for nearly fourteen years, rendering the city ment to the northward spread and the wells along the route to Barbar be filled. great and signal services. His elec- wells along the route to Berber be filled tion would, we feel assured, give great satisfaction. Mr. Macdougal does not, however, we know, covet this honor for which he is so well fitted. But his friends will, no doubt, in due time press his claims to a position

City Council, that he has held the position of chairman of the finance committee, introducing in that capacity a reform in the issuing of Corporation cheques that has proved to be of substantial profit to the city, and that while chairman of the waterworks committee he succeeded in obtaining from the government That any such movement would ena large additional grant for its water

his long services so well merit.

WEST MIDDLESEX NOMINATION.

We will watch with interest the proceedings at the West Middlesex nomination and carefully note the observations of leading speakers on the school question. The RECORD will be represented on the occasion.

THE UNIVERSITY QUESTION.

We beg to direct the most earnest attention of our readers to the article on University Endowment in another column. This article is from the pen of one of the ablest writers of the Province. He begins his argument by setting forth the Presbyterian view of the subject. He will follow it up by stating the Methodist and Anglican views on the same absorbing question, and close by an exposi-tion and vindication of Catholic opinTHE FALSE PROPHET.

El Mahdi, otherwise known as the false prophet, has, by his late successes, acquired a remarkable, but not, when we consider their temperament and tradition, surprising influence over the Arab populations of Africa. These populations no longer look to Stamboul for guidance or leadership. They hate the Khedive of Egypt, and, of course, abominate every foreign element in the country. The news of El Mahdi's success has already penetrated north and westward through every hamlet of Morocco, Algiers, and Tunis, French officials in the latter provinces are reported as urging the home government to be prepared for an outbreak.

Their fears of a Mussulman rising are certainly well grounded. El Mahdi is assuredly no novice in the art of war. His late campaign against the Egyptians gives evidence of superior strategetical ability and power of organization. The correspondent of the London Daily News, lately killed in the massacre of Hicks Pasha's troops by the False Prophet, gives a good idea of the latter's mode of wartare. He said :

"The Mahdi's agents have been exceed ingly active, and an ominous murmuring on all sides warns us that an outbreak of on all sides warns us that an outbreak of even wider dimensions than any which has heretofore occurred is quite within the limits of possibility. But a few days ago we received intelligence that a considerable body of Arabs, incited by an envoy of the Mahdi, surrounded the small town or village of Singat, thirty miles southwest of Suakim, and demanded that the arms of the garrison, and contents of the treasury be delivered to them. A fight ensued, in which the assailants were worsted with a loss of 150 and their leader killed. The Governor of Saukimeu, which town is our base of operations on the Red Sea coast, telegraphed for reinforcements, and the Mudir of Berber, the town where the line of camel transit meets the Nile, stated that he felt transit meets the Nile, stated that he felt far from safe with the small force at his command. As a consequence two batta-lions, part of the reinforcement of 5,000 men now arriving from Cairo, had to be halted at Berber. The last intelligence re-ceived is that the Arabs of the entire district between Saukim and the Nile are in a state of fermentation, and some have assumed a very threatening attitude

The correspondent had evidently formed a just estimate of El Mahdi's influence and strength, and the dangers arising from the fanaticism of the Arabs, for immediately before the massacre in which he perished he wrote:

"The last detachment of troops en route for Khartoum, and consisting of 200 in-fantry and 300 Bashi Bazooks or irregulars, was waylaid by the Haddendowah Arabs at a place called Kokreb, about half way at a place caned Kokreb, about half way between Suakim and Berber. The camel drivers carrying the soldiers' baggage, probably in connivance with the assailants, fled back to Suakim, taking with them the entire of the biscuit rations. Fort miles of telegraph wire, too, have been pulled down, so that we have no direct ommunications with Suakim, which to up, we will be apt to find ourselves in an awkward predicament here, surrounded as we are by a hostile population, which is ready at a moment's notice, or with the slightest encouragement, to manifest their feelings in a practical way. Indeed, I was credibly informed that there are within Khartoum itself at least eight thousand persons, rebels at heart, who would take the first opportunity of rushing to arms; In connection with Ald. Macdougal's claims to the Mayoralty of
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> El Mahdi's success may lead him to urge an immediate uprising of the Mussulman populations in Lower Egypt, Algiers and Tunis. list the hearty sympathy and secure the earnest co-operation of the Arabs in Tripoli and Morocco, there can be no doubt. European powers having interests in Africa would then have their hands full

