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—(DOWNSING.)

London, Friday, June 19.

ITS PERIL THE COUNTRY'S SAL- VATION.

Hon. Mr. Abbott confessed to his fellow-
members of the Dominion Senate last night
that his selection as Conservative leader
was a compromise. "I am here," he said,
because I am not particularly obnoxious to
anybody." That is at least candid. But
Mr. Abbott is not obnoxious to some men
high in authority in his party because he
has agreed to their demands, and he is not
obnoxious to others because they are not
obnoxious to him because they are not
present in a hopeful mood. They look
for favors to come as the price of
their allegiance. That his perma-
nent success is more than doubtful, even
the Montreal Star, strong Conservative
journal though it is, doubts. It says:
"We are not alarmed for the future of
the Dominion. We have too much con-
fidence in the country and its people for
that; but we recognize that the Conserva-
tive party is in a perilous position, from
which we do not believe that Hon. J. J. C.
Abbott is able to extricate it."

This is an admission that a change cannot
be long delayed. The sooner it is brought
about, and a stable Government formed
that will work to promote the welfare of
the whole people, the better. The present
system, whereby we have a Government
controlled by the combines, yet holding
power through the pretense of being favor-
able to securing free trade relations, is most
harmful to the country.

IMPERIAL FEDERATIONISTS MUST SHOW THEIR HAND.

Lord Salisbury, replying to a deputation
of Imperial Federationists yesterday, re-
fused to summon a conference of colonial
statesmen until a definite scheme of im-
perial federation had been prepared. No
one can take exception to this ruling.
So far the imperial federationists have
been all at sixes and sevens. Old
world promoters have argued in
favor of an arrangement whereby
the colonies may become responsible for
a part of the army and navy expenses of
Great Britain. Canadian believers in what
they are pleased to call imperial federation
view it as a scheme to revive "protection
in Great Britain," and give the colonies
preference in the markets of the old country.
In return it is hinted, as Mr. Goschen,
Chancellor of the Exchequer, said
the other day, that the colonies
might agree "to keep a wall
ten feet high against Great Britain
and make it eleven feet high against for-
eigners." Mr. Goschen asserts that this
arrangement, which is the pet scheme of
the federationists in Canada, would pro-
vide but a "slight relief against the im-
mense sacrifice of trade made to obtain
it." Mr. Goschen objects to the
idea of imperial federation altogether
if it is to be prejudicial to any suspicion
that its champions have got a kind of sneak-
ing desire to promote "protection" at
home. So far as we have seen, the pro-
motion of "protection" "at home" is the
main object which the Canadian federa-
tionists have in view, but as they
would never consent to materially lower
the tariff on goods made by the "foreign
labor" of free trade England, as our "pro-
tectionists" have in the past termed the
products of British industry, how could
they expect the British to handicap
themselves in the markets
of the world to promote the "open-
ing on a small scale" that, according
to Mr. Goschen, they might consent to
provide in their own tariff wall?

Lord Salisbury may well pause and ask
for the presentation of some definite agree-
ment as to the principle upon which the
imperialists are ready to proceed before he
calls together another assembly of colonial
debaters. Meanwhile in matters of trade we
cannot do worse than to nearly as possible copy
the example of the mother land, which
since the days when protectionists argued
that the country was over-populated has
so prospered that she now maintains more
than double the number of inhabitants than
existing, and that, too, largely through
untrammeled trade. Under such a system
Canada would soon become so prosperous
and powerful that she could fairly assume
that independent national position which
all true patriots look on as her destiny.

THE HEALTH OF PARLIAMENT.

The Canada Health Journal moralizes
on the death of Sir John Macdonald in this
strain:
"Had Sir John not attempted the exor-
tion a few months ago of a political cam-
paign he would in all likelihood be alive
to-day, as almost everybody knowing the
circumstances will probably concede—alive
to-day and able to continue to advise in
affairs of State for many years yet to come.
Had he made only half the effort he did
during the election it probably would not
have seriously affected him; or had he even
taken longer and more complete rest after
his return to the capital, as advised by
physicians to do, he would, quite possibly,
be alive still and able to assist in the legis-
lation of the Dominion."

