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Mr. Blake's Policy.
Those who know Mr. Blake know that he is not a man who will respond to calls that are made upon him to take a certain line of action. He has been in political life now for over fifteen years, and in all that period he has been called upon time after time to take this stand and that stand upon public questions, but the call has been in vain. When the Canada First movement was inaugurated he was implored by the enthusiasts of that period to take the lead, but he held back, and now when the independence question is up frantic appeals are made to him by certain parties "to come out" but he heeds them not. Whether this is a wise policy or not, we do not here say. The simple fact which we wish to record is this: that Mr. Blake does not heed, nor never has heeded imploring cries. Our own opinion is that the independence movement at the present moment would be handicapped by Mr. Blake. The movement will best succeed as one entirely new, as one which is national, and therefore inclusive of all parties in the dominion, and one which will produce its leader from those who are now in the ranks and who have had no connection with either of the two great political parties into which the country has been divided. An independent journal The World does not wish to see Mr. Blake head the independence procession.

National Union.
The St. John Sun proposes two definite questions for investigation:
1st. Is a change in our status as Canadians necessary?
2nd. If it is, is independence the preferable change?

A decisive reason for an affirmative reply to the first query is to be deduced from our present interprovincial relations. The disinterested state of the Northwest provinces would be promptly remedied if we had undivided control of our constitution. The demand of Manitoba to be put on more equal footing with old Canada would not in such case be referred to the privy council. The reference involves at least a year's delay which, looking at the existing state of ferment among the settlers, may involve the collapse of confederation. A change in our status is not merely necessary. It is immediately necessary.

Neither imperial federation nor annexation will give the people a promptly exercisable power to avert the death blow of Northwest secession. Only independence will draw the scattered divisions of British America into the cohesive bond of national union.

A Study in Arithmetic.
Mr. George Jacob Holyoake is an English radical and secularist of some mark, and has just been elected an honorary member of the Cobden club. He is now the regular English correspondent of our contemporary, the Montreal Herald. In a book of his called A Hundred Days Abroad, he tells what he saw and heard during a recent visit to America, and here is one of his adventures. Having a discourse to deliver in a church, he wanted to read the dialogue between the prophet and the angel Uriel. It was in Boston, and the price asked for a very inferior copy of the Apocrypha was one dollar. A far superior copy of the same book he could get in London at the house of the society for promoting christian knowledge, for one shilling, or say twenty-four cents. The bookseller told him that books imported had to pay 25 per cent duty. And this incident is cited by the Montreal Witness as one showing "the beauty of protection."

Perhaps a little arithmetic may put a different face on the matter. We may surely assume that a book retailed in London for 24 cents would be furnished by wholesale, or to the trade, for 20 cents. Twenty-five per cent on this would be 5 cents. Now, give the American importer and dealer fifty per cent on this, for laying out of his money for a while, and 7 1/2 cents advance would be all that protection is responsible for. Add 21 cents per copy for freight and charges, which ought to be an over-estimate, and we get a total of 10 cents only of a legitimate difference between the retail prices in London and Boston respectively.

It is evident that something besides protection must be brought in to account for the difference. The truth of the matter is that almost everything, except farm produce and timber, is dearer in America than in England. And it is principally the higher wages of labor in America that makes the difference in question. What we call a 25-cent show or entertainment here is furnished in England for 8, or 5, or 12 cents at the outside. In England you can get shaved or have your boots blacked for

a penny or two pence—from 2 to 4 cents, here you pay from 5 to 10 cents. Barley is much dearer in England than it is here, and the English excise duty is fully as cheap there as it is in this country. In the fatherland the thirty German gets two glasses of lager for the price of one in Cincinnati or Milwaukee. The United States is the land of high prices for most articles that people want to buy, but it is not protection that does it, for the same thing obtained in the days of comparative free trade. In New Orleans and San Francisco copper coins are unknown; these we may call cities of American prices *par excellence*. There nothing is done or sold for less than five cents, while in the old country farthings, or half cents, have a considerable circulation, especially in Scotland, so it is said. Mr. Holyoake with his Boston story proves entirely too much. Had he taken the trouble to figure up what Joseph Howe used to call "the tottle of the whole," he would surely have drawn another inference from the facts which he relates.

A Pretentious Mar Caught.
On June 4 the cable briefly announced that "Lord Claude Hamilton is dead." There were two Lords Claude Hamilton, properly so called, and there has been doubt on this side of the ocean as to which was meant, until the arrival of the last English mail.

