

NEW ZEALAND AGAIN ENDORSES THE RULE OF "DIGGER DICK."

Mr. Seddon Wins Another Decisive Victory at the Polls and Administers a Blow at the Prohibitionists.

London, Dec. 9.—A Wellington despatch states that the Seddon Government has swept New Zealand at the general elections. Only 13 members of the Opposition have been returned, against 59 government supporters. Several prominent prohibitionists have been defeated, indicating a serious setback to the prohibition movement.

Rt. Hon. Richard James Seddon, who has thus been again sustained by the electorate, has been Premier since 1893. He is not only Premier; he is the Lord High Everything Else of the colony—Postmaster-General, Minister of Labor, Minister for Native Affairs, Minister for Electric Telegraphs, Colonial Treasurer, Minister of Defence, Minister for Education, Minister of Coal Mining, etc., etc. He is a native of Ecclestone, Lancashire, is 60 years old, has been a gold digger, a liquor seller, and a strenuous politician. New Zealanders are found of telling how he descended from the platform at one rowdy meeting, walked through the yellow crowd up to a couple of the ring-leaders, seized one with each hand, dragged them from their seats, kicking and fighting, and threw them downstairs without anybody's help. Then he went back to the platform and calmly finished his speech amid respectful silence.

Seddon soon became recognized as one of the strongest men of the Radical party. When Premier Ballance died, in 1893, everybody said there was no one who could succeed him and hold the party together as he had done. But Seddon stepped into the vacant place and soon led the Radicals to triumphs they had never dreamed of under Ballance.

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among the people. His opponents in the House of Representatives said such a course was opposed to English principles.

"I know that," retorted Seddon. "In England half the people who reach the age of 65 also reach the poorhouse, and in London one person out of five dies in the workhouse, the hospital, or the lunatic asylum."

"Well may we question the economic and social system of which this is the product! We want to establish our civilization in this new land on a broader basis, in a deeper sympathy for humanity."

Thus it is that New Zealand, under Seddon's rule, has become the pet State of Socialists all over the world.

ALSO A STANCH IMPERILIST.

Seddon boasts that if he is a Socialist he is also one of the staunchest of Imperialists. It is said that when the Boer war broke out he was dissuaded with difficulty from giving himself a commission and going to the front. He had to be content with sending 6,000 other New Zealanders to South Africa. He wanted to send the Maoris to fight the Boers and advocated sterner measures towards the Boers. "The Maoris," he said, "know how to conduct war and how to treat their enemies. They don't trouble about making prisoners."

Seddon is not content with having New Zealand a prosperous and practically independent nation. He wants to make it an empire with tributary States. With this object in view, he has already annexed several islands in the eastern Pacific to New Zealand, not to Great Britain; and he says he is going to annex others until he builds up his empire within the empire.

The achievement of which he is proudest is the enforcement of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, which has done away with strikes and lock-outs in New Zealand.

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SENTIMENT OF QUEBEC.

Outrages by Students Meet with Condemnation from Better Classes.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—Student rowdiness in the Province of Quebec bids fair to reach a decidedly serious stage, especially should there be repetitions of the regrettable attacks against Evangelist Magee in Montreal on the one hand, and Madame Bernhardt in Quebec city on the other. In the first instance it was urged that the Presbyterian evangelist had insulted the Church of Rome, and now the reason given out for a second burst of student lawlessness is that a Jewess, even a high exponent of French dramatic art, had dared in a newspaper interview to wound the national pride of the French-Canadians by saying that while they had made during the last twenty-five years considerable agricultural progress, they had produced no great painters, no great poets, no great litterateurs; in fact, that art had stood still; and she placed on the students the duty of cultivating the good graces of the muses. The

great actress says that she was misquoted, and in a letter sent recently to the Montreal Press she affirms that while she escaped with hearing such cries as "down with the Jewess," other members of her company were not so fortunate. Both in Montreal and Quebec bad eggs were a favorite means of protest, and in both cases the mark was not always missed.

That these acts of rowdiness meet with the approval of the mass of French-Canadians is far from being true, and a portion at least of the press of Montreal seems to be well aroused to the gravity of repeated insults of this nature. The firing of Pierre Gauthier, who is not a student, for having disturbed a Salvation Army meeting at St. Louis, was a good warning, and, furthermore, a Laval student was remanded in court recently on a charge of having incited a mob that disturbed the peace in front of Editor Langlois' residence.

Hon. Mr. Tarte deals with the Bernhardt incident in La Patrie. After referring to the actress as a Jewess, he asks:

"What are we to gain by propagating dislikes of race or by giving freedom to appeals to passion? May those of our young compatriots who will read these lines wish to keep them all in mind. We are in a minority in this country. If we sow the wind, we will reap the tempest. Precedents which we create by thoughtless and imprudent acts will count against us. It is not by manifestations in the street by breaking glass and throwing eggs, that we will establish our intellectual moral and political superiority."

Le Canada says: "Two hundred young persons insulted Mme. Bernhardt on Tuesday night on her departure from Quebec by throwing snowballs and rotten eggs at her. These young people were French-Canadians. It is scarcely credible, but such is the fact, and it is a vain attempt to find excuse for their conduct by speaking of it as an irresponsible, giddy outburst and a mere prank. Such disgraceful scenes are a reflection on the Province of Quebec. Sarah Bernhardt has been welcomed and acclaimed in all the capitals of Europe as the very incarnation of French dramatic art. At Quebec they pelted her with rotten eggs."

