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LONDON, FRIDAY, JUNE 17.
 CHURCH DISPUTATION.

A Catholic correspondent in yesterday's issue certainly countered effectively on some of the assailants of his church. The Montreal clergyman who accused the Catholic bishops and clergy of burning Bibles has never seen them do it, and is not likely that he will respond to the challenge to produce his proofs. The conflicting opinions expressed at a recent church synod also gave the writer an opinion, of which he took full advantage. Some of the delegates found fault with the Roman Catholic Church for teaching religion in the schools. Others extolled it on the same ground, and argued that its example ought to be followed in the public schools. Others alleged that religion was excluded from the public schools because of the Roman Catholic Church, and others were disposed to place the blame on the jealousy of other Protestant denominations. The discussion over the accession oath is another very excusable temptation to a Roman Catholic controversialist. Men who boast of the superior tolerance of Protestantism belie their professions by protesting against the exclusion of the intolerant and insulting clauses of the Royal Declaration. A bogus Catholic oath, reeking with denunciation of heretics, has been also paraded in some pulpits and some prints.

Our correspondent will note, however, that no conference, or assembly, or synod, or presbytery, in Canada, has countenanced the agitation for the retention of the offensive passages in the accession oath. Only yesterday the Anglican Bishop of Kingston squelched a motion to protest against the proposed alteration. The Anglican Bishop of Huron took the same course a few days ago. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church refused to discuss the question. Many leading Protestants in Great Britain, notably the Bishop of Carlisle, are urging the amendment of the oath, and the amendment will be made by a Protestant parliament. When all is said and done, we are living in a tolerant age, a tolerant country, and a tolerant Empire. The mass of Protestants and Roman Catholics dwell together in unity, in Canada, at least. Their attitude to each other is not at all reflected or affected by the language of a few extremists. The politicians of this community, or this Province, or this country, have never found it profitable to trade in religious prejudice. There are bigots in all churches, but their churches must not be judged by them. Christians will find enough work in fighting the awful forces of evil in the world without fighting one another. Clergymen, in particular, should refrain from language offensive to persons of another creed. Assailing a man's religion does not convert him; it merely confirms him in his beliefs—and in his prejudices, if he has any. And it stirs up an amount of feeling wholly disproportionate to the cause.

COLONIZING ENGLAND.
 Slowly but surely the people of England are regaining the land stolen from the commonality in the bad old times. The small holdings act is helping the English to colonize England. Through this beneficent measure, which has been in operation only two years, some 60,000 acres have been secured for 6,000 small holders who have been or are soon to be placed on the land. So far 26,883 men have applied for "leave to toil" on English soil. Of these 15,191 have been approved, and 216,863 acres will be acquired for them under the terms of the act.

It is significant that only two per cent of the applicants last year wished to purchase land. The others preferred to lease it and put their little capital into the work of cultivation. This is important, in view of the land policies of the two great parties. The Unionists say they are prepared to do in England what has been done in Ireland—help farmers to buy the land by means of a public loan, repayable in instalments. The Liberals contend that the scheme would require so much capital that it would endanger the public credit, and that it would enable the landlords to unload their land at fancy prices which would hang like a millstone round the neck of the new proprietary. The small holdings act, on the other hand, authorizes the county councils of England and Wales to purchase small farms, using powers of expropriation if the landlords will not voluntarily sell, and to sell or act, a Liberal measure, authorizes the lease to be permanent, so long as the lessee pays his rent, and he is to be reimbursed for improvements if he

abandons his land. This is the system which is being worked out successfully, in spite of the opposition of some of the county councils under landlord influence.

The commissioners are convinced that a judicious extension of small holdings will do much to keep in the country a number of men who might otherwise be tempted to leave it by offering them a career of independence and a prospect of rising above the position of mere farm laborers. Meanwhile the small holder is paying his rent promptly and cultivating the land in a satisfactory manner.

THE ROBILIN-BORDEN NAVAL PROGRAMME.

We are told again by one of Mr. Borden's newspaper friends that the naval policy of the Laurier Government was "made in Quebec." We are told also that its advantages, in the shape of huge expenditures, are going to Quebec and the east, "the happy hunting ground of the grafters." This is foolish and mischievous chatter. The Government's policy was framed over a year ago by both political parties, as represented in the House of Commons. Mr. Borden was then for the immediate establishment of a Canadian navy—made in Canada and manned by Canadians. As late as October last he was of the same opinion. Three months later he discovered that this project should not have been undertaken by the Government without "a reference to the country," whatever that may mean. If our contemporary can furnish a reasonable explanation of this change of front, it will do more than Mr. Borden has done.

