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The American colony of Boodlers which has been wallowing in the security afforded by our faulty extradition treaty, has lately been thrown into a fever of excitement over the Weldon bill, now before the House at Ottawa. These gentlemen do not hail with delight, the prospect of being returned to the tender care of their own authorities. Truly the way of the transgressor is hard.

The collapse of the *Times'* Parnell charge by the flight and suicide of Pigott, its chief witness, has left that powerful organ in no enviable position. The English press while seemingly deploring the sad position in which that paper has been placed by the last event, are likely heartily pleased at the complete discomfiture of their powerful rival. All are now anxiously awaiting the action of the jubilant Parnellites in the matter.

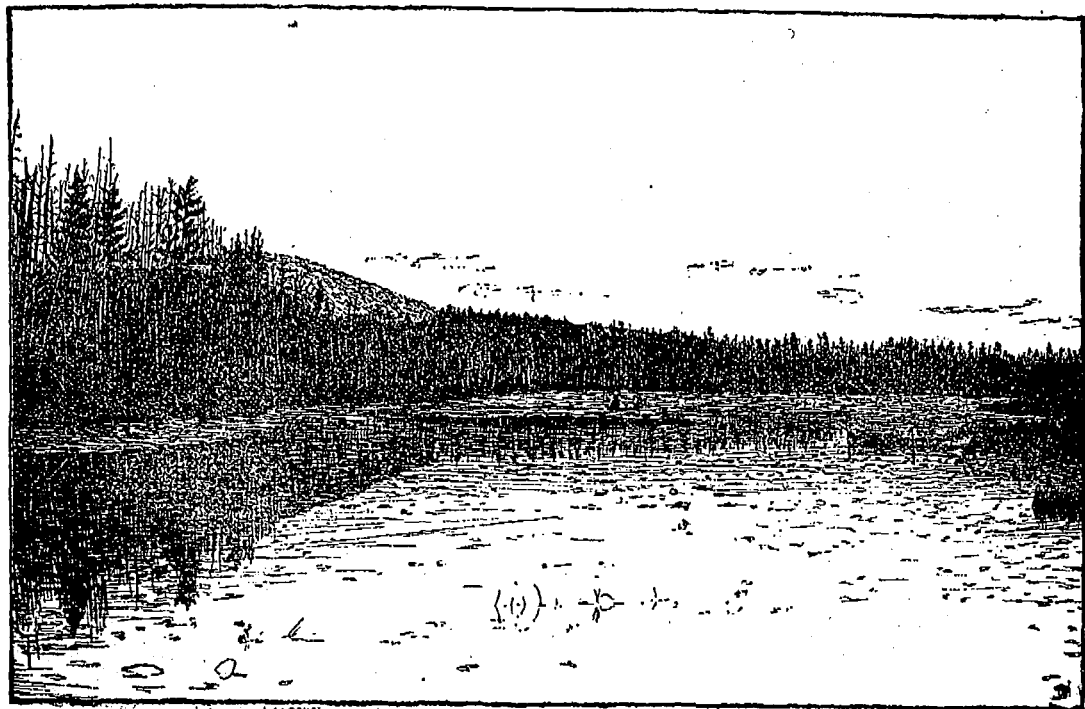
The *Mail*, of Toronto, has had more than its share of libel suits during the last year. It has lately been mulcted in the sum of twelve thousand dollars in the famous Lefflamme suit. And now the Order of Jesuits have instituted an action of fifty thousand dollars, based upon the so-called Jesuit oath. The effect of such a publication must have been considered by the *Mail* people, and it is surprising that the authenticity of the article was not verified beyond question, before assuming such risks in the matter. If the oath as described is really spurious, a few thousand more will have to be paid before the matter is ended.

The celebrated faster is again to the fore. He has lately been endeavoring to convince the world that it eats too much, but as considerable amusement is derived from this particular pastime, it turns a deaf ear to the Dr.'s entreaties, and he finds his theories more or less unpopular with the masses. Our faster now goes one better, and declares that man can live without air, as well as food, and to prove his theory offers to allow himself to be buried for a period of three weeks. This is an opportunity that should not be lost; by all means let the Dr. be entombed, a more effectual means of riddance could not have been proposed. Thanks Doctor.

Mr. Langolier's little bill against the Province for professional duties, has at last been brought down in detail. It foots up the handsome sum of three thousand dollars. The Province has reason to be thankful that it was not double that amount. It includes but five items, and is a very modest looking affair for a lawyer's bill. The first item shows an amount of fifty dollars for a conference. This conference must have been trapped in the fall, when the hair was long, to have brought such a price. The following day another hairy conference was sold at same figure, which indicates the general market value of that article, so there is no cause for complaint in that respect. We are next treated to an item in parenthesis of two thousand dollars for preparation of the case, and then follows an amount of six hundred dollars for pleading same. In these two items, Honore's friend seem to have reversed the ordinary course of things; for usually with them, five cent's worth of preparations is made to do duty for some few million's worth of talk. The Province is next charged one hundred dollars per day for six day's sojourn at Ottawa. Had this visit been tendered for by the lawyers of the province, some would doubtless have been found as low as fifteen dollars for the whole trip, including board. But likely, if such had been the case, the lowest tender would not necessarily have been accepted. The

distance between Quebec and Ottawa is some two hundred miles, and yet three hundred dollars are charged for travelling expenses, being at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents a mile, while the regular tariff is represented by as many cents. The above includes the five items of the bill as handed down, and we leave it to our readers to infer if a more bare faced transaction has ever been forced upon a patient public, and this under the sanction of a party, which has preached economy for the last decade.

At the annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association in Ottawa, Gen. Middleton, it seems, departed from the usual course at such meetings, of agreeing with anything that might be brought up for discussion, and came out boldly on the question of target shooting under the present system. He considers that rifle matches as now held, are patronized by comparatively a few only who are to be found at all the matches, held throughout the Dominion. The nucleus, as it were, is perfected to such an extent as to preclude all possibility of success on the part of the average outside volunteer, the whole resulting in the creation of a few crack shots, while the bulk of our volunteers are left without even the first principles of rifle shooting. The General no doubt scored a bull's-eye in this respect. The average volunteer has but to attend one of these matches to satisfy himself on this. For a new comer to witness these habits in uniform, pegging out their bull's eyes by the score, while the result of his own shooting is strongly suggestive of blank cartridge, is not at all encouraging. The General deplores the fact that eight men out of twenty five in the provincial battalions are unable to properly handle a rifle, and that the other seventeen could barely hit a haystack, and he wants to see more money spent among these men. Had Sir Frederick accompanied us to the butts a few years ago, at one of the camps held in the vicinity of Sherbrooke, he would have been still further convin-



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