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#### POLITICAL BANQUETS.

In Great Britain it has for many years been the established custom for the Premier and others occupying prominent positions either in the Government or Opposition to take advantage of the Lord Mayor's Dinner and other impor tant festive gatherings, during the parliamentary recess, to discass in after dinner speeches, questions of international or local importance which may be engaging public attention. On such occasions also, it is not infrequent that party questions are pretty fully treated, a forecast given of proposed legislation, and suggestions thrown out by the leaders for the guidance of their followers, in view of any new policy or proposed departure on the part of either Government or Opposition.

Patterning, we presume, after these examples, our Canadian politicians, in the absence of special state occasions affording opportunity for post-prandial deliverances, arrange (or what is the same thing their personal or political friends do it for them for "Banquets," at which when they have any special announcement to make on public questions this opportunity may be given.

We had a recent instance of this in the dinner given to Mr. Blair, the Minister of Railways and Canals, in St John. It is not to be supposed that the promoters of that gathering had in view the mere social and festive features of the occasion. What was desired was that the views of the Minister might be had on the important questions connected with the winter trade of St. John and the management of the Intercolonial Railway in relation thereto: if indeed the Minister himself did not seek such an occasion to outline the policy of his Department and of the Government on these and other questions. At any rate he availed himself of the opportunity.

Following along the same line it is now announced that friends of the local government are arranging for a "Banquet" to Mr. Emmerson the new provincial leader, to be given in St. John on Thursday next. This will be an occasion on which the Premier can, if he so desires, o tline any new policy he may have in view, in the administration of provincial affairs. It is just possible that Mr. Emmerson may purpose turning over some new leaves and sig nalizing his advent to power by some new departures in depart. square yards. Although large mental management.

Rumors of a general election have been current for some time and it is said that the Premier strongly favours an appeal to the people before another session while other members of the Cabinet are and many of them have lost all opposed to it. With the Leader th ir belongings This disaster Mr. Davies will shortly return to Washwill, however, rest the decision and if he has an election in view there may be some suggestion of that kind in his after dinner speech at the Banquet.

overseers, having heard of illegal 000. The Plague had raged in smelt fishing being carried on in London during the preceding year, the North West River, visited and it is stated that the city was that locality and seized a fine, new purified and its health much imsmelt net and liberated a large proved by the fire. In this requantity of smelt which had been spect it came to be regarded as caught and put into a cage to be kept until the legal fishing season should open. There were a number of other parties who either turns to the subject of the selection had been fishing or were prepar- of Mr Emmerson as leader of the ing to fish, but no nets were dis- Local Government, and says that

that any man should have his while Mr. Tweedie whose seniorently trivial offence seizing the cial Secretary and position as actnets of the law breakers seems to ing Premier during Mr. Mitchell's be the only way of putting a stop illness, gave him prior claims was to illegal fishing. The officers de unjustly ignored by the Governserve a good deal of credit for ment because he is not a recogtheir promptness in this matter. nized liberal. We are under the The owner of the net seized is not impression that our contempoary a poor man by any means. His is somewhat mistaken as to the were prohibited from setting their quires that the acting Premier nets showed a disposition to take shall in a case of this kind, advise more than his share. It shows the Govenor upon whom to call greed and no one will begrudge to form a new administration, and him his punishment.

vey the fish into the nets. This that he would have been called an infraction of the law It is Mitchell's choice. There can be strictly illegal, however; and we little doubt of this. In fact friends are in a position to inform our of Mr. Mitchell indicated what ly be appealed, is a decisive one. The be tolerated. The sooner fisher- before that gentleman retired from men realize this fact the better. the Premiership. Nothing is to be gained by "winging." If no wings were permitted, just as many fish will be caught, and the fish will be more evenly distributed amongst the fishermen. Fishermen cannot afford to violate the law in this respect any longer. None of them have any nets to present to the

### THE LONDON FIRE.

in the city of London on Friday last, was one of the most disastrous that has occurred in the history of that great Metropolis. It raged for four hours and a half, of parliament, to revive the question, so and despite the assistance of over one hundred steam fire enginesmany of them with hose having a twelve toot spread-and all the modern appliances which such a city has to cope with a disaster of this nature, the firemen were unable to check its onward march until it had destroyed a large portion of the wholesale business section of the city, and sent up in smoke twenty million dollars worth of property The area covered by the fire is at least 100,000 numbers of operatives, including many young women, were emp'oyed in the buildings, it is a remarkable fact that no serious carualities are reported. They have been thrown out of employment recalls the history of "The great ington to complete arrangements with the fire" in London which occurred in American government for the commission. the year 1666 and which for four

The recent activity of the Local swept the city from the Tower to Opposition Leader and his friends Temple Church and from the has probably suggested to Mr. Northeast gate to Holborn bridge, from the Government standpoint, building in Pudding lane, conand he has no doubt approved of sumed thirteen thousand two hunhim a chance to talk. If an early church, eighty-six parish churches election is to be held it is well that six chapels, the guild-hall, the the public mind shall be prepared royal exchange, the custom house, for it Next week we will prob- many hospitals and libraries, fiftyably learn something of the policy two companies' halls and a vast of the reconstructed administra- number of other stately edifices, tion on this and other questions. together with three of the city gates, four stone bridges and the ILLEGAL SMELT FISHING. prisons of Newgate and the Fleet. Six persons were killed. The total On Monday night, the fishery loss was estimated to be \$53,632,-"a blessing in disguise."

