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which the church at her summer seasons solemnly bids us pray that our chief pastor "may lay hands suddenly on no man, but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons to serve in the sacred ministry of thy church."

ADAPTATION OF PRAYER BOOK.
The last subject which is suggested for the consideration of the Provincial Synod is the Book of Common Prayer. Is it not time, after a century of organized existence, that this book finally revised over two hundred years ago, and when this great continent was almost an unknown land, and then for England with a population not exceeding that of Canada today, and for a state of society widely differing from that in which we now find ourselves, should in some measure be adapted to the altered conditions of society in this new land. In no essential particular should we seek to change it, much less to weaken or tone down any doctrinal statement of creeds or office, but simply to make such changes as article xxxiv declares "every particular or national Church hath authority to ordain." For instance, it is not desirable that with the pages of the prayer-book, and on the title page, the word Canada should appear, and remove an impression which exists that the Church in this country is part and parcel of the State Church of England, and its clergy chaplains of the English "establishment." Is there not necessity to abbreviate the State prayers, and to insert in the book prayers for the Governor-general, our Parliaments and Synods, to have a service for Dominion Day, in a word to impart a Canadian character to the prayer-book of the Canadian Church, and to make this incomparable book of Common Prayer seen in the eyes of the people to be a domestic and not a foreign article. And if, too, there could be at the same time inserted a simpler service, that all could easily follow, for service in school houses and mission stations, and which would lead up to a people not accustomed to liturgical services to appreciate the more complicated services of the Church, it would be a boon for which many of the missionary clergy would be grateful, and which would draw many to the Church who find our present services hard to understand, and "over their heads," and greatly tend to mitigate prejudices, and to extend the Church in new places and among the humbler classes.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1886.

FLASHED IN THE PAN.

An analysis of the voting in Chambly shows that the Riel cry had absolutely no effect among the English voters. Riel died, and his hanging as a political issue is also dead. An election cannot be run upon it. The fact that he was hanged may contribute in some parts of Quebec to the coming tory defeat, but it will not be the cause of it. Macdonaldism is doomed. The English liberals of Chambly took no stock whatever in the claim that vote against the government candidate was to play into the hands of a mad and revengeful party, which is increased because Riel was executed. It is to be presumed that these English voters know better what the effect of their vote is, than they understand better the character of the men they associate with than we, who get our accounts through the medium of party papers, can possibly do. They are on the ground. They are the neighbors of these men whom the tory papers denounce as Bismarcks, and since they have decided that it is perfectly safe for the liberal party to accept the support of the "bolting blues," we think it settles the question. If the English liberals in Quebec refused the alliance of those who recently were associated with Sir John Macdonald, the liberals in the other provinces might be properly appealed to take the same course. But they have not done so. They do not reject the assistance of those who were formerly against them. They recognize that the necessity for a change of government is paramount to all other considerations yet advanced and they are going to act upon that conviction. The great tory Riel gun has flashed in the pan.

BALLOONING.
About a century ago a balloon voyage was safely made across the British channel. The other day a second voyage was made, but this time instead of submitting to the arbitrary power of the winds and landing wherever they saw fit, the aeronauts started from Cherbourg to reach London and alighted there in perfect safety. The success of the trip is attributed to the propelling and steering apparatus employed. This is a trial trip only. A longer one is to be undertaken, namely from Cherbourg to Norway. If this is successful the problem of aerial navigation will seem to be in a fair way of solution. In no sphere of invention has so little progress been made as in this. Perhaps this is not so much because the idea of regular aerial navigation is unpracticable, but because it has not yet received much consideration from any but men who were not really skilled

mechanics in a practical meaning of the term. Hence there is shown to exist a reasonable probability of anything being accomplished the progress of ballooning will be much more rapid.

AN OBSERVATION PARTY.

The New Brunswick observation party is the name given by the New Brunswick Railway officials to the party which Mr. Lugin, Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, has invited to visit the upper St. John. The name is very happily chosen. Mr. Lugin's object in organizing this party was to enable the members of the press of New Brunswick to observe and judge for themselves of the capabilities of the valley of the St. John. In this respect he is following the excellent example of the late Dr. Holmes of the State of Maine, who some years ago invited the journalists of that State to accompany him into Aroostook County, and the result of this visit was seen in the immediate and rapid development of that country. Knowing that we have in New Brunswick a large and better district than "the garden of New England," Mr. Lugin, in the hope that some good might result from a visit of the New Brunswick press men to it, asked Mr. Craun of the New Brunswick Railway to extend the courtesy of the road to representatives of the several papers who might thus be able to go in a party, and thus the subject would be dealt with in all the newspapers of the province about the same time. Mr. Craun met the request in a very generous spirit, offering to place the new Fredericton express train at Mr. Lugin's disposal for four days. This offer has been accepted. The party will leave St. John on the 17th instant and return on the 21st. They will visit all the chief places of interest on the upper St. John below Edmundston, and close their trip by going to St. Andrews on Friday for dinner. They will be taken out into the country and shown what the undeveloped part of this province is like. They will be taken up the Aroostook and be shown what our forest and region may yet become. If it is possible to make the necessary arrangements the visitors will be taken up the Tobique river. Mr. Lugin hopes that this will be only the first of a series of observation parties, and that in the course of a year or two all sections of the province may be visited in this way. It will be admitted by all who have given the subject any consideration that what New Brunswick needs more than anything else is that its resources and possibilities should be made known to the people of the province themselves. The majority of New Brunswickers have very mistaken or inadequate ideas concerning their own province, which is indeed in the variety of its sources of wealth one of the most favored sections in the Dominion. Considerable money has been spent, and no doubt well spent, in paying the expenses of observers from Great Britain. Their reports have, as far as they have gone, corrected the erroneous ideas held in the mother country in regard to the province. Perhaps it is not too soon to attempt to work up a domestic "boom," and by attracting the attention of our own people to the province induce more of them to remain at home. At least this is the object of Mr. Lugin's observation party, and if the press of the province second the effort, as they no doubt will, a considerable amount of good may in time result from it.

