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THE SITUATION IN YORK.

The St. John correspondent of the Montreal Herald seems to have a much better knowledge of the political situation in York, than some other St. John newspaper men whom the Herald could mention. In a recent letter to the Montreal Liberal organ, the following paragraph appears:

"Two elections are now pending in New Brunswick. One is for the Federal house, the constituency being York, vacant through the unseating of Mr. Alex Gibson, M.P. He is again in the field and is again being opposed by his 'parity' opponent, Rev. Dr. McLeod. The writs have not been issued, but both sides are working, and all the indications are that Mr. Gibson will be returned with an increased majority. Many prominent Conservatives who supported Dr. McLeod in the general election oppose him now because they feel that he should have stood true to his party and acquiesced in the agreement to drop the petitions. Even the Conservative organ in the constituency is opposing him. The other election is a provincial contest in the county of Kings.

MR. CHARLTON'S VIEWS.

A notable address, says an Exchange, was that delivered on the 1st of the present month by Mr. John Charlton, M. P., under the comprehensive title of 'The Past, Present and Future of Canada.' Conceived in a thoroughly non-partisan and independent spirit, it forms a valuable contribution to the political discussion of the day.

The two points to which most attention will be given by those who are more especially interested in the Present and Future are, Imperial Relations, and our dealings with the United States, to both of which large and difficult questions a considerable portion of Mr Charlton's speech is devoted. Our Imperial Relations he considers, on the whole, satisfactory, though he repeats the opinion which he has more than once expressed, that Canada will sooner or later expect some special concessions if her Imperial tariff preference is to be continued. In this we do not agree with him; we believe that until better days come Canada will be content to allow the preference to remain; a practical evidence of the warmth of her feeling towards the Mother Land. But fully believe, with Mr. Charlton, that the trend of events is in the direction of an Imperial Zollverein, and if only our statesmen would recognize the way in which such a Zollverein might be made to consolidate and strengthen the Empire, it would not be long before it would be brought within the sphere of practical politics.

With very much that Mr. Charlton says as to the unfair treatment we have constantly received from the United States, and the unsatisfactory condition of our trade relations with them no fault can be found. His remedy for the evils of which he complains is, as he has previously explained, to impose the American scale of duties on our imports from that country, thus securing the manufacture here of the enormous amount of manufactured goods which we now import from the United States. Such a course, he urges, would not only be a very proper reply to the unfriendly behaviour of our southern neighbours, but would also give employment to Canadian labour and capital, and turn the flow of population from the United States to our own country.

That such action would be a very pertinent answer to the United States is very

true, and if it were advocated solely on those grounds, a great deal might be said for it. But as for its 'giving employment to Canadian labour and capital'—that is another matter. What our labour and capital need is not greater restriction, but greater freedom;—freedom to use the natural resources of the country in whatever ways may be found most profitable, and freedom to buy abroad those articles which they can thus obtain more easily than by making them at home. Surely the census figures for 1891 and 1901 should have convinced us of the futility of trying to 'turn the flow of population to our own country' by means of a policy of restriction. And although, just at present, Mr Charlton is a protectionist, even he can see that absolute free trade between the two countries 'would give a great impulse to the material prosperity of Canada.'

Absolute free trade with the United States is far beyond the bounds of practical politics. Even if Canadians were unanimously in favour of it, they could not obtain it, except by the way of political union. But absolute free-trade with Great Britain (except in such articles as spirits and tobacco) is to be had whenever we choose. Considerations of revenue prevent us from adopting such a policy in its entirety, but is there any good reason, from a broad national standpoint, why we should not, at the earliest practicable moment, make another step towards the abolition of at least the higher protective duties which we now impose on British goods?

John MacDone, who has been known as the "Patriarch of Connemara," has just died at the age of 125 in his cottage at Errislinin, near Clifden, at the edge of the Atlantic, on the west coast of Ireland. He was born in 1776, and had a vivid recollection of the landing of the French under Gen. Humbert at Killaia in 1798. Sixty-four years ago, when over 60, he took part in the building of Slynehead lighthouse. He was twice married; his first wife and five children died in one day of Cholera.

There are at present thirteen vacancies in the Dominion House of Commons for which bye elections will probably be held in the near future. They are Addington, West Hastings and West York, which at the last general elections returned Conservatives; Lisgar, which returned an independent, and West Huron, Kingston, Beause, Lislet, Laval, St. James' Division of Montreal, Terribonne and Maisonneuve, York, N. B., and Queens, P. E. I., which returned Liberals. There are also three vacancies in the Senate.

M. Delcasse, the French minister of foreign affairs, who has had much to do with the arrangements for the Czar's visit to France, is a journalist who won his way to his present position straight from the editor's desk. In England there is only one journalist, pure and simple, who has reached cabinet rank, and that is John Morley.

SAFE CRACKERS CAUGHT.

Important Capture Made by Ottawa Police.

Ottawa, Oct. 21.—Two American safe crackers were caught like rats in a trap by the combined efforts of the city and dominion police between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning. Acting Sergeant Hanrahan of the central station had reached the corner of Sparks and O'Connor streets when he heard the sound of an explosion. He blew a low whistle for assistance and in a minute was joined by Constable Lebeau of the dominion police, returning from a visit to the fisheries museum. The policemen came to the conclusion that the noise emanated from the departmental store of Bryson, Graham & Co. Lebeau ran to the west block and telephoned to the city police station and to the guard room of the dominion police for men. In less than five minutes a dozen constables had surrounded the big store. Two men were discovered in the building. An examination of the premises revealed the fact that one of the office safes had been blown open, and the thieves were at work on the second safe when they were interrupted by the police. The prisoners gave their names as Charles Smith and James H. Martin, and their residence San Francisco. Both names and addresses are believed to be false, as the clothing

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