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History Repeating Itself.

A striking parallel has been noted between the present Czar of Russia and Louis the Sixteenth of France in their personal characters, and the circumstances in which they placed. The analogy of these circumstances is strengthened by the resolve of the Czar to create a representative assembly. Russia was not always a pure autocracy. The founder of the present Romanoff dynasty was chosen by the Zemsky Sobor, a body which had an elective basis, representing not only the clergy and nobles, but the common freemen. The Zemsky Sobor has never been formally abolished. It has not been convened for 200 years, but it still has a legal existence. It may be that the Czar intends to revive it, as Louis the Sixteenth revived the States General. The States General, at their origin, consisted of representatives of the clergy, the nobility and the third estate, but they went through the same process of desuetude as the Russian Sobor, the court gradually reducing them to impotence. The French kings, like the Russian emperors, came to feel that they could rule alone. The States General met only thirty times in the fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. The last meeting before the French revolution was in 1614-15, in which the third estate, or commons, were humiliated. On the eve of the revolution, one hundred and seventy-five years later, the king was forced by popular agitation to reconvene the States General, just as the Czar today has been forced by public opinion to revive the principle of representative government. The States General assembled at Versailles in 1789, and for the first time the third estate asserted the sovereign power of the people. They declared themselves the sole body having a right to act as a legislature of France, and summoned the nobles and clergy, as bodies representing only certain classes, to attend their deliberations. They solemnly proclaimed themselves the legislators of the country, and constituting themselves a body under the name of the National Assembly, they became the rulers of France.

Will history repeat itself up to this point? In due time it will, no doubt; but it is not probable that conditions in Russia are ripe for sudden organic changes. The new assembly can scarcely grasp the reins of power so suddenly as the third estate of France. The Russian court still has the army at its back. In France the army shared the popular feeling. But in any event the Russian assembly will be the germ of constitutional government.

The School Question.

The suggestion of compromise in the Territorial school question is unwelcome to the extreme advocates and opponents of separate schools. "Compromise is the soul of government," said Edmund Burke, and this is particularly true of a country like Canada, where the conflict of classes, common to every country, is aggravated by divisions of race and religion. The political history of Canada is a series of compromises, which were necessary if there was to be a Canadian nation at all. The treaty of Paris, the Quebec Act, the Union Act and Confederation itself, were compromises. People who are in the majority, do not like the word compromise, but private opinions must sometimes be surrendered for the public weal. The majority of the people of Ontario have never been in favor of the principle of separate schools, but they deferred to the convictions of the minority, for the sake of peace and concord. The Protestant minority in Quebec have been given the same privilege for the same reasons. Going further back, no student of Canadian history needs to be told that Canada has been saved to the British crown because the French-Canadians, after the conquest of Quebec, were permitted to retain their peculiar institutions and the fullest religious liberty.

There are some who oppose Catholic separate schools and show their inconsistency by refusing to send their children to the public schools. In Toronto a number of Protestants are encouraging the principle of separatism in education by establishing schools at their own expense, in order that their children may receive religious training. While Protestants are not a unit in favor of secular education, there can be no doubt that the great majority of them are against separate schools in any form. But 40 per cent of the people of this country are Roman Catholics, and this is a fact which their Protestant fellow-

must consider. The 60 per cent, if united, might force its will on the 40 per cent, but what would be the result to the country if so large a minority were arrayed against the majority in the bitterest of all feuds, a religious one? Opponents of separate schools, where they are not actuated by religious prejudices, believe that if the future citizens of the country were educated side by side in childhood, a stronger national sentiment and spirit of tolerance would be fostered. On the other hand, if they were to insist on settling this question according to their own opinions, the sentiment of unity would not be nurtured if their Roman Catholic fellow-citizens—those of them who believe that Christian dogma is inseparable from education—started under a grievance. Up in the Territories they have evolved a school system, which happily gives no grievance to either Protestants or Catholics. It is proposed that Parliament shall guarantee to the Catholic minority that what privileges they now enjoy shall not be taken away from them in future by the power of the majority. If the majority are satisfied with things as they are, if Parliament leaves present conditions undisturbed, and gives the minority no more than they now possess, will not compromise be the part of wisdom, at a time Canadians must be united to make the most of the wonderful opportunities opening up for their country?

