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PROTESTANT Untario has killed the "No Popery." ory No sensible person ever believed in it, or the men who raised it. Hereafter, we trust, there will be no more of that dangerous nonsense. Protestant wisdom and generosity has put a heavy foot upon the viper of bigotry.

against Bishop Cleary, of Kingston, and quotes the late infamous Judge Keough to back up its demand for the suppression and punishment of His Lordship. The Catholic Ohurch was attacked and threatened by the Yory party through The Mail, and Bishop **Cleary** did his simple duty in asking the scople to pray for protection and deliverance from the enemies of the faith.

LOUHING at the constitution of the new have heard it stated by those who are well the most learned judges on the bench, and been withdray n from them; only let this

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ordence.

Catholic paper, and what it contains is al-"A Canadian Orangeman engaged to play "he would bring the leaders to justice. "bring him in. As between a Canadian "Orangeman and a Chicago Dynamitard, "whichever one you get you would wish it " were the other." We concur.

IF it be true that the Crown Prince of Germany and the Comste de Paris recently met to arrange certain details connected with expect stirring events very soon. That the can be little doubt, but whether the scribed as unable to learn or to forget. accession to the throne of the Count would produce the millenium is by no means certain. Still it would not produce any worse state of hardly get back the Rhenish prc. vinces and is likely to be shorn of Nice and administration. The offer of a place in and Savoy, and these alone will be causes of perpetual rancor and ill-feeling. If the Orown Prince of Germany can play the part of a sort of universal peacemaker he will be appearing in a novel role. But it is said he hates war.

In the person of Mr. Goschen the Imperial Cabinet has obtained a magnificent financier, but otherwise no great accession to its strength in a party sense. Mr. Goschen has no such following in the Liberal ranks as will enable him very materially to influence it. Whether his acceptance of office will "strengthen the Union cause," is still the question to be settled; But there is no doubt that it Mr. Goschen applies himself to the handling of the public finances, which at the present moment espacially need a strong hand, they will be put in good order. England now possesses a Chancellor of the Exchequer such as she has not had in office since the time when Mr. Gladstone, in the full force of his yigor, made his budgets the "THE MALL' threatens legal proceedings | admiration of the world. For Lord Randolph

Churchill to take such a mortfolio was on the face of it absurd, as it stands to reason that it is the one which requires a very practical business man to hold it.

JUDGE TORRANCE.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Justice Torrance, an event which follows the departure of the late Mr. Justice Ramsay Iandowners and capitalists alike, can keep their with startling speed. As in the case of the latter distinguished judge the demise of Mr. Intario Assembly, we are struck by the Torrance is a loss of no small moment to the solid respectability of its personalities. We Superior Court. The deceased was one of uso of their material environment which has

Bat Poland will have to prove herself better the Opposition ranks any members his customary manner, packed one of the has done, assume a better, wiser attitude fitted for government than she did before she of the Legislature who could possibly political highwaymen, who was a leader in "fell unwept, without a crime," into the be taken into a cabinet. And, on the present putting the pistol to his head, off to a conhands of one of her former satrapates. The occasion, Mr. Mowat has been specially stituency where he was safe for defeat, thus aspirant for the Throne is even named, but favored by other causes. The readjustment relieving him of his presence in Parliament. this is a work which may cause trouble if of constituencies has been in his interest. Since then there has been a coolness in care be not taken. The Poles are proud, and But his strongest assistance has been The the family, and rumor has it that the recent there are descendants of the Piast and Jagelion Mail newspaper. The ridiculous course | course of The Mail was as much designed to families who may claim the right of pre- adopted by that paper has cost the Opposition thousands of Conservative votes, while it has not gained it ons The

THE Western Watchman is a sterling age is too far advanced in education and a spirit of tolerance for any such evil ways worth study. In its last issue it says : | tactics to have effect. The constitution of the new legislature is greatly changed, and "the part of detective on the Dynam. In its composition is changed for the better "iters of Paris and had given assur. I in an intellectual sense. The country gener "ance to the English authorities that ally may be congratulated on the result, for it is one which presages the defeat of the "Now his friends would like some one to Ottawa corruptionists when the next Federal elections are brought on.

ENGLISH TORYISM.

