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organizations in the later days of the old regime, and to the illustration orchards. Each of these illustrations is typical. The horse importations are samples of waste and extravagance and bad methods. The disappearance of farm organization illustrates the demoralization of the whole public system. The neglect and ruin of the illustration orchards points to the general carelessness and neglect that prevailed in all matters connected with the administration. Dr. Landry gives an account of the present condition of these orchards, some of which are a collection of lonesome stubs, some a bunch of unpruned, barren and dying trees, while some have disappeared altogether. They are useful chiefly as illustrations of methods that ought to be avoided. Fruit growers in the several counties may profitably go and examine them to learn how not to make orchards. The chief commissioner went again over the record of the potato export trade. The situation is well explained. But the best argument is the trade itself. There was no potato trade with Cuba by way of St. John when the government took up the matter. The Cuba market was not available for the farmers of the St. John Valley. Now the market is there, The potatoes have been sold. The farmers about warehouses and other details does not turn the attention of the farmers from this important fact.

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have the money for them. All the small criticism about warehouses and other details does not turn the attention of the farmers from this important fact.

Nor is any capital made against the government by reflecting on the character of the horses imported last year. These horses are still here. The people who own them know whether they are good horses or not. So do their neighbors. When the horses were at St. John awaiting sale, they were seen by many good judges of stock. Nothing but praise was spoken of them. They were sold to the best judges of horse fiels in the province, and nearly every one has turned out well. In view of this fact it seems hardly worth while for Mr. Copp or his friends to quote persons whom they do not name as condemning the importations. The stock is good. It was brought here and distributed almost with out cost to the grovince. There was no graft in it for anybody resulting in large demands on the treasury.

In less than two years the Department of Agriculture has done more than it accomplished during its whole history since it had a minister. But Dr. Landry does not consider that it has reached the limit of progress. It is only beginning the career of expansion and real usefulness. The Improvements accomplished last year will be followed by others this year and next year.

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—Mary Stanton Boutuel last the the regulations are now made for use, not for show. It can be proved that there are not so many small trees cut. It can be shown that the average size is larger. It is can be shown that the average size is larger. It is so more. There is no m

a small majority over the Liberals. The Conservative administration, which had taken office a few months before, resigned. Mr. Gladstone formed a ministry, suddenly became convinced of the justice of the Irish cause, and prepared his first Home Rule bill. Mr. Parnell was then in the position that Mr. Redmond holds now, except that Mr. Redmond is more absolute. The elections of November and December 1885, gave the Liberals 233 members, the Conservatives 251, and the Parnellites 86, so that the Nationalists could accomplish nothing by abstention, and could only defeat the ministry by unanimous action with the Conservatives. Today, the Liberals and Conservatives are more nearly equal, and the vote would be critical if the Nationalists abstained, especially as the Labor wing of the Liberal party is impatient.

Holding this dominant position, Mr. Redmond was able to make the most significant speech of the opening which will cause another quarter of a century. How shall he make the most of it? To bring on a crisis which will cause another election, may be a mistake.

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WESTERN INDEPENDENCE.

It is not so easy in the West as in Eastern Canada to bring a party revolter into line. When Premier McBride of British Columbia made a railway contract which two of his cabinet colleagues considered improvident they left the government promptly and gave their reasons to the public. Whether the government was right or wrong is not the question. These ministers thought lit was wrong and refused to endorse the programme.

The Premier of Alberta has met the same experience. One of his colleagues objects to a railway contract made by his chief. This minister's office is vacant and he will probably be supported by a dozen members of his party. The effect of this protest is a considerable modification of the contract, which may reconcile some of the ministers. If none of them are satisfied the Rutherford administration is doomed.

We saw the like when Mr. Augers resigned his seat in the Bowell administration, and when Mr. Blair retired from the Laurier ministry. But in the last few years at Ottawa, there have been many occasions when ministers were not satisfied, and when private membered supporting the government are known to have protected.

DR. LANDRY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

One result of the tactics of the opposition in prolonging the debate on the address is the excellent speech of Chief Commissioner Landry. Dr. Landry is able to point o a department which is making something happen, and has aroused a fine enthusiasm among the farmers. He might have distressed the opposition with comparisons, but he is a kindly man and did not stir up many painful memories. But three matters were forced on his attention by indiscreet speakers, so that Dr. Landry was led to refer to the unhappy stock importations of his predecessors, to the decay of agricultural organizations in the later days of the old regime, and to the illustration orchards. Each of these illustrations is typical. The horse importations are samples of waste and extravagance and had mathed.

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Oh, the golden cloud and the evening

When e'er I hear thine evening hymn, in my soul the visions rise, Of those who listened once with me, but are now in paradise— And the rush of memories throng-

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Fills and floods my heart with long At the close of day, at the close of day

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found another envelope from the Lyric.

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"Owing to financial difficulties it has been decided to cease the publication of the Lyric Magazine, 'Blinding Tear' enclosed herewith.

"J. SANC. MUSE, Editor."

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by the distance of the man himse from populated centres. Both Gree wich and Petersville, two section that recent communications has brought to notice are near enough the city to entertain its residents during the summer months at least, and it is this intercommunication betwee city and country people that we need far more than a means of tranporting our little stuff—I am now speaking of the sections mentioned above. We would all cut a poor figure were into the sections mentioned above. We would all cut a poor figure were into for our city cousins, and can a sorrier spectacle be imagined than a city without the country to fall back upon for sustinence and strength. What our city friends want as much is we do, and what they should join with us in getting is this road, which will give them an opportunity to get at to the green fields and back on heir city homes with readness and ispatch; and so too it would afford the country-living man be he farmer, techanic or what else, a means of njoying many of the advantages that c mechanic or what else, a means of enjoying many of the advantages that the city has to offer, and it is this intercommunication between peoples afforded by the road, that will ultimately benefit all sections and classes within its reach. I will leave someone else to discuss the commercial side of the question.

Thank you for space.

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