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THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK.

Probably for the last time in a long political career Sir John Macdonald has been returned to power. Two causes have contributed to a great defeat which is only less decisive than in 1878: the personal popularity of the Tory chief and the strong determination of the whole country to exclude the enemies, open or concealed, of the N. P. from the power of doing mischief. The result of the late election is, no doubt, the best thing which, under present circumstances, could have happened. But the party now in power are by no means possessed of any permanent tenure. Their septennarian charter cannot bequeath to men like Tupper or Tilley a legacy of personal popularity. The platform on which the last two elections was decided—the protection question—might have been regarded as part of the constitution of Canada, no longer a party but a national issue. In spite of defeat, discouragement and disorganization, the liberal camp has still the political future in its power. All will depend on the immediate adoption of an entire change of front on the distinct and whole-hearted acceptance of the fiscal policy which alone will satisfy the nation, and on the entire severance of the genuine liberals from the journal and men whose persistent evil counsels have so long prejudiced their cause.

WILL THEY GET IT?

About five hundred of the free and independent electors of this city have been hurrying themselves home, working the soles of their boots, and wearing out their over-labored brains, in trying to secure the election of "their man" to parliament. They have lost their time, they have troubled the consciences of their wives, made enemies out of friends, and hurt their future, on the simple hope that if "their man" got in, they would get something good. It is not meant of course that the majority of electors were such an end in view, but we more than suspect that over five hundred were so minded in the contest just closed in the city.

And what are these paltry prizes worth? A letter-carrier at \$400 a year, a postoffice or clerkship in the customs at \$600 at best—not the wages of a good mechanic. But will they even get this? At the most fifteen of the five hundred will be rewarded; personal favorites "who never did anything for the party" will be appointed to what ever is going. If the office-seeker wishes to get on the inside track of these things, let him get a list of the men in the customs house and postoffice, and see how many of the names are the same as those of members or ex-members, or their wives! The man who works in an election for the hope of an office, and then if "his man" gets in goes and throws up his place, expecting to be selected in a few days, such a one is born for some one else's game and profit. Few government situations are worth much; that men are more independent and successful who never seek one.

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nounce to be in favor of the utter stamping out of the traffic in intoxicants, which lie at the bottom of all such crimes as those of Alexander Forbes, and of thousands of others which do not quite reach the shadow of his name, but none the less wreck the lives and ruin the homes of unknown thousands, with a penalty which falls heaviest on the most innocent, and with no remedy until death enforces prohibition.

THE SUN ON GARFIELD.

The New York Sun of the 20th instant contains a trenchant criticism of the career of the late President Garfield, which goes far to prove that before his canonization he admitted in the Pantheon of History, the *advocatus diaboli* is entitled to a hearing. Had Guitzen been inspired to go on a removal tour in Ontario, even such a common place mediocrity or Josiah Burr Plumb might have been exalted into a hero. But Garfield according to the Sun seems to have been guilty of treachery and corruption which give a character of gross hypocrisy to his platitudinous platitudes on education, temperance, and electoral purity. The Sun claims that "the man who in cold blood, with the warmth of pretended devotion on his lips, could have betrayed a friend, as Garfield did in his letter to Secretary Chase, was capable of any other misdeed." That treachery was prompted solely in the interest of his own advancement, and it was consistent with his deceptive nature that he should have audaciously denied the charge of double dealing in a letter to Gen. Rosecrans of Jan. 19, 1880. The Sun also charges Gen. Garfield with receiving a bribe for political services, large sums in stock from the Union Pacific railway. That such a bribe was received is possible for a first-class scoundrel, but it is not possible for a man like Tupper or Tilley a legacy of personal popularity. The platform on which the last two elections was decided—the protection question—might have been regarded as part of the constitution of Canada, no longer a party but a national issue. In spite of defeat, discouragement and disorganization, the liberal camp has still the political future in its power. All will depend on the immediate adoption of an entire change of front on the distinct and whole-hearted acceptance of the fiscal policy which alone will satisfy the nation, and on the entire severance of the genuine liberals from the journal and men whose persistent evil counsels have so long prejudiced their cause.

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[BY A CANADIAN NATIONALIST.]

For the last thirty years and over the Globe newspaper has been a power in Canadian politics. It commenced its existence among colonialists pure and simple. Rough, rude and uncouth were the surroundings in which it began its career. Its founder was eminently adapted to the surroundings. Arbitrary, tyrannical and coarse, George Brown fought his way through many difficulties and obstacles to the place he afterwards attained. This career, as well as his natural disposition, unfitted him for building up or forming a party; his forte was to pull down. Scarcely a class or a public man of any eminence, either inside or outside of his party, escaped his censure. Rule or ruin was his motto; or considerations intended to hinder him from carrying out what in his hard, narrow and vindictive way he considered his duty.

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Montreal Gazette (Con.)—The fact has been demonstrated that the national policy is still firmly held by the people, and the general administration of the government is soundly grounded in the confidence of the election.

Montreal Post (Lib.)—Few will regret the result. For, irrespective of party politics, we are not making a secondary step, we are not making a step in saying that it is in