All Europe is looking with amused interest only thanks to offer its management, and we at the imbecile blind-staggering of the Salisbury Government British Toryism appears to have gone to sterile seed after blooming with barren flower. Out of harmony be overrated. But the tiger has tasted its the latter's coming kingdom, the world may with the times and incapable of advancing on any line of progress, it presents all the drawn and its claws cut. story is likely to be true there characteristics of those who have been depolitical consequences what they may." So

The resignation of Lord Randolph Churchill is a proof of the impracticable character of his collesgues. He was the affairs than exists at present. France will only man in the Cabinot who possessed a clear idea of the requirements of legislation the Government to the Marquis of Harting. ten only shows that the Tories and Whigs are consolidating-a result which has lorg been regarded as inevitable. There is now no difference really between Tories and Whigs. They practically are one

in political and social relations. All their interests have been resolved into that of cluss against the mass, and self-preservation com-

pels them to unite. Old-fashioned Liberalism must also drift over to the Tories, for its instincts are conservative. Against this union of forces we have the

great and growing power of Democracy. on Tuesday seems to be that the people are These are the parties of the future, and by a live to the "political consequences" which its management, evidently possesses that them the Inimice of Great Britain must be The Mail threatens, It is well But the malignant power known as the Evil Eye, dooi ded.

But it is evident that the nation must in the meantime secure a government which will have the capacity and boldness to face and solve those pressing questions of home politics, which must be sottled before England can assume her former importance among the nations. One thing is absolutely certain,a Tery Government can only cause delay and danger. The lond question in Sootland, England and Wales, as well as in Ircland, must be settled. What is required is reform of laws favorable to aristocrath institutions, not paternal acts of parliament which only complicate existing difficulties. As Profession Lidgwick has clearly demonstrated, the rich property, but let them ransom the flaw in their titles by compensating the other human do. beings residing in their country for that free

under the direction of men of larger views and sounder judgment. The federal elections are close at hand, The lines on which they will be fought are

the same as those which wer a followed in the local contests of Quebec and Ontario. The attitude of the Liberal party is clearly deinjure the Conservatives as to injure anyone flued. The speeches of Mr. Laurier else. The lie, if it be on 3, is certainly like and others ; the unswerving policy of truth, if the results of The Mail's work are the Liberal press, have established in the minds of all men a clear understanding

But however much amusement The Mail of the issues on which the Liberal party goes may cause its readers while discoursing of to the country. On the other hand the its "chagrin" and its efforts against Mr. Tories are held to account for the innumerable Mowat, the reader cannot fail to see that crimes and misfortunes of their administrait is amusement similar to that derived from tion. And, as if to complete the madness playing with a tiger. The great Freuch which is said to be bestowed by the gods on humorist says in one of his essays that when those whom they wish to destroy, they have his out played "apish tricks" for his edificadeliberately increased their dismal record by tion, he could not be sure that after all it an infamous attempt to raise a war of race was not the cat who was laughing at him. and religion. The Mail talks about "The cry, long The Mail appears to have been playing the part of Montaigne's cat with the Conservaheard and long unheeded, of the Quebec minority for relief from inequitable laws ; tives. For this we, in a party sense, have

the extruordinary success of the Rielite movement, which is directed and controlled have for months regarded the paper as doing by the Ultramontane ancatles of French the Liberal cause good which could hardly Canadian nativism and ecclesiatical privilege; the steady inroads which the Church is making upon the rights of Catholic and Protestant in Ontario; the return of three first revengeful blood, and its teeth must be Rielite members to the Legislature; the "commanding influence which Archbishop We "shall not cease to preach it be the Lynch and Mgr. Cleary have earned in above all, the tremendous tension between the two races in the English settlements in that? As to the ultimate result of that Quebec and in the French settlements in

Ontario. Such alarming phenomena as these, The Mail thinks, would in other lands be regarded the political power of the Papacy in Canada ernment. Left to themselves, the Bul. is past." All this is extremely melanchely. but since nobody but The Mail appears to be With the abolition of Macdonaldism the wail of "No Popery and Boodle" will be heard no

The Mail, or, correctly speaking perhaps, snake is but scotched, not killed. Let the An Italian would hold up his hand with the two middle fingers bent every time he Desed its gloomy looking offices. Whoever it takes under its wing in a public sense savoring of liberty, or even constitutional govperishes ignobly. Whatever it advocates is erament, freely accepted by monarchs. True, regarded which suspicion. Whoever it abuses the Emperor of Austria has been compelled to and endeavors to crush rises with increased accept a const tution, and Hungary enjoys her strength, and whoever it may persecute is ancient institutions of government, but in the regarded as a "blessed mar.,"r," and may deem himself safe for anything he chooses to ask at the public hands. This is a condition for cross of the people in protest against the enwhich seems to have had some embittering influence on the management of the paper. There is a story afloat to the effect that Sir John Macdonald, like the late A T. Stewart, of New York, has the well-known and four whenever measures of public moment were advocated by the leading Conserv.

inresque phrase, used twelve years ago by a Mail officer over The Mail counter, admirably described the editorial management of his then superior.