Our contemporary calls attention to the
high mortality among members of the
House of Commons which has long pre-
vailed, and is three or four times higher
among men in the armies of Europe.
It asks M.P.s to pause and consider their
position—to husband their physical ability
under skilled medical advice, and act in
judicious accordance therewith.

The great trouble in the House of Com-
mons is the late and irregular hours which
the system of carrying on public business
involves. Men who get up early in the
morning when attending to their own busi-
ness at home, and retire not later than
10:30 or 11 o'clock, when they go to Par-
liament are practically compelled to re-
luctantly sacrifice their health. For the great portion
of the session they are compelled to at-
tend the sittings of the House every night
till a late hour. Sometimes, indeed, the
House sits till 1 or 2 o'clock in the morn-
ing. To a man of mature years, and
especially to middle-aged and old men, this
change from the early hours of home life
to late sittings in an atmosphere none too
pure is decidedly harmful. What is need-
ed is a time limit to the sittings of the
House. Why should sittings be pro-
longed beyond a certain hour in the night?
Let the committees meet at an earlier hour
in the morning, and the House assemble at
2:30 p.m., and under no circumstances let
it continue its sessions beyond 11 p.m. If
this reform were brought about we feel as-
sured that there would be less reason to
complain of the unhealthfulness of the
pursuit of law-making.

YES, THEY ARE OATCHING IT.

Says the London Free Press:

"The poor farmers appear to be catching
it in all directions."

Reference is here made to the small
prices which the farmer receives for wool
under the war of tariffs that the Free Press
and the other high tax organs have counten-
anced. The low price for wool, the Free
Press says, is caused by the McKinley Bill.
Yet the McKinley Bill is but a similar ex-
pedient to the "N. E." Bill, which taxes
the Canadian farmer for the benefit of
the sugar, binding twine, rubber,
farm implement and other combines. The
Free Press is right when it affirms that the
poor farmer is catching it in all directions
reached by the taxation octopus that has
seized so much of the substance of the
agriculturists and all who depend upon
their prosperity. And for whose benefit?
A few millionaires and fat contract elec-
tion subscribers.

WHOLESALE PETTY LARCENY.

The useless Dominion Senate will cost

for salaries and contingent expenses next

year over \$60,000. Few hard-working tax-

payors have any idea how much money

these old men squander, but Mr. Mc-

Mullen, Mr. M. C. Cameron and other

members of Parliament took occasion the

other night to bring a few figures out.

There are 90 Senators in all, yet among

their "contingencies" there was bought for

their last year 339 inkstands, costing \$258;

416 knives, \$373; 3,048 pens, \$233; 228

pairs of scissors, \$126, and 144 scrapbooks,

\$93. What they did with all these things

no one could tell; in fact, the shameless

Ministers seemed to think the expenditures

a source of merriment rather than anything

else. There was a little "economy," it is

true, for the Senators only asked the

country to pay for one pair of blankets, one

nosecap, one nail brush and one foot

bath. But it may well be asked why these

articles, however useful, should be paid for

out of the public purse.

When the "contingencies" for the vari-
ous departments and Sir Charles Tupper's
outrageous extras are thus laid bare it is
found that many thousands of dollars of
public money are squandered. But
what the Finance Minister is requested to
reduce the "contingencies" by which the
people are burdened his reply is: "We can-
not; the necessary expenditures are too
great."

TROUBLE AHEAD.

