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THE PRUDENT MINISTERS.

"The appointment of customs collector at Montreal was under the consideration of the cabinet to-day, and it was decided to let the matter stand. It is likely, therefore, that Mr. Robert White will have to wait until parliament is dissolved before he receives the position." This is the announcement conveyed in the Colonist's Ottawa dispatches this morning. The prudence displayed by the ministers is commendable from the partisan point of view, for Cardwell, the county now represented by Mr. White, would surely be lost to the government if he were appointed to office now. Then kept vacant for Mr. White for nearly three years because they feared a contest in Cardwell no great harm could result from leaving it vacant a few months longer. The fact that Montreal business men have been protesting more and more loudly against this cavalier treatment of an important office is a ing as they did a pronounced slight to voiced by R. D. McGibbon, Q.C., who mere trifle not to be seriously considered the public service. We may, of course, by men who so thoroughly appreciate tue importance of party interests as com- has been guided chiefly by a pared with public interests. Further, though the ministers' course leaves them open to the charge of cowardice, they are probably hardened to that charge, government has been a continuous re- the government's course purely out of evening, he has done so effectually. I cord of cowardly evasions and subter-

"FRIENDS" OF THE FARMER.

land, the draft of which was arranged by Premier Bowell and Minister Foster for this country and Treasurer Ward for the sister colony, on the occasion of the latter's recent visit to Ottawa. Perhaps the organs' reticence is dictated by a feeling that this proposed New Zealand treaty, like that concluded with rrance, is hard to praise from a protectionist point of view. The free trader is ready to welcome outside trade as promptly as they did in Westmorehabit of preaching the exclusion of out- be bent on proving that they do not exside products he may be forgiven if he pect the confidence of the public, and rangement which runs exactly counter to this doctrine. The British Columbia protectionists are in a peculiarly difficult position in this respect. They are constantly representing to the British Columbia farmers that the present Ottawa rulers are their particular friends because of the protection afforded by the wrench, even to their accommodating farmers that protection is not so good a draft, as signed by the parties men-

tioned, provides:-The following named articles, when the produce of New Zealand and imported therefrom direct into Canada, and into New Zealand, to be admitted ia both cases free of customs duties, viz .:-

1. Animals (live) excepting hogs. 2. Frozen or fresh meats.

3. Bacon and hams.

4. Fish.

5. Hides.

6. Milk (condensed or preserved.) Wool, and manufactures compos wholly or in part thereof-viz., blankets, flannels, tweeds and rugs.

8. Flax (Phormium). 9. Barley.

10. Oats.

11. Wheat and wheat flour.

13. Coal. 14. Kerosene oil (petroleum).

15. Safes. 16. Organs and pianofortes.

17. Tallow. 18. Lumber and timber, planks, boards,

and dimension stuffs, rough or manufactured, including doors, sashes and blinds. 19 Rinder twine

(1) Agricultural implements, including also axes, hatchets, scythes, forks, rakes, hoes, shovels, and spades, if made duto a greater extent than ever before, tiable under New Zealand general tariff, The few who talk about the wickedness

(2) Twine of all kinds, ropes and cordage, a rate equal to 21/2 per cent. ad valorem less than the general tariff rates stances, get nothing but laughter for current at date of importation. (3) Leather, a rate equal to 10 per ent, off the rate current at date of im-

(4) Boots and shoes, harness and saddlery, at 171/2 per cent., ad valorem, or, in case the general tariff rate in both countries be 25 per cent., the preferential rate to be 20 per cent. (5) Furniture at 20 per cent., ad val-

portation.