"Indeed I think that, had that officer been borne ever since on the vessel's books, he might have truthfully declared to-day her, no matter how often the Black Mail had changed owners and captains, crew and pilot; no matter by what merchants abo was chartered, what freights she was paid. w ih what goods she was laden, in what company she sailed, to whom she was consigned ; no matter what canvas she carried, what weather she met, what winds impelled her, what seas she crossed, what tacks she made, what courses she steered, how her compass varied, on what lee shores, or shifting sands, or sunken rocks she ran ; no matter how her rig and hall and arma. ment were changed, against whom her guns were pointed, what ransom she levied, what fraudulent manifests she carried, what double logs she kept, what false papers she produced, what false lights she showed; co matter what colors she was painted or what other flags she flew ; yet the old craft might be always recognized by the black signal, run up when first she reached the open water. and kept flying ever since, with its pirate's devices of a death's head and crossbones, and the goty form of an unhappy Grit, fresh stabled under the fifth rib each lawful day.

This is "word-painting," and fitly describes the unhappy sheet which Liberals and Tories alike dread, and whose support the former would as soon be without, potent though it has proved within the past few days, and more potent it is likely to prove in the future, Onterio affairs for the next tour years; and, if the ill-staried journal continues its mis chievons ways.

THE WAR CLOUD IN EUROPE.

A more pitiable spectacle, or one more calculated to awaken the heartiest sympathies of as the precursors of civil war, and it seems to all lovers of freedom for oppressed nationalities. be astonished that nobody but itself is con- could not be presented than that of Bulgaria convinced that "the day for dalliance with struggling to establish constitutional govgarians were in a fair way to erect an independent constitutional State. They had found in Prize Alexander a man alarmed, we may preserve our equanimity. whose popular sympathies and personal courage supplied the qualities they needed. But it of The Mail will cease forever, and the cry suited the designs of neither Russia nor Austria tbut a constitutional power, postessing ropular, as opposed to despotic, institutions, should be established on the Balkan penicsula.

Romanoff, Hapsburg or Hoenzollern have never relinquished the principles of the Holy Alliance, and should either of the latter recede in earnest from them they would have to prepare for a death grapple with the first. The keynote of European politics has been, since the fall of Bonaparte, the unbending opposition of the rulers of the Triple Alliance to everything runiors of war that now come to us across the Atlantic, we can disarm the familiar historic croachments of tyrants without, as well as within, the borders of nations struggling to be free.

