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THE UNITED STATES ELECTION.

The results of the United States elections of last Tuesday constituted a surprise of a very decided nature for the ordinary news reader of the day, but to those well versed in American politics the very best of reasons seem to have existed for the apparent change in public sentiment across the border. The Democrats were beaten all along the line. In New York state, where Cleveland obtained a large majority at the late presidential election, a full republican house of representatives has been elected, and the Republican candidate for judge of the court of appeal sustained. In New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Ohio a like result is seen. Virginia, it is true remained loyal to the Democratic standard, but in that state no extraordinary conditions obtained, such as determined the results in the states just mentioned. In New York the credit for the Democratic defeat is due to the pernicious presence and influence of the Tammany ring, who have controlled municipal, state and even federal elections for years past, but whose insulting conduct in nominating as their party candidate for the judgeship of the court of appeals a man who was responsible for the theft and suppression of an election return, turned all men's minds against them, and provoked the populace to resent their disgraceful influence in such a decided manner. In New Jersey also, it appears that the controlling force in Democratic politics for years past has been a ring of horse race gamblers, to whom the republican majority was intended as a rebuke by the decent people of the state. Massachusetts, of course, has always been essentially Republican, but for some time past has returned as Governor the Hon. Wm. E. Russell, a Democrat, whose personal popularity led to his election in face of political hostility. His withdrawal from the public arena at the late contest, left the ground open for the natural Republican sentiment to assert itself. Ohio boasts of the possession of Governor McKinley, the author of the famous McKinley bill, whose personality brought about a victory for his party. So that it cannot be said, in the case of any one state, that the Republican victory indicates the success of that party, or the defeat of their opponents. What will be the effect of the elections upon the policy of President Cleveland and his party remains to be seen. One thing is sure, that the defeat of the Tammany ring in New York will strengthen the President's hands. That organization has always manifested toward Mr. Cleveland a hatred which appeared rather personal than political, and at the convention of 1892, exerted all their influence to prevent his nomination for the Presidency. The defeats in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts were to be expected, and will not materially effect the popular sentiment. On the other hand the result in Virginia shows that the South is still the solid South, and true to the party of reform. Now that the repeal of the Sherman Act has been secured, the President and his cabinet must turn to the consideration of matters of much greater importance. They were elected for the purpose of bringing into practical play the policy of tariff reform or tariff for revenue only, and it will be curious to observe the manner in which an honest politician, such as President Cleveland undoubtedly is, will approach the solution of about as ticklish a little problem in political economy as any man ever undertook to master.

PRINCIPAL GRANT'S IDEAS.

Rev. Principal G. M. Grant has commenced contributing to the Toronto Globe a series of articles intended to express his views regarding the best policy for Canada; the first of which contains a

strong protest against the wasting of public money. As a man of great learning, sound judgement, long experience and generally honest convictions, Principal Grant deserves to have the public listen to his opinions. Retrenchment is according to him, the first and greatest need of Canada. He quotes the general manager of the Bank of Montreal as saying "We have been spending too much money", and himself declares that "the national expenditure has increased steadily since confederation, out of all proportion to our increase in population, or available wealth, and that there is abundant proof that a great deal of the public money has been worse than wasted." In support of this statement he instances the many deficits which have been charged to the Intercolonial Railway, the annual deficit in the Post Office department, and especially the ridiculously expensive governmental machinery of the country. We quote the following remarks upon the over-government of the Dominion:—

Again, comparatively little has been said against the excessive membership and semi-membership of the Cabinet, although the Government of the United States is carried on with less than half our number. Not only is the expense considerable, but the freedom of Parliament is seriously weakened thereby. With us the Cabinet is simply a committee of Parliament. Now every one knows that committees have such power that it is almost impossible to defeat any proposal they make and that the larger the committee the less freedom the body appointing it will have. It would almost seem to be taken for granted that our Government should have good bills with which to reward its supporters, not only while they are in public life, but after their usefulness is gone. The present system of adding to the Cabinet is wrong. Permanent head clerks or commissioners, who do all the real work of the departments, are the kind of men we ought to have, instead of fleeting and untrained partisans. This is the system in Britain and the United States, but we have it only to a limited extent. As for houses for the Lieut. Governors, a man with a salary of seven or eight thousand dollars can easily rent a house, if he has not one already in the provincial capital, and then less would be expected of him as regards the preposterous expense called entertaining than social flunkeydom now expects. We are over-governed.

