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THE COMING CONFERENCE

There are several reasons why it is important that the Conference of the Liberal-Conservative Party, to be held on Tuesday noon, the 20th, inst., should be taken part in by leading men throughout this province.

In the first place the interests of the country, as well as of the party, will be promoted by a strong, well organized opposition, ready to "take occasion by the word" and to criticize the government with vigor and effect when the opportunity to do so may occur. To this end there must be consultation; and the conference will afford means for consultation. A common understanding ought to be arrived at, so that when the time for action comes, all may act together, successfully, for the common good.

In the second place, the present is an especially fitting time to prepare for action. It is a quiet time—a time when the whole field may be carefully and impartially surveyed, and when note may be taken of the drift and tendency of events. While the government has been wonderfully fortunate in respect to matters over which they have no control—such as the revival of trade in the States and throughout the world, the discovery of gold and other precious metals in Rossland and Klondike, and other places, the rise in the price of wheat, etc.—and while the good fortune has blinded many persons to the foolishness, weakness and corruption of their administration, it is nevertheless a fact that there is throughout the country a strong feeling of uneasiness and dissatisfaction which must come to a head ere long. The disgraceful revelations in Quebec show that the governing party itself is not happy, and that the cause of Liberal disintegration has already reported. It is in accord with the eternal fitness of things that a party of spoilsmen should quarrel about the division of the spoils; and it is eminently fitting that the agreed office which brought the following of Sir Wilfrid Laurier together should be dissolved against itself.

But there are other larger and more important matters about which the thoughtful men of the country are quietly inter-rogating themselves,—to the confusion of the government in the near future. The ignorance and incapacity displayed in respect to the arrangement intended to give the manufacturers of Great Britain a preference in our markets and resulting in a preference to the products of almost all the nations of the earth with the exception of those of our sister British colonies; the administrative corruption by which Mr. Tarte's sons obtained a \$30,000 newspaper concession with the Drummond County Railway deal; the petty jobbery displayed in the attempt to straighten a railway curve at North Wilshire; the "conciliation" deceit shown in the Manitoba School Settlement which pleases no one, not even the Pope,—all these, with other frauds and shenanigans, too numerous to mention here, have set the people of this country thinking.

The political calm which we now enjoy is the calm before the storm. Let us hope that the Liberal Conservative party of this Province—as throughout the vast extent of Canada—will be prepared for the storm when it breaks. The course of action should be laid down and understood; the party should be thoroughly organized; our young men—the hope of the future—should be encouraged to come and take an active part in the moulding of events fraught with importance to the nation; all should know what they have to do towards the promotion of the common good; and all should be prepared to act in unison upon any emergency that may arise. To this end, the conference of the party is essential. We hope that the conference will be a good one.

The Watchman has a strong article in favor of the publication of the public accounts and earlier meeting of the Legislature. In conclusion it says: "The time has come, we think, when the people should rebel against this policy of delay, trickery and deception would not be tolerated by the shareholders of any well-managed bank or other corporation. The members of the Opposition ought to raise their voices in favor of earlier sessions and more prompt and straightforwardness in replacing the finances of the Province before the House. The electors cannot be too vigilant in this matter. In preference to a result in a crisis some day which will result in slavery to bond holders or the loss of our local parliament, or both."

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NOTES AND COMMENTS

—An authority on brain disease, Dr. Clark, Medical Superintendent of the Hospital for the Insane at Toronto, states in his annual report that "much injury is being done by overwork in schools." Teachers and parents should certainly be more careful as to home lessons than many of them are.

—An insolvency bill will probably be submitted to Parliament this year. The Montreal Board of Trade has asked that the following features be embodied in it: 1. Complete doing away with preferences. 2. Equitable distribution of assets of insolvent debtors. 3. Reasonable discharge clause. 4. No class of official assignees.

—The largest cannon in the world is shortly to come into possession of the United States Government, and the average American is excited by the news. The gun is five feet longer and six tons heavier than the gun exhibited by Krupp, of Germany, at the Columbian Exposition. hitherto considered the heaviest piece of ordnance ever manufactured. The American gun is to weigh 126 tons and be forty-nine feet in length.

—The Ottawa correspondent of the Montreal Star reports (January 19th) that "Premier Warburton, of Prince Edward Island, was heard before a committee of the Cabinet this morning in support of his claims on behalf of his Government. The committee which met in the Premier's room, was composed of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Louis Davies, Sir Richard Cartwright, Hon. A. G. Blair, Hon. David Mills, Hon. J. I. Tarte."

—The Halifax Herald reports that a great run of fish was secured off Halifax Harbor last Thursday morning, and one of the biggest catches ever made by Halifax fishermen was brought to the city. Over 200,000 pounds, mostly cod and haddock, were captured by the schooners Emerald, Flora and other crafts. All of the fish were marketed in the city. Fish dealers state that herring are much scarcer than reported, and prices are ruling high in Bonaventure Bay. A vessel which recently went down for a cargo returned with only 50,000 herring, which was more than one-eighth of a full cargo.

—The Ottawa Citizen recalls the following pledge made at a public meeting in Quebec, during the general election campaign of 1896, by Sir Wilfrid Laurier relative to the Manitoba School question: "And then, finally, if conciliation does not succeed, I shall have to exercise the constitutional powers furnished by the law, powers which I shall employ in their fullness and entirety."

