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THE PREMIER.

Very few Conservatives are hopeful of their party overthrowing the Liberal government at Ottawa, so long as Sir Wilfrid Laurier is at the head of it, and than to a kind Providence, the prospects of the premier's retirement which the Tories considered good a few years ago on account of the indifferent condition of his health, are no longer considered cheering.

Sir Wilfrid is in splendid physical condition, much to the satisfaction and delight of his friends and admirers, indeed he seems to be more vigorous this session than ever, and personally takes the full direction of Parliament, and speaks very often and forcibly.

Those who are banking on Sir Wilfrid's retirement on account of advanced age seem to forget that he is only sixty-six, comparatively a young man, as statesmen go, and fairly regarded as good for many more years of public service. Sir John Macdonald was seventy-six when he died, holding the premiership, Lord Strathcona is the energetic High Commissioner at London at eighty-eight, Sir MacKenzie, is an active member of the Senate at eighty-five, Senator Scott is a member of the Laurier government at eighty-three, and Sir Charles Tupper, although eighty-seven, still takes an active and intelligent interest in public affairs. These men are veterans when compared with Laurier, whose mental and physical vigor give promise of many more years of great usefulness to Canada which places unreserved confidence in the ability, fidelity and statesmanlike qualities of its popular premier.

THE PLACE HUNTERS.

At the Barker House headquarters of the new government they have a row of chairs especially for the office seekers, and when members of the government are there, the line is never vacant, some of the place hunters are getting worried at the small prospect of a speedy reward, and there is grumbling among them that is very poorly obscured. A few of the more ardent ones expected that the morning after the election every office holder under the government would be discharged to make room for the Coxeyites, but Mr. Hazen seems to move very slowly—too slow indeed to suit the hungry parasites who are clinging to coat tails.

The distribution of patronage in York has another serious difficulty. Mr. Pinder and Mr. McLeod both put up a valiant fight for a cabinet place, the latter won and the former's friends are determined that Mr. McLeod having bagged the portfolio, Mr. Pinder's followers must be given the odd jobs. Mr. Pinder's first triumph was in having Mr. McLeod's candidature for the registrarship of probates turned down, and there are a number of minor positions which Mr. Pinder and his friends insist shall go to them and not to the McLeod faction.

Mr. Hazen is having great trouble in holding the balance evenly between the warring factions and finds his visits to Fredericton very worrying. In all the political history of New Brunswick there never was such a rush of grafters for public positions.

THE DIVORCE EVIL.

Divorces are becoming almost as common in the United States as marriages, and the system is an evil that should be grappled with and overcome. Especially among the rich are divorces a thing of very frequent occurrence and the example is followed by people in all classes of life. The latest divorce suit in high society has been instituted by Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt, who anticipates a speedy dissolution of the marital bonds.

The couple separated a few weeks ago—the husband is off to Europe and the wife is pressing the divorce proceedings with all possible speed. Possibly both parties to the suit have already selected their future partners.

In Canada divorces are not at all common and they are much more di-

fficult to secure than in the neighboring republic. There is much higher regard in this country for the sacredness of the marriage relations, and a consequent higher tone of morality.

CURRENT COMMENT

So Mr. Hazen proposes throwing a couple of highly paid commissioners into the Central railway "sink hole."

The Chatham World makes amends for its uncalled for reflections on the Herald. We accept the apology, but be more careful in future, Commodore.

The Woodstock Press in defence of Mr. Hazen's cabinet selections exclaims "Well, they are the best we've got." Mr. Pinder, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Morrison do not think so.

Mr. Fleming's friends observe that he is ageing wonderfully—probably in mere contemplation of building permanent bridges and other necessary public works out of current revenue, and without increasing the public debt.

Local workers for the Hazen government are wondering what claim Mr. Simonds has on the party for a government office, and if he is pitched into one, there will be quite a large sized rebellion.

About five thousand American settlers are expected to take up land this season in the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan through the efforts of one land company alone.

Over his prospects for re-election in North Toronto, and is to commence a series of public meetings in his constituency next week. His majority in the last election was only 112, and he has a formidable opponent in Mr. W. H. Shaw, who has been organizing his forces for months.

