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If nothing but gore will satisfy General  
Boulangier, why doesn't Mr. Ferry borrow a  
Prussian from Bismarck to fight him?

A MARITIME province contemporary says,  
"It is time that we outgrow our formula." Correct.  
Let us pull down the Customs House  
formula. It is about the worst and ought to be  
the first outgrown.

"RENEGADE AND TURNCOAT" are the endearing  
terms applied by the Ottawa Citizen to the  
Toronto Mail. The latter will never be able to  
return the compliment, so long as Government  
pap holds out.

It is currently reported that a certain lumber-  
ing firm on the Ottawa found a link to their  
expectations by supporting Mr. Ferguson in  
South Renfrew.

WHILE Canada has given the United States  
a million of her people, we have in return only  
McGargle and a few other boulders. This is  
not reciprocity.

It was stated at the annual meeting of the  
Scottish Reformation Society in Edinburgh  
that the Catholic population in Scotland num-  
bered 342,000, and that it is steadily on the in-  
crease, mainly through the immigration of  
Irish persons.

The Citizen objects to the Post  
ranking Mr. McShane as a statesman. Does it  
require that he should make a midnight raid on  
a government contractor's purse, and learn the  
arts of bogus contracting, to entitle him to a  
position on the Citizen's roll of statesmen?

The Afghan boundary was settled the other  
day, we were assured. Yet we read in the de-  
partures of further Russian advances in Af-  
ghanistan. Somebody must be pulling up the  
stakes, or perhaps the Russian outposts have  
lost their way.

A CORRESPONDENT wants to know if Uro-  
stricted Reciprocity will include a free exchange  
of boulders between Canada and the United  
States. We hope so. We have a first-class  
article in this country that we would be glad to  
dispose of any time.

It is astonishing how many Ottawa civil ser-  
vants spent a portion of their holidays in South  
Renfrew. As a summer resort for this par-  
ticular class the riding has had a popularity as  
sudden as it is extraordinary. Of course the  
election contest had nothing to do with it.

AGAIN the veracious Ottawa Citizen informs  
us that the terrible Mackintosh flocked the Hon.  
Peter Mitchell at Arnprior. Let us see. Is  
this not the same Mackintosh who gave John  
L. Sullivan such a fearful licking somewhere,  
eat a crocodile, and made a triumphant march  
with a brass band to the foot of the poll in  
Russell?

If the Crimes act is being enforced in Ireland,  
the cable despatches are careful to keep us in  
ignorance of the fact. Possibly the Government  
is waiting till the Land Bill passes, when evic-  
tions can be consummated by the penny post to  
apply the screws. Meantime the clouds are  
gathering.

ENGLISH by-elections show that the reaction  
in favor of Mr. Gladstone not only continues  
but is increasing in force and volume. The  
"Unionist" faction is going to pieces fast, and  
the process of disintegration has been consider-  
ably facilitated by Chamberlain's treachery to  
Lord Randolph Churchill.

TORY snobbery and ill-breeding find a fine  
sphere for display in the English House of  
Commons. What these blackguards require is  
a thorough good whipping. A cowhide is the  
only argument that should be applied to them.

The Globe asks if the Geological Survey can  
not give some information concerning natural  
gas. We would like to know when the  
Geological Survey ever gave any information  
on any subject since the advent of the present  
Officer. His account of Montreal's Medical Health  
Office's account of the slaughter of the found-  
lings. It is his interview with a reporter of the  
Post, published in that paper July 4. This

times Mr. Holton has shown it up in Parlia-  
ment, and the Minister of the Interior promised  
reparation and reform, but the old machine  
jogs along in the old rut just as costly and as  
worthless as ever.

OTTAWA COUNTY has long been notorious for  
electioneering rascallities perpetrated in the  
interest of Tory candidates. We are glad to  
learn that these frauds are likely to meet with  
condign correction. Care will also be taken at  
the coming election to freeze out the manipu-  
lators who have so often violated the law as pro-  
clerk and returning officers.

