

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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1895.

We stand to-day amid the dying hours of 1895, a year which will be long remembered for the far-reaching importance of some of its events.

In our own land no striking events have transpired. The snowstorms and blockades recalled, indeed surpassed, those of 1894; but there was little more in the ground, so that the snowdrifts vanished imperceptibly, and the farmers were early at work. The magnificent prospect for the hay crop which the spring display of was, to a great extent, blighted by the long drought. Yet, on the whole, there was a good average yield. Grain and potatoes were above the average, but prices were low, and trade in our staples not very active.

Turning to the other provinces, we note a general election in Ontario, which sustained the government of Sir Oliver Mowat, though with greatly diminished majority. At one time it was thought that the patron party would hold the balance of power in the new House; but the staying power of Sir Oliver is very great. It is gratifying to learn that his visit to Europe seems to have completely restored his health. The elevation of Mr. Meredith to the Bench has removed from the political arena the most prominent figure in Conservative circles, a man deservedly esteemed by all parties. In Quebec nothing of special interest comes under our notice. In New Brunswick Premier Blair again appealed to the electorate, and simply swept the country. It is a singular fact that in the new House there are 26 Liberal-Conservatives out of a total number of 43. New Brunswick is the only province where Local and Dominion politics are not more or less mixed.

of Dominion politics. The action of the Ottawa Cabinet has been steady and consistent, they have given Manitoba ample opportunity to make the necessary concessions to the minority, and at the same time have steadfastly asserted their intention to introduce into the House of Commons at its next session remedial legislation, should no settlement of the question be reached. The clearest proof of their judicial policy is the fact that Mr. Anger, Minister of Agriculture, resigned his portfolio because the Government would not move strongly enough, while Clarke Wallace gave up the Controllership of Customs because they were moving too strongly. The Opposition, whose long experience on the trade question has made them Past Masters in the art of dissimulation, had at least a dozen different policies on the school question, while their leader, the embodiment of wisdom, contented himself with assuring the public that he knew exactly how the thing could be done, but it was not his business to enlighten the Government. When the monstrous secret leaked out, the grand panacea was "a royal commission." To put it concisely, Mr. Laurier's dictum was: My friend Mr. Greenway and I perfectly understand each other; put me into power and behind the face of a royal commission to ascertain what is already decided by the Privy Council, we will soon effect a settlement. The sober common sense of the Dominion was not to be so easily gulled, and in spite of the usual confident predictions of the Grit press "the party of prudence" do not seem to be in it. Meanwhile, the Happy Family, which, chameleonlike, develops a new phase of policy to suit each electoral district in the Dominion, is waiting impatiently with longing eyes upon the treasury, which to unprejudiced observers seems as far away from them as ever. Nothing has occurred to shake confidence in the ability of the Government to fully hold its own, and if the legislation of the approaching session is in keeping with the wise and statesmanlike policy of the past, there need be no apprehension as to the result of the next election. Latest advices show a new move in the game. Premier Greenway has sprung an election on the Prairie Province, with the avowed object of blurring remedial legislation. The result lies in the future. One feature of the year was the development of the patron movement. From the influence it exercised in the Ontario local election, great anticipations were formed of its power; but the facts of the recent bye-elections seem to show clearly that, to apply the proverb of Napoleon, if you scrape the Patron you will find the Grit; and the Liberals, who at least, seem in a fair way to be "hoist with their own petard." Before passing on to the rapid advance of Dr. Montague to the front rank in Parliament, and to congratulate the Government on this valuable accession to their ranks. British Columbia has secured a representative in the Government in the person of Colonel Prior. Her last cabinet minister was, it we mistake not, Sir John A. Macdonald.

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given any marked indication of his policy. Rumors of Nihilist troubles are heard from time to time, and it is plain that the iron hand is still felt in Russia. Religious persecutions are still kept up by the orthodox Greek Church. Italy, as usual, is wrestling with financial problems, the country being on the verge of insolvency. The war in Abyssinia, at first entirely favorable to the Italian arms, by recent advices seems to have taken a turn in the other direction. There can be little doubt but that an Italian protectorate will be established in that country. Turkey has been the fruitful cause of this year's troubles. The persecution of the Armenian Christians aroused the indignation of all Europe. Diplomatic representations, backed up by naval demonstrations, seem at last to have convinced the Sultan that Europe is in earnest. There can be no question but that, were it not for the jealousy of the European Powers, the Unspcakable Turk would disappear, lag and baggage, from Europe. The present condition of the Turkish affairs is a standing menace to the peace of Europe and a spark from that quarter may at any time kindle a conflagration. Spain has had her hands full with a Cuban insurrection, which up to date seems doubtful in its issue. The drain upon the Spanish exchequer has been large.

