

Can't something be done for our fellow-creatures of Russia? Let the Czar be regulated.
 "By order of the People!"

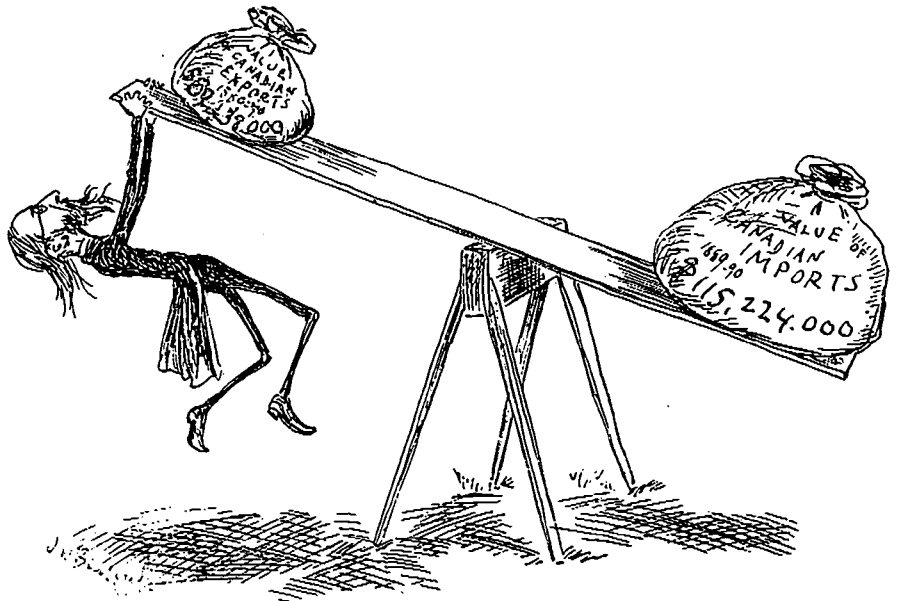
ceeded, yet we are free to admit that he has largely aided in making GRIP the truly good paper it is. For some seventeen years now, we have kept a piercing eye on Sir John, and if he has done many bad things that we have failed to show up with pen and pencil, he is even smarter than he gets credit for being. All we want is time, and we will surely mould Sir John to the pattern of a model statesman. Seventeen years has only given us a fair start on the contract. We hope to have that many more, at least.

THE good cause of Home Rule for Scotland is making slow but sure progress. This is not to be wondered at, for Scotchmen are notoriously level-headed, and cannot fail to see that all the arguments are on the side of local management of local affairs. We in Canada are only "colonists," of course, and cannot possibly have so much sense as the people at 'ome, but it seems tolerably clear that until the British Government is reorganized upon the Dominion plan, there will never be peace and contentment in any of the four kingdoms.

THAT grand old warrior of the Methodist church, Dr. Douglass, of Montreal, has been indulging in a little plain talk about the morals of certain Canadian public men in both municipal and national positions. The good gentleman seems to be well filled up with facts, and could come down with names and particulars in a highly sensational manner if he liked; but he contents himself with pointing the finger of scorn in general terms, being content that the galled jade should wince in private. Quite properly, Dr. Douglass reserves his most scathing denunciations for the voters by whose ballots these unworthy individuals are placed in high positions and kept there year after year. But who does he mean, we wonder?

IT will be news to most of our readers, perhaps, to learn that in the New England States, Canadians are banding together to fight in local elections as Canadians, and that in a recent contest the combine was strong enough to elect their countryman and ours, greatly to the disgust and indignation of United States. The Canadians issued red-hot hand bills rallying the loyal sons of the Dominion to the polls, and all that sort of thing. Now, the prevailing impression is, that when our folks settle across the line they become loyal in all respects to the American flag and constitution—as they ought. The facts given above will dispel this idea. It may moderate the amazement of the reader, however, to mention that the Canadians who work the nationality scheme in New England are from Quebec, and that the campaign referred to was conducted in French.

IT is queer to think of the City Council without Ald. John Baxter, and the fact that this old municipal war-horse has withdrawn the light of his countenance and the heft of his ponderosity from the civic chamber, is one which calls for record amongst the important events of the time. It deserves more than passing mention, indeed, and next week GRIP will endeavor to depict the overwhelming grief into which John's withdrawal has



THE BALANCE OF TRADE.

FOSTER—"This is awful! When the balance of trade is against a country that country is on the road to blue ruin according to the gospel of Protection. Dear, oh dear, and what *can* I do about it?"

plunged his erstwhile colleagues. It is pleasant to know that the worthy and unterrified representative of St. Patrick's Ward has not retired because his faculties have become the worse for wear, but because, on the contrary, his intellect has become so clear and powerful by long practice at civic sleight-of-hand that the Bench demands his services. We hope he may long live to lend his weight to the assistant magistracy.

A USEFUL PRESENT.

SIR JOHN MACDONALD will please accept GRIP's sincere congratulations on having attained his seventy-fifth birthday. While we cannot flatter ourselves that our pretty steady and always well-meant efforts to make the Premier a truly good man have entirely suc-

THE Political Science Class of Toronto University has presented Mr. David Mills, Q.C., with a red bag. This is to carry his new Q.C. gown and law books in, but there will be plenty of room left for all he knows about the Henry George theory without endangering the seams.