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POLITICS AS IT IS IN ENGLAND

The political world is agitated over the fact that Mr. A. J. Balfour leader of the Conservatives in the Imperial House of Commons is about to pay a visit, extending several days, to Mr. Gladstone, the veteran Liberal leader. All sorts of explanations are attempted of this unusual display of friendliness between sometime political antagonists. Some papers say Mr. Gladstone is in sympathy with Mr. Balfour's education bill, which met with an untoward fate last session. Perhaps the true secret of the matter is that, while the two statesmen differ on most public questions, they are friends, personally, and in their love for philosophic and theological study have much in common. Education and study, connected with statesmanship, appear to go in England, very much as hoodlumism and politics are inseparable on the free soil of North America. The thoughtful and studious author of the "Foundations of Belief," will no doubt find time profitably spent, in association with the brilliant intellect whose treatises on religion and theological matters astonish the world. He will breathe an air purer than he is accustomed to in the House of Commons and, if all reports are true, more congenial to his nature.

Whether free trade as it is in England would do in Canada, is questionable, but politics as they have it in England would be a decided improvement over the genuine Canadian brand.

THE REASON WHY NOT?

Some fool newspaper man has been writing an article to a Chicago paper, in which the exploded yarn about annexation sentiment in Canada is repeated. Such misstatements are decidedly galling to Canadians, and the worst of it is, they do much to prevent the growth of the good feeling that should exist between the United States and Canada.

If it were not for sentimental reasons, there are practical reasons why Canada should decline union with the States. As a portion of the British Empire we belong to a greater nation, in every particular. We are not likely to give up the greater for the less. Our constitution is superior to that of the United States. When a party is defeated in Canada, it is done with the governing power. In the United States a defeated party keeps on governing. In this, we are the more democratic people. Again, law and order is more potent with us, than it is with our big neighbors. Lynching is unknown, and we trust, will continue to be unknown, where the British flag waves. So much for a few practical objections to annexation.

Sentimental objections are still stronger, and to undervalue sentiment, is a fool's mistake.

The great American nation would do well to set their own house in order, before they form projects for other nations. When they are competent to settle the currency question, and can enforce law, it will be time enough for them to talk of annexing the rest of the world to their shop.

In the meanwhile it is a pity that they should arouse the antipathy of Canadians, when they might just as well have their good will.

The American newspaper reporter has met his match at last. He cuts no figure in an interview beside Li Hung Chang, who pumps, unmercifully, everyone he comes across. He button holed a guard of a train, in England, and asked that employee all manner of questions. He wished to know if Mr. Gladstone was rich, and when he was told, no, said he supposed then, the people gave him money. Li Hung Chang is the type of the advanced Chinaman. When the mass of his countrymen reach his standard, what fine newspapers they will have. The New York interviewer will have to take a back seat.

The Ontario Legislature has passed an act reducing the number of county councillors from 1400 to 500, "thus saving the farmers about \$25,000 a year," a contemporary remarks. Members are to be elected for two years, as is done in this province. It is remarked that the payment of councillors so much a day has led in Ontario, to the members of the councils debating all sorts of questions, in order, apparently, to prolong the session and draw the per diem allowance. The Weekly Sun of Toronto thinks, it would do no harm, but much good, if the provincial legislatures and dominion Parliament were cut down in like manner as the county councils.

With regard to cold storage warehouses the Co-operative Farmer, which may be said to be the organ of the agriculturists of New Brun-

wick says:—"The main establishment for the holding and transhipment of perishable products will be at Sand Point, St. John. One house will be at some central point on the North Shore for the accommodation of the fresh fish business. One will be at either Woodstock or Fredericton, to accommodate the farm products of the Upper St. John and the fourth will likely be at Moncton or some point on the I. C. R." It will be noticed that it is Woodstock or Fredericton not Woodstock and Fredericton.

Mr. Samuel Watts has just celebrated the 40 anniversary of his becoming the editor of the Sentinel. This journal extends its most hearty congratulations to the senior editor of its esteemed contemporary and trusts that he may be spared many years to do honor to New Brunswick journalism, and to assist by his ripe advice, in the furtherance of the interests of this town and county.

Very Much a Mason.

The first Masonic funeral that ever occurred in California took place in 1849, and was performed over a brother found drowned in the Bay of San Francisco. An account of the ceremonies states that on the deceased was found a silver mark of a Mason, upon which were engraved the initials of his name. A little further investigation revealed to the beholder the most singular exhibition of Masonic emblems that was ever drawn by the ingenuity of man upon the human skin. There is nothing in the history of tradition of Freemasonry equal to it. Beautifully dotted on his left arm, in red and blue ink, which time could not efface, appeared all the emblems of the entire apprenticeship. There was the Holy Bible, square and compass, the twentyfour-inch gage and common gavel. There were also the Masonic Pavement, representing the ground floor of King Solomon's Temple, the identical tessel which surrounds it, and the blazing star in the centre. On his right arm, and artistically executed in the same indelible liquid, were the emblems pertaining to the fellowcraft's degree, viz., The square, the level, and the plumb. There were also the five columns representing the five orders of architecture—the Tuscan, Doric, Ionic Corinthian, and Composite.

