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THE GENERAL ELECTIONS AND PARLIAMENT. A correspondent of a Conservative paper telegraphs that a personal friend of Sir John Macdonald, now in Montreal, asserts

speech." If this information is well-founded, the

Dominion Government has reconsidered the question of holding an early election, which was at one time fully expected, and have determined to postpone a general appeal to the people till as late a date as possible. only fair that the incompleted voters' lists, which have been lying unrevised for over a year should be made ascorrect as, under the circumstances, is possible. The Liberals extracted the pledge from the Government, at last session of Parliament, that a new election would not be held till the much-neglected and ex-pen-ive lists were revised, but Conservative organs have represented that this promise would not be respected if it suited the convenience of the Administration. If these newspapapers represented Sir John Mac-donald correctly, the reason for delaying the general election lies in the fact that he is not yet prepared to trust his case to the electorate

But even though that is the condition of the Conservative leader there is no reason why the members of the Dominion Parliament should be inconvenienced by the late assembly of Parliament. Most of the M.P.s are dependent upon their everyday vocation for a living for their families. Probably a majority of them are engaged in agriculture or kindred pursuits, and the longer the imeeting of Parliament is delayed the greater will be their loss. It is an easy thing for some members to go to Ottawa at any season, of the year, but from the protests which we hear by Western members, we should imagine that by far the most convenient time for Parliament to meet is as soon as possible after the New Year. Then business men could reasonably expect to get back to their everyday duties before spring had far advanced. With the meeting delayed till March that would be a

clear impossibility.
Sir John Macdonald's friend lets the cat out of the bag to the extent of declaring that the unusual delay is caused by the anxiety of the Dominion Governm see what President Harrison, of the United States, will say in his 4th of March speech, and he frankly tells us that the Macdonald policy will be determined by the tenor of Mr. Harrison's declarations. This is a frank admission that, despite its protests to the contrary, the Government at Ottawa continues to "look to Washington" for its policy. As we have seen in the bye-elecions, its members are at sixes and sevens on the great trade question of the day. In one constituency they advocate unre-stricted reciprocity; in another they declare unrestricted reciprocity an annexation project and its exponents traitors! In one ject and its exponents traitors! In breath, they assert that they have always favored reciprocity in natural products, and in the next tell the farmers and the miners that reciprocity of that description He has established a special office with a would be decidedly hurtful to the people.

It is but natural, therefore, that they should cast about for an anchor to which they may attach their party craft, and the candid friend of Sir John Macdonald tells us that that no distinction shall be made in the ap-Harrison is the man from whom they mean to gain their inspiration. As he says or does not say, so will they mould their

We know of one other reason why the meeting of Parliament may be unduly de-layed. The Dominion census is to be taken on 6th April, and it is understood that the Government intends to keep Parliament sitting till a partial return of the popula tion is obtained, when a redistribution of seats-a gerrymander-will be proceeded

There is really no reason for inconvenience ing the members on either of the grounds nestions, and not be compelled to declaration by President Harriried and it may be incomplete rill, be satisfactory to the people. e interests of the public and most for the convenience of the mem-Parliament should meet and adhe usual time. If a short extra representation, it can easily be

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[Lyman Abbott in Christian Union.]

Shall we observe Christmas? We might have thought it hardly worth while to ask and answer this question did we not find it asked by others and variously answered. It is true that Christmas has een, in times past, accompanied by excess, and is so sometimes now. It is true that it has been sometimes degraded by superstitions, perhaps may sometimes be so de-graded now. Shall we abandon every good thing which the world has ever besmirched and polluted with evil? It is true that we do not know on what

day Christ was born, nor on what month, nor, with certainty, even on what year. What then? May we not celebrate his coming, though we do not know just when

It is true that Santa Claus and St. Nicholas are only imaginary. What then? What a miserable world this would be if God had not given us imagination to delight ourselves withal ! Who shall celebrate Christmas if not all

those to whom Christ has come, for whom Christ was born? Has he come only to Roman Catholics and Episcopalians, and not also to the children of the Puritans? If he has brought us a knowledge of God Parliament "will not meet until after the and of the Father, so that God is dearer first week in March, by which time the and heaven is nearer for his coming; if Democratic Congress will have assembled and the President's speech' have been made, which will enable the Government to determine on the course an outline of

determine on its course, an outline of snother; if he has brought us the message, which may be looked for in the Queen's "Let not your heart be troubled," and we have dried our eyes and lifted them from off the ground, and walked in a great peace and joy because of him; if he has given us work to do of love for others, and therewith the joy of service and self-denial, may we not well take one day in the year for special rejoicing because he has come and because he has given such gifts to men?

Let all the church bells, then, ring out whether they be of Puritan or of Cavalier descent. Let all the churches be green with the emblem of an immortality which winter cannot kill. Let all the churches repeat the Christmas message of 'Peace on earth, goodwill toward men Let every heart forget its woes and its wrongs, every home be brighter and more radiant with hope and faith and love, and the joy which these three graces bring, and let every soul pray Tiny Tim's prayer: "God bless us, every one."

THE LONDON MAYORALTY. The mayoralty contest promises to be keen. Already there are three candidates actively in the field, Mr. Taylor, the present occupant of the chair; Ald. Anderson, who was the first mayor of the city, and has been prominent in public life ever since; and Ald. Moule, the present civic finance minister. A requisition is also may or may not complete the list of candidates. Nomination day will settle that. The wise man who desires to have freedom of choice will meanwhile reserve his deci sion till the list is definitely made up, and he has heard the views of the aspirants for the chief magistrate's chair.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL. is not property," says the court, "but simply an instrument to secure a debt, and is not taxable. A mortgage is not property, but simply a security." This is true. The property on which a mortgage is held has

should be doubly taxed.

