

ways thought Mr. Wiman was the apostle of Commercial Union, and that nothing but that could save Canada and her eggs. But Mr. Wiman has apparently been converted and goes one better. In the meantime retaliation seems to be the order on the books, while Free Trade occupies the back pages along with Commercial Union. After the presidential election is over we presume Geo. McKinley will be again bobbing up to carry out the plans laid down by Joseph Nimmo, jr., of Washington, who would shut Canada out altogether. In the interval we will go on as usual while old father time marks the years as they pass away.

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WE hope that the reciprocity convention held at Grand Forks, may be productive of good in cultivating closer trade relations with our neighbors. If it does no more good than to form a pleasant tie between the two countries, it will have not have been in vain. while we in Canada are not desirous to sink our nationality into insignificance or allow them to get the best of a bargain, we wish to deal with one another as we would be done by, and to feel that we have an independence which comes of just and upright dealing, "owe no man anything," but, insist on having our just rights. Being careful, not to be too zealous in forgetting our country, we can thus be safely trusted, to "swap horses" if we choose.

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THE temperance commissioners are on their way to the Prairie

Province, and it will soon be seen what the result will be. We are not in accord with a commission such as has been appointed, believing it is only done for the purpose of quieting the temperance people and protecting the liquor dealers. Still there is a large amount of useful evidence taken, but whether it will ever be any use remains to be seen. As we have said before, the only way to cure the evil of intemperance, is to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors all together. No compromise will be of any use if we mean to get rid of the evil. It will now be in order for those who have complaints against the working of the license act, to support their claims with evidence. Let us try and have the question thoroughly understood, and gone into, and thus dispel the doubts which exist in a great many minds at present.

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WHAT with cholera, presidential and state elections, and retaliation measures, the Americans seem to have enough to keep their minds occupied for a while. The world's fair also claims a share of attention and with such important things as these before him Uncle Sam will be too busy to notice Miss Canada or read Mr. Wiman's letters on Canadian interests. Meantime Manitoba is growing rapidly and securing her share of emigrants from the Union.

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AN exchange, speaking of the Heathen Chinese and their conversion to Christianity, suggests that the Chinamen in America be civilized and converted first, after which