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PLEASING CONDITIONS.

It seems peculiarly appropriate that Canada's first greeting to the Duke of York should be extended by a city peopled by French Canadians, who have on many occasions proved their devotion and loyalty to the throne of Great Britain. The bitterness of the siege and capture of Quebec has long ago disappeared. Wolfe, representing British military power, stormed the city with bullets, and was courageously resisted by a people, who, finding the fortunes of war against them, submitted to a new rule, and have learned to appreciate and enjoy its wisdom and beneficence.

Britain's royal son approaches the ancient capital as a friend, and will be loyally received as such by descendants of the men who fought valiantly against the soldiers of his sires, and in no city in all Canada will His Royal Highness be accorded a heartier reception than in the grand old city of Quebec.

More, the first minister of Canada who will participate in the Duke's reception, comes of the race which resisted British dominance in Canada, and the fact that he occupies the position of premier, is ample evidence that the quarrels of the eighteenth century have been forgotten, and that the two peoples have been welded into a harmonious whole.

THE NOVA SCOTIA ELECTIONS.

The attention of political circles in Canada is turned to the province of Nova Scotia, where a general local election is pending, and will be settled at the polls Oct 2. The sister province for many reasons, is prominent among the other members of the confederation, and the election contest attracts a great deal of notice. As the birthplace of the great Howe whose struggle for responsible government, whose literary gifts and polished oratory easily marked him as one of the greatest statesmen ever produced on this continent, Nova Scotia early claimed a large share of public attention, and has gathered a reputation for giving birth to a long line of eminent public men who have had much to do with shaping the destinies of Canada. The names of Howe already mentioned, Johnston, Tupper, Archibald McLellan, and Fielding will readily suggest themselves to the student of political history, as those of men who have rendered valuable service in public life, and will long be remembered in their native province, as well as in the larger arena of federal politics.

The present contest in Nova Scotia is remarkable for the number of leading men who have been induced to become candidates, especially on the government side, Premier Murray leading a phalanx that he may well regard with pride. In thirteen of the eighteen counties of the province, government candidates are already in the field, and the number includes many men eminent in their respective walks of life. Premier Murray, Ex-Speaker Laurence, E M Macdonald, Hon Arthur Drysdale and B F Pearson are leading lawyers, Mitchell, Keefe and Macpherson of Halifax, Pearson of Colchester, Davidson of Lunenburg and others are among the prominent business men, and indeed the candidates all over the province are mostly men of note, whose presence on the government tickets will go a long way towards scoring a great Liberal victory.

Premier Murray, who succeeded Hon. W. S. Fielding in 1896, has given Nova

Scotia a continuation of the good government that province had enjoyed since 1882 under Liberal auspices. The finances of the province have been carefully handled, the public services have been well maintained, the coal and other industries have been wonderfully developed, and no breath of scandal or dishonest manipulation has been attached to the administration. Premier Murray and his colleagues have given Nova Scotia a clean, progressive government, and there is every prospect that they will be returned to power by an overwhelming majority.

ABSENCE OF CRIME.

At the opening of the Northumberland circuit court, Newcastle, Tuesday, Mr Justice Landry addressed the grand jury at length, congratulating them on the notable absence of crime in the county and elsewhere over the province, and attributing the improved condition in this respect to the excellent educational facilities the province afforded, and while he thought there might be improvements in some directions in the education imparted, still he felt every young person throughout the province had now opportunity for school advantages. Ignorance was generally the cause of crime, not wholly so, but it was noticeable that in unenlightened communities crime was more prevalent than in more civilized centres. His Honor referred to the general progress of the present day compared with the past, and cited the fact that in former times in the province the openings of the Circuit Court were considered very important functions. The judges were supposed to inform the people through their grand juries of important events taking place throughout the world, but in the present day the news of all kinds was flashed from all quarters of the world and given to the remotest parts of the country by the press.

THE EXHIBITION.

Citizens who have recently visited the Fredericton exhibition grounds express surprise and pleasure at the size and character of the buildings provided for next week's big show. The management certainly have performed wonders with the comparatively limited means at their disposal.

All the signs point to a highly successful exhibition, if only the weather is favorable. Practically all the space has been allotted, and in all departments the exhibits promise to be extensive and attractive.

The Conservatives of Lunenburg, N.S., evidently attach considerable importance to famous military names. They have nominated Wolfe and Roberts for the local legislature. Gentlemen bearing these distinguished names captured Quebec and Pretoria, but there is no possibility of the Lunenburg candidates compelling the surrender of the Liberal garrison at Halifax.

The St. John clergymen who have made serious charges against the administration of law, especially Sunday law in that city, demanded an investigation and were granted it by the government, but had no evidence ready when Premier Tweedie opened his court Thursday, and an adjournment had to be made for some days.

Editor J J Stewart of the Halifax Herald, is one of the Conservative candidates nominated in Halifax for the local legislature. Mr Stewart is a very estimable gentleman, a writer of much ability and president of a bank. We trust the party are not after Mr Stewart's well filled "barrel."

The splendid unanimity among Conservatives over the candidature of Mr. McLeod, is evidenced in the party organs. The Rev. candidate should preach a sermon on peace and good will among his former friends.

The Duke's visit to St. John should be cancelled and H. R. H. sent to Fredericton instead. The gentlemen of the metropolitan city have difficulty in agreeing upon arrangements for the reception to royalty.

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Mr. McLeod has spent a fruitless summer canvassing York county, but perhaps he is varying his occupation by taking subscriptions for the Religious Intelligencer.

The news from President McKinley's sick bed is not so favorable today, and there is considerable depression and fear of the final outcome.

Canada would assume very high and mighty airs if dame fortune should will it that a Prince or Princess be born in this country.

Our esteemed friend Pitts is advised to smoke the Blair cigar. It is having a great run with his recent journalistic ally.

Mr. Foster seems as completely lost to public view as his kinsman and co-laborer Mr. McLeod.

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