WESTERN journals are discussing the probable  
retirement of the Hon. Mr. Pardes from the  
Ontario Government on account of ill-health.  
Should this occur, the loss to the Ontario  
Ministry will be severe, for Mr. Pardes is ad-  
mittedly one of the ablest of Mr. Mowat's col-  
leagues. Mr. Gibson, of Hamilton, is mentioned  
as a likely successor to Mr. Pardes.

ONLY the other day England astonished the  
world by a display of naval strength unpar-  
alleled in history. But the first attempt to dis-  
play the efficiency of those great armaments  
has shown their unreliability. In the manu-  
vers off the mouth of the Thames, some of the guns burst, killing a number  
of men, and proving that after all these great  
engines of warfare, constructed at such vast ex-  
pense, may be next to useless in actual warfare.

A NEW YORK despatch contains an alleged  
proclamation by the Irish American Legion.  
This is an institution never heard of till now,  
and the whole thing looks very like a forgery.  
But supposing it to be bona fide, there is no lan-  
guage so strong to denounce such stupid folly.  
The Government of the United States is strong  
enough to take care of the honor and interests of  
its citizens, and should the alleged piratical  
movement be attempted, it must and will be  
crushed without loss of time. Such folly can  
only injure the cause it assumes to defend.

LANSDOWNE is billed to take up his residence  
at the Citadel, Quebec, on the 16th inst. His  
Ex. is thus to have a jolly good time at the ex-  
pense of the Canadian people. We read in the  
Irish papers of the misery to which a large  
number of the 500 tenants evicted by him at  
Luggacurran have been reduced in the struggle  
for existence consequent on the ruthless manner  
in which this cold-blooded tyrant drove them  
from their homes. Quebec will doubtless feel  
honored by the presence of the Evictor of  
Luggacurran.

THE executive committee of the Central  
Farmers' Institute of Ontario has requested the  
twenty-two local institutes which have declared  
in favor of Unrestricted Reciprocity to organize  
a systematic canvass among the farmers in their  
district to ascertain their views on the question.  
Those who are favorable will be asked to sign a  
pledge, binding themselves to lay aside ordinary  
political differences and make the attainment  
of Unrestricted Reciprocity their primary object  
by casting their ballots only for such candidates  
as will adopt it as their platform. The number  
of signatures thus obtained will be a practi-  
cal test of the popularity of the movement.

A REMARKABLE instance of the extent to  
which English landlords have suffered by agri-  
cultural depression is shown in the case of one  
English landlord, bearing a North of  
England title, holding extensive property,  
who has lost over £10,000 a year by  
the fall in agricultural values. He has  
five thousand acres on his hands, and he  
can find no tenant for them. However, luckily  
for him, a cultured ancestor stored up at the  
family seat one of the best collections of pictures  
and antiques in England. A large quantity, if  
not all, of these will be shortly brought to the  
hammer to make up for the almost complete  
disappearance of his rent roll.

THE approaching duel between M. Jules  
Ferry and Gen. Boulangier appears superbly

ridiculous to outsiders. If one public man can-

not criticize the conduct of another public man

without being called upon to hold up his iron  
and wink, there is an end to that

free, candid discussion which is the essence  
of liberty. What satisfaction either can

obtain by shooting at the other is difficult to  
understand. In any case their country runs the  
risk of losing one or two valuable lives. How-  
ever, as French duels are notoriously harmless  
affairs, we may be permitted to indulge the  
hope that both will obtain ample satisfaction  
without either suffering loss of blood or pre-  
tages.

THE contingent of Irishmen by occupation  
who infested South Renfrew late were a queer  
lot. An Ottawa despatch to the Toronto Globe  
tells the following story:—

The Government having abolished the office  
of Minister of Inland Revenue, with a view of  
getting rid of Mr. Costigan, it looks as if the  
latter were organizing a cabal against his leaders.

At a meeting at Shamrock, in South Renfrew,  
on Saturday night, the worthy M. T. O'Donnell  
appeared as one of the speakers on behalf  
of the Government. On being taxed to state  
his opinion and experience of the Tory  
leader, O'Donnell said that he had no regard  
for Sir John Macdonald, as he believed him to  
be a scoundrel and a trickster, but he was work-  
ing for Mr. Costigan.

From this we should fancy that Mr. Costigan  
averted to the position of boss of the Irish vote,  
and has surrounded himself with a body-guard  
for his own support and defence.

