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Editorial Outlook

DIAZ

It is stated that President Diaz, of Mexico, is about to give up the Presidency. He is the most distinguished man that Latin America ever produced. He has been President of Mexico for twenty-five years, and not only holds the highest place in the love and confidence of his fellow-countrymen, but is admired and respected the world over. He has done great things for his country.

IN FINANCIAL TROUBLE.

"Elijah" Dowie is in financial trouble. All the property controlled by him at Zion City has been seized by order of the courts, and receivers have been appointed. The affairs of the concern are being looked into. Liabilities aggregating three-quarters of a million dollars have been discovered. Very little money was found in the Zion City banks. It is stated that the employes of the manufacturing industries of the city have not been paid for some months. Dowie has been ordered to appear in court on the 11th inst., to be examined as to the finances of Zion.

ENGLISH TARIFF REFORM.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster is on his way home from England, and will arrive some time this week. His addresses in behalf of tariff reform are spoken of as "brilliant and effective." He is urged to return and make another series of addresses. A London despatch says he has had several offers of seats in the British Parliament, but to all he has announced that "his heart is in Canada." It is announced from Montreal that arrangements have been made for him to deliver an address in that city on the British fiscal campaign. He will, doubtless, be heard in other parts of Canada on the same subject.

BRITAIN'S SHIPPING.

Great Britain owns more shipping than all other nations put together. The total British tonnage is 14,431,072 tons. Germany has 3,138,568 tons, and the United States has 2,342,913 tons. The comparison with these two great commercial nations, says the *Guardian*, indicates how truly Britain rules the waves in the matter of her great merchant marine, as well as in that of her approached navy. What a wonderful record have those little wave-washed islands of the home land for discovery and adventure, and prowess on the sea. The old Doges of Venice used annually to cast a gold ring into the Adriatic in token that the Venetian republic was married to the sea. But the British Empire, in a far wider and truer sense, is married to the sea, aye, to all the seas.

THE ASYLUM.

The Provincial Lunatic Asylum has been without a permanent medical superintendent for some months. The gentleman in charge is acting temporarily. Why the long delay in making an appointment? The *Daily Telegraph* hints that political considerations may have to do with the choice. It says, and not any too strongly:

Politics should have no connection with the selection of a medical superintendent of the institution which, from time to time, is controlled by one or the other of the political parties. Politics should be as foreign to the direction of this institution as it is to the everyday application of the criminal law.

The people of this province will ask but one thing in regard to the institution, and that is that its management be committed to a man who is evidently fitted by experience and by character and ability to assume, on behalf of the taxpayers, a guardianship of the most difficult nature, which only one of peculiar ability can hope to exercise with beneficial results. When such a man is found the government should confer upon him emolument and authority. Other considerations should be cast to the winds.

POLITICAL NEWS.

The bye-election in North Renfrew, Ont., is to be held Dec. 26th. The seat has been vacant a year and a half.

The Conservatives of Kings Co., P. E. I., have nominated Mr. McLean of Souris. He was a member of Parliament one term.

The Nova Scotia government has appointed Geo. W. Kyte, of St. Peter's, C. B., clerk of the house of assembly, vacant by the death of J. W. Ouseley. Hon. H. M. Goudge has been appointed president of the legislative council.

The bye-election to fill the vacancy in Madawaska Co. representation in the N. B. Legislature will be held on the 22nd inst., nomination on the 15th. Mr. Martin is the government candidate. There is not likely to be any opposition.

J. W. Howden (Conservative) was last week elected by acclamation to the vacant seat in the Manitoba Legislature, caused by the death of Hon. Mr. Davidson.

The Nova Scotia Legislature met last Thursday. After passing some special legislation concerning the coal and iron and steel companies, it was adjourned.

The *Toronto Globe* says, editorially: "Signs are multiplying that presage the approach of the general elections for the federal parliament. Alike in government and in opposition circles activity is shown which suggests the real opening of the campaign.

On the first division of the house the government of British Columbia was sustained by a majority of six.

Hon. R. L. Borden spoke in St. John Monday night, and in Moncton Tuesday night. Representatives of the Conser-

vative party from various parts of the province were in St. John Monday conferring with Mr. Borden.

