

revolt against the Premier should he insist on the use of the veto. On the other hand he will more than jeopardise his Orange support both in and out of Parliament, by permitting its retention.

Crises now and then arise in the history of a country when the ordinary party allegiance finds something in the way stronger even than itself. Such a spectacle is to-day on view in the Imperial Parliament, whence Conservatives and Liberals have sunk their ancient feuds and united against the would-be disrupters of the United Kingdom. Such a spectacle must be seen here, too, next session, should Sir John fail in his duty at once to Protestantism and to the entire Anglo-Saxon element of the Dominion.

The question has already agitated the Orange body more than any incident since the event culminating with the murder of poor Hackett at Montreal. It has already proved a weapon of discord that has begun, it is rumoured, by sowing such a dissension among the lodges as has not been experienced for many a year. And it has already outlived the coming fact of the piercing of the hitherto compact phalanx of Orange unity on the floor of Parliament.

Sir John is at length brought face to face with the task of choosing between the Roman Catholic and ecclesiasticism of Quebec on the one hand and the Protestantism and Orangeism of all the rest of the Dominion combined on the other. Which will he throw over? Will he "let his good sword rust?"

NEWFOUNDLAND.

The proposed conference between the Canadian Government and delegates from Newfoundland, with a view to "Great Britain's oldest Colony" becoming a Province of the Dominion of Canada, has fallen through. The reason assigned therefor is that the delegation, not having the fiat of the people behind them, could simply have come to Ottawa, discussed terms of union, and then gone home again. The real reason, however, leaks out through the Island newspapers. The Government of Newfoundland, it appears, is upon this question, as a house "divided against itself." If the proposal merely to send delegates to Ottawa had been persisted in, it would have led, not only to a disruption of the Cabinet but probably to its overthrow. No Government likes to go out of office and it would seem that the desire to "hang on" has more than anything else induced the delegates to cancel their visit.

We cannot profess very deep sorrow at the breaking off of the negotiations. We wish Newfoundlanders well. They are brothers with us in that Imperial Union to which it is our pride and boast to belong, and we hope at no distant date to join with them in that closer union of British communities which now girdles the globe. But beyond that we do not care to go. Canada has a big enough country already to manage and the claims of her people are sufficiently numerous as to require all her spare cash. The prospect of having to take over the big Island with the "French shore" question unsettled was not a very inviting one and the cool demand for a railway across Newfoundland at a cost of six or seven millions still further dampened our ardor. On the whole we think it is a matter for congratulation that the negotiations have been broken off.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A new lodge to be instituted at Goderich and one on the tapis at Carleton Place. Bravo! Let the good work go on.

Worcester Lodge, Toronto, is going in for the erection of a hall of its own. Well done, men of Worcester! Next?

A number of lodges have as yet neglected to forward us any account of their doings. Brethren, we want to hear from *all* of you. Will the secretaries of lodges kindly attend to this request.

Eighteen lodges in Toronto! This is a splendid record and one of which any friendly or benevolent society may well be proud. Before many moons are over the Sons of England vote will be a powerful factor in municipal affairs in Toronto.

Hereafter from month to month we hope to publish official rulings by the Grand President. The suggestion was made to Bro. Pollard on the occasion of his recent visit to Ottawa and met with his approbation. This will be a feature of the ANGLO-SAXON which must be of great value to presidents of lodges. Bro. Grand Secretary, we count upon you.

According to the last census 139,031 persons born in England and Wales were resident in the Province of Ontario. This number must approximate 170,000 at the present time, of whom it will be safe to place the number of males at 50,000. A very large portion of these are eligible for membership in the Sons of England. Look them out, brethren.

Ald. John Hallam, of Toronto, is an Englishman of the genus "hustler." The reception to the Governor-General by the Lancashire lads and lasses, which Ald. Hallam initiated, was a pleasant feature of His Excellency's stay in the Queen city. John, if you are not of us, you ought to be, and bring all your "Chorleh" friends with you.

In electing Bro. W.R. Stroud to the position of president of the United White Rose Degree Lodge, of Ottawa, the brethren of the capital honored themselves as much as they honored Bro. Stroud. The new president is a thorough Englishman, possessing all the "go" which is a corollary to success of every kind on this continent. We feel satisfied that the new White Rose Degree lodge will be a success under his presidency.

No apology is needed for taking up so much of our space this month with the doings of the S.O.E. in Toronto during the first visit of their Excellencies Lord and Lady Stanley, of Preston. The prominence given to our beloved order cannot but be flattering and encouraging to all the brethren throughout Canada. We urge upon Sons of England to miss no occasion of collectively or individually making their influence felt in the same way that the Toronto brethren invariably do.

Communications are invited on the interesting question "How far should the limits of our order extend?" having in view particularly the suggested opening of lodges outside of British territory. There is a good deal to be said for and against the proposal to establish Sons of England lodges in the United States. We therefore propose to hold a symposium on the question extending over the next two or three issues of the ANGLO-SAXON. Make your communications brief, brethren, write only on one side of the paper and let us hear from you early.

The scheme of Bro. R. J. Tanner, secretary of Bowood Lodge, Ottawa, involving a series of concerts throughout Canada under the auspices of the Sons of England, is a big thing, but if our lodges take hold of the proposal as energetically as Bro. Tanner and his Ottawa colleagues have done, it cannot fail to be a huge success. Should the committee receive sufficient co-operation from the lodges outside of Ottawa as to warrant them to go ahead, we commend to them the suggestion that in treating with the principals it should be stipulated that the "Songs of England" should by all means predominate in the programme.

The visit to Ottawa last week of Bro. Dr. Pollard, M. W., Grand President, and Bro. J. W. Carter, Grand Secretary, was a most encouraging one to the local brethren and cannot fail to be a stimulus to them, if such were needed. This was