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POOR CANADA!

What is to become of this unfortunate country? A consultation of doctors is being held over her still living body, and we get intimations that the wind up of "crowner's quest" must quickly follow; unless someone or other of the various conflicting courses of treatment advised be adopted. She can be saved only by British connection and free trade maintained together, says the Globe. British connection, of course, says the Mail, but with protection instead of free trade for the other part of the prescription. With their respective trade principles wide as the poles asunder, the two party organs still agree in arguments that carry Canada's dependence on the mother country to the length of subserviency and even slavishness. But it is not alone as a humble and unworthy dependency of Great Britain that Canada is viewed by all the doctors now engaged on her desperate and woebegone case. Some of them there are who think the only proper course is to treat her as a dependency, not of Great Britain, but of the United States. Disagreeing as they do on most other points, all the dependency doctors are harmoniously agreed that a subject people we must be in any case. Being incapable of thinking for ourselves, we must perforce have our policy dictated for us by some outside authority. The thinking must be done for us, either in London or Washington, but that we should presume to carve out a whole national policy for ourselves is simply preposterous.

It is the advocates of subjection to Washington that we have to deal with at present. The New York Tribune, having discovered that the Marquis of Lorne has been advocating emigration from the old country to Canada, hastens to set forth how hopeless the whole attempt is. The Hudson's Bay territory has a six month's winter, during which the thermometer goes down twenty degrees below Minnesota regulation figures. Why should Englishmen go there to freeze, when the rich slopes and comfortable climate of the Western States invite them? Let us quote some of the Tribune's own words about poor Canada:

"It is very difficult, however, for the Englishman to judge of the unconquerable difficulties in the way of the emigrant to the Canadian colonies, many of which arise from the mere fact that they are colonies. A man of energy has to struggle against the dead weight of a super-imposed political structure and the lethargy of a settled population. A proof of the blindness of the English to matters as they are in their American colonies is shown in the fact that gangs of boys, picked out of the slums of London, are sent over and dumped in the wild recesses of Upper Canada, where a few French inhabitants who cannot speak a word of English struggle desperately to keep themselves from want. If, as Lord Lorne urges, immigration to Canada is to be assisted and protected, it should be at least guided by some more accurate knowledge of the country than the so-called immigration societies of London seem to possess."

We may admit that the existing colonial relations and our rather cumbersome super-imposed political structure are not of the best for the country's advancement. But it is stretching things amazingly to speak of "the lethargy of a settled population" as being characteristic of Canadians as a whole people. In business matters the country is astir with enterprise—thanks in great part to the N.P.—and in matters political the country is moving too, a fact which appears to give some uneasiness to the leaders of both the old parties respectively. London emigration societies are not particularly well informed about the Dominion, but in this respect the Tribune itself makes quite a respectable effort at blundering when it speaks of London boys being dumped in the wild recesses of *Upper* Canada, where a few French inhabitants who cannot speak a word of English struggle desperately to keep themselves from want! Here is a bit of exaggeration intensified, which leaves the truth clean out sight.

But it is in the house of her friends that Canada gets her severest wounds after all. The Toronto Telegram asks why the Globe, which is so strongly in favor of reciprocity with the United States, should object to the larger proposal of commercial union. We may here distinguish the two by saying that, as generally understood at present, the former appears to stand for free trade in natural products only, while the latter would include manufactures as well. Upon the consideration of the great and vital differences which exist between the two proposals we do not now enter, but let us note the doleful conclusion to which the Telegram would bring us;

The argument used by those who oppose commercial union is that it would inevitably lead to political union. The opponents of a reciprocity treaty could fairly claim that such a treaty would lead to the same result, so that if those who advocate larger commercial relations with the states in the shape of a zollverein are friends of annexation those who advocate the same thing by another name must be friends of annexation too. But leaving aside all these charges and countercharges it is apparent to all of us that what Canada requires, *if she is not to die of atrophy*, is free admission to the markets of the continent to which she belongs."

Do we begin now to realize in what a thoroughly down-trodden and dependent position we are and must continue to be! We cannot make our own living or maintain our own existence; in order that Canada may live at all, and not die of atrophy, she must surrender her separate existence, and become a dependency of the United States. Such confessions of Canada's helplessness, made in Canadian papers, must be pleasing to American ears. The Toronto paper hits Canada far harder than the New York one does. But on this matter we have something further to say.

LATTER DAY REPENTENCE.

Yesterday the Globe woke up to the fact that The World was having too much of a good thing in showing up the Northwest paper town business, and that public sympathy was all on the side of this journal. Accordingly it came out with a sanctimonious article, diagnosing the speculation fever, and telling people to be on their guard. It is strange that the Globe did not find time to write so good an article earlier in the day. While its columns were gorged with fat advertisements of these speculations it gave its readers no advice, but now when the boom has subsided, and after it has drawn thousands of dollars from this source, it tells people to have a care. It looks as if the Globe's silence in the town lot business, or its puffs in the quack medicine line are to be had at the regular advertising rates.

