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The Governor-Generalship.
Some well-informed people in England are gossiping about the Governor-Generalship of Canada. Lord Aberdeen has claims on Mr. Gladstone, and in spite of his good-godly proclivities is a man who commands no little general popularity. But there is a very slim array of Home Rulers in the Lords, and Lord Aberdeen is wanted there when the Irish bill is introduced. Gladstone, therefore, is between the devil and the deep sea. For he may lose the chance to make the Canadian appointment at all if Lord Stanley is kept on as a warning, nay, and if in the twilight of the day he should be elected to be expected in England and in the multitude of questions that will affect the issue of a general election the Gladstone Government should be beaten. Meantime the Tories hope Lord Stanley will not resign, and it is not likely he will be recalled.

The Mayor Losing His Grip.
It is an open secret that Mayor Fleming is losing his grip on his followers. Yesterday he made strenuous efforts to have a motion passed by the Board of Works recommending the purchase of a dredge for \$35,000. As the World has already pointed out, the purchase of a dredge to fill up Ashbridge's Bay and the Island lagoons would be an economical and paying investment. But it seems several members of the Board of Works, and some of them Mayor Fleming's former supporters, look upon the scheme as affording a means for the Mayor to place some of his election wire-pullers in good situations at the public expense. It is to be regretted that the recommendation to purchase the dredge was not discussed on its merits alone. The Engineer recommends the purchase, and there is no doubt whatever that the machine would fill in the marsh land at half what contractors would charge. Among the Mayor's supporters who bolted on this occasion were Ald. Hill, Murray and Carlyle, the latter His Worship's first lieutenant.

An Iron Industry.
There never was such a consensus of opinion in favor of the establishment of an iron industry in Canada as there is at present. Everyone seems to have got hold of the idea that iron is the backbone of national greatness, and also of the fact that an iron industry cannot be created in the country without some kind of self-imposed restriction and self-imposed burden. The Federal Parliament has already put a duty on iron and the result has been to develop the industry in Nova Scotia, where the facilities are exceptional. This protective duty, there is no use denying it, no protection does deny it, is a restriction on trade and the importation of foreign-made iron. But that is the very end aimed at. We must, however, go further. We must put upon ourselves other self-imposed burdens in order to complete the work. As a province, as a rich province, possessing great stores of iron ore, we ought to pay a bounty on all iron made in Ontario, and a municipality we ought to be prepared to grant tax exemptions, free sites, and perhaps a bonus to smelting works located within Toronto. All of which are more or less burdensome, but as the burden is self-imposed and for a great end, and will result in making our country more independent, more self-reliant, we ought willingly to make the concessions.

Canada needs an iron industry, and to get it we must have:
1. Protective duties on foreign-made iron imposed by the Federal Parliament. It may be that the present duties shall have to be revised and readjusted.
2. A bounty on pig iron paid by the Provincial Government. This is very important. Mr. Mowat has now his opportunity. His own supporters are urging action upon him.
3. Exemption from taxation, free sites and bonuses to smelting works by municipalities like Toronto.

Mayor Fleming and Impure Water.
At yesterday's meeting of the Board of Works, the Medical Health Officer stated that he was about to make a careful and thorough examination of the water now supplied the city. Mayor Fleming is apparently apprehensive that this examination will disclose the fact that our water is impure, and he warned Dr. Sheard to withhold from the public the result of his examination, no matter how bad he might find the water to be. The Mayor defended his action by stating that Toronto was becoming notorious as a place to be avoided on account of the press writing about its water as infamous water. If Toronto has acquired an unenviable notoriety through its bad water we are of opinion that the best and only way for the city to regain its good name is to supply a good, pure article. Any attempt on the part of the Mayor and Dr. Sheard to conceal alarming information from the public would simply intensify the evil and increase the undesirable notoriety. Besides, the public ought to be apprised of the state of the water that is forced upon them, so that if they see fit they may avoid using it. Mayor Fleming may rest assured that the only way to stop this talk of bad water is to cease supplying it and substitute the genuine, unpolluted article, such as the lake affords. Dr. Sheard's duty in the matter is to tell us whether or not the water of Lake Ontario is pure. If it is, then it rests with Engineer Keating to construct a plant to bring that water in its purity into our houses. The fault at present lies with the plant, and not with the water. No one has confidence in the conduit that runs through the bay, and the sooner a new location is obtained for it the sooner will the cry of bad water be discontinued. The only way to stop a complaint is to remedy the evil.

The City and the Proposed Industries.
It is now some months since the Toronto Advancement Association was formed. As yet nothing definite has been effected in bringing manufacturers to Toronto, but the prospects just at the present moment are encouraging in that direction. There are four concerns negotiating with

the city to secure such inducements as will lead them to start new industries here. If the pending negotiations are carried on with discretion, some of them at least ought to terminate successfully. The city's first care in these negotiations is to see that it is dealing with substantial concerns, and not with people who have a greater desire to acquire real estate for nothing than they have to enter into a bona-fide manufacturing business. The most important of the four concerns with whom negotiations are in progress is that represented by Mr. Morehouse, J. K. Kerr and Robert Jaffray. If it is a fact that these people will spend \$500,000 in erecting plant and buildings on Ashbridge's Bay and will employ some hundreds of men in conducting the enterprise when, once in going order then the city should see that every effort is made to bring the negotiations to a successful issue. The original demand of the company for 200 acres and \$75,000 is too large, especially the land grant, and even that agreed to by the committee yesterday, viz., 150 acres, is too much by 50 acres. However, if the city can bind the company in a land-and-lease agreement to spend the half million dollars above referred to, to employ the men they have stated will be required, and to proceed to do these things forthwith then we do not know but the council would be justified in doing what the committee has recommended. Something has to be done to set the ball rolling, and sooner than see the negotiations fall we think the people of Toronto would consent to part with a large slice of the marsh. The demands of the people proposing nickel works and steel carriage wheel works are not unreasonable, and the city ought to come to some arrangement with them. Mr. Macdonnell's proposition to erect rolling mills on the Parkdale Waterworks site is meeting with strenuous opposition. A much more suitable location for the mills would be near the Don, where there is no objection raised by the residents.

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