El Mahdi's late victory produced a profound sensation in Britain. The press dealt with it as a matter of the utmost moment. Said the Times:

"In thus disregarding the representations of British authorities and the wishes of the people, the Khedive's administra-tion has shown the inveterate faults of Oriental rulers, and has brought on the country the precise calamities by which they are usually punished. It is unlikely, however, that Mr. Gladstone will leave however, that Mr. Gladstone will leave the Egyptians to stew in their own gravy. The story of the destruction of Hicks Pasha's force will be eagerly told in Con-stantinople and Damascus and Bombay and Benares. Wandering preachers will carry the tale that an army of Moslems has annihilated an army commanded by Eng-lish officers. The Mahdi has become the

Kaderia, and there is hardly a town in Algeria or Tunis without a Kaderia shrine. He has the aid of the slave dealers, and the tie has the aid of the slave dealers, and the tribes he commands are desperately brave. If Colonel Coet Logon and Ibrahim Pacha have abandoned Khartoum and retreated to the Red Sea, then the whole course of the Nile, open and undefended, lies before the conquering Mahdi. The Spectator says: 'Either we misread the Araba altogether or in a month the French will be fighting for their lives from Gabes to Morocco.' All but the party of peace at any price are convinced that immediate action is necessary. The Saturday Review at any price are convinced that immediate action is necessary. The Saturday Review, heading an article, "The Egyptian Card Castle," says: "The massacre is a Mene Tekel to the Government scheme of withdrawal." The Spectator, the staunchest Liberal organ, says: 'We must defend Egypt to the last cataract. We must hold the valley to Syene; or at least the troops must remain. If we retire, Egypt may be divided by insurrection or accept Mahdi. That would mean the advance of a Turkish army to defend the Ottoman Caliphate.

Mahdi is defeated the delta of the Nile must be defended by British troops. The movements of El Mahdi will be watched with the deepest anxiety in Europe. The map of Europe will doubtless soon undergo very decided alterations.

ish army to defend the Ottoman Caliphate, which, if Mahdi reached Cairo, would not

THE IRISH NATIONAL LEAGUE.

We are glad to perceive that the Irish National League is extending neighboring union. By a despatch

Dr. Wallace, of the State Executive National League, appealed for the fulfilment of the pledge to the Philadelphia convention to extend aid to Ireland, that half a million Irishmen should be enrolled for Ireland's relief in this State and that every man should contribute a dollar. After organization, with Dr. Wallace as chairman, committees were named on organization. At the afternoon session Father Cronin, of Buffalo, chairman of the committee on resolutions, offered a series of resolutions which were adopted. The resolutions, after reaffirming the principles of the Philadelphia platform, pledge the united support of all the Irish rganizations in this State to Parnell in organizations in this state to Parnell in any policy he may adopt for the advancement of the Irish cause. The resolutions continue: "As the manufactures of Great Britain are the chief source of her material greatness, which is already declining under the influence of American competition." tion, we earnestly counsel our countrymen in this State not to use English manufactures themselves and to discountenance their use in the sphere of their influence and that a pledge to this effect be a condition of admission as membership in this National League." The resolutions re-The resolutions recommend postponing the close of American contributions to the Parnell fund until next St. Patrick's Day. The Committee on Organization reported for ap portioning each county, and the appoint Vice-Presidents who shall be members of the State Committee. Fa her Cronin, of Buffalo, offered a resolution, which was adopted, declaring that a pecial testimonial fund of \$25,000 from he State of New York should be raised for Parnell. This fund is separate from the one being raised by the National

The proceedings of the convention were harmonious and enthusiastic throughout. The League is now evidently on a solid basis in the United States. We regret that the Irishmen in Canada are not similarly organized. But the fact is the Irish in Canada have not-we must say itreceived the encouragement or attention they should, in our opinion, have received from the leaders of the national movement at home. There are in Canada Irishmen as sincere and patriotic as the world contains. Under proper auspices they are quite ready to organize for the promotion of Ireland's true interests.

