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COMMENTS ON THE CARTOONS.



THE PIRATE'S THREAT. — Before the Tarte Committee had begun its work, Sir Hector Langevin made a more or less pathetic appeal to the Conservative members in the House to stand by him in his oncoming troubles. He put the idea, not in this plain, blunt fashion, of course, but in the more politic form of a moral aphorism pointing out the duty of a Party to stand shoulder to shoulder in the presence of a common foe, and to be ready to make sacrifices for those who had in past times sacrificed themselves for the Party's cause. The appeal appears to have been in vain. As the investigation has gone on, the case has become darker and darker for the head of the Public Works Department, and the advisability of throwing

that functionary overboard appears to have come up for discussion in the inner circle of the Government. We so judge because it is known that many of the Conservative members are astounded and shocked at the disclosures, none more so, perhaps, than the Minister of Justice; and because of the appearance in *Le Canada*, an Ottawa paper which has long been ranked as a "Langevin organ," of an article threatening to produce proof of the corruption of certain departments whose heads "owe their advancement to political influence or other unmentionable means." This appears to mean plainly that if Sir Hector is to be sacrificed, he will sell his official life as dearly as possible.

SUMMER SMELLS AT OTTAWA.—Our national capital was never intended for a summer resort, and the lot of the Parliamentarians confined there during the sweltering weather is "not a happy one" It looks now as though the pleasant anticipations of an early adjournment were doomed to disappointment, and we feel like extending our sympathy to the members in general. Perhaps we should make an exception in the case of the ministers, who have only themselves to blame for this unseasonable session. If the natural atmosphere is not so salubrious as could be desired, it is at all events a deal better than the political atmosphere down there just now. This latter may be correctly described as a stench, strong enough to offend the nostrils of the whole Dominion. And yet we have an idea that this nasty odour is not entirely unpleasant to the olfactory nerves of the Opposition leaders. Of course, as men of honest instincts, and citizens who have a regard for the good name of the country, they must deplore it; but, inasmuch as it indicates the "decomposition" of the Government, and the early attainment to power of themselves, there is possibly an element of sweetness in it as well. There is not a vast deal of glory about this way of getting into office, but, as Dr. Landerkin would probably remark it's better than not getting there at all.



WELL, our 'cross-the-line visitors have come and gone, and the memory of the week will remain with us pleasantly for many a long day. Uncle Sam could not have sent us a finer representation of his country, nor, so far as we can think, could any body of visitors have been more heartily received or more hospitably entertained. Toronto is sure to be a great gainer by this event, and the thanks of the citizens are due to the Education Department

for having been in the first place instrumental in securing the visit; and to Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hill, and the other active members of the Executive Committee, for the splendor with which the local arrangements were made and carried out.

THE addresses of welcome were all admirable. Our representative orators did us proud. Dr. Grant appeared in the new character of a humorist, and acquitted himself as well as Mark Twain could have done. Geo. W. Ross was not only forceful, as usual, but here and there positively eloquent. The Sister Provinces were also happy in their choice of welcomers. The replies were neat and hearty, but not in any respect better than the addresses of "our fellows." This is worthy of record, because oratory is an art in which United Statesians stand high.

ONE of the best received of the replies was that made by Mr. Harris, the Government Commissioner of Education, Washington. In the course of his remarks he expressed the hope that Canada would never feel called upon to sever her connection with the Mother Country. This was greeted with tremendous applause, but still greater applause followed his next sentiment which was that an alliance might be formed embracing all the English-speaking countries—a thing which he declared was perfectly practicable under the Anglo-Saxon system of local self-government.

THIS is what GRIP has advocated in opposition to the nebulous proposition of Imperial Federation, and it gratified us to note the response which the great audience of intelligent citizens of both nations gave to the idea.