Russ a will never permit the establishment of a free state, enob as Bulgaria is striving to become, upon her borders. To do so would be a reversal of that policy which she has pursued. Scottish dislike of "unlucky" people, with relentless energy, since the days of Peter both are wrong. They know not what they and has for a very long time past felt distrust the Great. Despotism cannot telerate the existence of any form of government than its own. In the eyes of the Czar the very thought of liberty is blasphemy-a crime not only against himself but against the Almightyfor which no punishment is too great And he is prepared to smother the Bulgars in their own blood sooner than permit them to erect upon his borders a form of gova men ace to the institutions of despotism. The same sph it animates the Imperial heads of Austria and Germany, and history has prepared us to refin." from astonishment should the threatened war the Europe be nothing more than an invitation to the Car to put his legions in motion to suppress the rish " tido of democracy in the south of eastern Euro, ". It would not be the first time that Ressian bayonets were employed to crush constitutional free clom within the dominions of Austria. It cannot be believed by any one who is conversant with the last century of European' history, that Russia and Austria are really going to war. Pretexts are plentiful for massing troops on their respective frontiers, but the genius of Nutterwich still sways, though that arch-enemy of liberty be dead, the councils of both emperors. Their object is plain. It is to extinguish all hope of freedom among the people of the late Turkish provinces and to divide the plunder of the Sick Man between them. This is what history teaches us to expect. It may be, however, that Austria has become alarmed at the approach of the gigantic power with which she has hitherto acted in harmony, and perceives that in backing the cause of the struggling nationalities lies the only hope of her own salvation. This is the idea which British diplomacy has endeavored to instil into the Austrian. But without the moral and material assistance of Eigland, Austria cannot successfully resist the secret intrigues or open hestility of Rent. We prefer, however, to think, in accordance with experience, that a secret understanding exists between Romanoff and the Hapsburg ; that hatred of popular rights and greed for territory are stronger motives than resentment on one side and fear on the other. Under these conditions it is deeply to be regretted that France should be wrought upon with the hope of a Russian alliance to estrange herself from England. Still more regrettable is it that England, under Tory auspices, should refuse those reforms to Ireland, the granting of which can alone enable her to face the coming European entaclysm. In the complications which now threaten the peace of the world, America is playing no insignificant part. The unprecedented spectacle of great, free, industrial nations, is in itself a menace of tremendous import to the military despotisms of Europe. But it is the enormous productiveness of America in focd and manufactures which is their immediate difficulty. American ideas of liberty, with the products of American labor and enterprise, are forces of incalculable importance. The one educates the democracy, and the other tends to beggar the workingmen of Europe. Hence the protective tariffs of European State. But no system of tariffs can prevent the slow paralysis

almost inextinguishable fire. The national work of which our great dead dreamed and others tried to build would fall amost before its foundations have knit. And all to gratify. more. if not as alleged, personal spite at least the aspirations of a villainous faction. The lesson taught by the voting

people of Canada remember that.

What do the province and country think of

preaching, if any should listen and practice

it, there can be no doubt. The "political

consequences" have been again and

again foreshadowed in these columns.

The fature of this great country,

cradled in difficulty perhaps, but still

full of hope and promise, would be imperilled.

Animosities the most bitter, now kindled by

the pernicious Toronto sheet, would burst into

THE WAIL OF "THE MAIL."

Like a Turkish robber impaled on a forty foot pole, The Mail howls impiously to the deaf heavens. It was always good, always truc; it is innocent! Public opinion has no right to imprile good, honest men who understand the eternal verifics better than anybody else on earth. And the people who appland the oruel exhibition are merely blind, ignorant creatures whom "no sense of wrong can rouse to anger." What matters it, though Protestants and Catholics The to condemn the sourse of the chief organ of Boodistom,

Even its Tory contemporaries, the Montreal Gazette, La Minerve, The Quebec ative journal. Bo this as it may, results Chronicle, The Kings on News, all of whom have more than justified his alleged dislike would have joined with The Mail in singing for the unlucky paper. It has brought noth an Io Pean had Mowat heen defeated, and ing but disaster to the party it has pretended scornfully rebuked for attributing the rout of to support from the moment of its ill-ounds. the Tories to the action of the chief organ, tioned birth. Its evil fortune secure to have on mont which he regards as revolutionary and We shall see how long this toplofty spirit will cudure. Bat if we may be allowed to indulge in prophecy, we would predict that there will soon be another change in the management of The Mail. The Orangemen of Canada are neither so numerous, so wealthy, cr so generous as to support a daily exponent of their views and prin ciples. It is as much as they can do to keep their regular waekly mouthpiece, The Sentinel, going. They are a supicious people, too, and some of them go so far as to say that Archbishop Lynch and Mr. Farrar put up a job on them ! How full of anguish such a thought must be only an Orangeman can tell. O, as if it was not in trouble enough in conseno! The Mail may solemnly declare that it will continue its crusade against the Catholic Church regardices of consequences -- " pursue the path which honest conviction marks ont, and the light of coming events illumines,"-we are prepared to assert that "political exigencies" will soon find a way for changing that tune. Our reason for entertaining this belief is that the leaders of the Tory party have not lost their senses. We blame them for having made a profound mistake, but we give them credit for enough

MR. BLAKE ON THE NAIL,

accumulated with the Province, on account of sister Province has demonstrated its superiornumber in any legislature in the world.

