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BRITISH AFFAIRS.

The recent by-election in Stalybridge, England, at which a Liberal was returned by 1,000 majority for a seat before held by a Conservative, indicates a considerable change since the general election. Still one swallow does not make a summer. We have heard much of Opposition gains at the by-elections, and yet the net gain during the year 1904 seems to have been no more than seven seats. The Government's majority after the last general election was 194, so the by-elections are not a source of immediate danger to the ministry. They might lose seven seats a year and still hold on for a full parliamentary term.

Of course the by-elections must be taken to indicate in some measure the drift of public sentiment, and it is quite within the bounds of possibility, if not of probability that the Balfour ministry may be placed in a minority when the general election comes round. Should such be the result it will be due not to one but to several causes. There is in the Canadian press a seeming disposition to attribute the apparent change in popular feeling wholly to Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal propaganda, but other causes almost equally potent are at work. The educational bill is distinctly unpopular among the Nonconformists

and the heavy taxation resulting from the enormously costly Boer War and the increasing naval expenditures touches the pockets of all.

There is so much more of the spirit of independence in the British press and among the British people than there is in Canada that short terms of office are there the rule rather than the exception. There have been ten changes of the party in power in Great Britain since 1867 while in Canada there have been but three. With us the Conservative party was in power till 1873. The first change occurred in that year, when the Mackenzie Government came in. The second change took place in 1878 and the third in 1896. While the average term of power in Britain within a generation past has been less than four years, in Canada the average term has been nine and a half years. There has been a like tendency to long terms of power in our provincial affairs.

At present the outlook in Britain is toward a change of Government, but it is contemplated that the Liberals may come in with a majority small enough to be a mercy of the Irish Nationalist vote, which condition would inevitably bring about a formidable pressure for home rule, a question upon which the Liberal party is hopelessly divided. The complications in foreign affairs, always possible to arise, are also against long terms of power for either of the great parties. It is therefore quite possible that the Balfour ministry may be outvoted at a general election, but that its successor may have but a short term in office. Still we think the British method of frequent changes is preferable to the long terms in office which have been for a long time so conspicuously the rule in Canada.

Down to January 10 the winter in New York had been one of the coldest on record and the snowfall had totaled to almost 38 inches.

The snow by-law has not been well observed this year. Citizens appear to be permitted to act on the "go-as-you-please" plan, and on many sidewalks little beyond the passing of the snowplough has been attempted. If matters are not better looked after the city will be in a bad state before spring.

It is announced from Washington that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has finally declined the American proposal to call together again the Joint High Commission of some years ago. As reciprocity was the principal object for which it was proposed to recall the Commission to life we are left to infer that the American proposals in regard to that subject were not of a kind that Canada could agree to. The fault of our neighbors, like that of the Dutch in older days is, "in giving too little and asking too much." Canada wants no jughandled treaty with the handle wholly on the American side, and nothing short of this will satisfy our grasping neighbor.

Something has prompted a considerable number of our exchanges to see in the departure of the Russian Baltic fleet for the far East and its subsequent recall, a resemblance to the movements of the King of France who marched up the hill and then marched down again. The illustration is rather an apt one but the number of different versions of the old rhyme, cited from memory is quite surprising. It may therefore be worth while to give the authentic version from what is known as "Old Tarlton's Song" as first published in London in 1642. It is as follows:
The King of France went up the hill
With twenty thousand men;
The King of France came down the hill
And never went up again.

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JAIL AND POOR HOUSE.

Now that the provincial Administration has obtained another lease of power, we hope to see something done to provide a new Poor House for the Province and a Jail for Queen's County. The present structures are old, unsightly and not creditable to the Province. With the improvements in our public buildings, street and parks that have been made within the past few years, the old dilapidated Jail and Poor House are made to appear even more unsightly than before. Visitors from abroad, of whom we hope to have an increasing number in future years, take note of these things, and set us down as sadly wanting in public taste and spirit. The Province cannot afford to lie under this imputation.

It has been proposed that both the institutions referred to should be removed beyond the city limits, say to the Government Farm, where the labor of the more robust of the paupers, and of the jail population as well might be turned to account in a productive way. It would be better for the prisoners, and also tend as a preventive to minor offences, were provision made to have sentences to hard labor carried into effect, which is not now practicable. It has also been proposed that one jail might serve for the entire Island, as both the area of the Province and our criminal population are small. Something might be saved by combining the three or more jails in one and making the convicts work for their maintenance. To this end legislation would be required. It seems desirable that the Government should consider the whole question with a view to dealing with it in a thorough and comprehensive way at the coming session of the Legislature.

BRITISH WHEAT PURCHASES.

A few figures from authentic sources will serve to show how great a change has within a few years come over the British wheat market, in regard to the sources of supply. For instance, down to 1904 per cent of British wheat purchases came from the United States while in 1904 this was reduced to 25.7 per cent. These and other changes are included in the following table showing the percentage purchased by Britain in the countries named respectively in 1901 and 1904:

	1901	1904
United States	64.4	25.7
Canada	7.9	10.4
Russia	3.6	16.1
India	1.3	19.3
Argentina	11.1	14.6
Other countries	11.7	13.9

Salient features of the changes are the great decrease in the purchases from the United States and the handsome increase from India.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Curling in the rink this afternoon at 3 o'clock.
- Regular C. M. B. A. meeting tonight, important business.
- I. O. F. A joint installation of the officers of Courts Mount Stephen, Avondale and Companion Court Brighton will take place in Castle Hall on Tuesday evening Jan. 17th at 8 p.m. A number of the High Court officers will be present. Refreshments will be served and a good program carried out. All Foresters and friends are requested to be present.
- The whist party and dance given in the Market Hall on Thursday Jan. 19 will be under the distinguished patronage of His Honor Lieut. Governor and Mrs. McKinnon. The chaperones are: Mrs. Bayfield, Mrs. McCreedy, Mrs. Dr. Kelly, Mrs. Tidmarsh and Mrs. Moore. Tickets for sale at Hassard & Moore's and Jamieson's Drug store. 14d2.

A BROKEN HEART.

The heart that filled Messrs. Paton & Co's space in The Patriot warped and could not be used in today's space. The printers say the cause was over exertion, when the ad man added the 25 ends of fancy French flannel and other waisting, to the remnant announcement. Perhaps it was the low price that did it.

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- 19.00 " " 9.50.
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- 4.50 " " 2.25.
- 6.00 " " 3.00.
- 8.50 " " 4.25.
- 18.00 Ladies' Fur Coats 9.00.
- 30.00 " " " 15.00.
- 40.00 " " " 20.00.
- 65.00 " " " 32.50.

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