

## *The New Movement.*

**T**HE disgust of the unco guid with the old political parties breaks out spasmodically and intermittently at different points in the Dominion. The advertising which Mr. Haultain of Macleod, N.W.T. has received over the Autonomy Bill brought him to the notice of a great many people who had never before heard of him and some of the writers in the press have seized upon this declaration for a no-party campaign in the elections for the new provincial legislatures in the West, as a text from which to preach a sermon on the faithless steward and the rottenness of the two great political parties. Dr. Goldwin Smith is, of course, always ready to lend a hand in denouncing what he is pleased to term the "pestilence of party." But the latest arrival in the cave of the Adullamites is that stalwart Conservative organ the Halifax Herald, which says:

"Unless we entirely misapprehend the public temper, a large majority of the people of this country are pretty thoroughly disgusted with the politicians at Ottawa of both the old political parties. According to the opinion of the people, these politicians have conspicuously proved that they are a gang by themselves, seeking nothing but their own selfish interests, and have no respect to the interests of the public. It is high time for the people to arise and turn the politicians down. In doing so the people might form a new party, but it would be a party for the purpose of securing and maintaining honest government, not for the mere purpose of maintaining politicians to fatten at the public expense."

In travelling from the Atlantic westward to the Pacific for additional evidence of this mugwump movement, one must stop and gaze at the spectacle of the Conservative member for South York, Mr. W. F.

Macleod, who has varied the tune upon which he has been playing during his whole political career by criticizing and denouncing the leader of his own party, Mr. R. L. Borden and the parliamentary Conservative party as a whole, himself excepted. Arriving at the Pacific coast a paper which used to have the confidence of the Ottawa government inasmuch as it has been counted a Liberal paper though known to be under the control of a railway corporation, The Vancouver Province, in its issue of the 11th inst. speaks of the struggle upon which Mr. Haultain is entering, and promises him the votes of the immigrants from the United States to whom The Province looks as giving promise of being in no small degree the "salvation of that new country." A sentence following apparently gives the reason in the mind of the editor for this extraordinary statement, that is, that they have been trained in the national schools of the Republic. In other words, they are going to be opposed to the system of national schools which Mr. Haultain has erected in that country and which are merely perpetuated by the federal legislation establishing the new provinces. But to the mind of the Vancouver Province Mr. Haultain's manifesto is a most cheering document to every citizen of Canada who is weary of "the attempt to graft medievalism on this new country—an attempt or rather a conspiracy, to which both political parties have been privy." Of course the article does not terminate without a reference to "machine politics." With Mr. Macleod at Toronto as the head centre and the Halifax Herald and the Vancouver Province as the right and left wings this new movement will no doubt succeed in dissolving the effete old political parties.