Stigmatizing the Government's policy as "made in Quebec" is a transparent attempt to arouse anti-Quebec prejudice. The reference to the millions that are to be spent in Quebec and the east is an attempt to create a sectional as well as a racial issue. Because Mr. Roblin has dictated to Mr. Borden in this matter, it is absurd to pretend that Mr. Borden's policy is a western one. Mr. Roblin today is the most discredited man in Canadian public life. He has no moral or legal right to sit in the Legislature of Manitoba. Our contemporary insults the east by its allusion to grafters, and it insults the west by representing Mr. Roblin as the spokesman of the west. There is no east or west in this question at all. The Government has framed a policy which responds to a national sentiment. This sentiment knows no geographical boundaries. But a broad national view is beyond some myopic politicians and journalists.

This is Canada's growing weather.

Ontario's crops are in fine shape, and nobody will be nervous or jumpy about them two months' hence.

Lightning struck the flagpole of the county yesterday. Will the hint be thrown away on the county council?

It will be noticed that Mr. Foster has been considerably spared the hard work of stumping with Mr. Borden in the vacation season.

The Ottawa Free Press speaks of "Kent's categorical imperative." Serves the eminent Kantian of the Free Press right for talking over the linotype's head.

"Old Citizens" letter will be published if he will forward his name, in confidence. This is the invariable rule of every well-regulated newspaper office.

An important letter from Mr. Dearness, on the University question, was badly "piled" in these columns the other day. It is reproduced on this page, and should be read anew.

If the Federal Government's naval policy was "made in Quebec" there are many ungrateful people there. The Nationalists and the Conservatives in that province are assailing the Government's policy unmercifully.

The Glauibites and the Sothmanns are the electrical experts of whom the public hears the most. The foreigners have left us behind in technical education. Ontario was asleep long after she should have been awake.

The Liberals and Unionists will confer on the veto question. The peers demolished a pillar of the constitution when they rejected the budget, and it looks as though they were now willing to surrender something to save the remnant.

"The great flag-waving act, that of proving that the Borden naval policy was more imperial than the programme of the Laurier Government, will be reserved for Toronto. That much is sure.—Ottawa Free Press, Tuesday.

A true prophet, Mr. Borden did his flag-waving at Toronto the very next day.

THE MONTREAL DISASTER: THE EDITOR'S IMPRESSIONS.

(Montreal Herald.)

The lesson of the disaster is the terrible destructive power of the weight of water contained in one of these great tanks. Necessarily, in this climate, it has to be inclosed. When it falls, therefore, it falls with the full force of its tens of tons. Putting aside the question of whether, and how, it can be securely supported, the thing to be borne in mind is what will happen if it falls. There was every reason to suppose the Herald's tank was secure. During nearly five years there was nothing whatever to suggest the contrary. In no other establishment in the city was there less doubt on the score of security. And yet, when the tank fell, it was a matter of seconds until the destruction was wrought. On the highest floor they had no warning at all. Men and girls in the path of the thunderbolt were crushed through the floor or swept in after it. Men on the floor below were carried down through three stories and thrown into a lane, where they lay covered with timber, bricks and machinery. They were all active, powerful, quick-witted fellows, and a second's notice would have been

enough if they could have had it. Two men working at their linotype machines on the edge of the abyss had no other warning than the toppling of their machines, which fell as they sprang to safety. So rapid was the movement that no hint of all this going on above them warned the printers on the floor below, nor the pressmen on one floor below that again. On the editorial floor, and to those who were a little distance away, the impressions were fairly definite. There was a noise as if a glass partition had fallen. Then there was a crash, as if a press had stopped suddenly, with resulting violence. And then there was a rip-rip-rip, a sag in the ceiling, a sinking of beams, stanchions and partitions, a roar, a rush of dust, and then a great silence. From roof to cellar the water bullet crashed its way in a few seconds. And so it would be, we venture to think, with almost any other tank falling through the floors of almost any other building in Montreal. Plainly, this kind of fire protection is too much of a menace. Factors of safety are all very well, but when it turns out that something unknown, a weak spot in the wall, a flaw in the steel, a high wind, the influence of machinery, any one of many possible things, wipes out the safety factor, see what happens. Yesterday people were telling each other how many tanks had fallen these last few months. Who is to say which one will not fall in the next few months? The special protection water tank is a legacy from the old days of bad government in Montreal, when it was considered hopeless to get a water pressure sufficient for fire-fighting. In the present mood the hopelessness might disappear. Let the water tanks be pulled down and a proper water system take their place.

DR. KOCH'S ISOLATION.

