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REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

In these days of "plebiscites" and other questionable means of relieving our representatives of their responsibility to do that which is right and expedient concerning matters of legislation and administration, the following Canons of Representative Government as laid down by Lord Brougham and adhered to by the Liberal party of Great Britain, ought to be carefully studied:

I. The deputy chosen represents the people of the whole community, exercises his own judgment upon all measures, receives freely the communications of his constituents, is not bound by their instructions, though liable to be dismissed by not being re-elected in case the difference of opinion between him and them is irreconcilable and important.

II. The people's power being transferred to the representative body for a limited time, the people are bound not to exercise their influence so as to control the conduct of their representatives, as a body, on the several measures that come before them.

III. Any proceedings on the part of the people tending to overawe or unduly to influence their representatives upon any given question, though no outrage should be committed, and only an exhibition of numerical force be displayed for these purposes, are contrary to the whole nature of representative government, and in themselves revolutionary, being criminal in the people, and doubly criminal in any of their representatives, who thereby commit a flagrant breach of duty.

IV. The best sort of representation is the direct, in which the deputies are chosen by the people, and not by electors whom the people choose.

V. The combination of any other choice or veto with the popular choice is greatly to be reprobated, as an impairing of the pure representative principle; so the representative body itself should have no power of expelling its members except for infamous offences or the non-payment of lawful debts.

VI. The selection of representatives ought to be free, and the whole community open to the choice of the electors, without any restriction whatever upon eligibility, except the period of infancy, or conviction of infamous offences, or actual ineligibility declared by judicial sentence.

VII. The distribution of the representatives should be such as to secure representatives of all the great classes in the community, which are sufficiently numerous in the combined ratio of the importance of the classes and the numbers comprised in them.

VIII. Population alone cannot safely be taken as the criterion of numbers chosen to represent, and any arrangement is to be reprobated which should give one very large town the choice of too many representatives, by giving it representatives numerous in proportion to its population.

IX. Population should not be so far neglected as to give great inequality to the electoral districts, thus enabling a small body of the people by their representatives to control those of a much larger body.

X. Districts should be formed for representation so large as to prevent the corruption of the voters by the candidates or their friends.

XI. The choice of representatives should be entrusted to all persons of full age unconvicted of infamous offences, who have received a good plain education; and if a property qualification is adopted, no change or loss of property ought to disfranchise a person once recognized as fit to exercise the right.

XII. The manner of voting should be such as to protect the voter's independence; but the secret vote would, in most places have little influence, and chiefly in the case of tradesmen; while it is liable to grave objections, and is a positive evil if the suffrage be not nearly universal.

Our Liberal politicians are evidently adopting courses at variance with these canons. It is, indeed, to be feared that the ship of state will, sooner or later, be wrecked by weak-kneed politicians who try to shirk the responsibility they have assumed. A change of the majorities of representatives in the Provinces and for the Dominion at large is certainly needed.

AN IMPARTIAL OPINION.

Under the caption "Le Vote du 13" our esteemed contemporary, L'Impartial thus speaks of the "grand Liberal victory" in West Prince:

"We give today the state, as exactly as possible, of each poll in the election of the 13th.

"Although a great number of persons are astonished at the extent of the majority, there is certainly no ground for astonishment or surprise for those who know what kind of a campaign was waged.

"We put ourselves outside the possibility of exaggeration when we declare that B. D. McLellan left to his proper resources and running the election on his and his party's merits, not only would not have obtained a majority of votes here but most certainly would have lost his deposit.

"It was not McLellan but corruption under all its most hideous forms that carried West Prince. McLellan is only the fruit of this wholesale and scandalous corruption."

These are hard words; but coming from a paper independent in politics, and on the spot, they make a terrible arraignment of the Party of Purity.

TO SUM UP

Several Spanish merchantmen have already fallen into the hands of the United States. Whether the Spaniards on their coasts been equally successful has not yet appeared. The North Atlantic Squadron is now investing Havana, but an immediate attack is not expected. A Spanish fleet is reported to be making for the American coast and there is some alarm in the United States coast towns.

