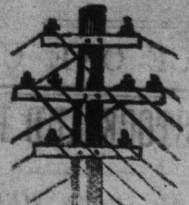


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TUESDAY MORNING, JAN. 17, 1914.

The Dominion Scandal.

The public interest which has for the past few months been focused on the Mowat government here, will for the next three be more particularly directed towards the government at Ottawa.

The verdict in the Welland case, which confers Col. Moran in his seat, may be regarded as finally deciding that there will be no change of administration for this session in Ontario, however the other cases may go, and the settlement of this point implies the usual uninteresting session.

Far different is the state of affairs in the house of commons. Sir John Macdonald has more than a good working majority, but he has some troublesome questions to face, and he has to meet an opposition bent on making the most of his difficulties.

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Let Mr. Mowat be emboldened by his success at the late bye elections, to add to the services already rendered by his government to the province, and introduce during the approaching session a measure for the abolition of all exemption whatever on property whether public or private.

They squeal when squeezed. That is what little pigs do and so do men who are playing games of chance or engaged in speculation.

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This is the best plan, and few Jacobins present to the minds of those who are accustomed to dealing with these matters, is insuperably difficult, though there would be need of temper in the negotiations, and of care in organizing the system.

Mr. Alder, the secretary of the English Wesleyan conference, stated before a committee of the house of commons, that the Wesleyans were a portion of the national church, and therefore claimed state support.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

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