WHAT SHALL WE BELIEVE?

We have been reading the Mail and we have discovered that the members of the Ontario opposition are all first class orators and statesmen of marked ability.

We have also been reading the Globe and we find that not only the members of the government but each individual one of their supporters is a Canadian Cicero or Burke.

At all this we rejoice and are exceeding glad. For surely it is a fortunate province that is able to secure the services of men of such transcendent abilities. Wise legislation we cannot fail to get and the affairs of the province will to a certainty be administered in a way to make us at once the envy and admiration of all the people of the earth. Truly we have much to be thankful for.

But then we have been reading further in the Mail and we find to our dismay that the member of the ministry and their supporters are men woefully deficient in ability, and bankrupt in patriotism. Not one of them can make a speech of which the youngest and dullest member of a tenth rate debating club might not be ashamed. Of constitutional law they know almost nothing and of the real needs of the province still less.

And we have been delving more deeply into the precious mine of literary wealth to be found in the columns of the Globe, and we have discovered that the members of the Ontario opposition are men devoid of principle, bankrupt in reputation, destitute of ability, and utter strangers to patriotic aspirations. That what they palm off on the house and country as eloquence is absolutely nothing but so much froth and fustian.

We have thought over all this. We have tried to reconcile it with the fact that the speeches alleged to have been delivered by these two sets of dishonest, incapable beings really read passably well as they are reported, some of them in the Globe and the rest in the Mail, and we had just about made up our mind that the speeches were all bogus and were really written by the editors of the two party newspapers.

But, again, we read the Mail and we found that the editor of the Globe is mentally and etherwise just about as bad as the poor imbeciles on the treasury benches.

Evidently then he didn't concoct and contrive and manufacture the speeches accredited to Mr. Mowat and his colleagues and followers.

Then a further reference to the Globe has made it plain that the literary weakling who edits the Mail is mentally incapable of writing anything fit to read.

So then he didn't evolve the speeches ascribed to Mr. Meredith and his followers.

We give it up. Our readers must just puzzle it out for themselves.

But we will cheerfully give for the first correct solution of the enigma a splendid lot in the flourishing and promising city of Fungusville, situated on the banks of a pictnresque river, somewhere out in the great Northwest.

A SCOTCH AGRICULTURAL journal has published an interesting list of farms in East Lothian (the cradle of high farming) which have recently been relet. In one case the rent has fallen from £1,600 to £1,000, in another from £520 to £200, and in a third from £1,500 to £950. Altogether the rental of nine farms has been reduced from £10,535 to £7,634.

LEFROY assassinated Mr. Gould in England about the time that Guiteau assassinated Mr. Garfield. English writers are pointing out that Lefroy has been tried, convicted, hanged, and almost forgotten, while the case of Guiteau is still going on. But it should be taken into account that this latter is more than an ordinary murder trial, and that there would be cause for regret were it to be out short through mere consideration of the time consumed in it.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT will doubtless ask the house to vote money for reprinting the two volumes of the report of the agricultural commission which contain the popular and useful part of the evidence and a resume of the whole.

RECOUNT OF BALLOTS. Some lawyers are reading up the statutes as to Judge Mackenzie's jurisdiction to recount the ballots in the municipal election between Alderman Adamson and Mr. Fleming, but cannot find the place. Some say because the judge is authorized to recount ballots in parliamentary elections he may claim jurisdiction to do the same in municipal elections. Others say that the master in chambers is the proper functionary, and there by a writ of *quo warranto*.

FOR SOME TIME there has been an unsettled account between the Ontario government and Messrs. Hunter, Rose & Co., the last government printers. The matter was referred to auditors and they professed to discover a number of set-offs against Hunter, Rose & Co. It was agreed, however, to refer to same to Brown Chamberlin, the queen's printer at Ottawa, and we now hear that he has decided that Hunter, Rose & Co. are entitled to $14,000. It is likely that this amount or something near it will be paid to them.

Revolting Treatment of a Soldier.

During the proceedings of a court martial recently held at St. Petersburg upon five hussars of the imperial guard, accused of having assassinated a sergeant of their squadron, it came out in evidence that the murdered man, in obedience to orders received by him from his superior officer, Prince Chowansky, had tortured the men under his command with the most revolting barbarity. He was wont to drive them, barefooted, about a barrack yard bestrewn with sharp flints, and then to steep their wounds in petroleum. Other torments of an altogether indescribable character were inflicted upon his victims by this heartless miscreant. Prince Chowansky, examined by the court with respect to these horrors, avowed that they had been perpetrated by his order, and had the audacity to add "that nobody but a person utterly ignorant of military matters could experience any surprise at his method of dealing with insubordinate soldiers." His comrades took occasion to disavow this assertion publicly; the court acquitted the accused from the charge of murder, and the colonel of the regiment, Baron Meyendorf, forthwith resigned his commission. Chowansky has been placed under arrest, and will be shortly tried for inciting his subordinate officer maliciously to wound the soldiers of the czar.

