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REPATRIATE CANADIANS.

THE Maritime Provinces are much interested in the growth of Canadian and British population in the United States, and the possible repatriation of Canadians in preference to indiscriminate immigration from Europe.

(St. John Telegraph.)

There are in the six New England States 504,000 persons who were born in Canada, 139,000 who were born in England or Wales, 42,000 who were born in Scotland, and 375,000 who were born in Ireland—more than a million, many of whom have raised families in the country of their adoption. In Massachusetts alone the English, Irish, Scots, and Canadians born number 649,000. In Boston alone there are 50,000 persons who were born in Canada. These figures should serve to impress upon Canadians the size of the army of our own people who are living just over the border. During the last few years, thousands have recrossed into Canada, chiefly in the West, and thousands more will come. But while we are reaching out after settlers and spending great sums upon immigration, it might be well to compare the amount spent in an endeavour to recover our friends from the United States with the sum expended in fishing for settlers in Europe. For Canada, for its development, for its every need, there are no folk like our own folk.

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THE PRINCE OF WALES.

WHILE the Canadian Government and the National Battlefields Commission are at variance over the number of troops to be drafted for the Tercentenary at Quebec, the people in the East are profoundly interested in the visit of the Prince of Wales.

(Montreal Standard.)

The coming of His Royal Highness in connection with the Tercentenary celebration at Quebec will prove to be an event of extraordinary moment and significance. While the present King was Prince of Wales, regret was frequently expressed that by the exigencies of his position he was unable to impress himself upon the public with the distinction which seemed desirable to one so highly placed. It is an anomalous feature of the Constitution that the Heir Apparent must remain in comparative obscurity; but this can be said for the Prince of Wales, that from the beginning he has sought to realise his responsibility. He has taken his position, his life, with proper seriousness.

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THE EAST IS SOLID.

MARITIMERS have stood a good deal of sidetracking in the westward ho! movements of population. There is, however, something to crow over in the financial situation by the sea.

(St. John Sun.)

The statement that the Maritime Provinces had stood the recent financial depression better than any other section of North America, coming from a man so well qualified to speak with authority as Mr. R. B. Kessen, manager of the Bank of New Brunswick, is ground for just pride on the part of all of us down here by the sea. We are not spectacular by nature, are characterised rather by caution than by enterprise; we have not been realising upon our resources as rapidly as the people in the farther western provinces; but what we have built is well built. We have seen that our foundations were sound and not overloaded, so, when the storm came

and beat upon our house of commerce and industry it stood, while many more pretentious structures shook and many fell.

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A NAUGHTY LITTLE TALE.

(Montreal Gazette.)

IT is intimated in government papers that Sir Richard Cartwright can have the lieutenant-governorship of Ontario if he desires it. The chances are he will not take the hint. There is a story that the delight of his old age is to worry the other humbugs who sit round the national council table with him.

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A FUNNY OLD SYSTEM.

(Woodstock Sentinel-Review.)

THE Canadian Courier wants to know why it is that the politicians at Ottawa cannot come to some understanding in accordance with which much of the time that is now devoted to calumny would be used for promoting the necessary business of the country. "Why should the good name of Canada's administration be continually trailed in the dust? Why should one set of public men be continually trying to prove another set carping critics or corrupt administrators? We should have neither of these classes, and if either exists, parliament as a whole is disgraced."

The probable explanation is that the politicians find it necessary to keep up appearance. Some of them would have a pretty poor excuse for occupying space at Ottawa at all if their performances were judged on their merits. They realise this and so the play is kept up for the purpose of detracting the attention of the intelligent electors from more serious matters.

In keeping up such a stage performance the politicians are not paying a very high compliment to the electors; but the play seems to serve the purpose. If a farmer had two hired men who spent their time in wrangling and calling each other names he would be tempted to take a club to both of them. But we have scarcely begun to treat the problem of popular government as a serious business proposition yet. That is the people's business, however. They pay the piper, and they have a right to call the tune.

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A MISDIRECTED NATION.

(Toronto News)

IT would be worth while for a joint committee of Parliament to consider our whole system of expenditure. It does seem that we are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on huge drill sheds in local centres, where the buildings are seldom if ever used, except for political meetings, erecting custom houses and post offices at three times the necessary cost, and in places where a neat, modest structure is all that is required, and wasting millions in an unbusinesslike method of purchasing supplies, and an unscientific contract system. We have got into wasteful and slovenly habits of spending the public money, and if the system is not changed the burden will become intolerable. We are running after the catchwords of cranks and faddists, manufacturing grievances where none exist, railing at every form of private enterprise, holding our ears to the ground to catch every passing clamour in American politics, and neglecting the sober maxims of government, the sound economies, and the eternal laws which make a nation powerful, give solidity to its institutions and character and prosperity to its people.

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