The Chatham World again rehe was chosen by the Lieutenant While it may seem regrettable Govenor because he was a Liberal we have little doubt that Govenor Another mode of violating the McLellan acted strictly within nets so as to make leaders to con- Leadership there is little doubt has been practised here for years upon. That Mr. Emmerson was —indeed it has become so com sent for by the Govenor is pretty mon that it is scarcely considered strong evidence that he was Mr. readers that in future it will not that choice would be sometime finding of the jury establishes an import

THE REVIEW has frequently called attention to the necessity for a suitable building in this town in which the Custom House, Post Office and other Dominion offices could be suitably provided for. The accommodation now afforded in this respect is simply discreditable alike to the Government and the town. A building quite suitable in every respect could be erected at a very reasonable figure, and there is no reason why the claims of Richi-The big fire, which took place bucto for such should be longer ignored, when all the towns on the North Shore, with the exception of the shiretown of Kent, have received consideration in this respect from the Dominion Government.

Now is a good time, before the session that influence and pressure may be brought upon the Minister of Public Works and Finance Minister to arrange for and place in the Estimates a sum sufficient to give us a public building which will be an ornament to the town as well as a much needed convenience. We think some concerted action by our citizens should be taken without delay and pressure, political and otherwise, brought to bear upon the Government to give us our rights in this matter. If we do not ask we cannot expect to receive.

Messrs. Laurier and Davies have returned from Washington, but it does not appear from their public statements that any definite agreement has been arrived at on any of the sudjects discussed at tie conferences. It cannot be doubted however that the friendly discussion that has taken place between the representatives of the two countries will have favorable results. It is announced that the questions now at issue between the two governments will be submitted to an international commission and that the Canadian Premier and The trade question will no doubt be further considered and we trust a fair redays, September second to sixth, ciprocity agreed upon.

The text of the Pope's decision on the Manitoba School question has not as write, been received in Canada, but it is reported that ic is not favourable to the Emmerson the advisability of a covering four hundred and thirty- Laurier settlement. We are not surprised discussion of provincial affairs six acres. It began in a wooden to learn that this is the case. In view of the constitutional and other questions involved in the Manitoba Legislation and the well recognized opinions held by the the action of his friends in giving dred houses with St. Paul's Vatican as to public school education, we could not anticipate any other result. His Holiness, however, advises moderation and judicious action on the part of the Roman Catholic minority of Manitoba, and it is not likely that the question will again become a grave, political one as it was at the last dominion election. Mr. Laurier's "sunny ways" may yet prove effectual in making the settlement a per-

#### DEATH IN SLICES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 19.—The steamer City of Rio do Janeiro, which arrived yesterday from Yokohama and Hong Kong via Honolulu brought the following advices: Some two months ago the Shanghai papers published a sensational story to the effect that an 11-year-old boy had been arrested at Kinkuei for accidentally causing the death of his mother. It was reported that the child had been most inhumanly treated by the Yamen runners sent to arrest him and that he would have to suffer the consequence of his lamentable accident by being sliced to death with the lingchi or ox-eared knife.

The foreign residents of Shanghai indignantly protested against the manifest are generally used. injustice, but were assured by the officials to whom they appealed that there was from an undeniable source that the wretched boy is confined in prison at Soo Chow, awaiting the final orders for the carrying out of this barbarous punish-

#### AN IMPORTANT PRECEDENT.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 18.-Fred R Ketcham was to-day awarded a verdict for \$21,666,33 damages against the Chicago attempt to accumulate a large position of the Govenor in this and Northwestern Railway Company. He quantity of fish, while other people matter. Constitutional usage re- had been "blacklisted" by the company and a jury decided in his favor.

During the great strike in 1894 of the American Railway Union Ketcham was employed as a conductor by the Northwestern. He joined the strikers, and, the evidence showed, attended some of the meetings in the interests of the American Railway Union. Ketcham says that since fishing laws is by "winging" - the rule. Had Mr. Mitchell re- the strike he has been unable to secure that is by placing bushes, or old commended Mr. Tweedie for the steady employment owing to the fact th. t he was "blacklisted." He obtained several positions with other roads, but after a short time was discharged, he alleges, with-

> The case was one of a number brought against railroad companies as a result of the great strike of 1894. It was tried once before, but the jury failed to agree. The present case, although it will unnoubted-

CHATHAM, Nov. 17.—The body of a woman identified us that of Mrs. Tho . Clark, was found on Fox Island yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Clark was one of the persons lost off the schooner Janet A. recently wrecked on the Island.

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thing for cramps and diarrhoea. Captain Bishop, Hopewell, writes:- Dear Sir, I have suffered with a constant pain in my breast day and night for nine month. I tried every Liniment I could get, to no purpose. By three applications it was perfectly cured.

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