The Passion Play.

An American traveller has re-visited the village of Oberammergau, where he had seen the last performance of the Passion play, and he writes to the Springfield Republican that he regrets having done so. The woman who acted the Virgin Mary he found digging potatoes in a field, barefooted, dishevelled, and filthy; Mary Magdalene was on her hands and knees, scrubbing a floor, and presenting an unsightly appearance; and the personator of Christ was carving ornaments which had been ordered by tourists who had seen and admired him in the play. "A mug half full of beer was on a rough bench within his reach, and as his chisel was nimbly tracing and forming the intricate and delicate designs on the piece of wood before him, he was at the same time vigorously puffing a huge German pipe that hung down over the red shirt that covered his bosom." But something still more disenchanting was seen in the village inn, kept by Herod. "Nicodemus, Pontius Pilate, Judas Iscariot, St. John, St. Peter, St. Matthew, Barrabas, and two or three of the centurions were making merry over their beer mugs. They were in a discussion of the Passion play, there evidently being a division of opinion as to how certain parts could be acted with the greatest effect. John and Judas were in a half-maudlin state, and were singing snatches from some of the choruses in the play."

Treasure in a Tree.

(From the Alamance Gleaner.)

In Newlin's township, North Carolina, about ten days ago, Joe Woody contracted with a colored man, Ephraim Alston, to have some rails split. Near a school house Woody had allowed the pupils to cut a tree and use the top for firewood. Ephraim went to work upon the butt of this tree, splitting it into rails. When it had been quartered, the next thing was to heart each section, as practical rail cutters understand. In doing the latter act he struck a regular bonanza, and twenty-six pieces of glittering gold coin fell out, worth $10 or more each. These coins were concealed in an inch and a quarter auger hole, over which the tree had grown, in thickness about four inches. On the outside no traces of the hole could be seen. From the growth of the tree since the boring of the hole it is supposed that the coins were put there not later than 1812. In diameter the tree was about two feet, and it is not likely that the concealing dates as far back as revolutionary times.

The Mehdi Messiah.

True believers are greatly agitated over the expected coming of the Mehdi or Mohammedan Messiah. The prophet himself foresaw this event, and prophesied that he would be an Arab and a descendant of his own house. El Mehdi is expected to unite the faithful, restore Islam, and rule over the Mohammedans throughout the world. According to a prophecy that has for several years been carefully circulated among the Moorish Mussulmans, he will make his appearance on the first day of the month Moharram in the year 1300 (Nov. 12, 1882). He will be 40 years of age and of noble appearance, and one of his arms will be longer than the other. A religious devotee of great sanctity in North Africa is already known as El Mehdi (literally, the teacher), and in personal appearance corresponds exactly with the description in the prophecy. He will probably attempt to play the part of the Messiah, and, aided by a fanatical following, may seriously threaten European influence in India, Egypt and Algeria.

Hunting Accidents in England.

An unusual number of accidents have recently occurred in the hunting field in England. Lord John Manners fell from his horse while hunting with the Belvoir hounds, sprained his wrist seriously, and slightly injured his neck. The Rev. T. Heathcote, while following the Duke of Rutland's hounds, came to an unusually foul fence, his horse at the same time slipping into a ditch and pitching him over the fence into an adjoining field. From the severe shock which Mr. Heathcote received his limbs became paralyzed, and the remains in a precarious condition. While Lord Grey de Wilton was out with his hounds the horse suddenly threw up his head, striking him on the eye with great violence. Mr. Briggs, who for the last seven years has had a large stud of hunters at Whitchurch, sustained a fracture of the collar bone by being thrown from his horse while hunting with the Cheshire hounds at Tattenhall.

Vaccinating an Opera Singer.

Emma Abbott became so much worried about smallpox when she was in Chicago two or three weeks ago, that she concluded to get vaccinated. As it would never do to disfigure one of her shapely arms, it was decided to apply the virus to the left leg. It "took" beautifully, but her constant activity caused inflammation, which became serious, and even threatened to end in making her a cripple. The doctor succeeded in arresting the trouble, but she still had to lie abed all day in order to be able to endure the pain which she experiences in her operatic performances at night.

English Tobacco Statistics.

An English firm of tobacco manufacturers have compiled a table showing the amount of tobacco manufactured, the revenue and the amount consumed per head of the population during the forty years from 1840 to 1880. From this it appears that in the former year the quantity of tobacco cleared was 22,876,641 pounds, and the quantity per head of the population was 0·86 pound. Every year the manufacture increased up to 1877, when there was a slight decline until 1880, in which year the total was 49,174,672 pounds. The consumption per head of the population in 1879—that in 1880 not being given—was 1·41 pounds.

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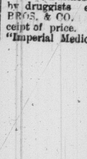

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