The farmers of this province will not be slow to perceive that in this agreement there is not a single provision that can inure to their advantage, for it cannot open the New Zealand door to anything they have to sell. On the other hand, practically all the competition for which the treaty provides is competition against their agricultural products, animals, meats, grain, etc. This is proposed, be it remembered, by the men who are held up as their special friends. The farmers will no doubt be fully able to judge the sincerity of the gentlemen who approach them with the palaver of protection and at the same time are arranging for them the strongest kind of

MR WHITE'S RESIGNATION

R. S. White, M. P. for Cardwell, has the juggling tactics of the government would be extremely distasteful, involvbe wrong in assuming that Mr. White regard for the public interest. It is possible that he had also more or less selfish motives but to those who know him the theory e out of the affair without credit, was a distinct confession that they were afraid of public opinion. In that respect it was directly in line with their than a year now. If the ministers had not been afraid of a defeat there they would have brought on the bye-election

UNDER THE GORMAN BILL.

evil results from the change in the United States tariff have had the pleasure of seeing their predictions falsified. All the facts go to show that the modi- Liberals, would now vote for the Liber-N. P., so it would be a rather severe fied reform effected by the Gorman tar- al candidate at the next election. "I iff bill has ben most beneficial. From am even informed," he added, "that dispositions, to turn around and tell the time to time there has been recorded the some of the English-speaking delegates resumption of work in this or that fac- appointed to select the Jacques Cartier thing as they have represented. That tory, with an increase of wages in is practically what they would do if they nearly every case beyond 'what they extended any cordial approval to the were in the McKinley days. A fact "memorandum respecting improved stated in the report of the bureau of comercial relations and reciprocal tariff statistics yields further testimony in regulations, as agreed upon in confer- the same direction. It is there shown ence, held informally in Ottawa, 10th that during the eight months ending June, 1895, between Sir Mackenzie Bo- August 31 last the exports of manuwell, premier, etc., and the Hon. George factures of the United States exceeded E. Coster, finance minister, etc., as re- in value the exports for the correspondpresenting Canadian interests, and the ing eight months in 1894 by over eleven Hon. J. G. Ward, treasurer, postmaster- millions of dollars. At this rate the general, etc., representing New Zealand gain for the whole of the present calinterests-subject to the approval of the endar year will be more than \$17,000, governments and legislatures of Cana 000, and the total will be decidedly da and New Zealand respectively." The greater than in any year of the national existence. If the rate of export of manufactures noted for August is maintained throughout the current fiscal year the total will reach \$228,000,000. when the produce and manufacture of The highest previous year was 1893-94, Canada and imported direct therefrom when the exports of manufactured goods totalled \$183,000,000. As the increase has been steady during the past eight months it is reasonable to suppose that it wil continue for the remain-such an exhibition of himself. If the not his business to boom any particular der of the year. The New-York Herald in connection with the subject says knowledge of the McGreevy-Connolly In allowing his name to thus figure on that "Foreigners are buying many ar- case there might be some prospect of the prospectus of a mining company ticles manufactured in American mills the young minister succeeding with his which is most suspiciously regarded on and workshops more and more fully," brief for the government, but since the this side and which is at the best and remarks substantial increases as facts are so well known his endeavors pure speculation, we venture to say that shown by the figures of the bureau of can excite nothing but a roar of laugh. he is abusing his position in a way (which improvement, it says, "may be which so dazed him in the Victoria able. We are unfortunately not in posfairly credited to the new fiscal law, theatre. Everybody knows that Mr. session of a copy of a Directory of Diand manufactures of iron and steel; ma- physical ills entitled them to as lenient tors of any public company. If this

under like conditions and in like manner other important items. Tariff reform on behalf of the government and its to receive in both countries preferential has been far from injuring the United party. Sir Hibbert has overshot the States manufacturers when it has en- mark and will meet with nothing but abled them to exploit the foreign market ridicule to reward him for his trouble. to a greater extent than ever before. of exposing them to competition in their own market, must, under the circumtheir pains. The British manufacturers, on the other hand, may well feel uneasy over the change in the situation. They were supposed to feel particularly well pleased over the tariff reduction effected by the Gorman bill, but they must see in the encouragement to export which it has given anything but cause for self-gratulation.

