

THE DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.

M. GIBSON has succeeded in passing in the Commons, by a large majority, his bill to legalize marriages with a deceased wife's sister...

There remains only then the question of property; and this must be left more or less to individual discretion. One can easily understand why, in many cases, a dying wife may desire her husband to dispose her real estate...

THE BANKING RESOLUTIONS.

The resolutions of the Finance Minister were brought down to the House on Tuesday afternoon. Owing to circumstances elsewhere referred to, it did not appear in print till this morning...

THE CONDITIONS OF IMMIGRATION.

In the course of his recent long speech, Mr. BLAKE developed some very singular ideas with reference to the current of immigration into the United States. He had taken the trouble to collect a vast quantity of statistics concerning United States immigration during many years...

OPPOSITION SECTIONALISM.

The moral to be deduced from the Opposition tactics upon the Pacific railway question, so far as developed by Mr. BLAKE, is this, that Confederation was a mistake, and that the Dominion is a failure. To argue against the completion of the great public work in its entirety, without which our present system could never have been, is to denounce that system, and virtually to proclaim a policy of disintegration.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Had Mr. Blake been one of the men sent to spy out the land of Canaan, he would have explained away the clusters of grapes and figs into opposition against Canaan.

THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT.

DURING at least ten months in the year, Ontario Ministers appear to divide their time between pleasure excursions and what may be paradoxically of course one expects the Commissioner of Crown Lands to be asleep whenever fortune leaves him undisturbed; but some of the other members of the Cabinet might give intermittent signs of continued vitality.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The revival of Grand Trunk securities has led to discussions on its early history. It is not generally known that the origin of the Grand Trunk Railway is to be found in the canal between the Mersey and the Trent, to which its constructor, the famous engineer Brindley, gave the name of "The Trent and Mersey Canal."

THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT.

While the reports of Dufferin are excited about the prospect of a railway, the United States' President and General will be watched with interest by the metallists.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The United States National Department of Agriculture is denounced as a costly and inefficient fraud. It absorbs \$200,000 per annum, has a large staff of specialists, a special building with laboratories, a library, a museum and a botanical experimental garden.

THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Taylor, the excellent Ontario Consul at Winnipeg, is an excellent authority on the trade of Manitoba, and he says in a recent report to Washington that our new tariff is "greatly increased" the trade of that Province with Eastern Canada.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

From a recently issued official return relating to the English mercantile navy, covering the last twenty years, we learn that there has, in that period, been a relative falling off in the number of sailing vessels, and a more than proportionate increase in the number of steamships.

THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT.

The Halifax Herald anticipates an unlooked for result from the decision of the Supreme Court of the Dominion as to the constitutionality of the Dominion Act, on the ground that the Dominion Government has the right to make provision for the granting of liquor licenses.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The British elections appear to have been characterized by an unusual amount of rowdiness and violence. Lord Dalketh, Mr. Gladstone's unsuccessful opponent in Midlothian, was pelted with turf and sand at a meeting held in Gorebridge.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

When the House adjourned at three o'clock on Friday morning, Mr. D. Coombs was still speaking, and making from every point of view, an excellent speech. This afternoon he resumed, with every sign of vigour, his attack on the Ontario boundary award, and quoted the indignation denunciation by Mr. Mill and the Globe of the men who are alleged to have broken this latter award.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The system of district staffs is disproportionately expensive, considering the strength of the militia force. The total expenditure for staff purposes was last year \$22,170, or nearly 10 per cent of the whole expenditure of the army.