



THE CANADIAN MAZEPPA.

SIR JOHN THOMPSON DECLARES THAT IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT TO CLING TO THE OLD POLICY.

living illustration of the value of these decorations. Beyond that, he does not appear to be of any use at all. Mr. Tarte claims to be in a position to prove that the Minister of Militia is not merely useless but harmful—that he is a boodler and corruptionist. We are promised this evidence when Parliament meets, and if it sends Caron after Langevin, nobody will mourn.

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AND oh, Mr. Abbott, you long ago promised  
To fix up that Cabinet and make it all new,  
We've waited and waited and waited and waited  
To admire what you said you were going to do,

And yet at this minute there's Caron still in it,  
And Dewdney and Carling and other small fry;  
Have you no men of standing in the ranks you're commanding,  
If so, why don't you give them positions, oh why?

It looks very much as though you were aspiring  
The weak points alone of the Chieftain to borrow,  
Tho' you never may gain such a wide-spread admiring,  
You may claim even now to be called "Old To-morrow."

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Lord George Hamilton is mentioned as the probable successor of Lord Stanley as Governor-General. Can he fish?—*Hamilton Times.*

IT is to be hoped that the Imperial Government will make full enquiry into the piscatorial accomplish-

ments of the proposed appointee, and be able to assure us that he *can* fish. But he will suffer by comparison with Lord Stanley if he is not also endowed with a sublime *laissez faire* which will incline him to go fishing at those particular periods when his presence is required at Ottawa.

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IT must pain our good friend Col. Denison to observe that treason is rampant in the press of England, right at the foot of Her Majesty's throne! The same spirit of infernal disloyalty has evidently honeycombed the Salisbury Government, or they would ere this have ordered out the Horse Guards to put down the *Daily Chronicle*, which advises Canada to go in for free trade with the States, though of course it must know, as well as Col. Denison, that free trade means annexation.

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LISTEN to the traitorous print:  
What Canada needs now more than anything else is industrial and commercial freedom. Her perennial difficulties with the United States and Newfoundland arise from her absurd protective system. Mr. Laurier struck the true note when he declared Canadians should approach the Americans on economic, not on political lines. Continental free trade, but no political annexation, should be the watchword of every Canadian who wishes to live on friendly terms with the neighboring States and takes an interest in the economic future of his country.