[London News.]
 Dr. Koch, the great bacteriologist whose death is announced, was an occasion spent eighteen months on an island in the middle of the Victoria Nyanza, with an army medical sergeant as his only white companion. The outside world was entirely cut off from them, save for the primitive native boat made out of a tree trunk, which was used to convey them to the mainland. Their home was a straw hut, similar to that used by the natives. Only three white folk visited him during his sojourn—a German Government official and two doctors from Vienna.

THAT'S SO.
 The bee is like the man. All up
 And down the world he beats it;
 He gathers honey all his life—
 Some other fellow eats it.

FEMININE TACTICS.
 [Louisville Courier-Journal.]
 "Why are you talking about a trip to Europe?" It would cost your husband a thousand dollars or more."
 "Quite so. I expect to compromise on a \$60 hat."

GERMANY'S ADVANTAGE OVER ENGLAND.

[London News.]
 The German landlord is still a feudal baron. He does not clear the people off his land in order that rabbits and partridges may be bred upon it. Land is put to use in Germany, not to sport; and the scientific cultivation of forests, so far from being a menace to the people near them, is a great help in every way. German landlordism has robbed the town worker by increasing the price of his food, but it has not adopted the policy of English landlordism and deliberately depopulated the fields.

VIEWS OF IMMIGRATION.

[Toronto Mail and Empire.]
 The London view of our immigration rules is based upon a wrong theory. The rules are not made, as the London critics think, to injure British industry, but, on the contrary, to help them. When Canada names the kind of immigrants needed, and adds that those for whom there is no demand ought to have a little money with which to keep them free from the necessity of appealing for charity until they get work, she is doing a service to the immigrating classes. If she were to invite the wrong classes to come she would be guilty of cruelty.

WHO SAYS "ART IS LONG?"

[Henry Arthur Jones.]
 Nature has from 30 to 70 years in which to portray every detail of a human character; the dramatist has but from ten minutes to half an hour.

IMPRACTICAL.

[Chicago Record.]
 "He seems to lack a sense of the fitness of things. In other words, he is impractical."

"Yes. He wants to go over to Canada for the purpose of advocating a safe and sane Fourth of July."

QUALITIES OF WORLD RULE.

[Theodore Roosevelt.]
 To govern the world a man needs no

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The weather has at last arrived for you to need a Straw Hat to have comfort.

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**A Big Purchase of Embroideries Melt-
 ing Away at Unusual Sale Prices**

Saturday will be another busy day in Embroideries. There are beautiful Flouncings so reasonably priced that every woman can have an embroidery dress; beautiful Frontings for waists and edges and insertions in numberless beautiful patterns, clearly worked and excellently finished. The kind of Embroideries that are pleasing to see, and thoroughly practical to launder and wear.

Even 15,000 yards will fairly melt away at the low sale prices, so we advise quick shopping.

Flouncings 25c to 75c Yard
Frontings, 25c, 35c, 50c Yard
Edgings and Insertions, 3c, 5c, 10c and 15c Yard

**Saturday
 Specials**

**Second Delivery of
 Men's English Wor-
 sted Suits at
 \$14.95**

Is selling out as quickly as the first lot. Many customers saw these Suits during the past week, and not one failed to buy. They are well-built Suits that will give any man a good appearance, and wear to his entire satisfaction. The patterns are in cool summer shades. Your tailor has the same class of goods, and he must ask \$27 for them. They are a snap and no mistake at... **\$14.95**

Twenty Men's Suits

Direct from Progress Brand makers, with their label on every one of the 20 Suits we offer Saturday at **\$9.95**. Made of fancy worsted, in dark olive shades; new cut and well tailored. Sold to us at a special price because the maker bought too heavily of this pattern. Special price... **\$9.95**

Boys' Homespun Summer Suits, the best wearing material you can buy, and just the Suit for summer. Norfolk and double-breasted styles, all sizes, 8 to 12 years. Regular \$5.00. Saturday... **\$3.19**

Ladies' Wash Skirts

WHITE LINENE WASH SKIRTS, gored style, with foot pleats and headings of lace insertion, all raised seams and neatly made. Special value Saturday... **\$2.98**

WHITE LINENE SKIRTS—Neatly gored and easily laundered. Trimmed with large covered buttons. Special... **\$1.65**

GINGHAM PETTICOATS—Cool and serviceable Gingham Petticoats, nicely flounced and frilled, blue, fawn and grey stripes, at... **98c**

J. H. Chapman & Co., 126, 128, 128 1/2 Dundas St.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A Lesson From the Maritime Provinces.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:
 Between the Maritime Provinces and the western portions of Canada there is much more intercourse than between the former and our own Province of Ontario. It is always a matter of surprise to a resident of either scouring in the other for a month or two, to find how little the people of the Maritimes and of Ontario know of each other. Were there more intercommunication it would doubtless be of advantage to both communities.