> DIGGING ITS OWN GRAVE. "Whom the gods would destroy they

first make mad." The classic proverb bids fair to secure another illustration from the fate of the Bowell government, for something very like madness characterizes its acts in these last few months of its life. Though evidently cent on treating the public service as an of the member for Cardwell and the gar, is about to resign his seat, thus cre- of the six greatest rivers of the world. ating another vacancy which the governresigned his seat in the house of come ment feared to face. Perhaps Mr. Ross the government were afraid to bring ample. Then the Curran appointment by periodical discoveries of pleuro-nneuwell known to be one of the most hon- account or his claims would never have of the kind ever went over from Canada. orable and conscientious members been considered. But in consulting par- The latest discovery is that British Colof the house, and it can be easily under- ty exigencies the government has griev- umbia salmon when landed in London of its friends, the Montreal Protestant which we are indebted to the fishmong-Conservatives to wit. Their opinion is ers' association. Crossing the Atlantic has unsparingly condemned the appoint- effect on Canadian products. ment, and who threatens on behalf of himself and his friends to make trouble for the government on its account. In Sydenham, Ont., Mr. Tarte said: "I the daughter back to Montreal and rea conversation with a Witness reporter he said:

"If Sir Mackenzie Bowell was anxious to snub the gentlemen who signed the that he has marked his disapproval of protest presented to him on Wednesday regard for political rectitude will seem for one resent the insult and am prethe natural one. It is easy to see where pared to sink all political associations and oppose the government actively in this leaves the government. No more Jacques Cartier and Montreal Centre. There are 12,000 all told. They are a severe blow could it receive than a pub- It is our only alternative. * * 11 * lic rebuke from an honorable and re- The nomination of Mr. Curran and the for their action in regard to Cardwell which we have allowed ourselves to be has reproached us many times for not gentlemen have carried on in Spain trampled upon, that the English Protestants of the province of Quebec can be humiliated and insulted and have not had the courage or resolution to resent been practically unrepresented for more government. In so far as in me lies, however, and I have a large number of friends at my back, I propose to show them that for once they are mistaken. I shall never give another vote for the Bowell government as long as I live extension, but when a person is in the land. The Bowen government seem to until this injury is repaired. I am prepared to support independent or opposition candidates, as may be decided upon, in both Jacques Cartier and Montreal, balks at the task of belauding an ar. that they do not deserve to receive it. and elsewhere, and were it not for the Liberal party's attitude on the question of protection, I would have no hesitation

Those protectionists who predicted Mr. Laurier." Another Montreal lawyer is quoted as saying that many staunch Conservatives who never thought of going with the candidate, have now decided to turn Liberal." A good many observers have concluded from the government's course in regard to this and other matters that the election is to come on before another session is held. If so, it would seem to be a pity, for if the government held on for a few months longer as at present it would add to the certainty of its own

SIR HIBBERT'S SOLICITUDE.

Many Victorians will remember the per at the theatre meeting to defend his Mr. Laurier's meeting at Delta. It to encourage the investment of money would probably have occurred to nobody here as much as lays in his power, while people generally had not an accurate company, nor even any particular place. statistics, in the manufactures of wool ter throughout the country like that which will render a change very desirgiving manufacturers of woollens 'free Laurier was well within the truth when rectors, but we think we are correct in things an eighth of a grain of bellador wool"), in chemicals, leather and he said that there were many prisoners saying that the name of no agent-gener- na and a sixtieth of a grain of strych manufactures of leather; iron and steel in Toronto and Montreal jails whose al will be found on the list of direcchinery and engines, agricultural im treatment as the two political offenders is the way British Columbia is going to view of her companions. Her act caus plements; manufactures of flax and received, and that they did not get the enter the London market the sooner it ed alarm at once, and although the girl

The Carberry, Manitoba, News says: "Good wheat brings from 25 to 42 cents just now. What is that boasted farmers' friend, the National Policy, doing for the farmer now? Last spring when wheat took an unusually high jump the that the N. P. did it. Now they have crawled under the barn. The N. P. is a discredited fakir."

The Colonist has hazarded the assertion: "It may astonish the Times to learn that the greater part of Coates' profits are made in the States." That certainly would astonish the Times, for it is not true that the greater part of the Coates' profits are made in the States. Our neighbor thinks we should study "political economy;" we in return would recommend it to cultivate a greater regard for the truth.