League.

RAILWAY PROGRESS.

The railway progress of Canada within the last ten years is simply marvellous. In addition to those lines already built or building several new and important railway routes are projected, many of which will, no doubt, be shortly in the way of construction. Among these we may mention the Cornwall and Sault Ste. Marie Railway. Speaking of this road the Minneapolis Tribune lately said:

"The projected railway through the Province of Ontario, from Sault Ste. Marie to Cornwall, on the St. Laurence River, near Montreal, is apparently being vigorously pushed. Negotiations are now pending for the sale of the bonds to capitalists in New York and Philadelphia, and the necessary funds will be in hand in a few days. Work will be pushed as rapidly as possible. It has heretofore been explained that this road, connecting as it will with the new Minneapolis & Sault St. Marie road, will constitute a competing line with the Canadian Pacific, a branch of which road is also being built to the Sault. The Cornwall road will

ican system, and will open a through road to New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and all points east."

This road, while opening up a vast district in Ontario, rich in agricul. tural, mineral and forest resources, will prove a most convenient inlet and outlet for both American and Canadian North-West. There is no projected road in which we, on national grounds, should take deeper or more hearty interest:

A LAME DEFENCE.

Lord Rossmore's commission as Justice of the Peace for the county Monaghan has, we are informed by cable despatch, been suspended. The reason assigned for this action is that the noble lord's course on the managh, on October 16th, was reprehensible. The lords' commissioners of the great seal charge him, we are told, with endangering the public peace by heading a procession of the election will be conducted with-Orangemen in close proximity to a out the bitterness that so often char-League meeting, despite remonstrance from both magistrates and its ramifications throughout the police. They conclude by calling on Lord Rossmore for an explanation of from Syracuse dated the 21st inst. we his lawless conduct. He replies that learn that a League Convention, at. he was unable to control the Orangetended by upwards of one hundred mer who, he says, insisted on marchand sixty delegates from all parts of ing straight to the place designed for the state, opened on that day. The the League meeting. He declares York for the promotion of Ireland's to respond to Mr. Gladstone's appeal to the wealthier portion of the Irish people to help themselves.

A lamer defence could not well have himself one of the parties who fession. advised the Orangemen to attempt the intimidation of the nationalists. A great loss of human life was prevented simply because the nationalists were numerous enough to protect themselves. Had there been but the handful present the Orangemen hoped to meet, on account of their previous threats, their massacre were certain. Bloodshed was, we reaffirm, prevented solely by the cow- state of efficiency, are now found to be inardice of the Rossmore Orange con- adequate. The interest on investments,

tingent. Rossmore's invocation of Mr. Gladstone to justify his scandalous action is entirely too transparent. The British Premier has no more deadly enemy in Ireland than the same Orange chief. Mr. Gladstone has certainly used, for a statesman of his experience, some very loose expressions in regard of be taken for its solution, but it were, we think, doing the British Premier grave injustice-whatever we may terpretation as that of Lord Rossmore to be put on his words.

THE NEXT PRESIDENT.

The Presidential campaign will begin in real earnest after the New Year. The two great parties will then enter with anxiety on the work of selecting, if possible, their strongest candidates for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency. We say "if possible," for it is not always the strongest who are chosen: The manipulators of the convention generally drafted into the denominational colleges, take charge of the nominations and suit themselves often at the risk of labelled as the product of this or that displeasing the party whose interests they profess to advance. The result of the late fall elections renders the next contest one of great doubt and uncertainty. For the satisfaction of those of our readers, and there are still looked to by a very large percentage many, indeed, who take an interest of the people as being an institution in American politics, we give the following table of the electoral colleges for 1884. It will be found use-

ful for reference:	
Alabama 10 Arkansas; 7 California 8	Missouri Nebraska Nevada
Connecticut 6	New Hampshire
Delaware 3 Florida 4	New York
Georgia 12 Illinois 22	North Carolina
Indiana 15 Iowa 13	Oregon Pennsylvania
Kansas 9 Kentucky 13	Rhode Island
Louisiana 8 Maine 6	Tennessee
Maryland 8 Massachusetts 14	Vermont Virginia
Michigan 13	West Virginia Wisconsin

