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Comments on the Cartoons.



**SENSATIONAL SOMERSAULT.**—While GRIP is in duty bound to look at the *Globe's* recent change of base on the Jesuit Estates Bill question from the playful point of view, it is in no spirit of ribaldry that we sketch our cartoon. We do not even insist that the old Liberal journal has made an actual "change of base," if that phrase is in any degree offensive to its conductors, though, as our picture implies, Signor Cameroni has distinctly left the back of the Mercier horse, and is in a fair way of landing safely upon the pad now so ably occupied by his brother professional, Signor Farrer. The former attitude of the *Globe* we had described as "however, nevertheless," this happy

phrase of its own coining being an accurate description of its doubtful position. That the description was just seems now to be admitted by the paper itself, as it quotes some commendatory opinions of contemporaries, in one of which, from the *St. Thomas Times*, occurs the phrase, "We are glad to notice that the *Globe* is no longer doubtful." Whatever justification there may have been for it in logic, there can be no question that the attitude of the *Globe* up to Saturday, the 16th, was a source of comfort to the Mercier Government and of discouragement to those who regarded the Estates Bill as a cause of future trouble. That it has now definitely and distinctly ranged itself on the side of sound doctrine and constitutional right, is the occasion of unmixed satisfaction to all excepting the caucus politicians, who know no higher rule than the supposed "good of the party." As to the "somersault," let the *Globe* be heard in its own behalf:—

"The assertion that the *Globe* has been inconsistent in dealing with this question is one that we leave to the judgment of those who have followed our articles from day to day. Our careful and fair-minded readers are aware that there is very slight foundation for the charge. From the beginning we stated the Jesuit Estates Act to be offensive, inasmuch as it appeared to bring his Holiness into the civil domain. We stated six weeks ago our belief that the people would not condemn the Federal Government for disallowing the Act. So soon as we became convinced that the Act really attributes a measure of sovereignty to the Pope, we called for disallowance. A Bourbon may be scandalized by any advance in opinion consequent upon public discussion. We are amenable to the heinous charge of lacking total infallibility. But it is better to consistently press forward toward the truth than to stand immovably against conviction by argument. 'Don't be consistent, but be simply true,' is a good enough rule to conduct an honest journal on."

**KEEPING THE BALANCE.**—To turn out the Mowat Government and replace it with another not expressly representing a Prohibition party, would in no degree help the matter of temperance law enforcement, so far as we can see. If violators of the law are now dealt with laxly, "political exigencies" are the all-sufficient explanation. In the words of the chief officer of the Department—himself a strict Prohibitionist—"We are in the position of having to please both parties." There is not the slightest ground for hope that a Conservative Government would be guided by any other rule. Neither party is wedded to the principle of Prohibition, and, if it were not for the pressure of temperance public opinion—which simply means votes—neither of them would lift a finger against the liquor traffic. The radical cure for the evil is an absolute Prohibition law, with a party that believes in Prohibition behind it. Short of that, the best plan is to remove the problem from the realm of politics altogether, by replacing the licensing power, and the patronage connected therewith, in the hands of the municipalities.



THE New Party made its formal *entrée* into the political field with a two days' convention last week. Though not as yet great in numbers, the organization is full of enthusiasm, and its platform is one which ought to command a large following. The speech of Ex-Governor St. John, of Kansas, was a ringing utterance, and his arguments as to the legitimacy of a Third Party movement were such as it would puzzle a casuist to get over. If Prohibition is really a great question, no apology is needed in Canada for the appearance of the new party, as it is clearer than ever that the anti-saloon element has nothing to hope from either Grit or Tory parties.

THERE is talk of the establishment of an organ in connection with the movement. What's the matter with securing the *Globe*, which seems at present to be out of a situation? There is nothing in the Platform which is not in line with the *Globe's* opinions.

WHERE, oh, where is Sir Boyle Roche? Did that delicious Irishman ever mix metaphors so charmingly as they are mingled in the *Ottawa Journal's* late article, in which we are told, "The *Free Press* brays against the *Globe* . . . it turns savagely . . . and bites the organ"?

WE often hear lectures and sermons on the "Hindrances to the Spread of the Gospel," but somehow the orators generally fail to mention one of the greatest of the obstructions—the system of "Protection.