One of these Lords Claude Hamilton was an old man of 71, brother of the duke of Abercorn who is father of the marchioness of Lansdowne. The other Lord Claude is a younger man, son of the duke of Abercorn brother to the marchioness of Lansdowne and member of parliament for Liverpool. The first named Lord Claude Hamilton was the one who died.

The announcement of his death in the London papers was made correctly and with such full details that nobody who had read them could be in the least doubt as to the person meant.

This was on the 4th June. On the 11th, the Toronto Mail with a great blare of brass published the following as an alleged "special cable despatch":
Allying to the discomfort of the New Zealanders, the papers reveal the complaints of the uncleanness of the house of the late Lord Claude Hamilton, M.P. for Liverpool, who died on the 4th inst. from congestion of the lungs. The papers say that his disease was caused by exposure to the house on the morning after the vote of censure, and that the temperature of the house was as high as 100 degrees, and that which Sydney Smith declared could not be remedied by squeezing a couple of lilies to drive the light to some other place.

Now the Lord Claude Hamilton that died was not Lord Claude, John M.P. for Liverpool. The Lord Claude that died was not at the time of his death a member of the house of commons. He did not attend the debate on the vote of censure. From the fact that the London papers do not mention the cause of his death, it is sure he did not die of congestion of the lungs or any other acute disease. That being the case it is certain that the English papers were not on June 11 saying that this disease was caused by his exposure to the house, or that he was "plainly a victim to the atrocious," etc. It is utterly impossible that any English correspondent could be so ill-informed as to telegraph such rot. In a word, the whole despatch is a palpable fabrication—the manufacture of some ignoramus on this side of the ocean; of somebody who is fool enough to think that American and Canadian readers would believe that the Atlantic cable is employed to send over ancient and inappropriate jokes of Sydney Smith.

This is but one of a series of frauds which is daily being perpetrated by our contemporary.

Where They Differ.
The New York Evening Post is of opinion that this is not the year for a panic. The usual signs and forerunners of great commercial convulsion are wanting. Low prices, small profits if any, reduced and declining wages, and the narrowest possible amount of credit, have been for some time past the rule all over the country. The fuel of a general and real crisis, which was accumulated in the summer of 1881, has been slowly burning out. Perhaps it has not all been consumed yet, but the residuum must be very small. The liquidation, which in a real crisis has to be done in a week, which in 1857 and 1873 was done in a week, in this instance, been distributed over three years. The markets of the country are no longer overstocked. Although the agencies of production may be in excess of the demand for many varieties of goods, the pressure of the supply ceased some time ago to reveal itself in the further decline of prices. The work of readjustment has been going on steadily and safely for nearly three years. The New York Herald not long ago carried the same idea further, and said that an extensive process of liquidation and coming down to rock bottom prices had been going on ever since the resumption of specie payments in 1877 and 1878.

The Graphic, on the other hand, thinks this is just the year for a crisis and a pretty bad one, too. It said recently that outside conditions, instead of improving, were daily growing worse. The diminished exportation of breadstuffs during this crop year (over \$50,000,000) has impoverished the farmers and the railroads, while the pressure of the supply ceased some time ago to reveal itself in the further decline of prices. The work of readjustment has been going on steadily and safely for nearly three years. The New York Herald not long ago carried the same idea further, and said that an extensive process of liquidation and coming down to rock bottom prices had been going on ever since the resumption of specie payments in 1877 and 1878.

The Graphic is a persistent bear organ; the Post is the organ of those millionaire holders of railway stocks and bonds who wish to unload upon the public any amount of those "securities" which do not secure.

It is almost wholly a stock exchange quarrel, as it stands. Whether bulls or bears win in New York will probably not greatly affect the American farmer or merchant who minds his own business, and lets

stock speculation severely alone. Much less, we should say, is it likely to affect the same classes in Canada.

Reparation.
It appears that a work of no little importance has been pushed during some time past by the Canadian Pacific railway company. The Montreal Star says that the company, by an admirable arrangement in sending agents throughout every township in this province is turning the tide of emigration to that portion of the dominion in no small degree by supplying farmers with free grant lands. Already in the district of Montreal, many habitants have sold their farms and proceeded west and their subsequent success has created such an impression among their countrymen that many are following their example. One party consisting of about one hundred and seven settlers have already left for the Northwest this spring. The counties so far worked up have been Three Rivers, Nicolet, Maskinonge, Richelieu and Van-dreuil. The lower portion of the province, which is neglected, the agents of the French Canadians settled in the Northwest have already left for the Northwest this spring. 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