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+++ -The greatest philanthropist in Europe to-day is Baron Hirsch, the Jewish banker corps of clerks for the management of his plans. He has given \$2,000,000 for instrucion in Galicia. He has offered \$10,000,000 for the public schools of Russia on co plication of the fund as to race or religion.
The offer was declined, because the Russian authorities have decided to get rid of the Jews at all hazards. He now proposes to transport to the River Plate 500,000 of Russian Jews, whose lives have recently been rendered intolerable by the oppressive laws against them. It is probable the offer will be accepted.

::: -A few years ago the metal alumini was rated as high as \$26,000 per ton. A few months ago a process for separating it from clay was tested at Pittsburg, whereby ing the members on either of the grounds here set forth. Surely the Deminion Government should have a policy of its own on claimed that a lawyer of South Carolina, Emmanuel by name, has found out a way of producing it at a cost of \$2 50 per ton. re it meets the House. As to the ution of seats, we are assured that ge of the representation, founded reind and it may be incompleted. the invention be true and that Lawyer Emmanuel has his rights secured, he is COTTESPONDENCE Solicited likely to add one more at an early date to his country's long list of millionaires From its strength, lightness and other qualities aluminium needs only the element

> who keeps his mouth shut vagrants during the last few months will re-loors, and breathes through joice to learn that Detroit is to be made so ely catches cold. The air is very comfortable for this species of pedesed in its passage to the lungs trian artists that it will naturally gravitate than if taken otherwise. The ust, also, are less likely to get the News that a Mr. McGregor, of Toledo, in the geodness of his heart, has started a the News that a Mr. McGregor, of Toledo, in the goodness of his heart, has started a free ledging house in Detreit and also pro-

oses to feed 100 men at a cost of about \$1 The gentleman does not explain by what means he can furnish a square meal for a penny, but says he reiles on Providence for the support of his institution. Some years ago a philanthropic coterie in the same city started a scheme somewhat similar to Mr. McGregor's, and the result was that Detroit accumulated about as large a variety of vags and tramps as could be found in any two cities of its size in the country. When the gang of tourists now scattered through Canada, from Windsor to Buffalo, and their brethren in Michigan as far west as Kalamazoo, hear of the advantages of Detroit as a winter resort there will be a scurrying there to secure the best bunks at Mr. McGregor's disposal.

-A few days ago, the cable reported that a peasant in Glogan, Silesia, had dis-covered a c cc for diphtheria which had been very successful, and had been commended by an expert sent by the Emperor of Germany to investigate it. Later particulars are to the effect that the cure is believed to be a mixture of extracts from two or three common weeds and an oil. The salve resulting from the mixture is liquefied, and applied with a brush to the interior of the throat. The remedy was first discovered by the peasant's father, a shepherd. It was applied by him only to external wounds. Once, when his youthful son's whole herd was dying of diphtheria, he, in despair of all other means began treating their throats with the salve. The favorable effect was apparent almost immediately, and in a few days every head of cattle was well again. Shortly afterward diphtheria became epidemic in the village. The peasant doctor was invariably called to give his remedy in the most severe cases, and almost without exception it was followed by recovery. Gradually its fame spread, till to-day he is receiving calls to cure persons of diphtheria all over Germany. The cures that have contributed most to his reputation were effected a few weeks ago in the family of the Freihers von Falkenhausen, in Bielau.

-If the Irish people generally follow the example set them by the electors in Kilkenny, they will soon make Parnell wish he had respected public opinion, when, as a result of the divorce court revelations, was asked to stand aside from the Irish leadership. In all probability Mr. Gladstone and his lieutenants will be willing, as in the past, to give the effective settlem of the Irish question a prominent place in the Liberal platform. Parnell may mis represent their intentions for a time, and gain a few votes by pandering to the small element in Ireland who are ready to believe that English statesmen are at best mere tricksters, but fif they "hew to the line," as they have done in the past, and do justly, they need not fear. There i

at present no disposition on the part of the Liberal leaders to throw up the sponge in regard to the Irish question, though it must be apparent that Parnell's conduct has, in son neasure, shaken the confidence of doubting nes. Lord Spencer at a recent meeting said that when every effort is made to dupe the Irish people, leading Liberals cannot lea it be seen too clearly that their devotion to the home rule cause is made of sterner stuff than Mr. Parnell affects to believe. A few days after Sir George Trevelyan, a mor ecent convert to home rule, said at the

Eighty Club: The Supreme Court of Tennessee has decreed that a mortgage is not taxable. "It is not property," says the court, "but simply an instrument to secure a debt, and is not taxable. Amortgage is not property, but simply a security." This is true. The property on which a mortgage is held has of the small minority, as they have hither. of the small minority, as they have hither to been and as they are now. We are firm to pay taxes; if a mortgage were also taxed it would really be decreed that the property should be doubly taxed.

Mr. Campbell-Bannerman, the leader of -There are rumors of a wonderful dis- the Scotch Liberals, speaks in almost covery in the article of fuel which, if re-alized, will bring to an end the reign of the coal kings. The inventor is an American, and it is said that all his plans are so far advanced that it is only a matter of weeks, if not of days, when his device will be placed on the market. Increased heat and astonishing economy in cost, are the claims made on its behalf.

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