

OUR CANADA LETTER

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)
(Dates to February 11th)

Canada, March 29, 1904.
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I may premise that this is a full season for political news, the House being up, and the M. P.'s rustling on their limbs, or preparing for the coming campaign, which is expected to open early in February. Then will come the long war. With the exception of a few political dinners there is absolutely nothing stirring. Of this species of meeting a very important affair came off in Toronto last night, a full report of which you have no doubt seen in your exchange.

ANNUATION TO THE UNITED STATES.
I would not have mentioned this anti-ministerial year were it not for the discussion that has arisen out of it between Mr. J. Buchanan, the M. P. for Hamilton, and the Globe. Mr. Buchanan has made another political somewhat, he was a supporter of the Macdonald-Scott Government, and when re-elected, declared himself a reformer, but without any reason assigned, so far as appears, re-announced in the Carter-Macdonald squad. At the Toronto dinner, Mr. Buchanan made the speech of the evening, and was heartily cheered. He asserted that the British Government of 1846 sacrificed the best interests of Canada on the altar of their free-trade policy. In order to secure cheap food for their manufacturers and cheap material for their builders, they completely ignored the poor Canadians, reposed the grain and timber duties, treated us as aliens, in short, cut us out of the market for their own benefit.

What was left for us but to look out other connections. He recommended as a cure for the evils brought on us by this paternal despotism an Anglo-Canadian Zollverein, with a high protective tariff on all our ports, a free-trade between the United States and Canada, and further, that Canada shall be declared neutral territory in any war that may occur between Great Britain and the United States, and should Britain refuse to accede to this very reasonable demand, then there was nothing left for us but amputation.

The speech was published and highly applauded by the opposition press, and compliments loud and long poured at the feet of the plucky Mr. P., and all was going merrily as a marriage bell, when the Canadian Thunderer, the Globe, took up the subject, and has certainly done more to stir up the party with which Mr. Buchanan is doing business than any other journal, charging the poor "Grits" as rebels, as "looking to Washington, &c. &c." The Globe has handled these matters so logically, so artistically, that the Leader and other papers of the ilk, after praising and patting Mr. Buchanan for his amor patrie, and for the sound commercial and political views enunciated at the meeting, have fallen on the horns of a dilemma. They must either adopt the anti-British views of the eccentric Mr. P., and cut off all their loyalty or repudiate them. To save their bacon, they have chosen the latter course, and the Zollverein oracle is in a towering passion at this base ingratitude. The Globe deserves the thanks of every true British subject for the manner in which it has managed this discussion.

February 11th.
The present Government are making very great sacrifices of principle to the Peace party. Notwithstanding the hostility of the reformers of U. C. to please the priests, the Separate school bill was passed, a measure the Carter-McDonald party, with all its influence, failed to carry, and what has the government gained by it? It is hated and despised, denounced from the Altar, and from Gaspe to Sandwich every Cure is in a fever of indignation. I believe a large majority of the B. C. lately are reformers, and when left to their own free will will almost invariably vote for reform, but they are seldom allowed this freedom. It is stated that upwards of \$30,000 were spent by the opposition in the St. Lewis election, a very small portion of which may be sure found its way into the pockets of the poor voters. The leaders pocket the money, pay their followers, elect such a one, and he is elected accordingly.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT.
From what I have said above you will see that our present Government has the most difficult course to steer. It is between Seylla and Charybdis—a little too much to harbor or starboard, and the state vessel was considerably damaged. The reformers of Upper Canada, although far from satisfied, give the Government a liberal support, while the opposition wretch with lynx-eyes for what may turn up. Parties are too equally matched to accomplish much good. Many of the old and ardent holders of it to be highly advantageous to both sections to refrain from the "inferior race." You may ask—why do you submit? Simply because we can't help ourselves. Upper Canada is divided into three parties—Reformers, Orangeists and Roman Catholics. In a number of counties the two latter united to elect a supporter of the old Tory party and goes dead against reform, and for the sake of office conspires with the priest party in Lower Canada. The "Rogue" party in the lower provinces are standing firm, and are in close alliance with the "Grits." But even these are to a certain extent controlled by the hierarchy, at least their constituents are. What a happy valley you live in with the political parties to disturb your peace! Doubtless, however, you have other things to annoy, there is a skeleton in every house.

OVERLAND ROUTE.
I have absolutely nothing to communicate of any importance on the Overland Route to your side of the mountains. Professor Hinds has been addressing a meeting in London (England), on the "Lake Winnipeg basin." I send you the address of the Professor, and some remarks by Waites, Newmach, etc. There is a slight misunderstanding of something like a road, of some kind, but really not enough to have a hope on. Were it Brother Jonathan who had to do it, our hopes would be greatly increased. There is too much red tapeism about John Bull.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.
The freight train going east on the Grand Trunk Railway last Tuesday met with a fearful accident near Georgetown. The three last cars got off the track, and were thrown over the bridge on hundred and thirteen feet high. The conductor and two brakemen were killed on the spot. The accident was caused by a broken rail, which the engine and part of the train passed quite safely.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.
FOR THE WEEK ENDING SATURDAY THE 26th MARCH 1904.

Table with columns for Day, Time, Air, Rain, Wind, Barometer, and other meteorological data for the week ending Saturday, March 26, 1904.

COMMERCIAL.
Wednesday, March 24th.
The market closed quiet, with evident signs of weakness for every description of goods.

PORTLAND MARKET.
The following is the latest market report furnished by the Oregonian:
The business of the week just drawing to a close has been spirited, throughout all the various branches, beginning heavily with the merchants who have been doing an unusually large trade for the season, chiefly for the remaining regions and for the interior of the State.

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STOCK AND EXCHANGE BOARD.
WEDNESDAY, March 24th, 1904.

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