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Parties going out of town can have The World sent to any address for twenty-five cents a month.

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, nor never has heeded impeding 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 independence 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 disintegrated 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 Holyoke 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 3-cent show or entertainment here is a 9-cent show in England for 6, or 8, 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 much as ours, and yet a glass of beer is 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 four, or half cents, have a considerable circulation, especially in Scotland, so it is said. Mr. Holyoke with his Boston story proves entirely too much. Had he taken the trouble to figure up what Joseph Home used to call "the tottle of the whole," he would surely have drawn another inference from the facts which he relates.

A Pretentious Ear 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": "Altogether to the discomfort of the New Zealanders, the papers renew the complaints of the unhealthiness of the home common law and charge that what was killed Lord Claude John Hamilton, M. P. for Liverpool, who died on the 1st last from congestion of the lungs. The papers say that his disease was caused by exposure to the heat of the morning after the vote of censure, and that he was a victim to the atrocious, etc. It is utterly impossible that any English correspondent could be so ill-informed as to telegraph such a story. 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 Sidney 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 a great commercial convulsion are wanting. Low prices, small profits and the narrowness of the margin 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 has, 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 markets of the future forbids an expectation of immediate improvement. The city banks—particularly the speculative ones—continue in a bad way, and speculative losses have been enormous. 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 "so-called 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 habitations 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 Vanredin. The lower portion of the province, which has been far less worked up, is needed to at once. The majority of the French Canadians are settling the Qu'Appelle valley, where there is an abundance of wood and water. Contrary to the expectation of the railway company, many refused the offers of free grant lands in the railway belt but preferred to purchase farms from their own means. In several cases wealthy farmers from this province have farms consisting of three and four thousand acres. Fully two-thirds of the French Canadians settled in the Northwest from the New England states. We call this settling the Northwest according to the principles of national policy.

It is a sign of municipal weakness rather than of strength to see the city council extending the system of doing work by contract. It is a sign of weakness, and not of doing of doing corporation work, and honest into the bargain, cannot be found in the city. This we do not believe; we feel sure that such men could be found if only our civic representatives would employ them when they offer themselves. But too frequently it is influence, and not the fitness of the applicant, that "takes the cake." The city is a sure pastermaster—each every month without fail—and ought to be able to command the services of the best men in their respective lines. And it could better afford to be a liberal pastermaster too for really efficient service than to give away big profits to contractors for inferior work.

Should Call in a Policeman. From the Ottawa Sun. The apple-tree worm is getting troublesome.

Editor Prier's Beauty. From the Berlin News. The good-looking bachelor editor of the Toronto Telegram.

Fresh From the Laundry. From the St. John N.B. Sun. A clean sheet at Portland police court yesterday morning.

The Election will Knock them Out of. From the New York Truth. As the campaign advances the spots are coming out stronger and stronger.

A Mid-Summer Night's Dream. From the New York Journal. Democratic morning-glories are beginning to climb up the lattice of hope.

Making It Mark as a Pedestrian. From the Charlotte Examiner. According to the Patent Office, free trade is just now making rapid strides in the United States.

A Plausible Reason for Haste. From the New York Times. It is rather late for the tenants of a condemned building to be mulling out while the structure is crumbling down.

Damaging to Fawns Shops. From the Halifax Herald. The weather in Boston this summer is very treacherous and disagreeable, and the Globe recommends its readers to wear their overcoats and carry umbrellas.

A Sorrowing Editor. From the London Advertiser. We regret very much to learn that the gentlemen of the Toronto city council have been indulging in a good deal of bad language and otherwise disgracing themselves after the manner of rowdies.

Too Much First Person Singular. From the St. John Sun. The Telegraph has a very peculiarly its own in dealing with the arguments of an opponent. It starts in with assuming that all statements made, all positions taken, and all conclusions arrived at by anyone except itself are a series of blunders and falsehoods.

Archbishop Lynch's Claims. From the St. John Sun. Dr. Lynch has seen fit to put out a public and open letter in defence of Romanism. I ask therefore for space to give a reply. First, he calls himself archbishop of Toronto. I now ask by what right or for what reason does Dr. Lynch make use of this title? I suppose he will say, because I have been appointed by the pope. The question is then what to ask Dr. Lynch if this, if he has been appointed by the pope, who gave the pope this power? As Dr. Lynch has come out in the Mail for the purpose of giving people a civil lecture, I think he is bound to show his authority, and I trust he will at all events make some attempt to do so, and not follow the course generally pursued by himself and his co-religionists, viz., to avoid all fact, scripture and history. I will put two further questions to Dr. Lynch which arise out of the one now asked. In the face of the following act of parliament which is in force in this country, how can the bishop of Rome appoint a bishop in British dominions, or, in layal dominions, or in Great Britain assume the office, and on every occasion possible parade it in the face of the public. "No foreign prince, prelate, or lord, shall have any right, title, power, or pre-eminence in this realm." Is it not a fact that owing to the various blunders in the succession of the pope, Dr. Lynch is perfectly unable to show any true line, on the contrary, that everything goes to show that there is no such thing. This question may be first

taken up, before touching upon the subject of the supremacy of St. Peter, which cannot be proved from scripture or antiquity, and which has its origin in the "Forced Decretals," and as Lord Macaulay says, is the greatest fraud which the world has ever seen. I ask Dr. Lynch and his followers to answer these questions, and will then be prepared to go on with this letter and show what Messrs. Manning and Newman thought about idolatry, etc. The protestants were not speaking of the latter, but of Romanism, which is engrained idolatry and other errors on the faith once delivered.

June 14, 1884. ENGLISH CATHOLIC.

The Scott Act in Halton. No. IV. To the Editor of The World.

Sir: A few more remarks about what was sent to your reporter before we leave this part of the subject. Mr. Bradbury, barber, said that ministers know nothing about the working of the act, and that he knows there are more drunks on Sunday now than formerly because he keeps his shop open till midnight on Saturday nights. I will deal with the first statement further on. As to the latter—for one's imagination will sometimes run riot, one cannot help wondering how Mr. B. knows all about the numerous drunks he speaks of. Do all these drunks congregate to his shop? Are they all drunk when they first go out? Or do they—well, perhaps we had better leave the rest to your reader's imagination—and we think that the Oakville readers will be able to fill the vacancy much more readily than those of other places. But really, Mr. Editor, is it not absurd, the idea of there being more drunks now than before, when we have shown that the public sale of liquor is almost entirely stopped. And even if we admit for the sake of argument that people drink more liquor at home now than formerly, it is scarcely reasonable to suppose they will drink out of their homes when in that condition and flock to Mr. B.'s shop. Or does he go around to all the houses on Sunday to see who is drunk? Or do all these men come to his shop to tell him they are drunk? How does he come to know all the secrets of this great inquiry? No! even the credulous public will hardly be inclined to believe that Mr. B. has any special information that Mr. B. throws out about his own place, but will rather believe that, in his desire to ingratiate himself with the public, he has sold, to put in a matter mildly—greatly over-stated the facts. It is just possible however that not daring, or not being permitted to do so, he has taken to the way of going around to all the houses on Sunday to see who is drunk? Or do all these men come to his shop to tell him they are drunk? 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