We are inclined to believe that the majority of thinkers in Canada will agree with Principal Grant in the foregoing statements, especially with regard to over-government. The Governor General of Canada rules over 5,000,000 people. He is not leader of the government. He is not even in active political life. His most arduous duties are to give the Royal assent to Parliamentary bills, to preside at the functions at Rideau Hall, and to draw his salary of \$50,000. The President of the United States receives the same annual stipend from the people for his services. But his services are of some value to his employers. He not only must be an active statesman, leader of the government, head of the legislative and executive functions of parliament, but he must actually do the work of three men; and the knowledge that he is directly responsible to the people who have placed this trust in him, leads him to act honestly, honourable and conscientiously.


What a contrast! And the United States could afford to pay fifty times the salary which the Canadian people pay, and not feel it half so much. The same argument will obtain in nearly every department of public work, "We are over-governed." To-day our gross federal debt stands at \$295,000,000, while the total debts of all the provinces will total \$7,000,000 more. The following statement from the last government "Year Book" shows the relation of revenue to expenditure in each of them:

Province.	Revenue.	Expenditure.
Ontario.....	\$3,153,015	\$3,299,693
Quebec.....	3,750,813	4,095,520
Nova Scotia.....	661,541	692,539
New Brunswick.....	613,262	678,267
Manitoba.....	590,484	664,432
British Columbia.....	959,148	1,032,104
P. E. Island.....	274,047	304,486
	\$10,002,410	\$10,767,031

The joint committee of the city council and the citizens of Moncton has reported favourably to the expropriation by the city of the property of Moncton Gas and Water company, and has recommended that a poll be held and a vote of the citizens taken upon the subject. If the result be favourable, the city council is empowered to treat with the company regarding the price to be paid for the transfer.

The latest returns from the Newfoundland elections held on Tuesday show that the Whiteway government has been returned to power by an overwhelming majority. Monroe, one of the opposition

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leaders, was badly beaten in the Western district. Owing to the want of facilities for getting returns from distant places, it might be some time yet before the complete result is known, but it is generally conceded that the opposition is badly routed.

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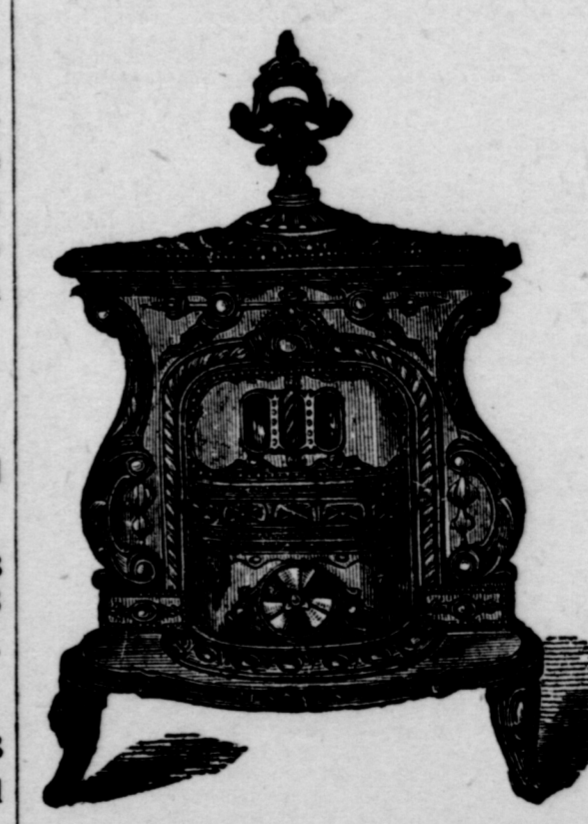
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