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## PUBLIC OPINION.

Ottawa Citizen: Letters received in this city from Prince Edward Island encourage the belief that in the ensuing general elections the Government will be defeated. The provincial campaign is now in full blast and party lines are being tightly drawn.

Manitoba Free Press: The verdict of the jury is also the verdict of the people. McGreevy and Connolly are unquestionably guilty of the crime charged against them; but they are not the only or the most guilty in these scandalous transactions. What of the men for whom these two toiled and sinned?

Montreal Gazette: Sir Oliver Mowat told his hearers at Port Elgin that he had grave doubts whether the Provincial Legislature had power to pass a prohibitory law. This may be taken as a strong evidence that in the author's mind the plebiscite he has ordered has nothing to do with prohibition. A plebiscite in favour of something the Province cannot grant, will be as a stone thrown in answer to a cry for bread.

Ill. Million Spectator: For several years the Grit press has been telling the Patrons of Industry that the Patron platform and the Grit platform were identical, and have been inviting the Patron fly to walk into the Grit web. But the P.I. men would have none of it, and now it becomes necessary for good Sir Oliver and his wicked partner to go up into the fastnesses of Bruce and make a cold weather campaign against the Patron's candidate. The Patrons know the difference between the Grit platform and what they want.

St. John Gazette: There can be no doubt but that free pews promote the popularity of a church among the masses, that they tend to obliterate the class feeling that is as prevalent among the poor as the rich, and experiment has proved that the income of a church with free pews is quite as large as it would be if the seating were sold by auction to the highest bidder like other merchandise. If the system be good for Episcopacy, why not for all other Protestant denominations? The question is worthy of the consideration of all who are interested in such subjects.

Vancouver World: The people from the Atlantic to the Pacific are clamouring for a change in the fiscal policy of the country, and they cannot well be ignored. The Red Parlour's days are numbered; its influence as expressed by the liberal contributions made by its members to the elections funds of the dominant party will not be felt hereafter. Liberal-Conservatives are divided upon the question, and this being the case, and as the majority must rule, it is safe to predict that changes, and possibly very radical ones at that, are certain to be made in the tariff this winter at Ottawa.

Halifax Chronicle: The probability that in the United States tariff reform bill, coal as well as other raw materials, will be put on the free list, is regarded with great favour in the New England States by Republican as well as by Democratic papers. They say it will be a good thing for New England manufacturers, because it will cheapen one of their most important raw materials, and because Nova Scotia coal is suited admirably for manufacturing purposes. It need hardly be said that the abolition of the American duty on coal will be decidedly advantageous to our Nova Scotia coal industry.

If he who has little wit needs a master to inform his stupidity, he who has much frequently needs ten to keep in check his worldly wisdom, which might otherwise like a high-mettled charger, toss him to the ground.—Scriver.

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