Dr. Bell, of the geological survey, is reported to have discovered a large river, instrument of party gain, the ministers hitherto unknown to white men, flowing are blundering so frightfully in the pur- into James Bay through the northern suance of their schemes that they are part of Quebec province. This river, assisting very materially in the cutting Dr. Bell is reported as saying, is "the of their own political throats. The case sixth of the great rivers of the world, five of which are to be found in Cana-Montreal collectorship has already been da." We do not believe Dr. Bell would referred to, and now the announcement speak so inaccurately, for he must know that A. W. Ross, M.P. for Listanda does not possess five out

Canadian cattle are prevented from mons, thus creating the vacancy which has been inspired by Mr. White's ex- reaching inland markets in Britain alive about by appointing him collector of is sure to bring damage to the govern- monia among cargoes of them, though customs at Montreal. Mr. White has ment, and that very probably in a short the disease is unknown in Canada. Latedeclined for the present to state his time. Mr. Curran was elevated to the ly a prominent British agricultural jourreason for this step, therefore large Superior Court bench of Quebec partly nal "discovered" that Canadian cheese more than likely he acted from a keen appointment some time in the past, and ated with oleomargarine and other sense of the indecency of the course partly because it was desired to get him choice ingredients. Now it turns out the ministers very probably argued that which the government has pursued and out of the solicitor-generalship, where that this business of making spurious since the Montreal collectorship has been that his action was intended as a public he was a little worse than useless. The cheese is to be laid at the doors of cercondemnation of that course. He is question of fitness was not taken into tain Scottish factories and that nothing stood that to a man of his character ously offended a very influential section becomes "bull trout," a revelation for seems to have a curious transforming

Speaking at Mr. Laurier's meeting at want justice for the minority, but I eeive a third of the "treasure" for his I claim if coercion was attempted instead of remedy, it would be poison, and why the letter was addressed to him very bitter poison, too. How could we If he had known that about the same enforce a law against an unwilling pro- time several gentlemen in England were vince? What would be the position or in receipt of similar letters, with variamy fellow countrymen in Manitoba? tions as to the name of the 'captain.' d have been led to feel by the way in it on a national basis. The government giving them a policy. They would like with more or less success. "Hidden that we should make a bill for them. | treasure" is always a part of the "plant." Well, we are not such a lot of fools as and if the recipient of the pitiful letter not able to have a policy of their owu, ly he will hand out a modicum of his let them go to heaven. If they choose own good money in the pious belief they may go now."

servative congener at Ottawa, has evilly satisfactory to the swindled. dently fallen upon evil days. Some very severe causes for dissatisfaction must have been at work in the St. Ann's di-Council Meet This Afternoon to Clear the opposition candidate, was returned to-day in transferring my allegiance to by a majority of over 1,200 the other A special meeting of the city council portion of the burden they naturally passed. feel the most keenly any failure to re-

under Mercier's successors. The Nelson Miner, which is friendly ludicrous attempt of Sir Hibbert Tup- to the provincial government, says: "We were considerably surprised to see the government in the matter of releasing name of Hon. Forbes G. Vernon among McGreevy and Connolly. The derisive the directors of the Lillooet, Fraser Rivlaughter with which that attempt was er & Cariboo Gold Fields Company. Mr. greeted will be renewed by the little Vernon is the agent-general for British telegraphic conversation which the min- Columbia and as such occupies a very deister of justice had with Mr. Laurier licate position in regard to companies on the same subject last week, and raised in England to operate in this prowhich is fully set forth in the report of vince. On the one hand it is his duty The following articles, when imported hemp; locomotives, mineral ores, and same privilege because they did not sin is stopped the better. We beg to call denied taking them Dr. Holden was

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ne attention of the government to the sumoned in haste, and when he arrived very grave bar which their London re- the girl refused to take an emetic rocm is left for conjecture, but it is because he had been promised a judicial sent to the British market was adulter- presentative has placed on his own use-