What is known as the "solid south" consists of the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida,

Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee Texas, Virginia and West Virginia. They will, it is admitted, give the Democrat candidates for President and Vice-President 153 votes, or 48 less than the number necessary to a choice. The Northern Democracy must in some way make up the required number. The states in which the democrats may, with some degree of trust, look for the victory in the North are :

Oregon Wisconsin 9 Total..... 117

The republicans may, however, carry all of these states, or so many of them as to win the next Presidency. If, however, the democrats could steer clear of local issues and personal jealousies there is little occasion of the Orange and League doubt that success would be theirs. meetings at Rosslea, County Fer- A great deal must, of course, depend upon the nominees themselves of the two parties.

We sincerely trust that in any case a good choice will be made, and that acterizes such contests.

PERSONAL.

We are happy to note the pleasing fact that at the late law examinations in Toronto, Mr. J. A. Mulligan. formerly of Pembroke, passed his final examination as barrister, standobject of the convention was, of himself convinced that his action at |ing third on the list. Mr. Mulligan course, to organize the state of New Rosslea was the most practical way has, we learn, accepted a partnership in the firm of Macdonald & March, Toronto, the senior member of the firm being Sir John A. Macdonald. We predict for Mr. Mullibeen framed. Lord Rossmore was gan brilliant success in the legal pro-

UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT.

THE CASE STATED-PRESBYTERIAN VIEW

The University of Toronto has reached the bottom of a pretty long purse, and wants more aid out of the provincial chest. A leading journal, speaking in its name, tells us that the endowments, which at one time were thought to be sufficient to maintain the institution in a which is the principal form of university income from the endowments, has declined, while salaries and expenses have multiplied and increased. The University authorities have felt the change severely. and have made appeals to the graduates and Alumni for assistance. It is understood, however, that the latter are not expected to contribute handsomely, for, be t known, the institution is the creation and the care of the State. "It does not the Irish problem, and the means to appeal to any denominational feeling; and it has never fallen into the condition of being a local college, which might look for aid to its locality. It has been an essentially general, public, and provincial think of the representatives of his institution," all reports to the contrary government in Ireland-to say that notwithstanding. "This has prevented it he intended or desired any such in- from receiving aid from private persons. And this gives it a certain right to claim from the State the aid that the State is supposed to afford it." Of course it does not pretend to have any claim for support that the state is not supposed to afford, which is very considerate indeed. Further, let it be remembered that "the University of Toronto is now, and was intended to be, the crown of the free, public, Christian, but non-denominational school system of Ontario. It was intended to be, and is, the institution in which the scholastic product of the public schools should receive its completion and mintmark. A great number of the pupils of the Public and High Schools have been where they have been duly ticketed and college, whereas, they are in the main the product of the Common School system, the head of which is, or ought to be, the University of Toronto. But, notwithstanding this drain of pupils to other universities, the University of Toronto is necessary to be maintained. They think it should have the care of the State, they think that as the completion of the public school system it ought to be maintained with zealous pride. They think that it should serve, under the care of the State, as a model to other institutions, as a means of supplying a public demand for non-denominational teaching, and as a means of securing and maintaining a high standard of fitness for scholastic degrees."

This is the case for the University of Toronto as stated by its friends. The ad. terian ministers as Queen's herself the imherents of the denominational colleges entertain other views on the question, and are not slow to express them. Principal Grant of Queen's University combats the pretensions of the advocates of the State foundation in the following inconsistency, in that a few years ago he pointed and vigorous terms :-

