

THE MISCHIEF MAKERS.

The Presbyterian and Westminster, Toronto, in its issue of March 29th, 1917, had the following:—

"Speaking at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ontario West, Grand Master H. C. Hocken, of Toronto, made a strong attack upon the people of Quebec for their attitude towards war. It is unwise to draw a provincial line in this fashion in dealing with the matter of enlistment. There are thousands of eligible young men in Ontario who for reasons which seem good to them, have not enlisted. There is no doubt a still larger number in Quebec. All these men are in the same class, and if they are worthy of condemnation it should be visited upon them without distinction of province, race or religion.

"Further on in the same address, Mr. Hocken referred to something which recently appeared in a Quebec paper about the formation of a French-Canadian Roman Catholic Republic on the banks of the St. Lawrence. Talk of this kind appearing in the public press is undoubtedly mischievous, but it ought not to be taken too seriously. No person in Quebec with any sanity or judgment regards such a project as anything but a fantastic dream. Their public men recognize and appreciate the heritage which Quebec shares with the other provinces in the vast Dominion and they have no thought of condemning themselves to political and commercial isolation. Mr. Hocken took up the idea quite seriously, however, and declared that: 'If occasion should arise, 250,000 Orangemen could be enlisted in a month to put down any attempt that might be launched in the Province of Quebec to set up a Republic.' Such a declaration only accentuates the mischief created by the babble of the French newspaper. To talk in this fashion of civil war, when the occasion is so remote as to be prac-

tically non-existent, is unpatriotic in the highest degree; for it tends to create the atmosphere which would make civil war possible. It gives the mischief makers in the other province something to lay hold of. A few days after the meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge, a firebrand orator in Montreal informed his audience that 'Hocken, the Orangeman, says that 200,000 Orangemen will come here to invade Quebec.' The response was immediate: 'They will be welcome. We will give them a bath in the St. Lawrence.'

"In the providence of God we have in Canada two predominant races, differing in language and religion. However, human nature being what it is, it is not easy, under such conditions, to keep the peace and build up a united nation. But the task is made tenfold harder by such unnecessary and provocative utterances as those to which we have now referred."

Could Not Bury Sir Charles Tupper Without Raising Religious Strife.

At the funeral of Sir John A. Macdonald, on June 11th, 1891, the representative heads of the various churches were granted an official place in the procession, although the order of precedence from London recognizes only Archbishops and Bishops.

At the next State Funeral, that of Sir John Thompson, in January, 1895, similar representatives were invited and marched together in a body.

As pointed out in the correspondence printed in the Acadian Recorder, Halifax, N.S., December 4th, 1915, these precedents were ignored at the state funeral of Sir Charles Tupper and in reporting another protest from the Evangelical Alliance the Recorder states:—"At a special meeting of the Evangelical Alliance, held in the Y.M.C.A. building yesterday afternoon, to