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### Comments on the *Globe*.



THE "however, nevertheless" attitude of the *Globe* on the great question of Jesuit encroachment in Canada, is a marked feature of the controversy now going on. The present conductors of the *Globe*, we have no doubt, believe as little in the teachings of the Syllabus with respect to civil rights, as George Brown did, but they lack altogether the manliness and honesty of the old chief, who spoke his mind plainly on the subject, regardless of party considerations. From being a great leader of public opinion, the paper has fallen to the contemptible position of a mere passive foot-ball, which is kicked about between Mercier and his Ultramontane allies. Its whole energy is at this crisis devoted, not to a calm

and statesmanlike discussion of the ways and means by which the British principle of religious freedom and equal civil rights may be fully vindicated in Canada, and placed out of all danger; no; but to a small-minded attempt to confuse the question at issue in the interests of party politics. True, it says in a stammering way that the Jesuit Bill is a bad thing, but it seems to say so more for the purpose of arousing the Orangemen against Sir John than to avert a great national danger of the future. True again, it points out that the Bill cannot now be constitutionally disallowed, and in this deliverance it is possibly correct; but does it earnestly search for some other way of escape, as genuine patriotism would suggest? Does it strive to enlighten the people on the real facts of the situation, and urge them to the step of testing the validity of the original Act incorporating the Jesuits? No; such energy as it possesses is devoted to making a point against its hated rival the *Mail*, and this it tries to do by falsely

stating that the *Mail* is striving to precipitate a "religious war." Nobody knows better than the *Globe* that religion has nothing to do with the matter, which pertains exclusively to the domain of civil liberty. It is against the programme of the Syllabus, which declares free speech, liberty of worship, universal suffrage, equal rights before the law, and other cherished principles, to be damnable heresies, that the *Mail* is fighting, and against these alone. Not one word has been said in disparagement of the religious tenets or ceremonies of the Catholic Church. If the *Globe* is prepared, in the interests of miserable partyism, to wipe out the line which separates Church and State, let it say so plainly. Meantime, the heart of the Canadian people is on the side of the *Mail* and British liberty.

FOSTER'S DELICATE POSITION.—By its usual working majority—the adjective here has the same significance as when applied to an automaton which "works" when the string is pulled—the Government has rejected Dr. Landerkin's severely logical motion, proposing to extend the drawback of the corn duties now enjoyed by the distillers to the feeders of cattle for export. In other words, in this matter a distinct discrimination is made in favor of the manufacturers of intoxicating liquors, as against the industry of cattle raising, and the medium of the injustice is no less a person than the Hon. Prohibition Foster, who has the misfortune to be Finance Minister. This must be a painful position to a gentleman of his extreme delicacy of feeling, but if you want to enjoy the good things of office you must be prepared to let consistency "slide" occasionally, you know. Mr. Bowell says the drawback only amounts to a few dollars, anyway. This is all the more reason why Mr. Foster should insist upon its abolition, if it is not to be applied fairly all round. Why he remains in a cabinet which persists in giving the advantage, such as it is, to the liquor traffic, while denying it to honest industries, is something it might trouble him to explain to the temperance public.

WE have not had too much Albani lately, of course, but perhaps just enough—just about enough. We have gushed with some gushfulness over the gifted Canadian *prima donna*, and she on her part has been so gracious as to admit the fact of her relationship to us. She has, indeed, shown every sign of being positively proud of her native land. But her business arrangements in Canada at the moment made this advisable. We have never observed that the great singer has much to say of this glorious country when she is across the lines or beyond the ocean. Canada, you know, doesn't count for much in the grand opera line abroad. We rather suspect, in fact, that the shrewd lady has advisedly left the Yankee public under the impression that she was born at Albani, N.Y., and in England she is no doubt understood to be an interesting foreigner, originally from France or Switzerland. Considering our late demonstrations, she cannot do less than hereafter wear a big placard inscribed, "I am a Canadian, and don't you forget it."

THERE is a startling rumor afloat to the effect that the Orange Order in Canada has decided to apply itself to the study of the rudimentary principles of Protestantism. Mr. Mackenzie Bowell says he doesn't think there is the slightest foundation for the report.

THE oratorio performed by the Philharmonic Society on Tuesday evening was *Samson*. Of course it proved a strong attraction. *Samson* was sure to "bring down the house."

LET'S see, now, how are we to understand this affair? The *Globe* avers that the *Mail* and *Empire* are engaged in a deadly struggle for Ottawa pap, the former having but a few days ago piteously appealed to be taken back to the bosom of Sir John. The *Empire* alleges that at this moment a "fierce internecine struggle" is going on between the *Mail* and *Globe*, in prospect of a