be only one college? That would be the be only one college? That would be the ideal of excessive simplification run mad. We have more than a hundred High Schools and collegiate institutes. These ought to supply, and they do supply, students enough for three or four colleges. There is a limit to the number of students that class-rooms can accommodate, and a limit to the number of students that professors can attend to, unless the students are to be neglected and the professors confined to back work. More than one college is needed. Why, then, if public support is to be given should it be limited to one? Would it not be in true accord with our High School system to accord with our High School system to accord with our High School system to have two or three colleges in suitable centres? And if it voluntarily has already established these, would it not be wise and economical on the part of the Legislature to recognize and stimulate that voluntary effort, as in the case of Schools of Art, Mechanics' Institutes, and other institutions? Must the State enter into useless competition with at least half of institutions? Must the State enter into useless competition with at least half of the people who constitute the State? One college may have been foreed into existence by the unjust attitude of the State. It may have been the first in the country free to all without distinction of country free to all without distinction of creed. It may be completely unsectarian as far as its arts and science courses are concerned. It may be situated in an appropriate centre. It may be open to both sexes, and thus to all instead of to half the population. It may have as many professors as University College, and yet it is only to be styled "denominational" to be ruled out of court. Is it not about time for men of candour to cease pretending to be frightened by this bogy? What the country needs is not phrases but facts. It needs more than one college. In Great Britain the principle adopted to secure and to perfect the col-What the country needs than one col-but facts. It needs more than one col-lege. In Great Britain the principle adopted to secure and to perfect the col-leges that are needed is that the Govern-ment should help those who help themselves. On this principle it helps all the Scottish colleges, though all of them have theological faculties, and it is now proposing to give \$20,000 a year to a new college in Wales. We are asked to adopt On this principle it helps all the the principle of helping only those who will not help themselves.

2. It is not in accordance with our educa tional system that schools, High schools, or colleges, shall receive the whole of their support from the Legislature. In the case of common and High schools the people who are chiefly benefited have to contribute the largest proportion of the support. The grant that the Legislature gives to High schools does not amount to one-third of their annual cost. If the province has more money to give to edu-cation, it should first of all give it to improve these. These need it most; and in fact the best way to help the colleges is to improve the secondary education of the country. But what I wish to point out now is that it does not follow because an now is that it does not follow occause an institution is provincial, it should therefore be wholly and unconditionally supported by the province. The grant to High Schools and Collegiate Institutes, though comparatively trifling in amount, is conditioned by various consideration such as results, the sum contributed by the county or city, and the number of teachers employed. A year or two ago the University College recognized the principle I am pointing out by imposing class fees. May it not take one or two

more steps on the same line. * * * *

3. I quite agree that "higher education cannot safely and advantageously be left to denominational effort. I think that the Legislature acted wisely in determining at the outset that thereish least one college in Ontario well equipped, and if all the people had patronized that college till its class-rooms were filled, the province would have been called upon, as the population increased, not to pamper and overload the one, but to pamper and overload the one, but to establish another college, and then another in different centres. But at least onehalf of the people prefer to establish colleges on what they conceive a grander idea. They did so, not for mere denominational ends, as is ignorantly asserted, but from the highest public motives. nose men were among ever lived in the great province. the list of our founders if you would know what manner of men they were. Their names are inscribed in the capitol.

They did their work with a view to the best interests of the country. And I say that the country is richer from possessing both kinds of institutions. Its educational life is fuller, more varied, and more independent. Everyone but the fanatics who would reduce our life to the pattern of their own brickyard will agree with me in this. Well, is the actual history of the country not to be recognized? If the university question is to be reopened, is it to be settled by half the people who desire one type of collegiate education getting it at the expense of the other half, who have built patiently and at their own charge, after what they believe, to be a superior type? I leave such a ques-tion to be answered by the common sense of the people.

The standing of Princ ipal Grant among the Presbyterian community cannot be impugned. He is a recognized power-a giant amongst men. To his direction and management have been entrusted some of the most important and arduous undertakings of the denomination to which he belongs, and in every case he has nobly fulfilled his trust. The University of Queen's may be said to be the creation of his wonderful energy and marvellous influence. When such a man speaks as head of the great seat of learning of which the Presbyterians of Canada are so justly proud, it were idle to pretend that he does not represent the vast majority of that numerous and influential body. To say, as one correspondent does, that because university college counts among her sons as many Presbyterians and Presbyportance of Principal Grant's utterances is to be proportionately minimized, is an insult to the intelligence of the jury to whom both parties appeal. Another writer charges the worthy Principal with advocated the very proposition which he sultan. He holds the Brotherhood of connect, at its eastern end, with the Amer-

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