Now that His Holiness has spoken and declared the settlement "insufficient" perhaps Sir Wilfrid will try further "conciliation" in Manitoba, and if that does not succeed perform his promise. We shall see.

Centuries ago, people used to fear what they called the plague. "Black death" was the most terrible thing in the world to them. They feared it as people now fear the Cholera and Yellow Fever. And yet there is a thing that causes more misery and more deaths than any of these. It is so common that nine-tenths of all the sickness in the world is traceable to it. It is merely that simple, common thing, constipation. It makes people listless, causes dizziness, headaches, loss of appetite, loss of sleep, foul breath, and distress after eating. The little help needed is furnished by Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. One pill is a gentle laxative and two mild cathartic. Once used, always in favor. If you are careless enough to let an unscrupulous druggist sell you something on which he makes more money, it is your own fault if you do not get well. Be sure and get Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. Send 31 cents in one-cent stamps to World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y., and receive Dr. Pierce's 1008 page "Common Sense Medical Adviser," profusely illustrated.

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SITUATION IN CHINA.

Soothing Effect of British Policy.

German Press More Reasonable.

The Chinese question is now settling into the misty background, says the London correspondent of the Tribune. The official press of Germany has welcomed Mr. Balfour's Manchester speech with conciliatory comments and proclaimed the readiness of the Berlin government to convert Kiao-Chau into a free port, open to the commerce of the world. If Russia adopts an equally liberal policy in regard to Port Arthur, neither England nor the United States will have cause to complain of recent Chinese concessions to European powers. The German press seems as anxious as the Chinese government itself to have England guarantee a loan, and this is an indication that the other European powers do not want to leave the strongest maritime nation out of the new concern.

The British government will naturally require some security for guaranteeing the loan, and this will involve the occupation of Chusan or some other point on the Chinese coast. England in this way would be drawn into the concert, and possibly rendered as helpless in the far east as she has recently been in Constantinople. It is difficult to reconcile Mr. Balfour's explicit statement that England's interests in China are not territorial, but commercial and trading, with the rumours that the ministry are seriously considering the expedient of lending 16,000,000 pounds, for the only adequate security would be territory. Moreover if the government once begins to lend money to Chinese mandarins, it will never know when or where to stop.

Cabling to the Times on the same subject, Mr. Harold Frederic says: It was noted in my despatches last week that England's announcement that her far eastern policy of no brag and no curtailment of the world's rights in free commerce in China had excited a wonderful soothing effect on what had threatened to be a grave crisis. A calming process has been going on through the week, until now there is no crisis left at all. German peers, even those of the most confirmed Anglophobe habit have executed, apparently under the stress of a hint from high quarters, a complete volte-face. A fortnight ago they had not had words enough to curse England with. Today they are filled with the sweetest aspirations for a better understanding between the Germans and the English. They even dream of an Anglo-German treaty of eternal friendship, and labber as innocently as if they dreamed that Englishmen did not quite understand this sudden melting of the German heart. Although the English certainly are making no reciprocal demonstrations, they are pleased enough to see this special cloud cleared from their horizon. There were, in truth, too many clouds for strict steering.

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"Ian MacLaren" Defines Him as One Who Has Attained to His Height in Christ.

"Christ did not come to cramp any one's manhood; He came to broaden it," writes the Rev. John Watson, D. D. ("Ian MacLaren"), on "A Young Man's Religious Life," in the January Ladies' Home Journal. "He did not come to destroy our manhood; He came to fulfill it. Athoroughgoing Christian is a man with a stronger reason, kinder heart, firmer will, and richer imagination than his fellows,—one who has attained to his height in Christ. A bigot, or a prig, or a weakling is a half-developed Christian, one not yet arrived at full age.

"What ought a christian to read? Every book which feeds the intellect. Where ought he to go? Every place where the moral atmosphere is pure and bracing. What ought he to do? Everything that will make character. Religion is not negative, a giving up or that, but positive, a getting and a possessing. If a man will be content with nothing but the best thought, best work, best friends, best environment, he need not trouble about avoiding the worst. The good drives out the bad. There are two ways of lighting a dark room: one is to attack the darkness with candles; the other is to open the shutters and let in the light. When light comes, darkness goes. There are two ways of forming character: one is to conquer our sins, the other is to cultivate the opposite virtues. The latter plan is best because it is sure—the virtue replaces the sin.

"Christianity is not a drill: it is life, full, free, radiant and rejoicing. What a young man should do is not to vex himself about his imperfections, but to fix his mind on the bright image of Perfection; not to weary his soul with rules, but to live with Christ as one liveth with a friend. There is one way to complete manhood, and that is fellowship with Jesus Christ."

The Civil Service Act authorizes the Government to give increases of \$50 a year to civil servants, and it was the policy of the late Administration to carry this out whenever merited. Since the present Government took office the increase has been withheld generally, but numerous exceptions have been made to this rule for political friends. The result is that today merit counts for nothing, and civil servants can get increases only by pulling wires. So great has the evil become that a circular was issued a day or two ago against wire-pulling, but it can be of little effect so long as the Administration gives statutory increases only to those who can bring the greatest pressure to bear upon it.

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