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 LONDON, MONDAY, MARCH 7.

#### The Turn of the Tide.

If the bye-elections are a true sign of the drift of public sentiment in Great Britain, Lord Rosebery is justi fied in his assertion that the Liberals will sweep the country when the Government decides to make the appeal. Since the beginning of the year there have been six contested elections and only one Conservative has survived. He ran in the city of Birmingham, which is Mr. Chamberlain's private preserve. Since the beginning of 1902 there have been 28 bye-elections, the Liberals winning 15 and the Conservatives 13. The remarkable turn-over is shown by the following comparison

General Bye-Election. Elections Liberals ..... 6 Conservatives ..... ..22 13

1902-4 In 1885 when the Conservatives reached their highest mark before 1900 these constituencies returned 13 Liberals and 15 Conservatives. Undoubtedly the tariff question has contributed very largely to the results of the bye elections, but the tide had begun to turn before the Government was suspected of fiscal heresy. The education act, the war commission report and, lately, the question of Chinese labor in the Transvaal, have been very important factors. The Conservatives were carried into power on a wave of popular enthusiasm over the war, bu: with the khaki issue out of the way, the people are turning their attention to domestic problems.

The one ray of consolation for the Government has been the election of Lord Morpeth by an overwhelming majority in South Birmingham, on a platform of imperial preferential trade. The result is proof of the phenomenai hold which Mr. Chamberlain has kept on the Midland district since he became a political figure. Birmingham, previous to 1885, was a radical hotbed staunchly free trade and at war with the aristocracy and the church establishment. Mr. Chamberlain, himself. had been a "red republican" and was a product of the Birmingham spirit. In 1885 out of the 39 constituencies in Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire, 31 were represented by Liberals. In 1900 only six Liberals were elected in these Midland ridings, which are within Mr. Chamberlain's elections in these counties since 1900 have been carried by the Government. The Liberal tide may overwhelm the Conservative party elsewhere, but it breaks in vain against the Chamberlain stronghold.

## Port Arthur's Defense.

The town of Port Arthur, like its sister municipality, Fort William, has issued a defense of its policy of municipal ownership, which was arraigned in an article in the Ottawa Free Press Port Arthur owns and operates its electric street railway, electric lighting and telephone plants, and has developed a water power which runs the former two. The gross income of the street railway and lighting plants from 1892 to 1902 inclusive has been \$156,347 57 and the operating expenses \$139,947 17, leaving a profit of \$16,400 40. The interest on capital expenditure in that a case of more suffrage than manhood. period has been \$68,000, so that \$51,600, or \$4,300 per year has been taken out Press. It appears the town is relieved been a tonic for the Liberal party. from levying sinking fund on \$115,000 of debentures issued for street railway and lighting purposes. The reest), leaving a balance of \$3,120 to the no right to govern dies hard town's credit. The receipts have in-1902, and the expenditure from \$10,461 vices at Mr. Chamberlain's disposal. be disposed of for a sum considerably he made in 1897 against the Canadian over and above the amount of the de-preferential tariff. benture issue.

The debenture debt incurred for the the telephone system and the water \$67 an acre for the London Asylum the total debenture debt up to \$405,250, which is reduced by the sinking fund to \$384,555. As the lighting and electric railway plants carry themselves and are turning money into the treasury every year, the town council claims that the debenture debt which throws any burden on the ratepayers amounts to only \$165,555.

The defense pays a good deal of at- in 1896. tention to the telephone system. A company entered the field some years ago in opposition to the Bell, but sold out to the latter after a season's fighting. The council complains that the service given by the Bell was most inefficient, and drove the twin municipalities of Port Arthur and Fort Wilper month for house 'phones. The benches was a matter of little moment to the pary or to the country.

but the service was so successful, and influence could be expected to hold

and few subscribers had 'phones for doctor for the full year. The municipal system to be sure, Prof. Tarte has been has 345 subscribers (only three free), tween Mr. Graham and Mr. Tarte, town council contemplates reducing the rates to \$20 for business 'phones and

10 for house 'phones, The population of Port Arthur inreased from 2,779 in 1900 to 5,556 in 1903, and the assessed valuation from ratepayers have still full confidence in their ability to stand the pace, as last year they voted \$85,000 to install a waterworks plant and \$62,000 for a

\$80,000 from the bank on the security of these unsold debentures. One criticism that suggests itself ! that the town council seems to have There is made no allowance for depreciation in any of their public service plants. No doubt it believes the profits from these and the consequent increase in the financial strength of the municipality will be equal to any contingencies.