From reports received it appears that in
some quarters cheese factory patrons, not
content with honest returns, are resuming
the old trick of watering or skimming the
milk, or keeping back the "strippings." This
is not only an imposition upon the fac-
toryman or company running the fac-
tory, but it is unfair to the maker and
another way of robbing the patrons who
contribute honest milk. A good many
factorymen now test milk on their
own account, and one of them re-
ports milk from certain patrons grow-
ing "poorer and poorer." However,
the bulk of the factories have availed them-
selves of the services of the four Western
Association inspectors, who are authorized
to proceed under the provisions of the On-
tario Milk Act which the courts have sus-
tained, so that unless the offending
patrons pull up sharp in their crooked
practices numerous prosecutions may
shortly be expected. It is the intention to
enforce the law with a stern hand. The
"pump handle brigade" should there-
fore take warning in time. In
former times the means of testing were not
all that could be desired, but the Babcock
machine, with which the inspectors are
now equipped, and in the use of which they
have been specially drilled, appear to be re-
liable and accurate. It has been thorough-
ly tested by Prof. Shutt, chemist at the
Central Experimental Farm Station, On.

laws, in numerous comparisons with gravi-
metric analysis, and from the data secured
the professor concludes that "when the
fast is made according to the instruction
given with the machine strictly reliable
results are obtained."

This should set at rest the minds of those
who seem disposed to doubt the reliability
of milk testing, and we may say that it
only verifies what numerous other chemists
and competent experimenters have found.

WHAT THE ADVERTISER THINKS ABOUT IT.

SIR ADOLPHE CARON says the Dominion
Government cannot make any provision
for the veterans of 1871. They served
their country at too remote a period, it
seems.

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The London Free Press once more argues
that reciprocity in natural products
would be of little or no benefit to the
Canadian farmer. Then why does its
party leaders place their faith in that
jug-handled description of interchange?

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The servant-girl question is one of peren-
nial interest, and the well-known philan-
thropist and author, Miss Emily Faith-
full, who was formerly at the head of an
employment bureau in London, discusses
it anew in the July number of the North
American Review.

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POTATOES are selling in the Buffalo and
Detroit markets for \$1 05 to \$1 25 a
bushel. In this city the price is from
80 cents to 85 cents per bushel. Yet the
trade restrictions tell us that the
United States duty is not prejudicial to
Canadian farmers.

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Though there are only 305 members all
told of the Dominion Parliament, Com-
mons and Senate included, two read-
ing-rooms are held to be necessary, with
double staffs of attendants and dupli-
cated newspapers. Last year, the cost
for the latter alone for the Senate reading-
room was \$2,073 and for the Commons
\$1,907. Mr. Charlton asked why both
Houses could not use the same reading-
room, but no answer was given by the
Government.

ONE OF THE WEAKEST.

[New York Times.]

Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, whom the
Governor-General has now asked to
form a Government, is probably not
the worst, but he is doubtless one of
the weakest of the hopeful aspirants for
the office of Premier. He has taken no
very conspicuous part in politics, has had
no experience as a party leader, and the
most positive affirmation made concerning
him is that he will be under the control of
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tles, and it completely cured me of a bad case of
Dyspepsia. I also found it an excellent Blood
Medicine, and a sure cure for Kidney troubles."

The Best Medicine.—Mr. J. O. BLACKWELL,
of the Bank of Commerce, Toronto, writes: "Hav-
ing suffered for over four years from Dyspepsia
and weak stomach, and having tried numerous
remedies with little effect, I was last advised
to give NORTHROP & LYMAN'S VEGETABLE DISCOVERY
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great benefit from one bottle. I then tried a sec-
ond and third bottle, and now I find my appetite
so much restored and stomach strengthened, that
I can partake of a hearty meal without any of the
unpleasantness I formerly experienced. I consider
them more good than anything I ever used."

It Gives Strength.—Mr. J. S. DUNCAN, of
Granville Hill, writes: "I have derived great bene-
fit from the use of your VEGETABLE DISCOVERY.
My appetite has returned, and I feel stronger."
A PLEASURE TO US.—Mr. L. J. BROWN, of
Ripon, P.Q., writes: "It is with great pleasure I
inform you that your VEGETABLE DISCOVERY cured
me of Dyspepsia. I tried many remedies, but
none had any effect on me until I came across
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bottle relieved me, and a second completely cured
me; you cannot recommend it too highly."

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