The Moncton school buildings are so taxed for accommodation that a fine new and commodious building is to be erected in the west end of the city. Moncton is enjoying marvellous growth, making greater progress than any town or city in Eastern Canada, and the completion of the Transcontinental railway, with its Moncton terminus, will give the city a great boom.

In an effective temperance address at St. John, Mr. H. A. Powell estimated that thirty million dollars was annually spent on the liquor traffic in Canada, of which seventeen million, or three dollars per head of the population, was absolutely wasted. Applying this to the population of New Brunswick, he said enough was so wasted to pay off the provincial debt in five years. Three times as much was wasted on liquor as is spent on education, and eight times as much on hospitals.

The decision of the city council on the proposal of Mayor Chestnut to offer a corporation medal for competition among the University students meets with very general commendation. The University is one of the city's greatest assets if we look at the matter in a merely material way, but the advantages it offers to the youth of the city for a liberal education at a moderate cost far outweighs all other considerations. The Mayor showed great public spirit and excellent judgment in putting forward the medal proposition, and the aldermen are equally commendable for so promptly accepting His Worship's suggestion.

One good railway man should be sufficient to run the Central railway business, yet it is said the local government proposes to appoint two commissioners, besides retaining the superintendent. This is reckless extravagance, and merely an excuse for rewarding some political partisans. The work of re-organizing the Central and reconstructing it called for hard work on the part of the late commissioners, but there is no excuse now for loading up the road with costly and useless officials.

THE YELLOW PERIL.

No More Japanese Will be Admitted to Canada this Year.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 3.—(Special).—The number of Japanese entitled to admission to Canada during any one year is reached, and the Federal authorities have the assurance of the Japanese government that the issue of pass-ports for Canada will be stopped, and there will be consequently no arrivals here during the remainder of the year.

Mr. Maurice Perley, of the Bank of Montreal, this city, who has been transferred to Sydney, C. B., left for that place by last evening's train. A number of Mr. Perley's friends were at the station to say "good-bye."

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LICENSE VS. SCOTT ACT

To the Editor of the Herald:

Sir: In the papers of March 31st, appears a letter signed J. H. Macdonald, in which he finds fault with the License Committee for not publishing their names and boasting that the Scott Act Committee did give their names to the public.

Is not the reason of this publicity on the part of the Scott Act Committee perfectly obvious? Did the Pharisees make long prayers in public? Was it not absolutely necessary to have some names at the bottom of Scott Act Committee's pathetic appeal to the public for money in order that they might be supplied with the "resources of civilization" for their campaign?

But the publication of those names seems to have given rise to some suspicion that all the persons, whose names appear as belonging to the Scott Act Committee, were not supporters of enforcement of the Scott Act. In fact there is a suspicion that some of them are actually interested in the traffic in illicit liquor. To sweep away this suspicion and to help the subscription fund, I suggested that each member of the Scott Act Committee should make a public declaration that he was in no way interested in the traffic that teetotalers love to describe as damnable. No notice has been taken, of this suggestion of mine, and the public is at liberty to draw its own conclusions from this ominous silence.

Now Mr. Macdonald, please be kinder than the rest of the Scott Act Committee, and answer this letter. I have tried in vain to get answers to any of my former letters. Can you answer them or will you answer this? Can you show me any text in the bible that by the utmost exercise of your ingenuity you can twist into a commandment "Thou

Shalt be a total abstainer?" Can you prove in any way that this teaching of the bible is the doctrine of total abstinence?

Do not mistake me. Do not fire at me all the anathemas that are pronounced against drunkards. I hate and despise a drunkard as much as you all, but between a drunkard and a moderate man, who desires to enjoy what God has given for his use, is a difference as wide as the North is from the south.

Yours,

DELTA.

BLAZE AT AMHERS

Black's Printing Office and Bowling Alley Considerably Damaged.

AMHERST, N. S., April 2.—(Special).—By the prompt action of the firemen at two o'clock this morning a very serious fire in the Black printing company's building was averted.

The fire broke out between the ceiling of the bowling alley in the basement and the floor of the private office of Mr. Black. The pool tables of C. D. Winchester and other furniture in the pool room were considerably damaged, and especially by water.

Black's office also suffered considerably. It is understood that the damages are covered by insurance.

Chawles, asked a lady lately admitted to marriage to the aristocracy, who was staying at an hotel, are there any presentable carriages here?

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