#### Imperial Uncle Sam.

An amazing change has come over he spirit of American diplomacy since Uncle Sam became an Imperialist, and hrew aside his simple republican tradiions. The Washington Government now rushes in where the Governments of Europe fear to tread. It is safe to say that no other power would have ventured to interfere in the present crisis as Secretary Hay has done by asking the nations to insist that the if its leaders would cease officiating as integrity of China shall not be violated a home market for the Hon, J. M. Giband that the war shall be localized as son output of gold bricks. far as possible. The United States in pursuit of its own interests, is playing Great Britain's game in the far east. When Great Britain promulgated the doctrine of the open door, she had to the memory of the Rev. Augustus play the game alone against the world. Montagu Toplady, author of the hymn The Spanish-American war gave the United States a foothold in Asia, and the Rev. Augustus M. Toplady the republic began to wake up to its born Nov. 4, 1740, died in London, Aug. Uncle Sam's export trade with China s with Manchuria, upon which the of Russian bear has laid his paw. Find- ist, and author of many poems an ing its commerce threatened, the sacred subjects, was at one time vicar United States became a champion of in 1775 preached in a chapel near Leithe open door, and American diplomacy cester Fields, London. has been even more aggressive than British diplomacy in checkmating Russian designs. It extorted from Russia those solemn pledges to evacuate Man-

Uncle Sam as the champion of the role. He is even now trying to close for brain or nerve. the door of the Philippines against everyone but himself, as he has closed the door of his own house by the highest tariff in the world. But he is playing into Great Britain's hands in China. His motives are those of selfinterest, but so are the motives of Great Britain; and it is fortunate that the interests of the two powers are the world. Where they stand together,

It is said the country from Seoul to Ping Yang is almost impassable owing to the thaw. The people of London can quite understand it.

Mr. Newton Rowell tells a political club in Toronto that the franchise is not appeal to the "insensate partisans" too low. Manhood suffrage is a pretty theory, but in practice it is too often

The fiscal fight has even drawn the novelist, George Meredith, out of his of general taxation to meet the deschell. In a letter to the Liberals of ficiency. This is \$36,908 less than the Woking her calls Chamberlainism a loss figured out by the Ottawa Free deadly drug; but he must admit it has

Some of the civil servants have black-balled Hon. Mr. Brodeur and venue from these two sources is in- Hon. Mr. Prefontaine, who were nomcreasing, and last year paid every inated as members of the Rideau Club. But he offered no suggestion of a warship charge against them (including inter- The old Tory idea that Liberals have

creased from \$10,668 in 1895 to \$26,797 in England and says he will put his ser-Sir Charles Tupper has sailed for to \$14,617 in the same time. The claim Sir Charles is a wonder for his age. is made that these assets could now He might repeat the slashing speech

Sir John Carling in 1869, as a memstreet railway, the electric light plant, ber of the Ontario Government paid power at Current River, which operates site of 300 acres. And now another the light and street railway plants, is member for London tells us that ad-\$219,000. Other capital expenditures, joining land, just as good for asylum for schools, railway bonuses, etc., bring purposes, is worth only \$50 an acre, 37 years later. Next!