The Witness: "Whatever differences there may be between those who speak English in this country, no one ever questioned that the French had the advantage in good manners, civility and law-abiding peaceableness. Recent outbreaks against the Salvation Army and against a lecturer from France had the excuse of religious fanaticism and the world takes small interest in religious rows. It regards them as survivals of the dark ages, whose days are past. But the world will take the greatest possible interest in the assault upon Mme. Bernhardt, and will want to know all about it. France will read how her great actress told the representatives of culture in this province that they were going backward and not forward and that a teacher had come to address them on religious matters, and they had stoned her."

WONDERFUL GOLD FIND.

Gouge it Out in Silver Dollar Thickness.

Wabigoon, Ont., Dec. 9.—Information has arrived from Manitow of the most extraordinary strike of

gold that has ever been found in the district. The strike occurred at the Laurentian mine, one mile from Gold Rock, which had just recently been opened after the close of litigation proceedings. A couple of shots put in by the miners while drifting from the north side of the shaft at the 85-foot level on Tuesday last did the business and exposed gold of untold value.

The precious metal could be twisted off in pencils or gouged out in silver-dollar thickness. In fact it was asserted that the rock was only held together by the gold with which it permeated. It is just two years ago since ore assaying nearly \$60,000 a ton was struck at a depth of 25 feet in the same shaft. The exposure of Tuesday last would apparently indicate a six-figure assay.

ALDERMANIC ROW.

Sydney City Fathers Engaged in Fisticuffs.

Sydney, N. S., Post: After the adjournment of the city council last night, a scene was enacted that would do credit to a revolutionary meeting in Russia, but that is a disgrace to a deliberative assembly in these parts.

Ald. McKenzie was explaining some matters in connection with the Street Lights Committee, and why he had moved to amend the report of the committee, of whom he was one. He made the statement that Ald. Gillis had promised, given his word, of honor, that he would support the motion for a light at Ashby Corner, and failed to carry out the promise.

Ald. Gillis warmly contradicted Ald. McKenzie, pointing out that he had not opposed it.

Ald. McKenzie persisted in saying that he had not supported the motion, and asked the clerk how Ald. Gillis' vote was recorded.

Ald. Gillis: "Do you doubt my word?" Ald. McKenzie: "I do not doubt your word, I merely ask the clerk."

"Biff" and Ald. Gillis' right went to Ald. McKenzie's jaw with a mighty impact that made the welkin ring. Confusion followed, and friends intervened, but Ald. McKenzie quietly remarked that he "would not hit the old bag."

For a time Ald. Gillis continued making hostile demonstrations before the enemy that would put to the bad those of the Powers in Turkish waters; but thanks to the good offices of friends, no further damage was done unless we except a few remarks that were certainly not Chesterfieldian that came from Ald. Gillis.

When the smoke had cleared away and comparative peace had been restored, Ald. McKenzie asked Ald. Gillis to apologise.

"I decline absolutely to do it," the latter said and left the hall. This was the end of a very ridiculous incident.

NEW ZEALAND'S FOOTBALL TEAM.

English Experts Dazzled by the Colonials Brilliant Playing.

At Dublin Saturday the New Zealanders followed up their long succession of brilliant triumphs with a victory over Ireland by three goals to nothing, says the London Daily News. They had to struggle very hard, the Irish pack showing splendid form in the loose, and subjecting the New Zealand backs to a tremendous and well-maintained onslaught well worthy of the football traditions of the Sister Isle. Time after time the home scrummages came away in all most irresistible form, but the Colonials stood the severe buffeting manfully, and whereas there was a lack of finish to such few combined movements as were attempted by the home three-quarters, the New Zealand attack, whenever allowed to develop, was always dangerous, Ireland's chances, not of victory, but of scoring, in fact, rested on the possibility of their forwards sweeping through with one of their many fine rushes.

So long as the home pack were able to keep the game mainly to themselves the New Zealanders had to act on the defensive to an extent they have rarely experienced during the tour, but it was too much to expect that such a state of things could continue and directly this superiority lessened the brilliant skill of the Colonials' attack ensured the success of the visitors. As a matter of fact, the match took much the course which might have been expected, the Irishmen playing with rare energy and determination, but their backs being palpably unequal to the task of breaking through the New Zealanders' remarkable defence. There came one period early in the second half when it seemed as if the Irish forwards had exhausted themselves with their great exertions in the first portion of the game, but they rallied, and right up to the finish constituted the one real danger which confronted the Colonials.

All through the tackling was smart and vigorous, and to begin with the Irish backs kicked coolly and accurately, falling off, however, considerably as the game advanced. With the home forwards breaking up so quickly and keeping the ball at their feet, the New Zealanders could not feel out to that purpose which enables their backs to get the ball straight after time, and at no period was there much close passing, but two of the movements which resulted in scores showed the resource, smartness, and accuracy which make the Colonials the great team they are. Ireland, if never looking likely to win, came through a trying ordeal with a fair amount of credit, for, thanks to the dash and dribbling powers of their forwards, the side had quite as much of the play as their redoubtable opponents. Had the home backs combined better the struggle would have been a memorable one. Deans gained New Zealand's first try after half an hour, and the second three minutes after the interval. McDonald obtained the third half an hour after the interval. W. F. Wallace converted each time.

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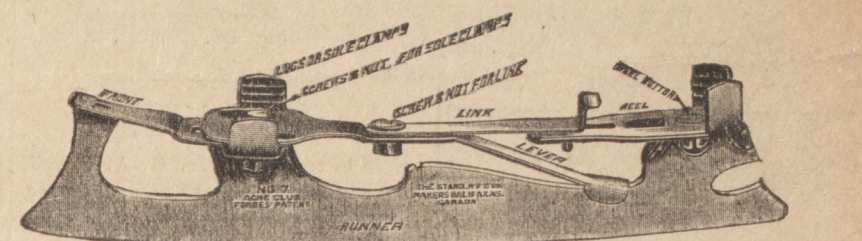
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