The Balfour Government is to face another crisis tonight. The Opposition may not be able to form a government but it is keeping the present one on the tenter-hooks.

Le Journal, the only French-Canadian Conservative daily in Montreal, has suspended publication. It says the Conservative party is suffering from weakness above, and indifference below. Le Journal ought to know.

It is estimated that 100,000 Russians and Japs have been killed or wounded during the fighting of the last ten days. Under modern conditions of warfare the wounded can seldom be removed or treated until nightfall. The horrors in Manchuria must be beyond conception.

Lady Minto is making no mistake when she advises traveling Britons to spend their vacation in this country. Canada has the finest summer resorts in the world. There is room in the Ontario Highlands for the whole population of the British Isles.

Then He Went.

[Chicago News.]
They were lingering in the hall. "Just one kiss, darling," he pleaded; "then I'll go."
"For goodness' sake give it to him, Mack," exclaimed the housewife from the head of the stairs, "or he'll stay to breakfast."

Hints for the Front Lawn.

[St. Louis Globe-Democrat.]
As the snowdrifts subside the careful gardener will notice that they leave a thin, sticky coat of black soil on his grass plot. This must be removed at once or it will destroy the

Americans Teach Fewer Subjects in Their Schools

Principal Radcliffe Says the Curriculum is Much Smaller Than in Ontario.

At the meeting of the board of education last night, Principal Radcliffe, of the Collegiate Institute, and Public School Inspector Edwards, presented reports on their recent trip to Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Brookline, Mass.

Principal Radcliffe's report contains the following clauses: "The first and strongest impression made upon me was the fitness of subjects upon their curriculum in comparison with our own. In the high schools of the United States the student can take only five subjects in his first year, while with us he has about ten.

Light on Arithmetic.
"You will very naturally ask what subjects have been left out of their course that are found on ours. The most conspicuous omission was arithmetic. The American teachers wear a puzzled smile when you tell him the Canadian boy has eleven years of arithmetic, eight years in the public school and three years in the high school; yet this great commercial nation is satisfied with getting all the arithmetic they require in their public schools. They also give little attention to geography, and their course in English literature is not as good as ours."

Manual Training.
"The chairman of our board, in his inaugural address, suggested the consideration of the feasibility of a school for technical training for those who desire to become artisans. With this end in view, I visited several manual training high schools, but found that they required the student to pass the entrance examinations, and that their object in no case was to provide the student with a trade, but to fit him better by training the hand and eye to enter on any pursuit in life. They have private trade schools, but these are not under the control of the board of education and are not indorsed by

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Quite Different.

[Chicago News.]
"As the proverb says," remarked the demoralizer, "Eat, drink, and be married."
"That isn't right," protested the moralizer, "It's 'Eat, drink, and be merry.'"
"Oh!" exclaimed the demoralizer, in disgust, "that's altogether different."

Cheer Up.

[Chicago Chronicle.]
Th' spring is comin', almost here—
Cheer up.
It's just about that time o' year—
Cheer up.
No use ter hope an' grouch aroun',
Th' frost is almost out o' groun'.
Th' rain will soon be drippin' down
Cheer up.

Th' robin redbreast soon will come—
Cheer up.
Th' bees will soon begin ter hum—
Cheer up.
Th' sap is oozin' from th' trees,
Th' sun is shinin' in th' breeze,
Th' tired feelin' in my knees
Cheer up.

Th' wild geese soon will northward fly—
Cheer up.
In great big arrows in th' sky—
Cheer up.
We bid farewell to ice an' snow
An' gladly see th' winter go,
So let th' chilly March winds blow.
Cheer up.

Pointed Paragraphs.

[Chicago News.]
Never judge a woman's age by her tooth teeth.
Willing workers are always trying to work somebody.
A married man usually feels sorry for himself when his wife is sick.

You can't blame the man who is putting up a stove for hitting the pipe.
Too much money or too little doesn't heget happiness, so try just enough.

Other people's troubles are always insignificant when compared with our own.
If a girl turns a young man down it may save her father the trouble of throwing him down.

When you begin to tell your troubles to a man he nearly always interrupts you for the purpose of telling you his.

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