> eight months shows a surplus of nearly \$15,000,000 over the ordinary expenditure and nearly \$9,000,000 over the capital and ordinary expenditures combined. The surplus this year will bring the national debt to a figure lower than when the Liberals took office

## PROF. TARTE CALLED.

[Catholic Register.] Conservative press of Ontario appears to view with the greatest equanimity the virtual expulsion of Mr. F. D. Monk from his high position in the counsels of the party. The letliam to install their own systems. The ter written by Mr. Monk to his chief, Bell rates were \$30 for business and Mr. Borden, and published last week, \$25 for domestic 'phones. The muni- has failed to draw any unusual editorcipal system in Fort William gave rates ial notice, as if the Quebec leader's re- of the Sixty-fifth Battalion is one of of \$2 per month for business and \$1 tirement to the independent back

the demand for 'phones so great that on Jan. 4 of this year the ratepayers voted almost unanimously to spend another \$9,000 in extensions. The receipts for 1903 were \$3,546, and the expenses (including interest) \$3,347 49, leaving a profit of \$128 86, although the

and the assertion is made that the Bell Mr. Borden must now consider his has not over 20 paying subscribers. The

THERE IS EVER A SONG SOME-WHERE. [James Whitcomb Riley.]

There is ever a song somewhere, 1903, and the assessed valuation from There is ever a something sings alway; \$1,079,913 to \$1,845,273. Evidently the There's the song of the lark when the And the song of the thrush when the skies are gray;

sewerage system. They have borrowed And in and out, when the eaves drip

Be the skies above or dark or fair; There is There is

In the midnight black, or the midday

buds may blow and the fruit ma

And the autumn leaves drop ever a song somewhere, my

#### LADY POLITICS.

[Toronto Telegram.] The Ontario Opposition might be

"ROCK OF AGES."

[London Express.] A brass tablet has been placed in the chancel of Farnham Parish Church to "Rock of Ages," who was a native of the town. The inscription states that was Asiatic interests. Luckily the bulk of 11, 1778, and was buried in Tottenham Court Chapel, London, Aug. 17, 1778. Toplady, who was a strong defende Calvinism, a great controversial-

#### FISH AS A BRAIN FOOD.

[Lancet.] The notion that fish contains phoschuria which have been so cynically horus had no doubt its origin in the disregarded at St. Petersburg. This the dark. This phosphorescence is due of an individual or an organization is dagrant bad faith has helped to lose not to phosphorus at all, but to micro-by numbering the years. He should THE HOME OF assist his reading. Fish is excellent Brewer, "to enter upon an eulogy or open door is not playing a consistent food, but it is in no sense a specific

> DEATH AND THE HATCHET. [Life.]

Wills of millionaires remind us We can make our deaths exciting; And, departing, leave behind us

THEY KNOW ADAM-ZAD.

[Chicago Record-Herald.] Count Cassini intimates that the identical in nearly every quarter of great trouble with the people of this no other combination can stand against tirely wrong. It is their thorough unmakes the people of this country lean as they do at the present time

## WANTS MORE FIGHTS.

[Ottawa Citizen (Con.)]. Mr. Whitney-Dear Sir: This afteryou-my-dear-Alphonse style of tactics in fighting the Ross Government does who pile up the good old Tory vote on the side-lines and back concessions of this fair Province. Fight while you fight on the floor of the House and confine personal courtesies to the cor-

THE SCRAPPY LITTLE JAPPY. [New York Globe.]

When we first observed the yellow little fellow from Japan, With his satins, flowers grew acquainted.

Nigh a dainty paper mansion, nicely

scrappy; Or the military neatness shown beneath the rising sun
In the plucky little, lucky little Jappy

When first upon the Yalu he destroyed the poor Chinese, He displayed for modern war a passion ready. He took to shells, torpedo boats and war ships with the case
Of a spunky little duckling in an eddy.
Later, when we stormed Pekin, the Jap was first upon the grounds With a dash that made the god of war

feel happy-

You were sure a revelation to the mili tary nations, Oh, you fiery little, wiry little Jappy. Lately, when he bearded Russia with de

mands to right a wrong, remarked, "Be careful, kid-we would advise, sir,
That the Bear is fierce and shaggy, that your size, sir.

he youngster, like a demon, clutched the windpipe of the bear, his mighty paws were paralyzed and frappe. Now her battleships lie battered, and her banners torn and tattered. By the spunky little, chunky little Jappy.

