

as the true valuation will frequently be suspected of fraud. This system of protection will prove so harassing, that if protectionists are held to be responsible for it, there will be developed a hostile public sentiment which cannot be overcome for many years. Consequently, even these industries which are temporarily benefited by the Dumping Clause should use their influence to have reasonable specific duties substituted for it.

THE last of the Dominion elections have been held. In the New Territorial district of Mackenzie Dr. Cash defeated Dr. Patrick by such overwhelming majority that the Conservative candidate loses his deposit. It seems to be true that Dr. Patrick, a man with a good record, sanctioned a scheme by which the Conservatives furnished the deposit and induced a Galician named Gabora to run as an independent candidate in the hope of his drawing the Galician vote which is numerous around Yorkton. Gabora, however, only received three votes in the whole constituency, and in Dr. Patrick's own town of Yorkton the Liberal candidate beat him by 34 majority. The total vote was between twenty three and twenty four hundred. The polling in Kootenay and Yale-Caribon took place on the 22nd and resulted, as was expected, in victory for the government candidates, tho' Mr. Duncan Ross in Yale-Caribon seems to have had a narrow shave, judging from the incomplete returns. In Kootenay Mr. Galligher has a large majority over Mr. Charles Mackintosh. It's a case of the Irish having licked the Scotch. The only remaining election is for Yukon where the Liberal candidate is Mr. F. T. Congdon and his opponent Dr. Thompson. The Liberals are not united but Mr. Congdon will probably be elected by a handsome majority. Polling takes place next month.

IN the Australian House of Representatives a motion of no-confidence in the Ministry by Mr. Watson was defeated by 37 votes to 35 after a fortnight's debate.

FOURTEEN Liberal M.P.'s. and sixteen candidates supported Sir Henry Camp-

bell-Bannerman on the occasion of his great speech in the Empire Theatre, Edinburgh. All shades of Liberal opinion were represented on the platform. Principal Rainy and Mr. T. Shaw had enthusiastic receptions. Lord Reay, Captain Sinclair, and Lord Dalmeny were present, and the chair was taken by Lord Elgin, who very happily reminded an enthusiastic audience that the signs of the times point to a General Election and a sweeping Liberal victory, just as they did in the autumn of 1879. After taking strong ground on the Scottish Church question and urging the necessity of intervention, which, he suggested, should be supplied by a Commission, Sir Henry referred to the North Sea outrage, and to the great step that had been accomplished by civilisation and humanity by the employment in this case of the peace machinery set up at the Hague Conference. From war and the Hague Convention Sir Henry passed to the question of naval and military expenditure. "Let us hope," he said, "that as a better understanding is built up among the nations, and as the arbitrament of war recedes more and more from their view, the growth of armaments will at least be checked and the exhausting burden which is bearing down humanity will be greatly alleviated."

IT has been announced that Mr. O. A. Pearson has bought the London, Eng., Standard. The transaction is to be regretted on many grounds. The Standard was by universal admission a good paper, strong in those very features in which modern newspapers tend to degenerate. It was supplied with good foreign correspondents, and it gave considerable attention to that sphere which Lord Rosebery said the other day newspapers are apt to neglect. "The newspapers," said Lord Rosebery, "give us the best possible appreciation of the present and sometimes some glimpses into the future. But at any rate they are seldom able, in the press and stress of life, to give us much insight into the past." The Standard's resolute and damaging resistance to Mr. Chamberlain's schemes made it a powerful force in fiscal controversy, and its disappearance leaves