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LIBERALS CONTROL THE SENATE.

The Liberals are at last in the ascendancy in the Canadian Senate. When Hon. Mr. Scott moved to appoint a committee to nominate the standing committees for the session, he named a majority of Liberal members, and the motion went through without any trouble. Heretofore these committees were two thirds Tory, and they did about as they pleased with government measures that did not suit them. Last session the Tories had forty members on the Railway Committee and the Liberals only eleven, and on the Internal Ceremony Committee three were twenty-five Tories and only six Liberals. It will be different this session and hereafter. The Liberals know their power in the Senate and have taken occasion to assert it, and henceforward important government measures will not be at the mercy of a majority of Tory Senators.

It must have been amusing in Thursday's discussion on the appointment of committees to hear Sir MacKenzie Bowell, the Tory leader, in the Senate complain that the Liberals were introducing party politics in the upper chamber. That worthy old gentleman has never been able to see a Liberal measure except with jaundiced eyes, and very frequently he has called on the Tory majority at his back to vote down a government bill that on its merits demanded at least fair play. But Sir MacKenzie's wings are clipped now, and he will have to swallow the medicine he has so often administered to his opponent. The Tory majority in the senate led by Bowell was arrogant and overbearing. It had its little day and like many another Tory bulwark has been destroyed. Some fine day before another general election the government will be able to get through the senate a bill wiping out the iniquitous Tory gerrymander, which is still on the statute book, and which would have been repealed ere this but for the Tory majority in the red chamber.

Things are coming our way; even the senate has joined in the grand Liberal procession.

SCHOOLMASTER AND PUPIL.

A peculiar feature of the Lisgar election was the fact that Mr. Richardson, the defeated independent candidate, was once a pupil of Mr. Stewart, the successful Liberal. Both are former Ontario men, and Mr. Stewart who is now a man of fifty, taught school at Balderson's Corner, Ont., where little Bobby Richardson, his future political opponent, was a small boy attending Mr. Stewart's classes. The chronicler does not state that Bobby was a bad boy and had to be whaled occasionally by Schoolmaster Stewart, but is now on record that many years after, to-wit in Lisgar 1902, Mr. Stewart found it necessary to apply the political birch freely to his former pupil. Mr. Stewart's majority over Mr. Richardson in this week's election was 1063.

Mr. Stewart, M. P., has been a farmer in the vicinity of Pilot Mound, Lisgar, for twenty years. He was indeed one of the pioneers of that section of Manitoba, and has farmed continuously and successfully in that province. His early educational training, his experience in Ontario schools also fitted him for the duties of school inspector, a position he has satisfactorily filled in Southern Manitoba for some years. He has also lectured extensively on agricultural topics for the Manitoba government, and is well equipped by education and experience for the duties of a member of Parliament, with which the electors of Lisgar have

entrusted him by one of the largest majorities ever given a candidate in the West.

A CONSTITUENCY OPENED.

Mr. Bergeron, who is so anxious to get back to parliament, and who was so badly defeated in St. James' division of Montreal, has now his opportunity of trying his political fortunes again in Beauharnois. The unseating of Mr. Loy, the Liberal M. P. for that county, has been confirmed by the Supreme Court at Ottawa, and another election will no doubt be called on in a short time. Beauharnois is exclusively French and Roman Catholic. Mr. Bergeron is of that nationality and religion, but he was beaten in the last election by a Presbyterian elder, showing how much more broad-minded and tolerant the people of that county are than those of certain English and Protestant constituencies.

Will Mr. Bergeron take another try at Beauharnois?

The St. John Star refers to the Tory M. P. for Colchester who made the very fierce war speech as "Young Mr. Gourley." The belligerent M. P. will be surprised to find himself considered "young." He is older than Mr. Borden the opposition leader in Parliament, and has quite passed the youthful stage. Mr. Gourley's political friends cannot claim youth or greenness as an excuse for his foolish outburst. He has cut his wisdom teeth long ago. He is in the vicinity of fifty years of age, if not over.

A London cable says that an important scheme for the development of emigration to Western Canada has just been finally arranged by Deputy Minister of the Interior Smart, who has been in London for some time with that object. No fewer than from 2,500 to 3,000 persons will leave Liverpool or Glasgow during March to settle in Canada, while others are expected to follow in April, May and June at the rate of about 4,000 per month.

The Chatham World, with that fine sense of delicacy and discretion, which should characterize every high toned newspaper, refers to the local government as "the mongrel crowd at Fredericton." How pleasant and satisfactory political life would be if all the newspapers used gentlemanly and refined language as the World employs towards political opponents.

Nomination in the Kings county local bye election occurs tomorrow, and a lively time may be anticipated at the Hampton court house. Attorney General Pugsley will be there to support the government candidate, Mr. Ora King, and no doubt Mr. Hazen will be on hand to give Mr. Sproule some assistance.

Spain is suffering from riots, the result of a general strike among mechanics and laborers. Martial law has been proclaimed in several towns and cities, and in some there have been serious clashes between the military and the strikers, with considerable loss of life.

The Telegraph makes a vigorous onslaught on Chief Justice Tuck, as chairman of the commission investigating the management of the General Public Hospital, St. John. It accuses the Chief Justice of rudeness to a lady witness.

During the past five years 55,000 settlers from the United States have taken up homes in the Canadian Northwest, and the tide of immigration from that country has really only commenced in earnest.

Rudyard Kipling is coming to America and will include Canada in his visit. He is making a tour of the world, starting via the Suez canal, and travelling across this continent by the C. P. R.

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LITTLE LEAKS.

What They May Lead to and How They May Be Stopped.

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Benjamin Franklin was a great economist not alone of money, but of time. He said, "To teach a young man to shave himself is as good as to give him a purse of gold." He had reference to the minutes as well as the dimes it costs to patronize the barber.

Elihu Burritt stopped the leak in his time and taught himself a dozen languages. Gladstone was equally wise, for he read Plato in his carriage between Carleton terrace and the parliament buildings.

A prosperous man ascribed his success in business to his habit of permitting no particle of material to be unproductive. He experimented and elaborated until he found a method of disposing profitably of every atom left over.

There is a man in New York who has in bank a goodly sum of money which he calls his "tis but fund." When tempted to needless expenditure by the specious plea, "Tis but a nickel or a quarter or a dollar," he denies himself and drops the amount he would have spent into a portable bank, which is filled with amazing rapidity. That is one way to stop a leak.

More serious than any prudential matter are the little leaks in life by which vital energy is squandered and moral force is diminished, imperceptibly it may be, through what we sometimes regard as inconsequential acts. Lack of order in our methods of labor, indifference to the "minor morals" of hygiene and the "major morals" of honesty and truth, the practical repudiation of personal responsibility, the neglect of duties which arise from our ethical and religious nature—these are the leaks which we must stop or be bankrupt in the world's eyes and in God's.

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