THE Herald has not been well informed in  
regard to Dr. Laberge's position on the found-  
ing question. We believe our contemporary is  
acting in good faith, but it has fallen into error  
in the matter. The medical health officer could  
not have been indifferent to the manner in  
which foundlings were treated, and at the same  
time expose it as he did to a reporter of this  
paper. The Herald again reprints our inter-  
view with the medical health officer on the sub-  
ject, but it is wrong in stating that Dr. Laberge  
said that there was "too much fuss" being  
raised over his disclosures three weeks before he  
had made them. Our contemporary contradicts  
itself in the most open manner. It says:—

"Here is a copy of Montreal's Medical Health  
Officer's account of the slaughter of the found-  
lings. It is his interview with a reporter of the  
Post, published in that paper July 4. This

was little more than three weeks before he  
declared that "too much fuss" was being raised  
over the disclosures made by himself and cor-  
roborated by others."

But the Star's alleged interview, on which  
the whole attack is based, did not take place, by  
the Herald's own showing, until July 28, and  
that was certainly not three weeks before July 4.

If the doctor did say to a Star reporter that  
there was "too much fuss," which we have  
reason to doubt, he very likely was thinking of  
the savage attack of the Witness on the Grey  
Nuns, and the exaggerated reproduction in that  
paper of what The Post gave an unprejudiced  
account. The Herald ought to make further  
enquiries, and we are sure it will find that the  
Star's cowardly attack and misrepresentation of  
an honest and capable officer is actuated by the  
personal spite of its proprietor.

Most persons who have given attention to  
the immigration question will applaud the action  
of the British Government in declining to have  
anything to do with the schemes lately proposed  
for transferring people to Canada from the Old  
Country. Unaided immigration is the best  
immigration. Those likely to come to this  
country with assistance are pretty sure to con-  
sist of persons who have failed, or are otherwise  
undesirable, whereas those who come of their  
own accord are, as a general rule, active, push-  
ing, enterprising. Such were the men who  
made America what it is, and we don't want  
any other sort.

THE McLeod Gazette of the 2nd inst. tackles  
Sir John Macdonald for making the statement  
in Parliament last session that "the reason why  
men would not re-enlist in the mounted police  
force was because they could not stand the  
work." Our contemporary then gives the true  
reasons:—"There is not one man in a hundred  
that leaves on this account. Some of the real  
reasons are as follows: Because the pay was  
reduced and at the same time the land grant  
was taken away; because no matter how good  
the service done they never got credit for it; be-  
cause during the rebellion to belong to the  
police was to be snubbed and insulted by Middle-  
ton and his gang; because every pilgrim  
volunteer who came here and enjoyed one huge  
picnic was lied and honored and had medals  
and land given to him, while the force  
which had been doing the real work for years  
was ignored, and their services during the re-  
bellion passed without notice; because there is  
an evident desire to get rid of the old timers,  
both officers and men. Pshaw! Can't stand  
the work! In the old days the work was a  
thousand times harder, and men re-engaged  
freely enough then. Why can't they tell the  
truth about things in the House of Commons?"

## CANADIAN FLUNKEYISM.

The landlord of Luggacurran and lovers of  
knighthood and baronetries among Canadian  
politicians are severely handled by the London  
Weekly Dispatch. In its last issue it contains  
the following pointed and pungent remarks  
touching the servile flunkeyism of Canadian  
politicians of the Tory type:

"Whatever other results may flow from Mr.  
William O'Brien's visit to the Canadian  
Dominion, one thing he has done: he has re-  
vealed to us the immense strides which flunkeyism  
has made among the people of Ontario.  
Verily our royalties are wise in their generation.  
The judicious distribution of baronetcies and knight-  
hoods among prominent Canadian  
politicians have acted like leaves in permeating  
the stock-jobbing, log-rolling, villa-adorning  
classes in Toronto and Ottawa with the spirit of  
the toad. Actually they are now able, these  
people, to simulate 'loyalty' towards a Fitz-  
maurice—thin-necked-blood of blue aristocrat—a  
man mean enough first to promise relief to his  
tenants, and then, on the orders of bumbling  
Balfour and his insolent squad, to fling them  
out of the bones they themselves had built,  
to perish by the wayside. Nice object he is of  
elusive demonstration of 'loyalty.' Bravo,  
noble Canadians! p r e s e r v e , and earn the  
contempt of the world. After these displays  
of servility, your political leaders cannot be  
put off with less surely than a few jibes  
peppercorn."