RESULTS OF BRITISH RULE.

The beneficial effects of British rule are evident in Egypt. In 1846, under Mohammed Ali, the population of that country was estimated at only 4,500,000. The census of 1882, showed over 6,750,000 and last year's, which may be considered as fairly accurate as is practicable, indicates a total population of nearly 9,720,000. Of this total 50.8 per cent are males, and 49.5 per cent females. The native Egyptians number 9,008,000, to which must be added 40,000 originally from other parts of the Ottoman Empire and 574,000 Bedouins. Of these last, only 89,000 are really nomads, the remainder being styled semi-sedentary. The growth of the population of Egypt under British rule has been equated by improvements in the financial condition of the country and in the social condition of the people.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—News of the death of Mrs. B. Des Brisay will be heard with regret and sorrow by many relatives and friends. We heartily sympathize with her bereaved husband and family.

—Our trading government has been trying to run the militia department upon political lines, and they have lost the services of Commander Gascoigne.

—Carl Schurz maintains that the war is a clear case of self-sacrifice on the part of the United States. The States have, he contends, nothing worth mentioning to gain by it.

—Referring to the threatened newspaper tax, the Montreal Gazette says truly that: "The proposal that papers shall be carried free within a radius of ten miles of their publication offices is illogical and unjust."

—Complaints that the speeches in Parliament are too long are beginning to appear in Liberal papers. It is suspected, too, says the Gazette, that their length is only one of the grounds of objection to them by the Government and its friends. Their substance also is telling.

—Mr. Robertson, of Inkerman, our most experienced and extensive orchardist stated at the Fruit Growers meeting that he had lost severely in his shipments of apples, because of the want of a proper uniform barrel or box for shipment and some blemishes on the fruit which here we pass over without concern. Hodgson Bros. of Montreal, were ready to deal with him for a hundred boxes a week, but as the fruit had to be faultless and we had not learned altogether to fit it for market, he was unable to continue the shipment. Spraying to avoid the spot is absolutely necessary. We can grow the fruit and the market is ready! So it is to be hoped that some means of informing our orchardists how to handle their crop will be afforded.

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Ships Before Havana.

KEY WEST, April 23.—The North Atlantic Squadron, under Captain Sampson's command, makes a splendid array of fine vessels, comprising the battleships such as the Iowa and Indiana, monitors like the Puritan, Terror and Amphitrite, armored cruisers like the New York, flagship, protected cruisers such as the Cincinnati, Marblehead, and Montgomery, gunboats like the Vicksburg, Wilmington and Annapolis, regular torpedo boats such as the Ericsson, Cushing, Winslow, not to speak of the large number of fine yachts and other vessels that have been added to the fleet by purchase. This force is quite competent to blockade all the ports in Cuba, or at least all of the ports connecting by rail with Havana, and so likely to be used to supply that place in the event of siege with food and the munitions of war.

Montreal Gazette: Some of the mirages are reported to have recommended the Liberal clubs which are kicking against the Tartan methods of the Laurier Government to shut up. This is not very good advice, and it is doubtful if the clubs would observe it if it was. The way to cure disease is to remove the cause, not to stop the diagnosis.

