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### Comments on the Cartoons.



#### ON THE HOME-STRETCH.

—The race for the Assembly stakes in Toronto has been a highly exciting one from the word "go." The contestants have just turned the three-quarter corner and come into the home-stretch, but from GRIP's point of view it is impossible to tell precisely which party is in the lead. The Grit, Tory and Equal Rights teams appear to be pretty well bunched, with the representative of the New Party idea close behind. Not being one of the sporting youths GRIP is making no bets on the result, nor will he risk his standing as a safe guide of public opinion by venturing any sort of a prophecy as to the finish.

MATTER FOR SOBER THOUGHT.—The *Empire* dismisses Mr. Wiman's speech at Waterloo with the crushing remark that it must have sounded to its hearers

"like an echo of Sir Richard Cartwright, Mr. John Charlton or a *Globe* editorial." This brilliant *bon mot* is quite in the line of the besotted party organ, and difficult as it may be to evolve such a witticism, it is much easier than it would be to make a sensible and effective reply to the speech in question. But the smart

rejoinder does too much honor to the authorities named. Neither Sir Richard, Mr. Charlton nor the *Globe* Editor has ever placed before the people of this country such a full, impassioned and—as it may in truth be called—startling statement of the situation as Mr. Wiman made on this occasion. It ought to be read by every citizen of Canada, and most seriously considered. It amounts to this, if we may attempt to reduce a detailed and carefully prepared exhibit of facts and figures to a sentence—that the tariff war which has been raging between Canada and the United States for many years has proven more disastrous to the material interests of the people of both countries, but especially of Canada, than any literal war, or any calamity of nature has ever proven to any people in the history of mankind; and that the present attitude of the respective Governments betokens a continuation and intensifying of the strife and its evil consequences. Mr. Wiman deals with the subject on the war analogy, and shows that Canada has paid and is paying every year a prodigious tribute into the treasury of a foreign nation and that our enemy—who should and would be our friend if we were not ruled by the counsels of folly and madness—have already taken as prisoners of war no less than one fifth of our entire population! In short it means the absolute ruin of Canada if this thing goes on much longer, and if Mr. Wiman is measurably correct in his presentation of the facts and statistics. The *Empire* evidently believes he is utterly astray. If so, it would be a sensible and patriotic thing to point out where. Until this is done, such fat-witted jibes as it is now presenting in lieu of argument only emphasize the statements made by the speaker. Mr. Wiman believes that our only fiscal salvation is in Commercial Union or Unrestricted Reciprocity, and he thinks the moment is now opportune to secure that great measure. If the Conservative party has any wish to be successful in the next general election, it will be prudent to relinquish its present fatuous policy, and make an early reconciliation with the farmers of the country who are rapidly becoming enlightened and aroused.

THE Ladies' Sanitary Association of London, Eng., is an organization which we would much like to see paralleled, even in a much smaller way, in Toronto and other Canadian cities. This Association was formed in 1857, and is at the present time actively promoted by Mrs. Gladstone and many other noble ladies. Its object is the popular diffusion of information on sanitary matters by the publication of tracts, the distribution of books, and by supplying personal help and guidance to those in need of knowledge on this important subject. The practical nature of the work may be gathered from the titles of some of the tracts, as, "The Worth of Fresh Air," "The Use of Pure Water," "The Value of Good Food," "How to Nurse the Sick," "How to Clothe and Manage a Baby," "The Power of Soap," etc. For these long years the Association has labored, not without success, in its own modest words, "by God's blessing to secure happier, purer, more intelligently managed homes for England, and a healthier, more temperate, truer manhood and womanhood for her sons and daughters." There is a great field for such work here. Ladies interested can secure all needed information by addressing the Secretary, Miss Rose Adams, 22 Berners Street, Oxford Street, W.

IN the published list of the guests invited to meet the Duke of Connaught at Government House—which, we suppose, is official—it is noticeable that "His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto" heads the list just above the Premier and other high civil authorities, and a long way ahead of the Protestant ministers. This is the usual order of precedence at functions of the kind. How is it that the practice has escaped the attention of candidates Bell and Armour? Isn't there material here for another plank in the Equal Rights platform?

THE encroachments of the French fishermen on the coast of Newfoundland have roused a very strong feeling of indignation among the colonists. A remon-