THE FASHIONS.

Dress and Dry Goods Notes—Popular Notes.
High coiffures are probably moribund. Canvas—black of course—is worn for mourning.
Flat, tiny bouquets of flowers decorate festival fans.
Some fair Parisian powder their hair for full dress.
Everything Japanese and East Indian is in their terms.
Epaulettes of flowers are sometimes worn on the left shoulder.
The Russian bang and basket coil are the new features in coiffures.
Chantilly lace may be worn in second mourning, but not Spanish.
Red is the fashionable color for leather articles for writing tables.
Corsage bouquets are now worn in the centre of the bosom or waist.
Some very pretty fanned silks are sold for 50c, 60c, and 75c the yard.
Lace cuffs on children's dresses are always turned back over the sleeves.
A silk kerchief is the prettiest kind of drape for a tarnished photograph frame.
Fashionable dinner tables are of late ornamented only with exotic leaves and leaf plants.
Little girls' parasols are red, blue, terra cotta, pink, and scarlet, and very small.
Loose blouse waists are preferred for little girls' play frocks, whether of wool or cashmere.
Twine-colored lace is much worn on cotton materials, especially on Turkey reds and dark blues.
"Royal red" note paper of a very brilliant hue is used by fashionables, but it is in very bad taste.
Felted hats are the only rival of the time-honored stiff black silk hat worn by holy equestrians.

The latest fancy in cheap bedroom furniture for country houses is to paint the pieces a brilliant red.

Turkish crapes are among the prettiest inexpensive cotton dress goods. Lace trim them admirably.

Normandy "Val" and marquis lace are the correct trimmings for young girls' dotted muslin frocks.

Hangings of thin bamboo reeds and beads in place of curtains indoors, are favored by the fashionable few.

The lovers of lace are rejoiced at the low prices to which all "points" imitation and real, have been reduced.

Golden nummums are the pendeloques dangling on gold wire bracelets from fashionable wrists in Paris at present.

The Russian bang is lighter than the Langry, and falls in light rings in a point on the forehead, leaving the temples bare.

On black silk toilets it is in order to wear full waists, neck or sleeve folds of colored crepe, tinted or white laces or silk mill.

The "slit cap" introduced by Miss Mary Anderson bids fair to be the finish of many fashionable coiffures at watering places this summer.

The basket coiffure consists of many small three-plait braids wound round and round the back of the head very flat, so as not to increase its size.

Mirrors and pictures are frequently framed very plainly, and draperies are made to hide the plain white pine or other cheap wood frames.

Children's and young girls' dresses are made beautifully and gracefully loose and easy around the waist and by the armholes and sleeves this summer.

A novel design painted on olive-wood knives is a row of geese, representing the seven ages, the foremost being a big fat gander and the last a baby gosling.

Wool challies, particularly those in bright stripes of red, blue, white, yellow, brown and black make pretty, inexpensive dresses for children and girls under 13 years.

The sale of kitchen and household furnishings at Billy's has been going on at railroad speed during the past week.

The reductions in prices amount almost to throwing away the articles.

A pretty novel fancy is to mount feathered geese and jewelled butterflies and Chantilly lace have the larger designs outlined by small diamonds, a special stitch being worked in the lace to hold the claws that the geese are set in.

WIT AND HUMOR.

Serious old thing! Husband—"I have been making my will dear. Leaving you everything, with all the full power to marry."

Wife—"Oh, darling, never! Husband—"Yes, love. And" (with a sardonic chuckle) "in that case I shall feel assured there will at least one who will daily deplore my death!"—Funch.

Anent bright boys, a little three year old was put in the infant class at Sunday school in the hope that right principles would early be instilled into his mind. "My children," said the teacher one day, "if you love Jesus you need never be afraid to die, for he will take you to Heaven, where you would be very happy. Charlie, what would you do if you were very sick?"

"Send for a doctor," was the laconic and sensible reply. The same boy, on another occasion, because unwell at home, and his mamma, wishing to get him out of the way, lifted him over into a great wood box in the kitchen and left him there. An older brother came in soon after and seeing him there said, "Well, Charlie, what have you been doing now?"

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