

Stories of Lord Lansdowne in Canada.

New York Sun: Before they went to India, in 1888, Lord and Lady Lansdowne pleased the Canadian people by their friendly and unassuming manners, which were in marked contrast to those of former Governors-General and their wives. At a garrison ball at Halifax the colonel of the regiment that was giving the dance came up to Lady Lansdowne and said:

"Lady Lansdowne, won't you give me a dance, please? I'm tired of dancing with these silly little colonial girls. They have no style. I believe I'm engaged to one of them for the next dance, but you might be kind enough to rescue me."

Lady Lansdowne replied, in tones loud enough for everybody to hear, that the colonel was unfit to associate with any decent people, colonial or otherwise, and concluded:

"If this is the way you treat your guests I will relieve you of the presence of one of them at once." Then she ordered her carriage and left the ball.

While on a tour in Manitoba one summer Lord and Lady Lansdowne were driven by a heavy thunderstorm to seek shelter in a farmhouse. They were together in a small open trap, and none of the vice-regal party was with them. Lord Lansdowne gave his name as Fitzmaurice, the family name of the Lansdownes being Petty-Fitzmaurice.

The farmer and his wife welcomed them with true Manitoba hospitality, and insisted upon their staying for the night, as the storm did not abate. Lady Lansdowne helped to get tea ready and do the evening chores, while her husband listened gravely to the farmer's views on what the Government of Canada ought to do and ought not to do. They declared afterward that it was the most enjoyable evening they spent while they were in Canada.

"That old farmer," said Lord Lansdowne, in a lecture on Canada which he gave at Dover, Eng., some years afterward, "had a clearer head for politics than most of the statesmen and diplomats I have met."

"How fickle is popular favor," said a well-known English politician in a London club recently. "Look at Lansdowne."

"Not long ago, when our troops were encountering disaster upon disaster in South Africa, he was the most unpopular man in England. As Minister of War he was blamed for everything overlooked or unforeseen by the army. If he had gone among a London mob after Stromberg, say, he would have stood a good chance of being torn to pieces. But now he is a popular idol. He has warned Russia off the Persian Gulf, and immediately he is acclaimed as an other Palmerston. The whirligig of time has brought him up to the top again with astonishing rapidity."

"No man ever seemed more hopelessly ruined politically than Lansdowne when public indignation at the South African blunders forced him to give up the office of Secretary of State for War. His appointment as Foreign Minister immediately afterward was the most unpopular act of Lord Salisbury's career—and it was also the luckiest. But it has turned out well."

"Lansdowne, starting as the best-hated man in British politics, has become the most popular British Foreign Minister since Rosebery—perhaps since Palmerston. He has a great career before him, and it would not be surprising if he succeeded Mr. Balfour in the Premiership when the latter grows tired of it."

The credit for the Marquis of Lansdowne's success at the British Foreign Office is largely due to his clever wife. Like many English women of noble families, she makes politics her hobby. Bismarck used to call her the amateur diplomatist, and say that she was too clever for most of his ambassadors.

That was in her younger days. Since then her husband has been Viceroy of India and Canada, and there, too, has won golden opinions from everybody.

Lord Lansdowne was one of the best Viceroy India ever had, but the English officials used to say that Lady Lansdowne really governed the country. If one of them wanted a bridge, or an irrigation tank, or a famine relief appropriation for his district, he would try to interest Lady Lansdowne in the matter rather than the Viceroy. If she could be convinced that the thing was needed, she would soon set the wheels to work and get it.

When Lady Lansdowne went out into the streets her carriage would be surrounded by natives who wanted grievances redressed or privileges granted to them by the government. She would go to great trouble to make enquiry into their cases and see justice done. At nights she would go disguised in native garb into the poorest quarters of Calcutta on missions of charity or justice, like a feminine Haroun-al-Raschid.

A retired Indian judge tells a curious story about Lady Lansdowne. He was dining at the vice-regal lodge one night, and the conversation turned upon a sensational murder trial which he was conducting at the time.

After dinner Lady Lansdowne drew the judge aside and said:

"I do not want to interfere with your

judicial duties, but I know as an absolute fact that the man who is charged with that murder is innocent. If you will send a detective to me tomorrow morning I will direct him to the house where the real murderer is hiding. I only discovered the fact this afternoon, when I was down there in disguise with one of our sycas."

Sure enough, the murderer was caught, as Lady Lansdowne had said, and the innocent man was released. This incident, becoming known, made her very popular with the people of Calcutta, who are not used to memsahibs taking so much interest in their humble lives.

Lady Lansdowne would not tell how she found out the murderer. She said that she made it a rule never to talk about her excursions in native costume, lest she should get her native guides and friends into trouble with their own people.

Buy at Home.

