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ONTARIO MINING ADMINISTRATION AND POLITICS.

We have watched, with some degree of concern, the course taken by the partizan press of Ontario in criticising and defending the administration of mining law in this province. The organs of both parties have gone to regrettable lengths in misstatements and palpable untruths.

It has remained, however, for the Toronto Globe to cap the climax of recklessness. In its issue of May 22, in an editorial entitled "Government Claim-Jumping," it gives utterance to an unqualified condemnation of the mining policy of the Provincial Government. The editorial will inevitably affect public confidence in the mining industry. That it is inspired by political agitators and that its writer has either been an ignorant dupe, or has deliberately closed his eyes to the truth, are facts that he who runs may read. In any case the "Canadian Mining Journal" is called upon to correct the malicious untruths and half-truths thus put in circulation.

Firstly, it is germane to our subject to remark that it would become the Globe to maintain a discreet silence on topics pertaining to mines and mining. In fact it has little right to pose as the champion of right. Last year, when the mining fever was at its height, the Globe, despite full information as to the character of the projects it was aiding and abetting, continued to publish the most flagrant specimens of wild-cat advertisements. In this respect, in view of the Globe's actual standing and the rarified moral atmosphere in which it moves and has its being it was more offensive than its worst contemporaries. Only one Toronto daily chose the path of decency and honour—and that one was not the Globe. As between tainted money and serving the true interests of the people, the Globe chose the former alternative. So much for the past.

Early in June an election is to take place. To the "Canadian Mining Journal" there is neither politics nor party. Hence, so long as the industry which it represents is not injured, the "Canadian Mining Journal" has no concern in the battle. But when, in the course of an election campaign, a newspaper attacks the very foundation of that industry, in its intemperate desire to discredit the work of a department, it is high time for us to speak.

The Globe states that the excuse made for "Government claim-jumping" is that the "discoveries were not made when the patents were obtained." In what sense this can be called an excuse we cannot see. Under