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 - 3. Baritone Solo..... Selected Mr. J. H. McDonald
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 - Miss Alice Lillian Butcher**
 - 5. Vocal Quartette—"The Lovers"
 - 6. Character Song..... Koschat Op. 21
 - 7. Vocal Solo..... Selected Miss Edna Sinclair
 - 8. Rainbow Dance with Electrical Effects Miss Nora Waddell.
- PART II.**
- 1. Scene from Opera Robin Hood.....
 - 2. Violin Solo..... Prof. Vinnicombe.
 - 3. Comic Quartette—"Call John"..... The Misses Earle and Messrs Moore and C. Earle.
 - 4. Reading—"A Sisterly Scheme"..... **Miss Alice Lillian Butcher,**
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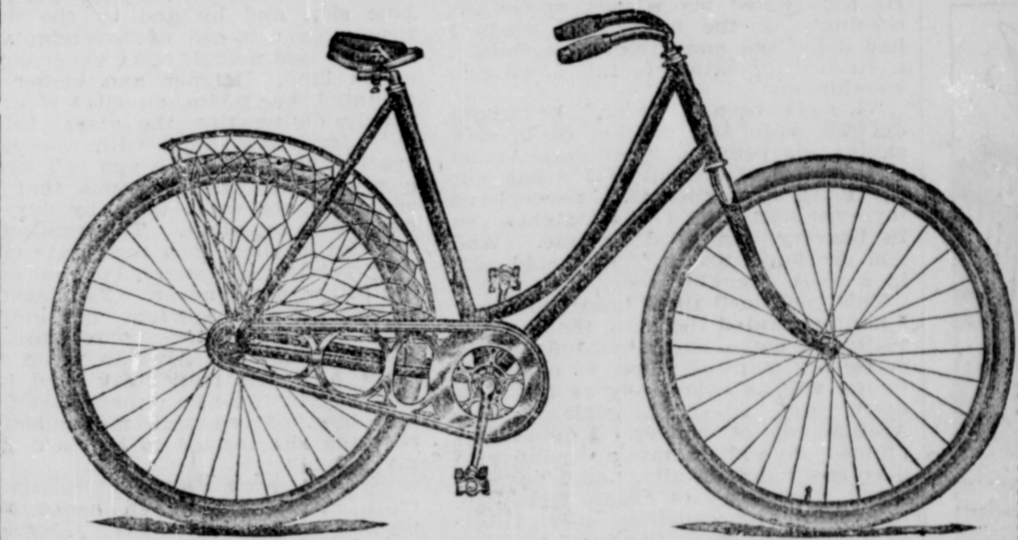
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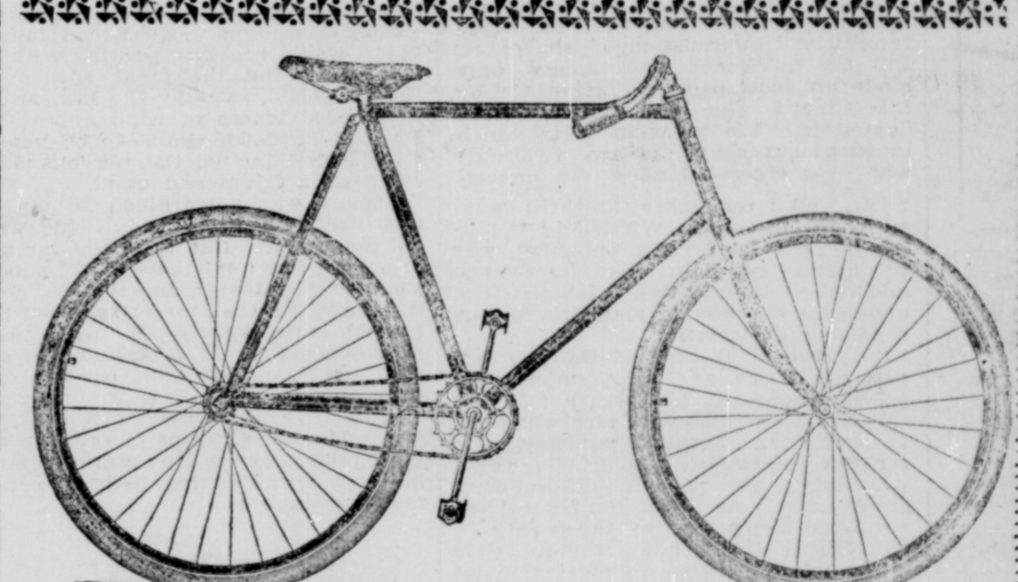
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