Belgium has found the Congo Free State somewhat troublesome affair to manage, and it is rumored that she would gladly be rid of the encumbrance. In the Motherland the great event of the year was the resignation of the Liberal Government. Lord Salisbury appealed to the country, with the result that he obtained one of the largest majorities ever accorded to a British Premier. The notable features of the election were the gains of the Liberal-Unionists and the laughter of the Liberal leaders. The accession of Mr. Chamberlain to the Colonial Office indicates that a policy of consolidation of the Empire will be carried out. The distress among the agriculturists is giving rise to ominous growls in favor of protection, and though Britain is not ready yet for a move in that direction, the enlightenment, as Sir John Macdonald predicted, is coming from the breeches pocket. A light brush with the natives of Chitral on the Northern frontier of India showed the pluck and endurance of the British soldier to be as great as ever; while just as the Majesty of Ashante ventured to defy Great Britain, and an expedition is now on the way to look up His Majesty on Comahee, his capital. Trouble with Nicaragua over outrages inflicted upon British officials was settled by the payment of a fine. The British Admiral finding it necessary to occupy Corinto for a short time to bring the Nicaraguans to a sense of their position. It should not be forgotten that this year, for the first time, a Canadian soldier, Private Hayhurst, carried off the Queen's prize from the assembled marksmen of the British Empire.

In literature, the appointment of Prof. Wm. Petersen, of Dundee, to the Principalship of McGill College is of special interest to us on account of the prominent position which the students of our own Prince of Wales College have secured in that institution of learning. Turning to the world's arena, almost before the Christmas chiming had ceased to echo "Peace on earth, good will to men," the two great powers of the East, China and Japan, had commenced hostilities. At the outset of the struggle most people seemed to think that the great numerical superiority of China and her dogged perseverance would prove too much for her weaker antagonist. But the complete breakdown of China's naval and military organization speedily revealed the fact that while Japan had been steadily acquiring the civilization and enterprise of the west, China had only learned the corruption and raciality which too often, alas, follow in the train of civilization. The army contractors of China could give pointers even to the Indian agents of the Great Republic. The total collapse of the Celestial Empire revealed its inherent weakness and the Japs had practically a walk over. China lost the valuable island of Formosa and had to pay a heavy war indemnity to Japan. The intrigues of Russia, France and Germany prevented Japan from acquiring all that she desired in the shape of territory, and it seems probable that the first-named power will secure from China an ample return for her friendly intervention, while France has already gained substantial advantages on the side of Siam. In Europe, France furnished the first sensation of the year in the somewhat theatrical resignation of the President, M. Casimir Perier. His successor, M. Felix Faure, has so far steered his course successfully through the quicksands of French politics. If it be true that "weasy lies the head that wears a crown," it is certainly equally true of French presidents, not one of whom has yet completed his full term of office. The Gallic thirst for glory has been appeased by the partial conquest of Madagascar, and a steady policy of encroachment has been pursued in Africa and Asia. The political situation has been rendered interesting by frequent changes in the ministry—the present Premier, M. Bourgeois, an extreme radical, whose accession to power was hailed with a good deal of newspaper sarcasm, is showing a genius for work and a determination to get to the bottom of existing abuses, which, if continued, augurs well for the future purity of French ministrations. Germany has enjoyed the usual number of enigmatic speeches from her somewhat erratic Emperor. The opening of the Kiel canal, her new waterway to the Baltic, has been the great event of her year.