In removing his garments from his body the trowel presented itself with all the other tools of operative Masonry. Over his head was the pot of incense. On other parts of his body were the beehive, the book of constitutions, guarded by the Tyler's sword pointing to a naked heart; the All-Seeing eye the anchor and ark, the hour glass, the scythe, the forty-seventh problem of Euclid, the sun, moon, stars and comets; the three steps which are emblematical of youth, manhood and age. Admirably executed was the weeping virgin reclining on a broken column, upon which lay the book of constitutions. In her rigid hand she held the pot of incense, the Masonic emblem of a pure heart, and in her left hand a sprig of Acacia, the emblem of the immortality of the soul.

Immediately beneath her stood winged Time, with his scythe by his side, which cuts the brittle thread of life, and hour-glass at his feet, which is ever reminding us that our lives are withering away. The withered and attenuated figures of the Destroyer were placed amid the long and flowing ringlets of the disconsolate mourner. Thus were striking emblems of mortality and immortality blended in one pictorial representation.

It was a spectacle such as Masons never saw before, and in all probability such as the fraternity will never witness again. The brother's name was never known.—Philadelphia Age.

Incensed at Gen. Weyler.

Boston, Aug. 31.—A special dispatch to the Herald from Havana says: Spanish business men, the property holding element, are beginning to despair of Spain's ability to crush the revolution and restore order, and property owners under the leadership of such men as General Apezteguia, who, by the way, also represents large American interests here, may come out openly for annexation and ask the United States to step in and end the chaos here. The clause in Captain Weyler's currency decree on Saturday threatening the arrest and punishment, as aiding and abetting sedition, of any local bank or broker daring to refuse the new paper money of the Spanish bank here at par, with gold in payment for gold drafts against New York, London, Paris and Hamburg, fell like a bombshell in local financial circles. Leading private banking houses in consequence have notified their customers that for the present they would draw no foreign bills of exchange, alleging that they have no funds abroad to cover them. In view of this action heavy shipments of coin, Spanish and French gold, will presumably follow during the next fortnight from parties who are unable otherwise to make needful foreign remittances. There is great excitement in the Stock Exchange and stocks are still declining.

Havana society is highly indignant at Capt. Gen. Weyler's order confiscating the buildings of the foundlings and orphans' home, to be transformed into smallpox and yellow fever hospitals for Spanish troops, thus turning out into the streets over 500 children, more than 100 of whom were infants. This institution, founded more than 100 years ago by native Cubans, has since that time been sustained by private contributions and the interest from trust funds willed by local philanthropists at various times. The Bishop of Havana was sent to the place to intercede and prevent the confiscation of the buildings, but the Captain General curtly denied the petition.

A Big Fire.

D. & J. Ritchie's mill at Newcastle was destroyed by fire on Friday night. The total loss is between \$40,000 and \$50,000, and insurance \$12,000.

The Majorities.

Hon. A. G. Blair's majority in Sunbury and Queens was 624. Hon. Mr. Patterson's majority in North Grey was 420.

**Cold Storage.**  
If it was not for cold storage on a small scale, the Fish Market would not have made the name, that it now has. It is by keeping a refrigerator, and placing the new arrivals from the salt water, within it that the excellence of the fish they supply to customers is attained. On Friday, let fish eaters send in orders. There will be then on hand, something special, in the way of frozen mackerel, the daintiest kind of fresh fish. The usual supply of haddock and cod always on hand. This firm has just placed a large order with the firm of Boulter & Morehouse, the celebrated dealers in canned finnie haddies, of Centreville, N. S., for a supply of boneless fish. These fish are put up in five pound boxes suitable for family trade. THE DISPATCH had an opportunity of examining the sample and a more attractive article in preserved fish has never come to this town. In about ten days, the public will have an opportunity of testing. The Fish Market can be reached by telephone. It is opposite Grant & Birmingham's carriage factory.

On To Ottawa

TORONTO Sept. 1.—The Dominion alliance issued an invitation to the temperance bodies throughout the Dominion to send representatives to the delegation which will be received by the Hon. Wilfred Laurier at Ottawa at noon on Thursday, Sept. 3. The railways companies have agreed to give reduced rates if over fifty attend. The prohibitionists will assemble at the Parliament building at ten o'clock and hold a conference with the prohibition members of Parliament. The deputation is under instructions of the recent convention to plead for prohibition. Should the government give assurances of early action on a plebiscite campaign, otherwise to arrange for an early reintroduction for a motion for the immediate enactment of a prohibitory law.

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