THE TORY-WHIG ALLIANCE.

Lord Hartington's announcement that he com-  
petes for entering the Cabinet is not surprising.  
The Whig party, or rather the rump of what  
was once the Whig party, has long been in  
practical sympathy with the Tories, and its ultim-  
ate solution with them has long been fore-  
seen and prophesied. Personally Lord Hart-  
ington is neither a brilliant statesman nor a cap-  
able party leader. He is simply a man of ordi-  
nary talents and average character, the former  
sharpened by his having been brought up to the  
parliamentary profession, the latter wholly  
formed by the traditions and associations of his  
class. To compare him with Salisbury is  
small flattery, but he certainly is not  
superior to the Premier in any respect.  
Still, his accession to the Cabinet would  
strengthen the Government in personnel, but  
not otherwise. He has already brought to it  
all the strength of the Whig element in Parlia-  
ment, and indulge in the fury of disappoin-  
tment, they forfeit respect and invoke punish-  
ment still more severe.

The people of the province deliberately placed  
the conduct of their affairs in the hands of the  
party led by Mr. Mercier. The manner in  
which he has administered the trust has won a  
confirmation of popular confidence, and it may  
now be said that he is more firmly seated in the  
Government than any of his predecessors.  
Fair minded men everywhere acknowledge  
the consummate tact and ability with which he  
manages provincial affairs, and the general voice  
declares that he should have all needful oppor-  
tunity to carry out a policy which is admittedly  
beneficial to all classes. The task of govern-  
ing a province so split up and divided into divi-  
se elements is full of difficulties, and, while free  
criticism is always to be desired and encouraged,  
we must, in common with all those who do not  
let their party feelings carry them away, de-  
precate the vindictiveness of the assaults that  
have been made upon Mr. Mercier.

But he had a splendid reply for his enemies  
on Saturday evening, when the returns from  
Laprairie assured him of the confidence of the  
electors. He was in a position to assure his  
hearers that not only had his majority in the  
Assembly increased with the certainty of  
further increasing, but he would next session  
have a majority in the Legislative Council. At

intelligible undertaking of the position and  
aims of government and opposition must re-  
sult. But Lord Hartington may any day be  
relegated to the House of Lords. His father,  
the Duke of Devonshire, is an octogenarian,  
whose continued existence on earth the  
Tories are besieging Heaven with prayers.  
However, all will admit the fitness, as well as  
the necessity, of joining the Cabinet. Glad-  
stone will then get rid of the Whigs, and a great drag  
upon the party of reform will be removed.

## MR. LAURIER AT SOMERSET.

The wisdom and calmness with which Mr.  
Laurier discussed the political situation at the  
Somerset demonstration show that the Liberals  
in parliament made no mistake in selecting him  
to lead them at this peculiar juncture of affairs.  
This is not the time to force political contro-  
versy. In the calm that proverbially precedes  
the storm it is wise to keep quiet, and imitate  
good seamen who put their vessel in the best  
possible order to meet the tempest when it  
bursts.

Mr. Laurier, as the first Canadian of French  
descent who has been elevated to the position of  
a leader of a great party in the Dominion, has a  
difficult role to play. The efforts that have  
been made by the Tory press of Ontario during  
the past couple of years to decry and cast  
suspicion on the French Canadians and the in-  
stitutions to which they are attached, have doubtless  
had some effect in some quarters. To  
overcome this is the first part of the enormous  
task Mr. Laurier has assumed. This may ac-  
count for the caution with which he touched  
upon those questions now agitating the public,  
but which have yet to be discussed in Parlia-  
ment. No doubt his speech will be read with  
much the horrors of the Reign of Terror in  
France were owing to the physical weakness  
and personal cowardice of Robespierre and his  
associates. The most ferocious of Roman emperors  
were the most abject of cowards, and delicate women have often been most merciless  
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