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gained for them the \$10,000 prize of the Smithsonian Institute, Washington; the return of Lieutenant Peary from another unsuccessful Polar expedition, and the receipt of encouraging intelligence from Dr. Nansen, the Swedish Arctic explorer. Among the disasters of the year may be noted the severe storms on both sides of the Atlantic, causing heavy sacrifice of life and property; the sinking of the SS. Halifax, Toronto, Montreal, Chatham and Summerside, and the destruction of the Pictou Academy. To these may be added, with some reservation of opinion, the default of the United States to pay the Behring Sea damages awarded against them by arbitration, and the failure of the City Council to secure the Park roadway. The death-roll of 1895 does not contain as many illustrious names as did that of 1894. Yet we mourn the loss of Professor Seely, of Cambridge, the author of "Ecce Homo," a book which created no little stir in the Theological world; Lord Rasoul, Churchill, the brilliant but somewhat erratic scion of the House of Marlborough, the first of his name since the great Duke who showed evidence of talents of a high order; M. de Fiers, long Russian minister of Foreign Affairs; Marshal Canrobert one of the heroes of Crimean fame; Professor Arthur Cayley, the well-known mathematician; Lord Selborne, ex-chancellor, better known to most of us as Sir Ronaldell Palmer, and Secretary Gresham of the United States Cabinet. July saw the last of a greater than any of the preceding in the person of Professor Huxley, the author of that much misused term "Agonistic," an earnest seeker after truth, whose memory will long be green in the world of science. Later in the year, Professor Pasteur, one of those to whom the science of medicine owes so much in the pursuit of the germ theory of disease, passed from the stage, followed by Sir Henry Ponsonby, the Queen's Private Secretary and Alexander Drummond, the author of Camille and several dramas. In December the long procession was closed with George Augustus Sala, the well-known English journalist, and H. Thane Miller, the blind philanthropist, known by his sweet songs to many in Charlotte-

ton. From the ranks of the ministry we miss Rev. A. J. Gordon, the well-known Baptist divine; Wm. M. Taylor, long pastor of the Broadway Tabernacle; Dr. McCulloch, the veteran Presbyterian of Toronto; Canon Townshend of Amherst; and Paul McEneaney, of our own Island. In the smaller circle of the Dominion, there passed away Hon. S. L. Shannon, of Halifax; Senator Tasse, of Montreal; and John F. Manly, long Customs Appraiser for Nova Scotia, while among our Island names the list comprises Donald McKay, and John Montgomery, ex-members of the Legislature; James Peake, once one of our most prominent merchants; Hon. Joseph Pope, whose name was identified with almost all the prominent events of our Island history for the last half century; and Hon. T. H. Haviland, one of the Fathers of Confederation, who had successively filled the highest offices in connection with the Government of Prince Edward Island and the city of Charlottetown. Looking forward to 1896, we can safely say that never had the citizens of our great Dominion more reason to take a hopeful view of the future. Steadily, year by year, our resources are being developed and we are consolidating our great inheritance. Standing shoulder to shoulder, under the protectingegis of the Old Land, let it be our aim to make this land worthy of the traditions of our fathers by earnest effort to advance the interest of truth and justice, temperance and purity. To this great work THE EXAMINER pledges its best efforts during the incoming year, and as we say good-bye to 1895 we cordially wish all our readers

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

TELEGRAPHIC.

JACQUES CARTIER ELECTION.

A Reverse for the Government.

Charbonneau's Majority 574. MONTREAL, Dec. 31. The Government again met with a defeat yesterday in Jacques Cartier, Deschamps, the Conservative candidate having been left in the minority of 574. The following are the majorities in each district: Point Clair, Charbonneau 253; Dorval, Charbonneau 30; Lachine, Charbonneau 118; St. Laurent, Deschamps 73; St. Anne, Charbonneau 96; St. Genevieve, Charbonneau 116; Isle Bizard, Charbonneau 13; Total, Deschamps, 75; Charbonneau, 647. Total majority for Napoleon Charbonneau (Grit candidate) 574. The only explanation that can be given is that Deschamps was altogether too late in the field. By the change in Lachine, from a majority of almost 200 for Gironard, to 110 for the Liberal candidate, it would appear that the English vote has gone against the Ministry.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

The Coming Session.

Remedial and Other Measures.

OTTAWA, Dec. 31. The Cabinet was engaged until a late hour last evening in drafting the Government-General's speech for the opening of Parliament on Thursday. The coming session is to be a regular one and private bills legislation will be proceeded with simultaneously with the Government's measures, the chief among which will, of course, be the Remedial Bill. This measure will, from all accounts, be of an exceedingly moderate nature. In the opinion of many persons the Roman Catholics are not greatly enamored of separate schools, but as the minority in Manitoba have asked for them and are entitled to them under the constitution, the Government have no other course but to carry out the obligations of the constitution. The private bills legislation for the coming session shows a great falling off compared with other years. Notice has been given of 59 measures, as compared with an average of 85. The great majority of bills pertain to railway affairs.

Acquitted at Last.

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.

After two trials, extending over many weeks Napoleon Demers, has been acquitted of the charge of murdering his wife. In the first trial the jury disagreed.

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