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POLITICIANS AND SUCH LIKE.

It would be a surprise, shocking to the good party man, if a meeting were to be held in Woodstock, presided over by Mr. Emmerson, and on which occasion the principal speaker would be Dr. Stockton.

No one would expect a political meeting under such an arrangement, but most people would be surprised if any meeting at all found these political opponents in such a

In Edinburg quite recently, Lord Resebery delivered an address as president of the Associated Societies of Edinburg University. Mr. Balfour as Chancellor, presided. The happy combination leads the Times to remark, "The presence of statesmen of the most divergent political opinions in domestic matters upon neutral platforms is cappily an every day fee ure of our public life." This influential journal then proceeds to pay a twibute to Lord Resebery's political character. It says "The Pritish Empire rests upon men -upon the character and ability of those who rule it, and who as citizens sit in judgment upon its rulers. As the Empire grows the burden grows with it, and if we are to rise to the height of our Imperial position in the future as in the past our young men must learn early the greatness of our mission as a people. In all positions from the Cabinet and the Legislature down to the county and parish councils, there is a steadily increasing demand for intelligent and zealous public service. . . We cannot all be public servants, but all of us, at any rate, by close and vigilant attention to public affairs, can serve the State. Apathy is the worst of all symptoms in the body politic."

There is food for thought for the politicians and electors in this dominion and promince, in the quotation above. We know well that our never been matched in curative qualities in need is "intelligent and zealous public service," at Ottawa and Fredericton, as well as in our county and town councils. As a matter of fact we have not been very particular about the intelligence part of it, in the past. The man with the "stuff" has things his own way. Here is our danger, a danger that has proved so real across the border, that "apathy the worst symptom in the body politic," is the prevailing feeling among the best and most intelligent citizens of the republic. It is not, after all Roosevelt, who has been elected Governor of New York State. It is Platt, and it is not Wan Wyck who was defeated, but Croker.

Anyone is blind, who does not see that our politics are growing more after the American than the English model. How ridiculous to shout out against annexation, if the practices that the better sort of citizens fear by annexation, become part of politics, without annexation. It is absurd to wave the flag, unless all try to be true to the tradition of the

Our public men must be taught that practices which would be called "thieving" in ordinary business walks, do not become respectable because carried on in the realm of

HEART STAGGERS.

Here's Confession of Interse Heart Suffer-

ing and Weakness That Made Life One Long Dreadful Nightmare-Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart was the Saving Agent. Mr. Thomas Cooke, 260 Johnston St., Kingston, writes this of himself and how Dr. Agnew's Core for the Heart helped him: 'I have used all six bottles of this great heart remed and it has completely cured me of heart weakness, from which I suffered severely for years. Prior to using it the slightest exertion or excitement would produce severe palpitation and nervous depress-

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One of the leading French Canadian papers is the Soliel. It is edited by Mr. Pacaud. The Montreal Witness publishes the following from the Soliel, about prohibition:- 'All the provinces save Quebec have voted for prohibition. This only proves one thingthat alcoholism and drunkenness have made so much progress in all the other provinces that they see no other way of eradicating the evil but by the complete prohibition of alcohol. For why should those provinces have voted en masse for it if drunkenness is unknown among them? And because those provinces are gangrened, they want absolutely to deprive their neighbor of a natural right. There is no divine law which forbids wine drinking. Only its abuse is condemned. The French-Canadians of the Province of Quebec are sober and temperate. They do not need the prohibition of intoxicating liquors to conduct themselves decently. They have declared this by their vote and have long proved it by their conduct. They Garden Bros. Druggists.

voted according to their conscience and exercised their strict right. And yet in the face of all this a certain number of furies (megeres) who might be easily supposed to be all the wives of drunkarks, have met at Ottawa and decreed among other things that, while the French-Canadians have a right to think and act for themselves, they will resist any attempt by a province containing so many ignorant people as ours, etc., to shape the moral or social government of Canada. Just so, ladies, we are ignorant and we have no right to express our mind except it be as your minds. We might easily answer that we will not allow provinces peopled by drunkards to impose an odious law upon us, for if we are to believe these temperance associations, drunkenness is general in those provinces. We shall not do so, however. But there is one thing we can assert, and which we can prove, and it is this, that if the French-Canadians give less of their attention to ethical questions than the sans culottes of the W. C. T. U., they are also to be found less in our penitentiaries and prisons. From Quebec to Gaspe there is probably at this moment not more than five prisoners all told. In all the rural districts around us, there is not one; while from the standpoint of criminality the provinces which have pronounced for prohibition have a record which does them little honor when compared with that of the Province of Quedec. We affirm that in the Province of Quebec less crime is committed in proportion to population than in any other Canadian province. Their elections have never been annulled in this province by dozens, and electors disqualified in batches of fifteen to twenty, as has been seen in a neighboring province. Those who desire prohibition are taking the wrong way to succeed. It is not by abusing those who differ from them that they are going to do so. We shall never bend our necks to the yoke by calling us ignorant and bad citizens. Further, we may say this, that we shall never allow ourselves to be bullied by people whom we believe to be in error. An effort is being made to realize a Utopia in which we do not believe. Abuse will not convince us and rf the apostles of prohibition had the ultimate success of their cause at heart they would cease to insult and provoke us. Confeder ation will be smashed into a thousand pieces before we submit to people who not only insult us as a race but seek to impose upon us laws repugnant to our conception of individual liberty.'

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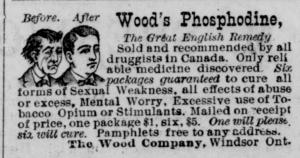
"I think I saw it," replied Mrs. Smith. "You had it on at church last Sunday, didn't

"Yes; how did you like it?" ion. To-day I am as strong as ever, and without one symptom of Heart disease."--"Oh, it was just lovely. I'm sure, dear, it

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