A special correspondent from Ontario is giving his impressions of the Maritimes to the readers of a Toronto paper. Fairly well-used opportunities afforded by summer school work in Nova Scotia qualify me to review the correspondent's statements, and I wish to endorse particularly what he writes about the Maritime universities.

It should be borne in mind, that in Ontario, west of a line drawn from Toronto to Georgian Bay, there are more people and more wealth than in the three Maritime Provinces put together. In the said part of Ontario there is only one university—the Western—while in the Maritimes there are no less than six universities.

The correspondent, probably a Toronto man, writes as follows:

"One goes down to the Maritime Provinces prejudiced against these small universities, convinced that they should unite to form one great institution. But he is apt to see and hear things that cause him to change his mind. Doubtless for special work, for giving the really brilliant man a chance, the big university, with its costly equipment and to adequate staff, is necessary. But from the side of the immediate community, it is a question if these colleges, scattered all over the country, do not do more to raise the general level of intelligence than the big universities. They teach

**Now for Pretty
 Wash Dresses**

WHITE MULL DRESSES, in semi-princess style, a pretty front of embroidery, finished with lace insertion. Also Colored Chambray Semi-Princess Dresses, grey, sky and pink, lace yokes and lace trimming all the way down the front. These Dresses are special at, each... **\$4.85**

PRETTY WHITE LAWN DRESSES with lace insertion forming yoke, deep flounce, tucked with lace insertion beading, semi-princess style. Special value at... **\$6.00**

COLORED SILK MULL DRESSES—One-piece dress in Princess effect; the upper part of the dress is trimmed with lace insertion and lace yoke; extra deep flounce, trimmed with lace. This pretty summer dress comes in white, sky and pink, at... **\$8.50**

Pretty Dutch Collars

You'll find pretty new Dutch Collars here Saturday. Some of linen with imitation Baby Irish Lace edges, at **50c**. Others embroidered with scalloped edges at **35c**, and some of lace at... **35c and 50c**

New Black Patent Leather Belts, with red piping, at each **50c**

Wash Goods
 A table of perfectly fast color American Muslins, light grounds, Indigo and black and white, at a yard... **10c**

Dainty American Organdy Muslins, in floral patterns, light grounds. In great demand for summer dresses, at a yard... **20c**

Curtain Scrims
 Colored Curtain Scrim, for the summer home, Regular 15c and 18c. Saturday, at a yard... **10c**

Art Muslins, pretty poppy pattern in yellow, mauve, blue and green on cream ground. Saturday, a yard... **6c**

45-inch White Curtain Scrim—Special... **8c and 10c**

More of Those Wash Suits for Ladies and Misses

A very low price for a very smart Wash Suit for summer wear. All sizes, 34 to 40.

CURED OF CONSTIPATION

Mr. Andrews praises Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills.

Mr. George Andrews of Halifax, N.S., writes:
 "For many years I have been troubled with chronic Constipation. This ailment never comes single-handed, and I have been a victim to the many illnesses that constipation brings in its train. Medicine after medicine I have taken in order to find relief, but one and all left me in the same hopeless condition. It seemed that nothing would expel from me the one ailment that caused so much trouble, yet at last I read about these Indian Root Pills.

That was indeed a lucky day for me, for I was so impressed with the statements made that I determined to give them a fair trial.

They have regulated my stomach and bowels. I am cured of constipation, and I claim they have no equal as a medicine."

For over half a century Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills have been curing constipation and clogged, inactive kidneys, with all the ailments which result from them. They cleanse the whole system and purify the blood. Sold everywhere at 25c. a box.

INSURANCE CASE BEFORE THE COURT

Chas. Gaul, of Stratford, Sues the Perth Mutual Company.

In an effort to get through the county court sittings this week, the cases are being divided up, and the non-jury actions are being heard before Judge Macbeth.

About half-past eleven this morning the non-jury case of Charles Gaul, late of Stratford, against the Perth Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was opened before the judge.

The plaintiff claims \$300 fire insurance on a house which was insured in the above company for \$1,500. The fire occurred in October of last year, doing damage to the extent of about \$300.

The defendant company refused to pay the insurance on the ground that on account of false declarations the policy is null and void.

Flock & Flock are acting for the plaintiff, and McPherson & Davidson of Stratford, for the defendants.