"A meeting of creditors is called for such a date" was the announcement made in regard to a concern doing a retail business in a town about thirty miles from Toronto, a few days ago. Many people who had been acquainted with the owner, and knew the possibilities of the stand, pondered over the announcement in the paper and sought for a reason. The man was young, of average business ability, had plenty of capital a few years ago, and the town was a fairly bright one, and he had very minor competition. Why then was it found requisite to insert such a report after about six years of business life. There were several reasons advanced, but if the truth were ferreted out, one of the most potent was the fact that his wife preferred doing her shopping in the nearby city rather than in her own town, even with regard to the smallest articles, and her husband did not see the mistake until it was too late. A merchant cannot reasonably expect the patronage of the townspeople when he withholds his own trade from the other stores. Live-and-let-live is the motto the world over. Give the impression that the town does not hold anything good enough for you and you will kill your own business most effectually. There is great need for a Jos. Chamberlain in many of the small towns to incite the people to an appreciation of their own home industries.—Shoe and Leather Journal, Toronto.

The Sussex Races.

The mid-summer race meeting on Sussex track, Wednesday, July 22nd, will see some of the best racing of the first part of the season. The time chosen is late enough to catch most of the new horses which have come out this year and have given promise of speed. The reputation of the Sussex track as par excellence the fastest track in the three provinces makes it a drawing card to both owners and spectators. Although but four years old this track has already had three Maritime records, the last being 2:15½ made last year by Ituna which now stands.

There will be three classes on the 22nd as follows:

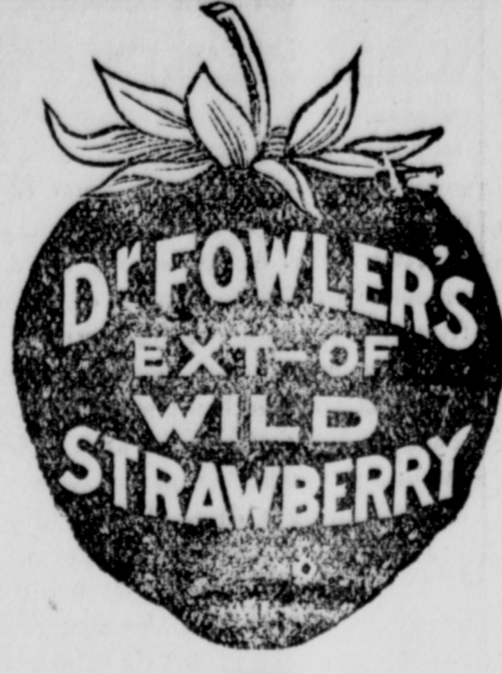
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The Jewish Problem.

The Jewish vote in the United States is apparently strong enough to impel the President to do that which the British Government declines, as an unwarrantable interference with the internal affairs of another nation. The President has received his answer in advance. The ostensible excuse for venturing on that which would ordinarily be a breach of international comity is hardly consistent with the compliments which at the same time are lavished on the Jews. It is that if the Jews are molested in Russia they may transfer themselves to the United States. Why should this be deprecated if the Jews are such first-rate citizens? To suppose that the Russian Government instigates anti-Jewish rioting is absurd. No Government more abhors or has more reason to dread popular riots of any kind. Nor is religion responsible for these outbreaks; it may be the battle cry, but it is not the cause of hostility. The cause of hostility is the unfortunate position of the Jews as an alien, intrusive, unassimilable, and socially separatist race, superior in financial aptitude and cunning to the natives, and plying many of them an unpopular and oppressive trade. The Russian Government has more than its share of a social difficulty which is almost immemorial and universal. Though the antipathy is always simmering, violent and sanguinary outbreaks have not been common. The last of a serious kind was in 1881. Whenever they occur, they are of course objects of universal reprobation, especially to Christians, whose religion they stain. But unless the president can suggest a solution of the Jewish problem he had better attend to the negro problem and leave that of the Russian Jew alone.—Dr. Goldwin Smith.

It must have been the very printer's devil himself who represented a very worthy advocate of the cause of female suffrage as exhorting her hearers to "maintain their



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tights." What the bridesmaids at a recent wedding must have thought when they read that they had worn "handsome breeches," the gift of the bridegroom, one can only guess. But whatever their thoughts may have been at seeing the pretty brooches thus transformed, their language at any rate cannot, we may assume, have matched that of the politician who read the following comment on one of his speeches: "Them asses believed him." On another occasion a reporter wrote: "At these words the entire audience rose and rent the air with their snouts." The compositor had set up snouts correctly, but he had not observed that the top of the "h" was broken off. An enthusiastic editor began his leading article on a local election campaign with the phrase: "The battle is now opened." Unfortunately the compositor transformed battle into bottle, and his readers said they had suspected it all along!—Kansas City Journal.

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United States Wealth.

Can it be necessary again to point out that the wealth of the United States owes its marvelous growth not to the protective tariff, but to the development by a rapidly increasing population of the resources of a vast continent with an almost unlimited variety of production, over the whole of which there has been perfect free trade. That which owes its growth to the protective tariff is the enormous accumulation of wealth in particular hands, such as those of the monopolists of the Steel Trust. Something similar happened in the case of the Napoleonic Empire, which, though the external policy of Napoleon was brutally protectionist, enjoyed a certain measure of commercial prosperity, the real cause of which was, not the external area of free trade. The remarkable thing is that the growth of wealth in a comparatively small country like Great Britain, which had hardly any new resources to develop, should under free trade have kept so nearly an even pace with the growth of wealth in the United States.

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