Montreal papers have ben publishing

Mr. John Murphy, of 25 Anderson her, he forced the emetic down the street, that city, received a letter from an imprisoned "captain" in Cuba, who wished him to regain a treasure which the said captain had buried near Montreal when he was a fugitive there. The 'captain's" unprotected seventeen-yearold daughter also figured in the scheme Mr. Murphy being invited to take a trip to Cuba, be entrusted with the secret hiding place of the treasure, escort want justice through the proper remedy. raward. Mr. Murphy is reported as be- Goldwin Smith Thinks It the Bane of ing at a loss for an explanation as to his place of confinement and the losmall minority; they would be crushed cation of the hidden "treasure," he down. I do not want them to be crush- would have ben able to supply an ex- fear of unpopularity som The government papers have not jublished freely over the treaty of commerce between Canada and New Zea. It is government at Ottawa feat of the down. I do not want them to be crushwould have be able to supply an expected supporter like Mr. White, In amply justifies what I have contended, which it has been made and offensive way in which it has been made and offensive way i treatment of West Huron, which has the degradations put upon them by the to make a policy for them. If they are carries out his part of the game properthat part of the "treasure" will become his. That step will always satisfy the The Quebec government, like its Con- swindler, if its results are not eminent-

MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS.

Up Unfinished Business. day. At the general election the ma- was held this afternoon to pass a numjority for the government candidate was ber of by-laws that have been on the over 400, so the turning over was con- table for some time. The first taken up siderable. The main cause of this re- was the branch sewers construction byverse was in all probability the feeling law, 1895. This by-law provides for asthat the Taillon government had not been living up to its promined and perfect the cost of branch sewers conbeen living up to its promises, particu- structed by the corporation to connect larly in the matter of economizing. As the properties with the main sewers. Montrealers under the present system of This will give the city a large amount taxation have to shoulder a large pro- with which to continue the extension of the main sewers. The by-law was

The by-law to authorize certain expenduce it. A few days ago the Gazette ditures was considered in committee. The made an elaborate effort to influence the by-law is similar to supplementary estielectors in favor of the government by mates and provides for additional exrecalling the doings of the Mercier re- penditures in the different departments gime. Perhaps its failure was due to at Oaklands, Ald. Hall asked how the the electors' conviction that things have fire wardens could proceed with the not improved so much as they might work, which they were doing, before the money was appropriated.

Ald. Macmillan said the had acted illegally. They had contract ed for the expenditure of money before they had secured it. Ald. Humphrey objected to the wardens purchasing lumber before the appropriation was made, and he also thought

the work should be done by contract.

A vote was taken on the appropriaon, which was finally passed. Another vote was for \$175 to make up the deficit incurred by the agricultural society. Ald. Cameron explained that with this amount the appropriation for the agricultural society for the year was

The council were considering the police magistrates' and and solicitors' by-law at 4 o'clock.

COMEDY OR TRAGEDY. Woman Suspected of Attempting Suicide—Says It Was a Joke.

Olivette Carlisle, an inmate of the house of Maud Lord on Broughton street, either played a huge joke on the other inmates of the house or attempted suicide last evening. She had a botnine, and which used with moderation are a good tonic. She took, or pretended

Although half an hour had passed there were no well marked symptoms of poisoning. The physician would take no chances, however, and as the rest of the girls were positive that the woman romantic story to the effect that a had taken enough of the pills to kill throat of the patient. It had the desired effect, and when the doctor left she was quite well. The woman maintains it was all a joke. The girls in the house say she tried the same thing before, and are sure.

The affair created quite a little stir in the house for a time. Miss Carlisle is a short, but quite stout lady of the brunette type and is a new comer. She was away for a time and only returned from Vancouver last night.

THE IRISH VOTE A BUGABOO.

Anglo-Saxon Communities London, Oct. 24.-Professor Goldwin Smith in his letter to the Times, says: The Irish vote is the bane of all Anglo-Saxon communities. In an intercourse of thirty years I have not met an Ameri can who has not felt ashamed of this subserviency. Whatever American polithe American people. Their nervous son letter with the spirit of a highminded gentleman, he would have gained more votes than he lost."

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