The Ottawa Cilizen must have been par alyzed by the events of Tuesday. It could give its readers nothing letter in the way of editorial than the returns of the Ontario election for 1883 ! This was very good as a reminder of what happened three years ago. The fall returns of the elections for 1886 would be later and more interesting news. But we can sympathize with our unhappy confrers. The 1883 returns were made up in advance to show how completely Mowat would be snuffed out on Tuesday. But, somehow or another the performance of the electorate of the province did not come up to the expectation of the organ. Hence the "take me out and kill me," flabbergasted, utterly rubed, gone down among the dead men appearance of the home organ of the Ottawa Government.

TAKEN as a whole, the course of party war. fare a election matters in this country is cast in much the same mould as elsewhere. It follows the customary dull routine. The Conservatives have, however, during the past Ontario campaign brought into the field a new engine of political warfare. Or more correctly they proposed to do so. We shall probably hear, in future elections, now that the Chisholm incident has become well known, of "political ventriloquists" as an indispensable attachment to public meetings. As a rule, however, we are inclined to think a chestnut bill would be more appropriate and chorus from sea to sea. One big, emphatic, interrupt with better effect in nine cases out final " No !" of ten.

WE stated in these columns some weeks ago, on the authority of a prominent diplomatic agent visiting this city, that the war which is now hanging over Europe would, as one of its results, end in the re-establishment of the ancient kingdom of Poland. This is now "officially" announced, and the New York Herald of yesterday contains a despatch from its correspondent in which the statement is confirmed on the authority of Prince Czatoryski. Thus does time it about, but Europe fought him down. The

when he gave his attention to a case it was their commercial knowledge and connections, generally decided in a manner that very blat it would be impossible for the people varely admitted of hostile review. Mr. to have selected a more able and theroughly Torrance was a type of the student lawyer, not restore to the poor their original sespectable a legislature. Liberalism in the who quietly and with a hasteless, restless share in the spontaneous bounties of nature ; persistency accomplished his work, without ity by producing an assembly of public men any needless seeking of public attention. He who will compare favorably with any like sought no bubble reputation at the mob's mouth, and in the persistent pursuit of his

> duty gained that higher reputation as a scholar and a lawyer, which was to him more valuable. The province has lost a valuable member of its judiciary.

ANSWERED

One after another, constituencies and provinces, have given their answers to the question-.... Shall Macdonaldism govern ?"

The county of Levis answered "No !" by returning Mr. Gray, a Liberal.

The county of Megantic answered "No ! by returning Hon. F. Langelier, a Liberal. The county of Chambly answered "No by returning Mr. Prefontaine, a Liberal. New Branswick answered "No !" by electing a Liberal local government in defiance of orders from Ottawa.

Nova Scotta answered "No!" by sustaining the Liberal Losal Government with a sweeping majority in spite of all the power of the Federal combination.

Quebec answered "No !" by defeating the Ross Tory Government, although Dominion ministers made direct appeals to the people to sustain it.

Prince Edward Island answered "No !" by electing a Liberal Legislative Council.

Ontario now thunders " No !" by sending the Mowat Government back to power with thirty majority !

The Dominion only remains to give its answer. When that is given, there will be a

THE ONTARIO ELECTIONS.

The result of the elections in Ontario has long been a foregone conclusion, even to the most ordinary observer of the affairs of that Province. Repeated general elections have shown that the people are satisfied with the present control of their affairs and are con tent to leave them in the hands of Mr. Mowat. As long as he holds the premiership it is unlikely that there will be a change of ministry. The Province of Ontario has not lost sight of the fact that for several years past bring its revenges. Napoleon advocated the the Opposition have not even had the material connected with The Mail who considered restoration of Poland and endeavored to bring from which to form a stable or effective body | that they were "powers behind the throne," of administrators. To-day, apart from Mr. additional buffer against Russian aggression Meredith himself and some three others of Ottawa had to be done there and then. The leader of that party, The Mail may repu-he tried to create is now found necessary, much mediocrity, there are not in result was that Sir John Macdonald, after diate its present course, and, as The Globe "I hold to the view that the terse and pic-

compensation be given in such a way a not to impair the mainsprings of energetic and self-helpful industry. They can but they can be given instead a fuller share than they could acquire unaided of the more communicable advantages of social progress, and a fairer start in the inevitable race for the less communicable advantages; and repurative justice demands that they should be

given them this much. This is the only practical solution of the difficulties that met the Government of Eag. land. The Torics, like Torics everywhere, will not listen to it, but they are willing to pass papperizing measures for the better housing and employment of the poor. Govern-

ment is not a banefit society. But the Tory idea is essentially that of patronage. It is opposed to the true idea of competition and co-operation, by the free exercise of which men can alone become strong, self-reliant and independent. Freedom of contract cannot be interfered with without sapping the fourdations of social order, and making life all the more hard on the laborer.

