

The Chinese Restriction Act passed by these "barbarians" requires that celestials unlawfully within the United States be imprisoned at hard labour for one year and removed to their own country. By this Act an accused person must establish by affirmative proof his right to remain in the country. If this measure is actively enforced, it is feared that the Chinese in their own country will retaliate even to the extent of a general massacre of foreigners in inland China.

In referring to the Canadian Retaliation Act, which empowers the President to impose taxes on Canadian vessels using the Sault Ste. Marie canal "whenever he becomes satisfied that the practice of the Government of Canada in respect to American shipping is unfair and in violation of our treaty rights," Mr. Dillon is candid enough to admit that the measure is one of purely political expediency. But this difficulty is now at an end.

Many of the State Legislatures have, as has that of our own Province, recognized that game birds and animals and fish must be better protected, and the laws respecting these have been made more stringent, while, at the same time, further measures have been taken for the extermination of destructive birds, animals, and insects.

A biennial session only of the Legislature is desired in Rhode Island, as also in Georgia, where a popular vote is to be taken to ascertain the feeling of the citizens. The impression is gaining ground in many States that annual sessions are an unnecessary luxury. The Australian ballot system has, up to the present time, been adopted in thirty-six States; Mississippi, Colorado, and Iowa having joined the majority.

Hotel-keepers at seaside resorts in Georgia are compelled to maintain lifeboats. In New York city certain docks have been set apart for the health and recreation of the people. It may have been the cholera scare that has induced the States of New York and New Jersey to regulate that costly class of the community, plumbers. In the latter State municipalities are given power to "manage, regulate, and control plumbers." Judging from the experience of other localities, New Jersey municipal corporations will have their hands pretty nearly full. In the Act referred to, plumbers are associated with pawnbrokers, public exhibitions, nuisances, frame houses, tramps, beggars, and dogs—a motley collection of necessary and unnecessary evils.