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WHOLESALE SLANDER.

We notice that in the columns of the Telegraph of to-day one William Fox addresses a letter of apology to James Lowell, Esq., the recently elected M. P. P. for the county of St. John.

It appears that during the recent contest, Mr. Fox, for the purpose of making political capital in the election, made certain charges, or perhaps what is worse, insinuated certain charges against Mr. Lowell, both in the press and in conversation. He now says that he did not intend to convey any charge whatever against Mr. Lowell and regrets the use of careless expressions, etc. Poor Mr. Fox, what has he done more than the Opposition press throughout the Dominion is doing every day? True, it was a little more direct, personally, than a majority of the articles that appear, but not a whit more slanderous. Let a stranger take up the Opposition press during the last election, from the highest to the lowest, and what must he think of Canada, the members of the Government administering her affairs, and the members of Parliament supporting them? Take up the Opposition press of Ontario to-day and it is the same thing; its columns are filled with the lowest abuse of the Members of its Government, their supporters and the Liberal party generally. To put it shortly the discussion of politics by the Tory press means an endeavor to impress upon its readers the idea that the public men who are in power in Canada, and in five of the seven Provinces, are simply criminals, who have got into power by unfair means, to the exclusion of a set of pure and angelic creatures called the Tory party. Poor Mr. Fox has been reading these tirades and supposed that it was the proper way to carry on political discussion, and desiring to take some little part in politics, had his fling with the result mentioned.

Of course this is all very funny, so far as Mr. Fox's case is concerned, but there is a serious side to it. It must be remembered that while many people know that there is no truth whatever in all this trash that daily fills the columns of Tory newspapers, but that it is written entirely for political effect, yet there is a certain class who accept it as truth. The effect is most vicious, and a great deal of the bad feeling we find in communities arises from, and is kept up by such a false discussion of political matters.

There is a proper way to discuss political questions, and there is plenty of room for such discussion, without resort to wholesale slander of political opponents. It is hoped that this incident of Mr. Fox's will prove beneficial to many and that they will learn the same lesson that he has, that personal abuse is not political discussion.

BANK AMALGAMATION.

Commenting on the bank amalgamation talk which is heard in the East, the Montreal Herald says:—The amalgamation of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and the Merchants' Bank of Canada, or, if not, the Royal Bank and the Merchants', will certainly be brought about in the near future. One of the leading directors of one of the banks concerned pointed out to the Herald reasons that prove another very large bank like the Bank of Montreal has become an absolute necessity in Canada. The most important of these reasons was that all the present large banks were tied up with various large enterprises that made it impossible for them to take charge of any new enterprise in which millions were concerned. The Bank of Montreal had the Canadian Pacific Railway, and many of the largest industrial companies, while the Canadian Bank of Commerce had the various concerns in which Senator Cox and his friends are interested in Canada, as well as foreign countries, while the Merchants' Bank had the Grand Trunk

Railway and many mining and industrial concerns. The number of big enterprises was rapidly increasing in Canada and the best way to secure another big banking institution would be for the present negotiations to go through for the amalgamation of the Commerce and the Merchants'. If this plan failed the Merchants' and Royal would be brought together. As an example of how urgent the need is for the new big institution it was pointed out that the Grand Trunk Pacific would need between twenty-five and thirty millions and under existing conditions no Canadian bank could supply it.

HON. MR. FIELDING.

The "American Syren and Shipping of a recent date published a portrait and sketch of Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, of Canada. In the sketch the observation is made that the tide of prosperity which has followed Sir Wilfrid Laurier's career has been aided by the policy of the Finance Minister, who in all the shaping of the tariff, both as it affects Canada and the United States and other countries, is the principally responsible party. Unostentatious and unassuming to a degree, says the Syren, he is held the keenest judge of what may be "within the sphere of practical politics."

"It is understood that some years ago he was offered a knighthood, but declined in favor of his old friend, the late Sir Robert Boak of Halifax. If a reciprocity treaty is accomplished in his lifetime between this country and Canada, it is safe to say that Hon. W. S. Fielding will exert an influence in upholding the rights of the Dominion."

A World's Fair at Tokio, after the war is over, would invite the attention of mankind as no other exposition has invited it and would unquestionably draw a large attendance. It would be a World's Fair held far beyond the beaten path, yet in a locality than which none could be more interesting to visitors from Europe and from this continent. It will not be many years before excursion rates to Tokio will be advertised. As for the rumor of a World's Fair at the Mikado's capital, it is based on the fact that the representatives of the Japanese Government made minute inquiries into the entire management of the St. Louis Fair.

Masters Wardlaw Kilburn and Charles Edgewood left this morning for Sackville to resume their studies at Mount Allison Academy.

Many of the keenest fights in the present contest in Ontario are being waged in ridings where the majority in the last election was under 100. Of these ten were held by Liberals and six by Conservatives. The Liberal seats were: Durham West, 88; Halton, 16; Hastings East, 36; Huron West, 21; Lanark North, 80; Middlesex East, 21; Norfolk South, 75; Perth South, 71; Simcoe Centre, 44; Wentworth North, 48. Those held by Conservatives were: Bruce Centre, 52; Frontenac, 57; Huron South, 53; Lennox, 3; Victoria West, 99; Waterloo South, 98. Of those between 100 and 200, nine were held by Liberals and nine by Conservatives, and of those over 200 there were 72 on each side. From the last-named class there might be singled out four ridings in which the majority was over 1000. Three were held by the Opposition: Carleton, 1,226; Dufferin, 1,344; and West Toronto, 1,545; and one by the Government, West Peterboro, 1,194.

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