There are rumors of war. Perhaps war will become a necessity in Europe. But most certainly a war will result in revolution. England, in order to preserve her influence in the event of such a conflict, must set matters right at home, and the first thing she should do is give justice to Ireland, then to her own people. If not she will learn a hitter lessen before the end of the century.

THE COUNTRY'S DANGER.

The Mail is amusing in its grief, of "chagrin," as it terms it. In the course or a half savage, half whining, comment upon the Ontario elections it says :-- " The Mail has done its best to defeat Mr. Mowat, and though the verdict has gone against us, we decline to be disheartened by it. On the contrary, we know that our cause is a just one, and shall not cease to preach it be the nolitical consequences what they may" To be told that The Mail has done its best to defeat Mr. Mowat is infinitely amusing. If that gentleman had a potent ally in his recent contest it was The Mail, and it is whispered in club circles that certain people, high in financial infinence and interest in the paper in question, had a spite to gratify, and grati fied it by causing the paper to follow the lines it did. It is no secret that there proprietors without a sacrifice too trewere, not so very long ago, individuals mendous for them to contemplate, and

sagacity to see the enormity of their blander, and enough tactical skill to endeavor to re. trieve it. Should we be mistaken all the worse for them. But, should our prophecy fail of fulfilment, and The Mail continue its present course of villifying the Catholic Church, crying down Catholic institutions, abusing Catholics gener ally, as "herded together and sold to the highest bidder," and at the same time support

all its genius and influence, then we shall enter upon the Federal election contest with absolute certainty of success. In that case we will know that the Tory party is determined to stake its existence on "No Popery' principles in the Federal arena as it did in Ontario.

We never believed the chief organ of Toryism was sincere in its fanatical ravings. We give it no credit for sincerity, in its present declaration of its intention to continue them. And, should it experience a change, we must still refuse to give it credit for sincerity. It is so circumstanced that it cannot pass out of the hands of its present their lives and fortunes are bound up in the Tory party. Hereafter, perhaps, when Sir and that whatever they might demand at John Macdonald will have ceased to be the of the words, but the doing of the thing, that Ottawa had to be done there and then. The leader of that party, The Mail may repu-

m.vde it case hardened, and its present course seens to suggest that its management is in some such gloomy mood as the "Murderer" in Marbeth.

> Whom the vile blows and buffets of the world Have so incensid that I am reckless, what I do to spile the world.

. . . . So weary with disasters, tagg'd with fortune, That I would set my life on any chance To mend it or he rid on't.

For "world" read " party and public" and we almost hear The Mail speaking.

Well may that paper cry :-- save me from those who ought to be my friends. And now. quence of its recent escapader, so disastrous to the Taries, Mr. T. C. Patteson must needs draw down upon its unhappy back the merciless lash of the Hon. Edward Blake. It happened in this way. Mr. Petteson was manager and chief editor of the unfortunate sheet in its earlier days, when its scurrility was even more florid than it is now. Every morning the vilest abuse was heaped upon somebody. At last the late lamented Hon. Adam Crooks fell under the harrow, but the managing editor found that he had been barking up the wrong tree, and was speedily hauled before a judge and jury, there to be duly punished. Then it was that a phrase, which has stuck to The Mail ever since, became public property. It was said that The Mail had to "stab some grit under the fifth rib every morning," and "Rib stabber" has been the nickname of The Mail ever since. It fell out that Mr. Blake referred, a few days ago, to Sir John Macdonald and the Tory party with this familiar incident in his Orillia speech. Thereupon Mr. Patterson, who has retired to the comfortable seclusion of the Toronto Postmastership, rushed out to break a lance with Mr. Blake. In brief, Mr. Patterson denied the anthorship of the phrase and said that it was the invention of an em ployé in The Mail office, and a junior one at that, but whether that irresponsible junior originated the phrase or merely repeated what he had heard "on stairs," is not stated. Bat the point is not an important one in the eves of Mr. Blake, who, however, makes out a very good case in support of his theory that Mr. Patterson was the author of the phrase. Having stated that "I freely accept your denial." Mr. Blake proceeds to lay the lash on as follows :---

"You must allow me to add that, as plain-