> SIGNS. [Washington Star.]

"Do you regard dollar wheat as sign of prosperity?' "Not out our way," answered Farme Corntossel. "It's just a sign that we haven't any wheat."

SOME MILITIA NEWS. Ottawa, March 7. - It is said that a French-Canadian officer may be chosen

commandant of the next Bisley

team. The name of Lieut.-Col. McKay. Eight companies of the Seventy-ninth efford and Brome Regiment of High-Royal Canadian Hussars have also been transferred to the new corps.

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Chief Justice Brewer Discusses Bible

and Higher Criticism.

Washington, D. C., March 7. - President and Mrs. Roosevelt, Justice Brewer, of the United States supreme the British ambassador and Lady Durand, and many other persons prominent in official and diplomatic and social circles, attended the meeting vesterday in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the British and Foreign Bible Society at St.John's Episcopal Church. Justice Brewer and Senator Dolliver were the principal

Dr. Daniel Gilman, president of the American Bible Society, in an address, said that during the lifetime of British and American societies, they had crculated 270,000,000 copies of the Bible

and parts of the Bible to the nations of the world. Justice Brewer said the poorest way lay in a stock of Reading biscults to fore this audience," continued Justice defense of the great Book of Books. But this is the age of the iconoclast when destructive criticism runs ram-pant. Some criticism indeed is reverent and useful - that which seeks simply by correcting wrong translations and trranging in chronological order the matchless truths of Scripture. It is triving to remove from the sacred volume the dust that careless centuries have strewn upon it. But there are other critics without such lofty aims. The iconoclast is a popular today. To him the Bible apgreat trouble with the people of this country is that they don't understand of untrue history, distorted science, Russian diplomacy. The count is entirely wrong. It is their thorough understanding of Russian diplomacy that and most comforting that have ever

The Government's Handsome come to the tired hearts of man." Justice Brewer declared that the greatest glory of the nation lies in the fact that ever and always she has striven

to translate into the vernacular of inernational law the parable of the Good Samaritan and the Golden Rule. Senator Dolliver said the Bible Soother influence to unite the creeds of Christendom into one grand whole, Feb. 29, amounts to \$15,148,680. Over all "One of the grandest enterprises I ever heard of any organization," Senator Dolliver says, "was the offer of this society to make a language for a parbarous people whose speech had not even attained the dignity of an make first an alphabet then a translation of the Bible, and finally a lit-

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# A SURPLUS OF TEN MILLIONS

Financial Showing For the Last Eight Months. Ottawa, March 7. - The surplus of ciety had contributed more than any ordinary receipts over ordinary expenditure for the eight months ending amounts to \$9,417,059. There are proba half of expenditures on consolidated account which do not appear in this statement, but even allowing for this The society undertook to the surplus will be an extremely handsome one. At the present ratio of increase the surplus at the end of the erature. Certainly the brain of man fiscal year promises to be nearly \$20,000,000. The improvement in the receipts is \$4,525,304 compared with the

> in detail: Excise ...... 7,943,340 ostoffice ..... 3,067,516 by a husband, two sons and two . 2,779,455 luding railways... 4,636,412 Miscellaneous .... 2,334,215

Expenditure ...... 29,523,086 30,480,110 A GAIN FOR TORONTO. Toronto, March 7. - By the 10 per cent increase which the assessment committee of the Legislature has to make in the assessment of manufacturers' property, the city will gain \$10,000. The total tax to be paid under the former rating was \$53,748. This has been increased by the latest

change to \$63,545. ROLLED BY FENDER. Windsor, Ont., March 7. - Albert Snider, a miller, of this city, while crossing the street car tracks Saturday, was struck by a Sandwich car. He had a narrow escape, being rolled by the fender some distance along the road. His head was badly bruised, and he was badly shaken up, but es-His head was badly bruised. caped serious injury.

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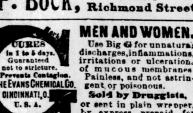
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