



The gravest beast is the Oas; the gravest bird is the Owl;  
The gravest fish is the Oyster; the gravest man is the Fool.

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TORONTO, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1892.

THE Tory Government at Ottawa, in order to redeem itself from the stigma of being less Toryish than the Mowat concern, has dismissed E. A. Macdonald from his lieutenancy in the York Rangers, for the offence of advocating annexation. The action of Hon. Mackenzie Bowell in striking Macdonald's name off the rolls is not so utterly indefensible as Sir Mowat's dismissal of Elgin Myers, inasmuch as the military system is essentially despotic and incompatible with free institutions. But Lieut. Macdonald had at least the right to be heard in his own defence, and the process of summary dismissal resorted to by the Minister of Militia, instead of having the offender dealt with by court-martial, sufficiently indicates the reluctance of the Government to have the subject ventilated.

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Of course the incident roused up Col. G. T. Denison, whose loyalty is unquestionable since he has four thousand good reasons for it, to one of his characteristic deliverances at the Sons of England banquet on the evening of the 11th inst. The Colonel's after-dinner eloquence so wrought upon the feelings of the assembled patriots that when he alluded to

Prof. Goldwin Smith's treasonable utterances there were loud cries of "Hang him! Hang him!" We have not noticed any reprobation of this "respectable" ruffianism by the daily press. But just fancy how they would have frothed at the mouth if a gathering of Irishmen had called for the hanging of Dalton McCarthy or Col. O'Brien, or a meeting of striking workmen had threatened an obnoxious employer with the rope. And how quickly the office-holder, whose words had aroused their passions, would have been warned to restrain himself on pain of losing his head.

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MR. T. M. DALY, a politician of very mediocre abilities, has been appointed Minister of the Interior in place of the corrupt and incapable Dewdney. The latter

is to be foisted upon the people of British Columbia as Lieut. Governor, against their will, as expressed by their parliamentary representatives. Nobody can dispute the desirability of getting rid of Dewdney as an active factor in politics, but it is hard that the British Columbians should be afflicted with him. There is one consolation, however—he can't possibly do much mischief as a Lieut.-Governor.

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It is probable that other Cabinet changes may be made before long. Sir Caron's retirement is one of the probabilities of the near future, as the result of the exposures which even the manipulation of the commission by his friends have not been able wholly to suppress. It looks as though the Government had concluded to drop him as soon as the white washing process is concluded.

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THE fact that Major Sam. Hughes, M.P., the fire-eating Orangeman of Lindsay, who has achieved widespread notoriety by spelling "Roman Catholic" with a small "r" and "c," has intimated his willingness to support the ultramontane Sir John Thompson for the Premiership, shows how little reliance can be placed on Orangeism as a defence against the encroachments of the Romish hierarchy and its tools. Orangeism, though it numbers many honest fanatics in its ranks, is simply a political machine for the advancement of a few shrewd manipulators, whose professions of loyalty sit just as lightly upon them as their pretended anti-Catholic prejudices. If ever the time comes when it will be to the financial interests of the heclers to promote annexation, the Orange machine can be worked as easily for that purpose as it has been in the past for advancing the schemes of the hierarchy.

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THE question of whether the right to appoint Q.C.'s belongs to the Ontario or the Dominion Governments is being fought out in the Courts, Hon. Dominick Blake having charge of the interests of this Province. Some other eminent and distinguished Q.C. will oppose him representing the Dominion. The case will, no doubt, in the end go to the Privy Council, and before a final decision is reached the lawyers will reap a harvest in fat fees. And all about an empty title, usually conferred for partizan reasons, which has long ceased to have any significance. Verily the professional classes of this country have a remarkably soft snap—thanks to the ox-like endurance and stupidity of the masses.

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