NOTES.

The finances of the Vatican are said to be lower than is pleasant. A commissioner has been appointed by the Pope to devise ways and means of increasing the papal revenue.

Chancellor Day, of Syracuse University, says that last year the people of the United States spent \$15,000,000 on ministers of the gospel and \$25,000,000 on dogs.

Ex-President Cleveland, who has been much talked of as the Democratic candidate in the next presidential election, has announced that his determination to never again be a presidential candidate is "unalterable."

It is intimated that the Czarina's recent illness is due to poison in the food for the royal table.

Japan is importing very large quantities of flour, in preparation for possible war.

Trinity College, Dublin, has lately made application for a royal permit to provide for the education of women in connection with the university.

The number of liquor-selling licenses in Ontario is steadily decreasing. In 1875 the licenses numbered 6,185, in 1902 the number was only 2,947. Of the 833 parish municipalities in the province, 74 issue no licenses.

Premier Ross, of Ontario, in a recent speech declared in favor of Chamberlain's trade policy, and against any entangling trade alliance with the United States.

The work of restoring and helping the Boers goes on. To illustrate the efforts the government is making, ploughing columns have brought 30,000 acres under cultivation. It is said the sight of this has done much to win back the good will of these slow moving but brave people.

Mr. Amos O'Brien, Principal of the Model School, Fredericton, has been appointed Inspector of Schools in Westmorland and Albert Counties. Mr. John Page, now in charge of the Hartland school, has been appointed to succeed Mr. O'Brien in the Principalship of the Model School. Both are good appointments.

Premier Ledden, of New Zealand, cabled the following to Sir Wilfrid Laurier a few days ago: "Preferential bill has passed the House of Representatives by 50 to 16, and in the Legislative Council no division. Practically unanimous, New Zealand has kept good faith and given its first instalment of preferential trade to Empire."

CALENDARS.—The INTELLIGENCER acknowledges the receipt of two very handsome 1904 calendars—one from D. Ferguson, of the Fredericton Cash Grocery, and one from F. E. Blackmer, the jeweller.

What Others Say.

ONE MAN CONVINCED.

A Michigan man who has just returned from a business trip through Canada, was asked how much sentiment he found favorable to the annexation of Canada to the United States. He had talked with thousands of Canadians in all stations, and replied: "Just about as much as you could find in our country in favor of annexing the United States to Great Britain."—*Columbus Despatch*.

SENSE OF HONOR.

In view of the recent development in Panama, to say nothing of the way the Hawaiian Islands were stolen, it is hard to understand the public conscience in the United States. Such things as these and the unfair attitude assumed by that country in the Alaskan dispute are fast convincing the rest of the world that the United States as a nation is practically devoid of all sense of honor or fair play.—*Sussex Record*.

THE MEN NEEDED.

Not the men who are looking for "feathered nests," but the men who are looking for nests that need to be "feathered," are the men that are needed in the ministry to-day—men who have the grit, the grace, and the gumption to take hold where there is only half a chance, and by devout enthusiasm for God and the salvation of souls, courageous persistency and rare good business sense and tact, to go ahead and build up strong, self-supporting charges and congregations. Brethren, sisters, "pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he may send forth" such laborers into the vineyard of our Zion. They are badly needed just now.—*Rel. Telescope*.

SOUTH AFRICA GOLD PRODUCT.

While South Africa has not yet regained its former standard of gold production, the prospects are that next year gold-mining in that region will be restored to its ante bellum prosperity. The output of gold amounted in 1884 to £10,000 sterling, and the next year fell to £6,000. In 1886 it was £35,000, and thereafter increased steadily until, in 1898, the year before the Boer war, it had attained the huge total of £16,044,135. In 1900 the gold produced amounted to less than £1,500,000 in value and in 1901 to a little over £1,000,000. Last year with the restoration of peace, there was a rapid revival, the output rising to £7,270,000. It is confidently expected that the figure this year will be over £12,000,000, and that 1904 will see the figures of 1898 surpassed. The South African gold deposits are thought to be practically inexhaustible, but the difficulty of reaching down to the depths where they are lying presents a problem whose solution severely taxes the powers and facilities of modern mining engineering.—*Z. Herald*.