

## What Canadian Editors Think

### WHACK AT TORONTO.

(Montreal Gazette.)

MUCH noise is being made by men out of employment in Toronto. Out of 494 who requested work from the city only 155 men reported. Thirty men who were given their breakfast at the House of Industry walked out when asked to do a little work in payment, and when questioned in regard to their action attempted to justify it by complaining that the breakfast had consisted of soup. It is easier for an agitator to get space in the Toronto newspapers than it is for a yellow dog to bark at a passing team.

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### MARITIME PROVINCES O. K.

(St. John Globe.)

IT is noteworthy that in the business depression which prevailed during 1908 the Maritime Provinces were far less affected than other sections of Canada, if the failures be taken as a criterion. The total number of failures in Canada during the year was 1,712, with assets of \$7,344,550, and liabilities of \$17,581,314, compared with 1,361 failures in 1907, with assets of \$5,250,153 and liabilities of \$11,627,334. In Ontario there were 640 failures last year, against 529 in the previous year, the assets being \$2,493,693 in 1908 and \$2,138,340 in 1907, and liabilities \$5,220,529 in 1908 and \$4,468,728 in 1907. In Quebec the increase was even greater. The failures in 1908 numbered 639, with assets of \$3,164,302, and liabilities of \$8,542,340; in 1907, failures 497, with assets of \$1,806,770, and liabilities of \$4,692,293. New Brunswick's failures last year were 51 in number, with assets of \$84,944 and liabilities of \$205,600, while in 1907 they were 42, with assets of \$179,150, and liabilities of \$403,588. Thus, while there were nine more failures, the liabilities in 1907 were almost double those in 1908. In Nova Scotia the failures in 1908 were 47—ten less than the failures in 1907.

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### LORD MORLEY'S REFORMS.

(Manitoba Free Press.)

THAT the name of Lord Morley, the Secretary for India in the present British Government, will hold a high place in the history of the Empire, on account of the courage and statesmanlike wisdom with which he has framed the reforms which are being introduced in the governmental system in India, seems altogether probable. British opinion, on the whole, sustains the Morley policy, though there are some criticisms of details, notably by the *Times* and the *Spectator*. There is nothing extreme or radical in the reforms introduced; the most startling innovation is the admission of one native of India to the Council of the Viceroy as a member in full and regular standing. Inasmuch as the Viceroy can exercise his veto even against his whole Council on any matter, it can hardly be argued that there is anything dangerously revolutionary in admitting one person of native blood, as the representative of the more than 200,000,000 people of India, to take part in the deliberations of the Council.

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### TRIUMPH OF WIRELESS.

(St. John Sun.)

THE story of the steamer *Republic* cannot fail to impress everyone with the wonders of our modern civilisation. Miles at sea, fog-enshrouded, helpless and sinking, a great ocean-liner crowded with passengers,

brought around her within two or three hours, by the magic of wireless telegraphy, a fleet of rescuing vessels. These, far away some of them, had caught the appeal for help flying through the air, and immediately changing their courses, bore down with all the power of steam, to the assistance of the sinking liner. Upwards of eight hundred men and women facing death, almost before they had time to recover from the first panic, were safely transferred to another steamer and were on their way to port. Had this collision occurred fifty years ago, ten years ago, what would have been the result? If our advanced civilisation creates newer opportunities it also provides for the preservation of human life.

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### FLOCKMASTERS OF COWICHAN.

(Victoria Times.)

THE annual dinner of the Flockmasters' Association in the beautiful little town of Duncan, the business and social centre of the fine farming district drained by the pleasant waters of the Cowichan River, may be truthfully and honestly described as one of the great events of the winter season upon Vancouver Island. There is one characteristic of the extremely prosperous farmers of the Cowichan District, and of the citizens of Duncan which it might be well for the people of other parts of the Island, and particularly for the people of Victoria, to emulate. They are proud of their own place. They think there is nothing like it on the face of the globe—that is to say, nothing that is attainable. And they will brook no contradiction when taking that position. They believe what they say, and they have an abiding and comforting faith in the future of their most attractive valley. They "point with pride" to one fact which sustains their position—the Cowichan creamery butter takes first prize wherever it is exhibited in British Columbia, and it carries off this prize year after year.

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### UNIVERSITY AT PRINCE ALBERT.

(Prince Albert Herald.)

PLACES in the province there may be where the plain prosaic level is broken by a river and a few deciduous trees, but at what other City but Prince Albert is that wealth of woodland and magnificent and varied landscape of hill and dale, flowing stream and pellucid lake which form the undertone of the masterpieces of art in all ages? From Moosomin to Maple Creek, from Lloydminster to Kam-sack, from Estevan to Rosthern, the University Board of Governors may search for that richness of flora and fauna which forms the very warp and woof of literature, of art, and of music, but in vain. How can men and women be taught to appreciate the meaning of art without an intimate knowledge of the elements which lie at the base of all artistic production? Shall we educate a race as barren and bald in their conception of the beautiful as the Egyptians; or shall we rather let them behold the wonders and mysteries and beauties of the world with Grecian eyes? It is for Professor Murray to determine, and if he has once caught the vision there can be only one place for the University of Saskatchewan. And that place is Prince Albert.



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